

Irish News

ANTRIM—A Valuable Discovery

A new industry is being developed in County Antrim, due to the recent discovery of pottery clay near the village of Doagh. The clay is practically identical in composition with that found in the famous pits of Cornwall, which have furnished the raw material for potteries all over the world.

The Union in Danger

Mr. Sloan, the Orange member for South Belfast, delivered a manly speech in the House of Commons on the third reading of the Evicted Tenants' Bill. He did not mince his words in repudiating the part which the Unionists were playing in fighting the landlords' game under the guise of maintaining the Union. 'I am sick, sore, and tired of this humbug about the Union being in danger, and if they want to defend the landlords' interests, why don't they come out in the open and proclaim themselves?' Mr. Sloan added that the Bill was promised by the Tory party, that he would not be a party to pledge-breaking, and that he would not be afraid to justify his attitude in South Belfast.

The Belfast Strike

At a meeting in Dublin in support of the Belfast strikers the principal speaker was Mr. Lindsay Crawford, Deputy Grand Master of the Independent Orange Order. In the course of his speech he said:—They heard a great deal about the wealth of the people generally in Belfast. Well, he had seen more of that grinding genteel poverty in the boasted prosperous Belfast than he had ever seen in Dublin. The boasted wealth of Ulster meant the wealth of a few. According to the London 'Daily Mail,' which had been black-guarding the men in this contest, the average wages of the men out on strike amounted to fifteen shillings a week for a ninety-hours week. How could a man decently support his wife and children on 15s a week? Ninety per cent. of the men on strike were members of the old Orange Institution. Dublin Castle had endeavored, even over this police question, to introduce the religious bigotry questions, but they could never succeed in it in Belfast again. They had ruled Ireland for generations along sectarian lines. Another generation—and he stood for a section of them—were determined to stand with their backs to the past. They were determined that religious bigotry and party strife would no longer separate the people when common interests demanded that they should unite. The men who had gone before them had laid sure the foundation of national unity in Ireland—men like Parnell and Davitt. No man took a greater interest in the question of labor than the late Michael Davitt. He (Mr. Crawford) had the honor of enjoying his friendship before he died, and he knew how keenly he looked forward to the cause of labor as a platform on which to unite the men of Ireland as no other could.

CARLOW—Tenants Purchase Their Holdings

The tenants on the estate of Miss Lucy Canning Doherty, near Tullow, County Carlow, have agreed to 23 years' purchase. Rev. Father Lawlor, Adm., Tullow, was interested on behalf of the tenants, and was instrumental in bringing matters to a successful issue.

CLARE—Serious Damage by Storm

Not within living memory (writes the special reporter of the 'Freeman's Journal') has such havoc been wrought in the district around Killaloe as that which resulted from a storm which occurred in the early part of August. The downpour, with the accompaniment of lightning and thunder, continued almost without cessation for six hours. In the meantime two rivers which take their rise near the Moylussa Mountain, about six miles to the north-west of Killaloe, and flow thence into the Shannon, became swollen to an alarming extent, and gradually grew from harmless and almost insignificant streams into raging and powerful torrents. The waters rushing on in their mad career swept away bridges, tore away their banks, and overflowed into the adjoining lands, uprooting huge trees that stood in the way, destroying crops and cattle, and in some cases invading the houses of the people and compelling them to fly for their lives. Though a number of animals were drowned, it is satisfactory to be able to record that the terrible storm passed without the sacrifice of human life.

DERRY—The New Bishop

The consecration of the Right Rev. Mgr. McHugh as Bishop of Derry takes place in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday next.

Death of a Priest

Our Home exchanges report the death on August 1 of the Rev. M. McIvor, pastor of Desertmartin. Father McIvor was born about the year 1840 in Balteagh. After a distinguished course in Carlow College, he was ordained priest in Derry by Dr. Kelly, and ministered in the following parishes: Cappagh, Glenelly, Carn, Drumquin, Magilligan. Fifteen years ago he was promoted to the parish of Desertmartin.

LIMERICK—A Prominent Public Man

The death is reported of Mr. Robert Pigott, J.P., Co. C., at his residence, Croagh, Rathkeale, County Limerick. The deceased was a long time in public life, and for a number of years occupied the position of chairman of the old Rathkeale Board of Guardians, and was chairman of the District Council under the new regime up to two years ago, and was up to the time of his death a member of the Limerick County Council. He was a prominent Nationalist, and was very much respected and esteemed by all classes.

LOUTH—Mr. Healy's Views

At the opening of the Irish National Foresters' Convention in Dundalk, one of the principal speakers was Mr. T. M. Healy, M.P., who said:—With regard to the parliamentary movement, it might be said that there were better and stronger methods. All he (Mr. Healy) would say was this—the duty and responsibility which had been placed upon them was to represent the Irish people in the English Parliament, and try to get out of it as quick as they could. They could make this defence for themselves—that if they had not done much good, they had prevented a great deal of harm. But was it a fact that they had done nothing for Ireland during their twenty-seven years in Parliament? Before this movement began every tenant farmer in Ireland was at the mercy of his landlord, and every laborer in Ireland was living in a hut in which they would hardly put a dog at the present day. To-day they had the farmers independent of their landlords and their bailiffs, and a movement had been started for the betterment of the laborers, both in town and country, so that the homes of the people were more pure and more wholesome than was dreamt of thirty years ago. Again, the county government was in their hands, and instead of having Grand Jurors, whose carriages bespattered you with mud along the road, managing their affairs, they had men like Mr. Peter Hughes, chairman of the Louth County Council.

Evicted Tenants Reinstated

Mr. Patrick Callan, of Kane, and Mr. Wiseman (son of the late Mrs. Wiseman), of Shertstone, Dundalk, have been reinstated in the lands from which they were evicted over 25 years ago. Mr. Callan and Mrs. Wiseman were tenants on the estate of the late Colonel Macartney Filgate, and held 80 and 40 Irish acres respectively. About the year '82, being unable to pay the rack-rents demanded by the landlord, they were evicted. A wooden house was erected by the Land League close to the old farm for Mrs. Wiseman, and there she resided until her death, and Mr. Callan went to reside in Dundalk. The little ceremony of restoration was performed by an Inspector of the Estates Commissioners in presence of a large number of neighbors and friends. The lands, during the 25 years that they have remained derelict, have naturally deteriorated, and the once fine house and out-offices belonging to Mr. Callan are now in a state of decay. During the absence of Mrs. Wiseman and Mr. Callan, the lands were in charge of emergency men, and the landlord must have lost a considerable sum of money, since no tenants could be induced to take possession.

WATERFORD—Excessive Valuation

The Waterford Corporation have decided to appeal against the award of the arbitrator in connection with the purchase of the Waterford Bridge. The price named (£265,000) is, according to the Corporation, extravagantly in excess of the value of the structure.

WEXFORD—Freedom of the Borough

At a recent meeting of the Wexford Corporation it was decided to confer the freedom of the Borough upon Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., in recognition of his distinguished services as chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

A Link with the Past

Mr. Benjamin Hughes, who has just been elected to a seat on the Wexford Harbor Board (says the 'Free-

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