

# NEWS FROM OLD IRELAND

Paragraphs of Interest to  
Our Celt Readers.

LATEST BRIEFS FROM  
ACROSS THE WATER.

WEEK'S REVIEW FROM ALL OVER  
THE ISLAND.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

## LEINSTER.

DUBLIN.

The bill for the establishment of the St. Patrick's Park in Dublin, has passed the committee of the House of Lords, and has been ordered to be reported for third reading, which will make it a law, with of course the "Royal Assent," which is assured, as the bill is a ministerial measure, how much St. Patrick, of Ireland, for this matter, will have to do with the proposed "park," remains to be seen. The past management by the "Castle," or the Irish Park Department, does not afford an encouraging vista.

Recently the new steamship Lady Roberts arrived at the North Wall Dublin. The vessel, which is intended for the trade between Dublin and Glasgow, is a sister ship of the Lady Hudson Kinahan, built for the same company. She has accommodation for 131 first-class cabin passengers, 50 second-class passengers, and 40 average passengers, and is designed to run in the rapidly growing Irish tourist trade.

The City of Dublin Steam Packet Company received the newest of their craft, the Kerry, which, on Monday a week ago, arrived, after a phenomenal short passage, from Liverpool. This is the fourth steamship built for the use of this company, the others being the Louth, Wicklow and Carlow. The Kerry is a twin ship with the Carlow, and her presiding genius is Capt. Conlin, a skipper of almost unique experience, who has been forty-one years at sea and fifteen years a master in connection with the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company.

At the meeting of the directors of the Great Northern and Western Railway, at Kingsbridge, Mr. Joshua J. Finn, Breanstown House, Cabinteely, was elected chairman of the board, and Mr. Finn had been deputy chairman for some years past.

On April 13, the employees of Messrs. Bewley & Draper's mineral water factory, in Mary street, Dublin, applied for an increase of work as would put them on a level with those working in the same trade in Belfast. The application having been refused, the men and boys left work in the establishment. They state that the object of the movement is to put the Dublin workers on an equal footing with those in other cities, which they do not occupy at present.

During the afternoon of April 14, a man named John Cowan, employed in the erection of the additional new premises of the Star Music Hall, in Sycamore street, Dublin, accidentally fell from a scaffolding to the ground a height of forty feet receiving terrible injuries. He was picked up in an unconscious state and conveyed to Mercer's Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. Elliot, the house surgeon.

The many friends of Mr. James S. Connolly well known as a professor of the violin, will be glad to learn that he has returned to Dublin after an extended absence, necessitated by ill health. Mr. Connolly was formerly Professor of the Violin in the Royal Irish Academy of Music.

A man named Richard Reid, 27 years of age, a laborer, living at 36 Rialto cottages, Dublin, died recently in St. Vincent's Hospital, from injuries received at Guinness's Brewery by a heavy iron falling on him.

An army pensioner named Michael Feenan, aged 70 years, and stated to have no fixed residence, died one week ago Tuesday while being conveyed from Bridewell Lane police station to the Richmond Hospital, Dublin. He had been found drunk in Church street and was taken to the station. There he was placed in one of the cells and took suddenly ill, with the result stated.

## WICKLOW.

Lieut. Basil Hall, Inspector of Lifeboats, attended at the boat-house, Arklow, on April 9th, and held an inquiry into the wreck of the Express, on the previous Sunday, on the fourth Arklow Bank. The inquiry was concluded during the subsequent week, and the result of it was the appointment of a new coxswain, for the lifeboat, was ordered. Hugh Kennedy was appointed coxswain and John Murray second coxswain.

## KILDARE.

Early on the morning of April 10 a fire broke out at Giltown, which resulted in the destruction of Major Borrows's splendid country residence. The house, a large and beautiful building, was completely gutted by the flames, and the damage is estimated at a very high figure.

At the last Neas Quarter Sessions, before Judge Kane, a very peculiar case came on for hearing. An old man named Michael Mooney, 82 years of age, sued Lieut. Lonsdale, of the Second Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, for £25 damages for assaults alleged to have been committed on the 1st and 2nd of February, and for false imprisonment on the first occasion. Plaintiff's case was that, when walking along at a place called Basins, he observed a couple of dogs proceeding in a pack towards him. He was charged with the dogs and was taken to the station. He was ordered to be released.

attack, and it was making a second charge on him when the military lieutenant came up and flourishing a stick over the plaintiff's head, called on him to follow him to the police barracks. Mooney evaded no desire to comply with Lieut. Lonsdale's request, and so the valiant officer knicked the old man off the footpath and into the gutter, demanding if he knew who he was speaking to. Mooney simply replied that he didn't know and didn't care, and Lonsdale turned his back and left him. Evidence having been given, the Judge said that the conduct of either plaintiff or defendant was not above comment, but he gave a decree for £2, which was a rather striking commentary on his own action as a Judge.

## WEXFORD.

One week ago Monday John McLeod, an army pensioner, residing in Gorty, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. When discovered he had lost a considerable quantity of blood. He was conveyed as soon as possible to the workhouse infirmary, but expired the same night.

Dr. Michael Delaney, formerly of South Main street, Wexford, an alumnus of the Catholic University, and for some time practicing in Bradford, England, is a candidate for the vacant medical officership of Clonroche Dispensary.

A conference between the Rev. Austin Kinsella, P. P. Caragh, and Mr. C. J. Englewood, M. P. for North Kildare, representing the Clongroyd tenants, and Mr. M. A. Maher, the trustee of the estate, took place recently with a view to perfecting the details of the settlement that has been in progress for some time, and by which these evicted tenants will be restored to their holdings. At the meeting in question the final arrangements were discussed, but neither the basis nor the particulars of the proposed settlement can be at present disclosed.

## CARLOW.

At the last meeting of the Carlow Board of Guardians, the Right Hon. Henry Bruen in the chair, a letter was read from Michael Aughney, of Rosseat, Tullow, informing the Board that, while he was on his way to Carlow, to lodge to the credit of the Union a sum of £44 19s being amount of rent collected by him for laborers' cottages, he was waylaid and robbed of the full amount on his person, and that as he was unable to make good the amount of which he had been deprived, he appealed to the Board to grant him time to make good what he had lost. It was finally resolved, without prejudice to his bond, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, Mr. Aughney be allowed six months to pay £44 19s—half the amount to be paid within three months.

## KILKENNY.

The old Kilkenny Almshouse, being without any permanent occupants, the suggestion was made by the Board of Guardians that it should be converted into an archaeological museum. The proposition is opposed by the Right Rev. Bishop of Ossory, on the ground that there is not the slightest probability of the diversion of a property used for the benefit of the poor into a museum for the amusement of the gentry. It is stated that such a diversion must have very little respect for the sentiments of the past. Since historic Kilkenny Abbey was transformed into a brewery, no greater violation of the nature and fitness of things has been proposed in "Ye faire City."

At the meeting of the Urlingford Board of Guardians, recently, Mr. W. De Courcy, P. P., was unanimously elected chairman, Mr. William Murphy, vice-chairman, and Mr. W. Scott, deputy vice-chairman.

## KING'S COUNTY.

On April 14, Coroner Corcoran held an inquest at Birr on the body of Mr. John E. Gamble, brother of the County Judge of that name, and an extensive land owner in King's County, who died he day before, at Mr. Lapsley Dooley's residence, Elm Grove, from the result of a carriage accident. The deceased, who lived in Derribrin House, on his Frankford Estate, had driven into town and had attended a meeting of the Guardians, leaving his horse and trap at Mr. Dooley's. In the afternoon he was preparing for the return journey, and when adjusting the rug around him on the front seat, the latter, which was not properly secured, swung suddenly backwards, and the unfortunate gentleman, fell out of the trap, coming down violently on his head. Paralysis supervened and death followed. Verdict accidental death.

At the last Tullamore Quarter Sessions, before Judge Curran, Lord Digby had an ejectment suit for non-payment of rent against Martin Kelly, a tenant on his Goshill estate. The yearly rent is £14 9s, and the amount due was £50 16s 6d, arrears accumulated in the time of the tenant's father and only now sued for. The Judge said that if the agent had given a receipt for the last year when paid, the arrears would have been irrecoverable, being beyond the Statute of Limitations, and not really due by the present tenant. After some discussion a settlement was arrived at.

It is stated that negotiations are in progress for the restoration of a number of evicted tenants on the King's County estate of Mr. Samuel Alexander Killester Abbey, Ararat, County Dublin. These unfortunate people have been evicted for a considerable time, and their condition at the present time is stated to be deplorable in the extreme. Several of them were recently prosecuted and fined for trespassing on the evicted land, and one of the number, Martin Walsh, was defendant in a summons for wilful trespass, brought by the landlord. On the case being called, a letter was read from Messrs. Goodbody & Tiedall, solicitors for the landlord, asking for an adjournment, and it was stated that a settlement is pending. The Bench granted the adjournment.

In Birr, the magistrates at Petty Sessions investigated a case of larceny in which the party convicted displayed considerable audacity and smartness. From the evidence it was elicited that William Allen, of Prosperous, County Kildare, and Francis Troy, of Roscrea, had presented themselves at Birr Bar-

acks for enlistment. Troy, the farmer's son, was well dressed and had a watch, chain, and some cash. He had casually fallen in with Allen, who was extremely shabby in his attire. They slept in the garrison on that night, a sergeant, a private and a fifth man sharing their quarters. Next morning, all arose except Allen, who was mysteriously absent, and it was found that Troy's good outfit, cash and jewelry had also disappeared. Allen, to avoid with his booty, wore his companion's clothes, had to pass the guards, evade the sentries, and scale and drop from a wall twenty feet high. This he had succeeded in doing, and then commenced a tramp to Dublin, but was arrested at Sallins, Plea-gully to the charge he was sentenced to four months in jail, with hard labor.

## WESTMEATH.

Addressing the Grand Jury, in opening the last Quarter Sessions, in Mullingar, County Court Judge Curran said there were only three cases to go before them, and having regard to that and also to the report of the Constabulary authorities dealing with the number of offences committed since last Quarter Sessions, he had great pleasure in again congratulating them on the peaceful state in which he found the county. At the previous Quarter Sessions there were two cases, but the three cases now before them were not important.

It is stated that a marriage has been arranged and will take place this month between Capt. W. E. Turner late Ninety-third Highlanders, only son of the late Capt. W. G. Turner, Twenty-sixth Regiment, and Marie widow of the late John Irwin Belmont, Mullingar, County Westmeath.

## MEATH.

In Dublin, Mr. Bryan, superintendent of Smithfield Market, distrained five loads of hay and six loads of straw, the property of Mr. L. Tully, Brownstown, Meath, and others, exposed for sale in the market, for tolls due to the corporation. The loads were exposed for sale on the stand of Mr. Christopher Dodd, Smithfield. Those that paid were Mr. Bryan with a written document protesting against the alleged "illegal seizure" of their property. Mr. Laurence Tully, at first refused to pay the tolls or deliver up the hay to Mr. Bryan. The latter then charged Mr. Tully for obstruction, and he was taken before Mr. Keay, in the Northern Police Court, where he was fined £2 and 10s costs. Mr. Tully then paid the tolls.

## LOUTH.

At the village of Kilgriffin, some distance from Ardee, a woman named Anne Sivilly, said to be 103 years of age, has just passed away. The old lady, who was noted for a remarkable instance of longevity until three or four years ago, when she was obliged to take to her bed, owing to the feebleness of old age, but strange to say, she was in possession of all her faculties until the day of her death. She lived in a cottage and had for a companion a neighbor who has nearly completed the allotted span of three score and ten years.

Mr. Peter Hughes has been unanimously re-elected chairman of the Dundalk Poor Law Board. Mr. R. Byrne was with the same unanimity re-elected vice-chairman, and a similar compliment was paid to Mr. J. L. Neary, who was re-elected D. V. C. It is reported that the body of one of the drowned Annaghassan fishermen came ashore at Whitestown, but before preparations could be made to recover it it was washed out to sea again, the wind being high and the sea stormy. The movement to provide for the six families left destitute by the disaster has been warmly taken up in all parts of Louth and the subscriptions so far received are most generous.

## MUNSTER.

### CORK.

A number of the few remaining Ponsby evicted tenants recently got possession of their holdings from the local agents of the Irish Land Corporation. Mr. J. B. Barter, of Park House, amongst them were William Frederick, Coolah, Edmond Branniff, Redroan, James Brennan, Ballytully, Patrick O'Brien, Rath; Patrick O'Brien, Ballyvane; Patrick Doyle, Ballyvane, and John Joyce, Mullara. At the same time, the Land Corporation disposed of the large herd of cattle which they had grazing on the evicted farms; and they are otherwise making preparations to sever their connection with the estate finally.

Mr. J. J. Corkery has been re-elected chairman of the Millstreet Board of Guardians.

Dr. R. J. Smith was recently made the recipient of an address and presentation on the occasion of his leaving Cork for Cardiff, Wales.

At the last meeting of the Mallow Board of Guardians, Mr. H. D. Spratt was unanimously re-elected chairman. On April 18 an accident occurred to a boy aged about fifteen years, son of Mr. Robert Murray, steward to Lord Carberry, of Castletreke, where he lost his life. The boy was on a tree, near Milltown, in quest of crows' nests, and while descending a branch of the tree gave way, causing the boy to fall to the ground, with such force that he died a few hours after from the injuries received.

A man named Frank Lannigan was arrested at Queenstown, after landing from the Lucania, charged with having a revolver on his possession.

Dr. Kelly, rector of the Diocesan College, Ennis, has been appointed Bishop of Ross, in succession to the late Most Reverend Dr. Fitzgerald. In voting at the meeting of the parish priests of the diocese, last December, Dr. Kelly was "dignissimus." The other two names set forward on the occasion were those of Right Rev. Monsignor O'Leary, P. P., Clonakilly, and Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P. P., Macroom.

On the evening of a recent date, a middle-aged woman named Mrs. Walsh, of St. Joseph's Road, Malbeg, died suddenly at her residence from heart disease.

A dispatch states that three Manx fishermen, named Andrew Spillecorn, Joseph Hogg and David Simpson, returning by boat to the smack Equisite, of Peel, in Kinsale Harbor, on the night of April 10th, were upset and drowned. Another man named Thomas Keane, who was in the same boat, was rescued by some Belfast fishermen.

One week ago Tuesday a young man, named Patrick O'Connell, of Ballydoheen, Malbeg, was found dead at Lisacarrill in a field adjacent to the road between Lisacarrill and the race course, where the Duhallow Hunt races were held on the previous day. Death was due to suffocation and exposure. The deceased was a most respectable young man, a laborer in the employ of the G. S. and W. railway.

## KERRY.

A meeting of the Kerry Disaster Relief Committee was recently held in the Town Commissioners' room, Killarney, for the purpose of distributing the funds subscribed for the victims of the Kerry bog disaster. On motion of Mr. Leonard, it was decided to send Kate Donnelly, the sole survivor of the ill-fated family to Rathmore Convent, for three years, at £15 a year, and that Father O'Sullivan, P. P. Rathmore, be asked to pay half the amount he having some funds in hand. This course was considered better for the girl's interests than to send her to any of the homes in England, offered by families who intended to provide for her. A sum of £30 was also awarded to her, to be lodged in the Post Office Savings Bank in her name and Father O'Sullivan's. This in addition to the other relief grants to her, makes a total of £100 awarded to herself. Arrangements were then made to calculate the amounts to which the other persons injured by the disaster were entitled, and when same was completed to distribute the funds at once. It was also decided to pay 10s in the pound on the debts due by Con Donnelly, and a sum of £12 was allotted for that purpose.

A young man named Sullivan, while engaged stowing hay in a loft at Lis-trim, near Tralee, fell through a man-hole, and came with great force on a concrete floor of the stable below, nature sustaining injuries of a shocking nature, which caused his death in a few minutes.

A fatal accident occurred on the night of April 13th to a man named Martin Lynch, who resided at a place called Doneen about four miles from Cahirciveen. The unfortunate man visited the town during the day, in company with his wife, and proceeded home about 9 o'clock in the evening. Himself and wife were the only occupants of the cart, which was drawn by a young horse. When about two miles out of town the horse took head and collided with a ditch on the side of the road, throwing the occupants of the cart to the ground. The cart passed over the unfortunate man and killed him instantaneously. It also passed over the wife, breaking her leg and otherwise severely injuring her. At Lisatowel Board of Guardians, Mr. M. J. Nolan, J. P., was re-elected chairman. At Skibbereen the contest resulted in a tie between Messrs. Burke and Cullinane, and the election was adjourned.

A young constable of the R. I. C. named Paddon, who had been stationed at Milltown, has been committed to the Tralee Gaol on a charge of larceny of £12 from a fellow constable at Beaufort.

## LIMERICK.

At the last Limerick Quarter Sessions, Judge Adams heard some six cases in which tenants applied to have judicial rents fixed for a second statutory term. The valuers for the landlords admitted that there was a fall of 10 per cent. in agricultural prices since 1881. On a gross rental of £301, in the cases heard, the new rents were reduced to £241, or 20 per cent.

In the year 1880 Mrs. Catherine Power and family were evicted from their farm, situated at Old Court, on the property of Colonel Fane, the amount due being £47, or about three years' rent. The family at present reside in America, whither they emigrated soon after eviction. For Mrs. Power and family and in their interest and with their full approval, negotiations are in course of progress between Mr. Thomas Kelly, Lisatowel (her brother) and Messrs. R. and C. Saunders Saunders Park, Charleville, the agents on the property, with a view to the ultimate purchase of the holding, on fair and reasonable terms, or reinstatement at a fixed rent by the Land Commission's valuer. Mrs. Power and family are about to return from America for the purchase.

In Limerick, on Sunday, April 11th, the police were informed that Michael O'Brien, stated to be an angry reserve man, had been found lying dead on a limekiln convenient to the Ashbourne road. Inquiries made led to its being ascertained that O'Brien had gone to the kiln the previous night, covered himself over with some bags, and laid down to sleep close to the burning kiln, the fumes of which caused his death, there being no marks of violence on the body. The hair on the man's head was singed by the heat from the kiln.

## CLARE.

The house of a man named Denis Keane, near Corofin, who is employed as a rent warper on the estate of Maj. Charles Studdert, was fired into on a recent night. At the time Keane himself was not at home, but his father and mother were in the house, neither, however, sustaining any injury. One shot was fired through the kitchen window, and the second through the bedroom.

A very influential public meeting was held at the Concert Hall, Moore's Hotel, Kilkenny, one day last week, for the purpose of urging on the government the necessity of giving a free grant to establish a boat and coach connection between Kilkenny and Tar-

bert (Listowel for Kilkenny) and Poyntes, for the coming season, the Kilkenny connection and Kildare being already established by the South Clare Railway. Resolutions to that effect were adopted. Col. Tuffnell Oakes said he had reason to think that the Board of Works would look upon the scheme in a favorable light. He thought the project only needed such an expression of public opinion as was there given that day to have it successfully carried out.

## TIPPERARY.

At Tipperary, in the Croke Cup matches, the Erin's Hope Football Club, of Dungarvan, champions of Waterford, defeated Billiner, representing Clare; and in the hurling matches Tulla (Clare) beat Ardara (Galway).

At about 1 o'clock on the morning of April 10th, the establishment of Mr. John Gilbert, merchant, of Ladyswell street, Cashel, was burned down. The estimated loss is supposed to be about £300. The premises were insured.

A breach of promise of an interesting nature was tried at the Nenagh Quarter Sessions before County Judge Anderson and a special jury. The case took a novel feature from the fact that the parties were entirely unequal in years, the defendant, Terrence Dunne, being of rather mature age, while the plaintiff, Miss Catherine Darcy, is a young lady of prepossessing appearance, who does not seem to have long passed out of her teens. Another somewhat unusual aspect of the case was that the whole transaction appeared to have been of a purely commercial nature, but, although wanting in some of the amorous incidents which generally characterize affairs of the kind, it was nevertheless of an extremely sensational character. Miss Darcy is a farmer's daughter, residing with her parents at Kiltreane, near the village of Lorrha, eight or nine miles from town, and Mr. Terrence Dunne, also of the respectable farming class, lives in the same locality. Judgment was given for the plaintiff, with £50 damages.

## WATERFORD.

The deputation from the Board of the Waterford, Dungarvan, and Lisamore Railway, which has been in London for some time past, has gained its point. The Board of Works has consented to postpone the threatened foreclosure on the railway until after the Easter holidays, and in the meantime it is hoped that measures may be devised to prevent the foreclosure altogether. It is stated that the Duke of Devonshire has been to a considerable extent instrumental in securing this concession.

## ULSTER.

### ANTRIM.

On April 12th, in the Belfast Custody Court, Sergt. Wilson charged James McDonald with the homicide of Mary McCarron, at Belfast, on the 3d of April, 1897. Sergt. Wilson deposed that at twenty minutes past 8, the previous night, the prisoner surrendered himself on the above charge, and admitted that he had pushed the woman (who was drunk) out of his house, when she fell, and was run over by a bread van. The prisoner was held to await the holding of an inquest, which was held in the evening, and the jury were unanimously of opinion that death was caused by shock following abdominal congestion, accentuated by alcoholism. They exonerated the driver of the bread cart, which had run over deceased, and left open the question of McDonald's culpability.

In the Belfast Custody Court, on the same day, Henry Whitaker was charged with stabbing his son, Fredrick Constable Cunningham, deposed that he arrested the prisoner on the above charge, which was the result of a family quarrel. The prisoner was remanded to await the result of his son's injuries.

Mr. G. W. Wolff, of the Belfast shipbuilding firm, of Harland & Wolfe, has just inherited a large fortune from his uncle, the late Mr. Gustave C. Schwabe, a Lancashire merchant. The inheritance will in time include Mr. Schwabe's residence in Kensington Palace Gardens, London, of which his widow has the life interest. The legacies include a sum of £6,000 for the two daughters of Mr. P. H. Calderon, R. A.

### ARMAGH.

On the morning of a recent date a lamentable case of suicide was discovered in the townland of Drummond-moor, at a short distance from Armagh, when a man named William Duffy was found suspended from a cross-beam in his bedroom. The deceased, who was about 50 years of age, was employed as caretaker on a farm at Drummondmoor, the property of Mr. James Best, of Armagh, and lived alone in the farm house. Last week the lists of the persons qualified to vote in the forthcoming municipal elections in Armagh, were hung out at the police barracks and market house, and the crowds which surrounded them during the day gave evidence of the great interest taken in the forthcoming contests for the election of eighteen Town Commissioners.

### DOWN.

A large and influential meeting of the farmers of Down was held recently, at Mayo Bridge, for the purpose of taking into consideration the recent reductions given by the local Commissioners on some of the local estates. Mr. P. O'Hare, V. P., occupied the chair. Resolutions were proposed by Mr. James Loughran, seconded by Mr. Hugh Fegan, and passed unanimously, declaring that the reductions recently given by the Sub-Commissioners are totally inadequate to meet the requirements of the farmers, and calling on the government to appoint a tribunal to investigate the working of the land acts.

### MONAGHAN.

At the meeting of the Monaghan Board of Guardians, on April 15, Sir

John Leslie presiding, the question of the removal of Miss Margaret McKeown from the board room, at the previous meeting, came up, when Mr. Johnston, relieving officer, placed a letter on the desk before the chairman in which it was announced that the lady was going to bring a claim personally against Mr. William Murray for £500 damages, for her forcible ejection from the board room. The letter was laid on the table, amid some merriment.

## CAVAN.

In consequence of an order made by Judge Ross, a meeting of the tenants of the Lisgar estate was held in Ballyboro', on April 9, at which a representative of Messrs. Barrington & Son, solicitors for the mortgagees, attended. After a protracted discussion, an agreement was arrived at, by which the tenants are to give seven-teen years' purchase, and, with regard to arrears, to pay one year's rent before May 1st, and another half-year's rent before June 1st. Except in a few instances, the year's rent due in November last has not been paid, and the average amount of arrears due would probably exceed two years' rent. By the sale an abatement of 32 per cent. will be effected, and more at the end of ten years.

## DONEGAL.

The government have decided on closing no fewer than nine Constabulary stations at various points in Donegal. In about half of these cases the furniture of the establishment has already been sent to the county headquarters at Letterkenny, and the landlords have been given possession of the houses vacated. The total reduction of the county force will be 45 infantry and two mounted men, and it is estimated that the net saving to the government will be £4,500 a year.

## CONNAUGHT

### GALWAY.

At the last Quarter Sessions in Ballyvaughan, before Mr. R. P. Carten, Q. C., acting for Mr. Rice Henn, the Recorder for Galway, 54 ejectment processes were brought by various landlords, the amount in almost every case including the hanging gale. Little or no reductions were offered in these cases. The civil bill list was also very large, 181 in all, a sure sign of bad times.

### ROSCOMMON.

At a recent meeting of the Boyle Board of Guardians, the National Guardians ousted from the office of vice-chairman Mr. Stephen Lawrence, who represented the landlord and Tory interests, and elected as vice-chairman, Mr. Clarke, who is in favor of Ireland having a Parliament of its own. The majority of Nationalists present might have elected a Nationalist chairman, if they had the courage to do so, but they adopted Mr. Owen Fihill's presidency for another year. Mr. James Lindsay was elected deputy vice-chairman.

### LEITRIM.

In Manorhamilton, on April 14th, the Guardians re-elected Messrs. J. Dolan, J. P., D. McGuire, J. P., and T. Fallon as chairman, vice-chairman and deputy vice-chairman. With feelings of regret we announce the death of Mr. Patrick J. Rooney, late of Hyde Park, Mass., which took place at the residence of his uncle, Mr. Felix Rooney, P. L. G., Faughery, Manorhamilton. The deceased was 56 years of age, and has left three children to mourn his loss, also his brother, Mr. Tom Rooney, who holds a position in Brooklyn, N. Y. The deceased, during July of last year, took a severe cold, and feeling his health failing, and encouraged by his medical adviser, he returned to Ireland. Consumption, however, set in, despite the best medical aid, and he died, fortified by the rites of the Catholic church. His funeral was very largely attended. Interment took place in the family sepulchre at Killoosh, and the funeral ceremonies were performed by the Rev. S. McTernan, P. P., Killasnett.

### SLIGO.

A very sad affair occurred in Ballygaley, Collooney, on April 12. A little girl about 9 years of age was sent out to drive cattle to a farm, accompanied by Mary Ellen Carty, aged 3 years. The latter child has not been found since, though search parties were out daily, and nightly among the mountainous district, but no trace whatever was got of the missing child.

On Tuesday of last week a young stable hand named Patrick Healy, in Mr. Sim's employment, at Collooney, was sent out to exercise two young horses belonging to his master. He was riding one of them, which got restive, and galloped madly away despite the jockey's efforts. After a quarter of an hour's run, the animals dashed into the buttress of the bridge at Collooney, Healy receiving a severe fall. The mare died soon afterwards, and the other horse is badly injured. The boy is confined to his bed in a very weak state. The mare that was killed was a thoroughbred, and valued at £150.

At the meeting of the Killasner Branch of the National Education, it was decided, as J. T. Marren had not yet complied with the request of a committee of the Branch, in regard to the widow Moore's farm, to expel him from its membership.

### MAYO.

The Congested Districts Board proposes starting immediately a fortnightly steamboat service between Bellemeut and Westport, in connection with that which they have started between Westport and Clifden, calling at the Islands of the coast. The steamboat has been chartered by the Laird Lane Company, and is of small draught so as to enable her to go up the Bellemeut Sound at spring tides. The Congested Districts Board are also giving aid to the development of the granite quarry industry at Bellemeut. They have consented to make a loan of £1,600 for the building of twenty cottages for the housing of the skilled workmen, who will be brought for working the quarries.