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## CONNAUGHT.

### GALWAY.

At a recent meeting of the Clifden Board of Guardians, Mr. George E. O'Flaherty, J.P., was deputed to proceed to the North of Ireland for the purchase of two hundred pounds of seed potatoes. The cost of Mr. Flaherty's trip will of course come on the rate-payers.

A London dispatch announces the appointment of Captain, the honorable A. Bourke, R.N., as Assistant Director of Torpedoes at the Admiralty, vice Captain W. H. May. As a director of ship destroyers the 'honorable' ought to be a pronounced success—if he ever gets a chance. He got rid of one of the finest frigates in the English Navy—with most of those on board in so few minutes that even the sinking of the 'Royal George,' at Spithead, was a mere bagatelle beside it.

### LEITRIM.

At the last meeting of the Carrick-on-Shannon Poor Law Board, the chairman, Mr. Owen McCann, presiding, the circular of the Local Government Board relative to the granting of a loan to supply poor districts with seed potatoes, was read, and a resolution agreeing to apply for the loan was proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. Moreton, and unanimously adopted. Mr. Forde proposed and Mr. Flynn seconded the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

'That the Carrick-on-Shannon Board of Guardians beg to call the attention of the Congested Districts Board to the total failure of the potato crop in the scheduled divisions of this Union, and call upon them to at once start works to give much-needed employment.'

### MAYO.

At a meeting of the Westport Board of Guardians recently, Mr. P. Kelly presiding, the appointment of rate collectors for Achill and Ballycroy formed an important item of business. The district, lately held by Mr. James Conway, was divided, and this caused a rather large number of candidates to appear in the field. There was no less than seven or eight applicants, but they gradually dwindled down to two, and finally James Connolly (late collector), and Peter Lavelle, R.O., were appointed, the former for Ballycroy N., Ballycroy S., and Curraun electoral divisions, and the latter for Achill Island. The poundage was fixed at 1s. for seed rate and 9d. for poor rate, in all the divisions.

### ROSCOMMON.

An exciting scene took place at Boyle riverside recently. A Mrs. Moran who suffers from epileptic fits, somehow got into the river and was very near drowning, when she was observed by Mr. G. W. Tully, who gave the alarm. A large crowd soon gathered at the river. A man named Connor went into the water and caught her, when she violently resisted his exertions to save her, and scratched and attempted to bite him. He, however, succeeded in saving her from drowning.

### SLIGO.

In a few districts in Ireland the 'close time' for Salmon is ended, and Irish fish has made its appearance in the London market. The first arrival for the New Year came from Sligo, and consisted of nineteen fish, weighing an average of 11lb each. They were in prime condition and fetched fancy

The Rev. John Clancy, who has just been appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Elphine, is a native of Collooney. He was for four years a Professor in the Sligo Diocesan College and now holds the English chair in his Alma Mater, Maynooth, succeeding Right Rev. Dr. O'Rorke. The new Bishop was born in the parish of Riverstown.

## LEINSTER.

### CARLOW.

Three men, John Neill, Andy Dunn, and Jerry Reilly, were arrested recently by Sergeant Carroll, stationed in Carlow, on a charge of having set fire to the establishment of Mr. Michael Patterson, grocer and spirit merchant, corner of Castle and Church streets. The accused were brought before Mr. R. R. Kennedy, R.M., and were lodged in Kilkenny jail, on remand, to be brought up at the petty sessions and formally charged.

### DUBLIN.

The Secretary of State has appointed Mr. A. G. K. Woodgate, previous Inspector of Factories in Dublin, to be Inspector of Northampton and Oxford, in England.

The new premises for the Dublin branch of the Belfast Banking Company are opened, on the site of the building formerly occupied by Mr. Reside, draper, and the Independent Publishing Company.

The men of the Dublin Metropolitan Police appeared on New Year's Day in all the glory of newly-designed overcoats. They hardly appeared to recognize themselves, and 'the boys' cracked innumerable jokes on them—all of which were taken in good part in honor of the festival.

### KILKENNY.

The annual meeting of the Kilkenny Corporation for the installation of the Mayor for the ensuing year was held in the Tholsel. A large number of persons had assembled in the Council Room to witness the ceremony. Precisely at the hour, the Right Worshipful P. J. Morressy, Mayor, wearing his robes, chain, and insignia of office, and preceded by the sword and mace bearer entered the room. He was accompanied by the following Aldermen M. L. Potter and John Coyle, Councillors Michael Kennedy James Wade, Thomas Cantwell, Major Peter O'Leary, J.P., Dr. James White, J.P. Mr. C. J. Kenealy Town Clerk, read the minutes of the preceding meeting, after which the Mayor was formally installed, and returned thanks for his reelection

### KING'S.

County Court Judge Curran, Q.C., addressing the grand jury at the opening of the Quarter Sessions Court for the Birr division of King's County, said that it was a source of sincere pleasure to him to be able to congratulate them on the continued satisfactory condition of their county, which was now in the same peaceable state it has been for some years past. There was only one case to go before them.

### LONGFORD.

The Ballymahon Board of Guardians, at their last meeting, decided to thank the Local Government Board for their 'generous' offer of a seed potato loan, but respectfully decline it on account of the difficulty of collecting seed rates in the past, and the burden which a further loan would impose on the rate-payers. The experience of the last seed rate, and the jobbery it gave to rise it, is still fresh in the public mind.

### LOUTH.

In the presence of a large number of the citizens of Drogheda, Mr. Bernard Nulty, Nationalist, was installed Mayor of Drogheda for a second term of office; and Dr. William Bradley, J.P., Nationalist, High Sheriff. Dr. Bradley has reappointed Mr. Thomas Byrne Sub-Sheriff and Mr. R. D. O'Callaghan, Solicitor, Returning Officer.

Intelligence reached Drogheda that the Rev. Charles Cairnes, Protestant clergyman, son of late Mr. Thomas Plunkett Cairness, and brother of Messrs. William and Allen Cairnes, of the Drogheda and Castlebellingham Breweries, had been accidentally drowned while skating on a lake at St. Moritz, in Switzerland. He was in company with his cousin.

### QUEEN'S

At a series of special meetings of the various Queen's County branches of the Irish National Federation for the purpose of considering the election of a county delegate to the National Council, Mr. Lawrence T. Kelly was unanimously nominated for re-election.

### WEXFORD.

Alderman Joseph Lacy was installed Mayor of Wexford recently. The outgoing Mayor (Captain Hugh McGuire) presided, and was attended by the sergeant at mace There was also present—Alderman Joseph Lacy, Mayor-elect; Alderman John Sutton, Alderman Wm Timpson, and Councillors John Hinton, Nicholas Kavanagh, Lawrence Lacy, Michael O'Connor, James Stafford, John Cosgrove, Peter Casin, Patrick Ryan, and Charles Taylor, solicitor to the Corporation

## MUNSTER.

### CLARE.

Considerable alarm was occasioned in Ennis by an alarm of fire which was found to have broken out in a store belonging to Messrs. Costello & Co., of Jail street. A quantity of coal and other inflammable materials were in the store, which immediately adjoins the extensive mineral water manufactory of Messrs. Downes & Sons, as well as the licensed premises of Messrs. Lalor, P. Fitzgerald, and M. Molony. Grave fears were entertained that the flames would extend to these houses, in which event the destruction of the entire block of valuable property was inevitable. Fortunately, after a couple of hours, the flames were got under control, the outbreak being confined to the store.

### CORK.

The fish-curers of Cork and Kerry have petitioned the Government to appoint an inspector to take special charge of the mackerel-curing industry, which is rapidly assuming very large proportions, and to introduce a Government brand, which should afford protection to exporters of Irish cured fish. The Lord Lieutenant, in reply, states that the question of establishing a Government brand is already under the consideration of the Irish Government.

### KERRY.

Mr. James Slattery, auctioneer, Tralee, recently put up for sale the tenant's interest in the farm known as Acres, situated near Ballyduff, North Kerry. The holding contains 22 acres, held at a yearly rent of £28. After spirited bidding, Mr. William Walsh, Abbey, was declared the purchaser at £320.

Some turf was maliciously burned recently, at Ballinorig, near Causeway. It belonged to the police in charge of the evicted farm of Pat Lawlor—the occupant of a Land League house and also a car belonging to a young man named Carroll, a process-server, living at a place called Ballyhemican, was broken to pieces on the same night.

### LIMERICK

The installation of Mr. Bryan O'Donnell as Mayor of Limerick for the third year took place in the Council Chamber, at the Town Hall. The proceedings, as customary, were of an interesting character, and invested with much that made the assembly particularly attractive in contrast with the ordinary proceedings of the Council. The Chamber was elaborately decorated for the occasion with a profusion of evergreens and potted plants.

### TIPPERARY.

At the statutory meeting of the Clonmel Corporation, Alderman E. Cantwell (Nationalist), was with the customary formalities, installed as Mayor, for the eighth time. The Mayor in a brief speech thanked the Corporation for the great honor conferred upon him.

### WATERFORD.

A violent gale prevailed in the Waterford district recently. Two married women, named Bridget Hennessy and Nann Sullivan, were going along by the Waterside to Miller's Marsh, where both resided. When near Mr. Nolan's limekiln both were blown by the wind into what is known as 'St. John's Pills', a branch of the river. Mrs. Sullivan managed to regain the bank and save herself, leaving her share ... grasp of Mrs Hennessy, who ... carried away by the strong cur... and drowned

## ULSTER.

### ANTRIM.

During the recent severe storms, another large portion of Portrush harbor break-water was carried away, and houses near by are in great danger. The seas ran over the highest point of the Skerries, while a mile and a half from the shore. The temporary sheeting which was placed on the roof of the Presbyterian Church was carried The fishermen are the greatest sufferers from the terrific weather, and a movement is on foot for their relief

### ARMAGH

At the Ballybot Petty Sessions, before Mr Henry Turner, R.M., James McConville, John Burke, and Denis Maguire, were charged with robbing by violence Francis Mathers of a silver watch, gold chain, silver stud adornments, and other articles Mr. J. H. Russel, solicitor, defended. The accused were remanded.

### DERRY.

A terrible skipping disaster occurred off the Holyhead Breakwater, by which no fewer than twenty-six men lost their lives. The wrecked ship, which was driven on the breakwater, and went to pieces in less than half an hour, proved to be the barque Osseo, Captain Boggs, of Londonderry, 1,463 tons, owned by M. B. H. McCorkell, and was proceeding from Falmouth to Ardrossan.

### DONEGAL.

Mr. A. K. Moore, editor of the London Morning Post, who had been in failing health for some time, has just died. He was the son of the late Rev. Hugh Moore, and was born in Donegal in 1852.

### DOWN.

Recently, the death took place, at the parochial house, Drumaroad, near Castlewellan, of Rev. Bernard McKenna, P.P., who was for the past few years pastor of that parish. The deceased priest was formerly curate in St. Patrick's Belfast, and also served on the Mission in several other parishes in the diocese of Down and Connor. He belonged to a county Derry family, and came to the diocese about 25 years ago. During the Land League days he was exceedingly active, and exerted a great influence for good among the county Down farmers in the parish of which he was pastor His death was the result of a chill which he recently caught in the discharge of his parochial duties

### MONAGHAN

At the last meeting of the Monaghan Board of Guardians, Mr. McAleese proposed that the Union should become contributory under the National Teachers' Act. The proposal failed to find a seconder, and fell through.

In the County Court house, Monaghan, Mr. William Murray, J.P., sat in the Magistrates Room for the purpose of taking informations in the case of the Crown against a man named Joseph O'Neill, who was charged with a brutal assault on a married woman, named Catherine McManus. Mr. Murray committed the prisoner for trial to the Spring Assizes.

### TYRONE.

A very largely attended and successful meeting was held at Drumquin, County Tyrone. The meeting was called for the purpose of reorganizing the district in the National ranks, and also to further the agitation in support of the proposals to reform the Land Acts. Mr. D. Kilbride, M.P., and Mr. J. Jordan, M.P., attended the meeting and delivered stirring addresses. Many Protestant and Presbyterian farmers were present at the proceedings, which were perfectly unanimous, and several letters of apology were received, including one from Rev Professor Dougherty, of Magee College, Derry.

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