

## Irish News

### CORK—Sale of an Estate

For some time negotiations have been in progress between tenants on the Newmarket estate of the Earl of Cork, and their landlord, with a view to the purchase of their holdings under the present Act. Lord Cork owns a vast area of land in the district lying between Newmarket and Abbeyfeale, a considerable portion of which is wild and mountainous. Up to the present about 120 tenants have signed agreements to buy, the purchase money being in or about £50,000. Those tenants occupy eleven townlands, comprising upwards of 10,000 acres. The terms of sale are 20½ years' purchase of the reduced rent, all arrears to be wiped out, the landlord to receive, pending the completion of the sale, 3½ per cent. interest on the purchase money, to date from September, 1904. The negotiations on behalf of the tenants were conducted by the Rev. M. P. Norris, Adm., Newmarket, and the Rev. Father Rea, Meelin. Mr. Wm. Barrington, solicitor and agent, represented the landlord; Mr. D. E. Ferguson, LL.B., solicitor, Kanturk, acting for the tenants.

### Tenants Purchase their Holdings

The tenants on the O'Connor estate, which occupies five townlands in the parish of Kilmurphy, have bought their holdings. The agreement was effected under the guidance of the Very Rev. Canon O'Mahony, P.P., under whose supervision the negotiations for the sale of the Bandon, Warren, and Nettleville estates were carried out.

### DONEGAL—A Goldfield

The interesting fact was learned the other day that a consignment of machinery passed through Derry from Belfast to be delivered at the site of the recent find of gold in County Donegal. This machinery is being conveyed over the Lough Swilly Railway to Carrndonagh, whence it will be taken by roadway to Glentogher, where the mine is situated. There has been a great deal of theorising of one kind or another lately as to the real value of the discovery. 'Now, however, the path to a palpable experiment is clear. As far as it is possible to conclude from a merely superficial examination of the site of the Glentogher mine, and the aspect of its outcrop, combined with the fact that the locality has had a previous history, by no means discouraging in nature as to mining operations, there is a very fair basis for sanguine hopes. It has been claimed that tests conducted there some time ago on a small scale have panned out to what represents two ounces of gold to the ton. Should there be anything like continuous proof of this value given at depth there is no doubt but that the mine is an exceedingly rich one.

### DUBLIN—The Under-Secretary

When the last mail left Home Sir Antony MacDonnell, who was for some weeks a patient at a private hospital, had returned to the Under-Secretary's Lodge, Phoenix Park. Sir Antony had made a complete recovery, and was the recipient of congratulations from his numerous friends.

### Death of a Priest

The death is announced of the Rev. J. P. O'Brien, O.M.I., which took place at Inchicore. Father O'Brien who was a native of Dublin and 57 years of age, was one of the most gifted and popular members of the community at Inchicore. He was ordained in 1885, and his pious zeal found expression in the missions which he conducted in America, England, and Ireland.

### The ex-Tammany Leader

Glencairn Castle, the future home of Mr. Richard Croker, is a picturesque place within five minutes' train journey of Dublin, and doubtless one of the things which have most strongly commended the locality to the ex-Tammany leader is the fact that the famous Leopardstown racecourse is close at hand. The first thing that strikes the observer is the massive character of the work. Granite is the material chiefly used, but in order to relieve the monotony of tint red sandstone and Somerset stone are also employed to a certain extent. A prominent feature of the house is the square tower, four or five storeys high, surmounted by a huge flagstaff, flying the Stars and Stripes, and with a walk round the top, from which unrivalled views may be obtained of Howth and the bay on one side, and of the park and monuments on the other. The grand staircase is built of the finest Irish marble. The original specification was for oak, but as Mr. Croker has become much interested in the work of the Irish industrial revival, he had the specification altered in favor of Irish

marble. Irish workmanship has been employed throughout, and connoisseurs in architecture are enthusiastic over the results achieved.

### KERRY—Fatal Accident

A fatal accident occurred on August 12 to a youth, aged 15, son of Mr. Dundon, Limerick, who lost his life by falling over the high cliffs at Ballybunion. Deceased was accompanied by his brother at the time of the fatal occurrence. This was the second fatality at Ballybunion within ten days.

### A Distinguished Family

Very Rev. J. J. Fitzmaurice, D.D., rector of St. Michael's, Philadelphia, who has been created a Monsignor by the Holy Father, is a native of Newtownsandes, County Kerry. He comes of a family which has for generations given many devoted priests to the Church. Ordained in 1866, he has spent a most active and fruitful life in the great Republic. His brothers include the Right Rev. John E. Fitzmaurice, D.D., Bishop of Erie; Rev. Francis B. Fitzmaurice, rector of St. Joachim's, Frankford, Philadelphia; and the late Rev. Edmund W. Fitzmaurice, of Hazleton; and Rev. Edmund J. Fitzmaurice, D.D., Church of the Annunciation, Philadelphia, is a nephew of his. Mr. William Fitzmaurice, Ballydonohue Cottage, Glin, is Monsignor Fitzmaurice's youngest brother.

### KILDARE—Electro-peat Fuel

The Belfast 'Irish Weekly' understands that the first plant for the manufacture of electro-peat coal has been erected at Kilberry Bog, near Athy, County Kildare, upon the estate of his Grace the Duke of Leinster, and will be in operation immediately, when the fuel will be placed upon the market. The importance of this fact will be manifest not only to the hundreds of thousands who will welcome a cheap and effective substitute for ordinary coal, but also to those interested in the utilisation of the peat lands of Great Britain and Ireland, in which latter country particularly a new era of enterprise and profit is opened up by the industry.

### LEITRIM—A New Zealand Visitor

The Dublin 'Freeman's Journal' of August 5 notes the arrival in the Irish metropolis of our old friend, Mr. John Barrett, of Christchurch, who was on his way to his native place, Carrick-on-Shannon, for a short holiday. 'Mr. Barrett (says our contemporary) left Ireland in 1859, and has paid one visit in the meantime, in 1891. At the antipodes Mr. Barrett has never forgotten the old land. He is enthusiastic about the prosperity and freedom of New Zealand. In recent years, he testifies, the cause of Home Rule for Ireland has made great progress in New Zealand. . . In common with other Irishmen in New Zealand, he has been much interested in Cardinal Moran's scheme for joint Australian action in support of the Irish Party. He is certain that New Zealand will do its share and subscribe as liberally as it did in the old days before the split. Mr. Barrett is very proud of the New Zealand land system, under which the squatters are compulsorily expropriated and the lands divided into farms of at least fifty acres, and distributed among proper applicants by ballot. The price given for the land is fixed by arbitration. In fact, New Zealand is the land par excellence of arbitration, even strikes having been abolished by this means. He recalled that it was John Ballance, a Newry man, who initiated the radical land legislation in New Zealand.'

### MAYO—Bequests

Mrs. Anne Deane, of Ballaghaderreen, County Mayo, left personal estate valued at £28,857 3s 6d, of which £209 is in England, and probate of her will, which bears date March 4, 1904, with a codicil of May 31, 1905, has been granted to Mr. John Dillon, M.P. Mrs. Deane left £3000 in trust for Mr. Dillon for life, with remainder to his wife and children; £100 to the Rev. F. O'Hara; £50 to the Sisters of Charity at Ballaghaderreen; £30 to her shop assistant, Sarah Partridge; £2000 to her niece, Mary MacCormack; £100 to Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack, Bishop of Galway; and £100 to Katherine Dillon. She bequeathed £1500 to Mrs. Elizabeth Dillon, but, having given this sum to her during her lifetime, this legacy is revoked by the codicil. Subject to certain provisions as to the disposal of shares, the testatrix left the ultimate residue of her estate to Mr. John Dillon, M.P.

### QUEEN'S COUNTY—Destructive Fire

On the night of August 11 a fire broke out in Portarlington, which demolished the entire premises of Messrs. Lee, drapers, and all but the residential portion and shop of Mr. J. T. Mathews, one of the largest bakers in the Midland Counties. The area affected by the fire covers fully a statute acre. No personal injuries of any