

Irish News

CARLOW—Tenants Purchase their Holdings

After negotiations, extending over a couple of years, between Major Hamilton, agent of the Tighe estate, Rutland and Pollerton estate, County Carlow, comprising four or five townlands, and Mr. Patrick J. Byrne, solicitor, Carlow, acting on behalf of the tenants, agreements to purchase have been signed, on the following terms—First term tenancies, 5s 6d in the pound (22½ years' purchase); second term, 4s 6d in the pound (23½ years' purchase) on the net rents. Sporting rights have been reserved to the tenants. The purchase money of the estate amounts to almost £36,000.

CLARE—Religious Instruction in Schools

The Bishop of Killaloe, in his address at the annual meeting of the Synod in Killaloe, referred to the English Education Bill, which he said was framed with the intention of the removal of all State aid for the organised teaching of religion. In fact, under it children might be taught by a teacher who did not profess Christianity and might be an enemy to the truth. If the Church of England were more united as to the true doctrine to be taught to her children the present position could not have arisen. They thanked God there was no such difference of opinion in the Church of Ireland. It would be an evil day for religious freedom in Ireland if primary schools receiving State support, provided to teach the children of the Church, were not open every day for religious instruction.

CORK—Death of a Priest

The death of the Rev. James Brady, which occurred in Cork, was learned in Dunmanway with feelings of profound and general regret, and although the deceased priest was ailing for some time, still the sad news came on the people in the nature of a shock. Father Brady, who was a native of the city of Cork, was educated in Maynooth, where he was ordained in 1871. He afterwards ministered in Kilbrittain, Ballinhassig, and Watergrasshill, and was chaplain of the Dunmanway Union for close on 16 years.

Accident in a Mine

A mining catastrophe at Scart, near Bantry, has resulted in the death of two men named Casey and Donovan. Five other men had marvellous escapes.

American Visitors

A number of Americans, who had come over on a business tour to Ireland, landed at Queenstown on July 24. Their object (writes a Queenstown correspondent) is to learn by actual observation what opportunities Ireland offers for the investment of American capital, the belief being that Irish-Americans might share in the industrial revival. The visit has been in response to Dr. Douglas Hyde's invitation when he was in Chicago. Professor Thomas Taylor, musical director of the Irish Choral Society of America, will study the possibilities of Irish music for choral use in America. The party comprises over eighty persons, and is a very representative gathering of Irish Americans. It is headed by the Rev. J. K. Fielding, of Chicago, who has given the Gaelic League and industrial movements in Ireland spirited and practical support. Father Fielding originally came from Mooncoin, County Kilkenny. On arrival at Queenstown the party were met by a number of prominent persons, amongst the number being Mr. E. Lahiffe, former City Collector of Chicago.

DERRY—Orange Strife

The strife between the 'Independent' section of the Orange Order in the North of Ireland and the old un-reformed section, which has already led to sanguinary scenes, resulting in the loss of life, would appear to be developing into a regular vendetta (writes a Dublin correspondent). The other day a Protestant named Baillie was awarded £200 at the Derry Assizes for malicious injury to his property in the shape of the burning of a barn, which was declared to have been due to the displeasure of the old Orange lot, incurred by Baillie, through his support of an Independent Unionist at the recent election. Following hard on this award comes the news that another outrage had recently been committed on the property of the same man. A valuable bull was mutilated about July 12, although news of the outrage was published only this week. If compensation for these outrages fell to be made only by the Orangemen, Catholics could regard them without much

concern; but in a mixed population like that of County Derry the compensation is levied on all creeds alike, and so Catholics have to pay for the loss incurred by the interecine strife between conflicting sections of Orangemen.

DOWN—Death of a Venerable Priest

The Very Rev. P. O'Kane, parish priest of Downpatrick, died on July 25, at the parochial house in that town. He was in his eightieth year, and the fifty-fourth of his ministry as a priest, and he had the unique distinction of dying parish priest of the parish of Down, to which after ordination he was first appointed as curate. Through his efforts St. Patrick's Memorial Church, Downpatrick, was erected.

Commission of the Peace

The Lord Chancellor has made three appointments to the commission of the peace for the county of Down, and others are expected to be made shortly. The new appointments made are—Mr. Charles O'Hare, county councillor, Mayobridge; Mr. W. J. McComish, Warrenpoint; and Dr. M'Nabb, Castlewellan.

DUBLIN—Bells for Newfoundland

Mr. Matthew O'Bryne, Fountain Head Bell Foundry, Dublin, has made a beautiful chime of bells to the order of his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Howley, St. John's, Newfoundland. They weigh about six tons, and are rich in tune and melody.

GALWAY—A Memorial

The Celtic memorial cross to the late Mr. Matthew Harris, M.P., Ballinasloe, has been erected over his grave in the New Cemetery, Creagh, Ballinasloe. It was made from Brakernagh limestone, sculptured by Mr. John Keegan, Ballinasloe, and designed by Mr. W. H. Kempster, after the model of the famous Celtic cross in Clonmacnoise. The monument stands 15 feet high, and is a particularly fine specimen of Irish workmanship.

Marble Works

On July 18 the Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by the Countess of Aberdeen, visited Galway for the purpose of opening the new Marble Works. Their Excellencies arrived from Connemara in a motor car, and previous to their taking part in the opening function at the marble works visited and inspected the products of several of the industries of the town. Mr. Tennant, secretary, Marble and Granite Company, read the address to their Excellencies from the Chairman and Directors of the Company. It referred to the neglected state of the marble and granite industry in Galway till recently the new company was formed, and the best machinery and appliances introduced for the prosecution of the industry of cutting and polishing granite and marble for monumental and general purposes. They had now fitted up the extensive premises, in which their Excellencies were receiving the address, and considering the facilities afforded in Galway, the cheapness and abundance of material in marble and granite, and the magnificent water power of the town, they hoped to make the granite and marble-working industry a great success. His Excellency, in replying to the address, said he belonged to Aberdeen, where the granite-working industry is extensively carried on. He was pleased to notice the development of industry and the revival of manufactures now taking place throughout Ireland, and he was sure a revival of the native industries would be of great service to the people.

KING'S COUNTY—The Marist Brothers

The Marist Brothers, Dumfries, Scotland, have purchased Cloghan Castle in King's County, with a view to establishing a house there for the reception of novices.

LIMERICK—Ireland and Denmark

On July 25 in the theatre of the Munster and Connacht Exhibition at Limerick, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer presiding, Miss O'Connor Eccles delivered a lecture on the 'Poor Man's University,' being an account of the peasants' High School at Askoy, Denmark. His Lordship, in the course of an address, contrasted the systems of primary education in Denmark and Ireland, and dwelt on the great necessity for keeping religion in the schools.

LOUTH—Cycling Accident

Mr. James Magee, merchant, Drogheda, while cycling, collided with a donkey cart, and was thrown violently on his head. He was taken home unconscious, and died almost immediately.

MAYO—The Late Michael Davitt

The Dublin 'Independent' stated the other day that the people of Irishtown, County Mayo, had decided to erect a monument there to the memory of

J. O'ROURKE,

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