

cently in order to present to the Urban Council, on behalf of the people of Dundalk, an interesting and valuable memento of the event of the incursion of Orangemen into that peaceful Catholic village on last July 12th. At meetings of the lodges for some months beforehand vengeance was vowed against the Catholics of Rostrevor because of the Government's prohibition of the Orange meeting in July, 1902. In these circumstances Father M'Govern asked the Dundalk Urban Council to join with others in a request to the Government to prohibit the invasion. Not only did the Urban Council do so, but when the Government failed to take action, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, as the result of which 500 Dundalk men left here on July 11th by special steamer, and over 150 left by road the same night, with the determination to hold the village and defend the Catholics and their property if need be. As a result of this determination the officer in charge of the police at Rostrevor gave an undertaking that no Orangeman would set foot in the village next day; and at the request of the Rostrevor priests the Dundalk men returned home the same night. The presentation took the form of a large and handsome oil painting of the Rostrevor Church and Convent. Mr. Hamil, J.P., and Mr. J. M. Johnson acknowledged the gift on behalf of Dundalk. Subsequently the Rostrevor delegates were entertained to supper in the boardroom.

#### MAYO.—A New College

His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Conmy, Bishop of Killybegs, is about to build a new Diocesan College for £11,000. The site is an exceptionally favorable one, and commands some of the loveliest views in the district.

#### ROSCOMMON.—Land Purchase

The following terms have been agreed on between the landlord of the Flannery estate, Co. Roscommon, and the tenants—Twenty years' purchase to small tenants, and one year's rent added to purchase money and all arrears forgiven, game rights reserved to tenants.

#### TYRONE.—A New Church

His Eminence Cardinal Logue will lay the foundation stone of a new church in Aughnacloy, County Tyrone, on Sunday, February 28. The occasional sermon will be delivered by the Very Rev. Joseph M'Rory, D.D., Professor of Scripture, Maynooth.

#### GENERAL.

#### The Fiscal Proposals

Mr. Redmond is inclined to agree with Mr. Dillon and Mr. Davitt that Mr. Chamberlain will not succeed in carrying his fiscal proposals—at any rate in the near future. The real interest of Ireland in any case in those proposals, he said, was not at present economic but political. The business of Nationalists and of the National Party would be to watch the developments of the situation and to take advantage of their opportunities, acting always with a view to a satisfactory solution of the question of self-government. Irishmen did not care from which party in England such a solution came, so as it was a solution that the mind of the country approved.

#### A Grasping Spirit

The spirit in which the landlords are acting in connection with the carrying out of the new Land Act and the transfer of the land to the tenants may be gathered from the resolutions of a representative public body in Sligo. A special meeting of the Board of Guardians of Sligo was summoned, and was attended by a large number of prominent ratepayers, to consider the attitude and conduct of the local landlords. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: 'That, as the Land Bill of 1903 was passed for the purpose of conciliation, prosperity, and contentment in Ireland, we strongly condemn the determined and combined action of the vast majority of the landlords in endeavouring to prevent the working of the Land Bill by refusing to sell or by asking exorbitant and unreasonable prices from the purchasing tenants, prices that the tenants could not afford to pay, that, as the tenants are anxious to buy and willing to give fair and reasonable prices, we call upon the Government to refuse assistance to the landlords, in the shape of police protection or assistance at the expense of the State or taxpayer, for the purpose of extracting exorbitant rents from the tenants, that we look on dual ownership as the sole cause of all the poverty, crime, and discontent in this country, and that we hail the present Land Bill as the only means to remedy these evils.' There is not (says the 'Irish Weekly') a word of exaggeration in this language. Many landlords, by their demand of exorbitant prices, are doing what they can to cause the Act to break down.

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## People We Hear About

Baron de Rosen, the Russian Minister in Japan, where his name and influence loom large just now, is a short, stumpy, bearded man of middle age. He is an accomplished linguist and a shrewd diplomatist, who some years ago negotiated with the Marquis Ito a most important protocol concerning Korea. He was afterwards transferred to Belgrade, but when affairs in the Far East redemanded the master mind his old place speedily knew him again. The Baron is a familiar figure on the Yokohama racecourse. The officials of the Russian Legation run a stable in that town, and their racers have frequently been winners of the local Derbys and Cambridgeshires.

Here is a lady's description of Dowie, who poses as the resurrected Elijah, and who, is now on his way to Australia in search of shekels. She describes him as 'this short, grandfatherly tub of a man, with the shoulders of a piano mover, the corporation of a London alderman, the legs of a jockey, the head of a philosopher, the accent of a scholar, the authority of a general, and the emotional versatility of an actor, with a facility of shedding tears that Clara Morris might have envied.' Looking out, as he does, over a great screen of beard, he offers naught for criticism save eyes and nose. The eyes are small and sharp, and the nose is a rather ordinary protuberance, terminating in a pronounced button.

We recently referred to the launching of ships of record tonnage at the yards of Harland and Wolff, Belfast. The soul of the great enterprise is the Right Hon. William James Pirrie. He was born in Quebec fifty-six years ago, and began work at the age of fifteen, when he entered the ship-building and engineering firm of Harland and Wolff. There he saw such scope for his ambition that he quickly resolved to improve himself into the head of the great business, and to-day he is its chairman and chief owner, one of his Majesty's Privy Councillors, ex-Lord Mayor of Belfast, a Deputy-Lieutenant, a magistrate, an ex-high sheriff of several counties, and an honorary Doctor of Laws, besides being the first honorary freeman of the city of Belfast. The biggest shipbuilder of the day, he employs 11,000 men, and he has turned out 100,000 tons of shipping in a single year.

Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese Minister to the Court of St. James's, who is naturally a prominent figure at the present moment, is a very Westernised specimen of a gentleman of Japan. He is, among other things, an English Freemason, and he has written a book in English which has won high praise, while his knowledge of French is only second to that of his own tongue. He first went to England as a youth of 17, bent upon seeing Western ways, but the revolution in Japan called him home, and he was one of the staunchest adherents of the old Shogunati dynasty. Very often the Japanese Ambassador may be seen taking a constitutional after lunch in Kensington Gardens, where he spends an hour strolling about or sitting under the trees, if the uncertain climate permits. He lives almost wholly in European style, but on one evening in the week there is served a Japanese dinner in true Japanese style. To this interesting function, however, Europeans are never invited, the guests being only those of his countrymen in London to whom he wishes to extend his hospitality.

In a land of Conciliation Boards and Arbitration Courts like New Zealand, one can little realise the dire effects produced by the form of industrial war known as a strike. Cardinal Manning, Archbishop Ryan, and other Catholic ecclesiastics have from time to time successfully acted as mediators between labor and capital. But it is not often that a capitalist turned himself into a Conciliation Board for the avoidance of a threatened strike and all its attendant evils. This was, however, done by the noted Herr Krupp, the great German manufacturer of big guns. The story was told some time ago by the Berlin correspondent of the Paris 'Herald'. It seems that while driving through the streets of Essen Herr Krupp's carriage was stopped by a workman, who handed the gun-magnate a petition from his workpeople, begging him to look into their grievances. The next day Herr Krupp ordered his workmen to send a deputation of six men, whom he received in his drawing-room, shaking each warmly by the hand. 'State your case plainly and frankly,' said the gunmaker. The men then told their grievances, with the result that Herr Krupp promised them shorter hours and that their other complaints should receive every consideration. The news spread like wildfire among the 100,000 men, women, and children dependent upon the works, and bonfires were lighted in honor of the man who by his common sense had avoided a great strike.