

SOME NOTES FROM IRELAND

Latest Happenings to be Had from Across the Water.

SOME NEWS FROM EVERY SECTION.

BRIEF REVIEW OF PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL SECTIONS.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

LEINSTER.

DUBLIN.

Owing to the recent changes in the Trans-Channel Postal conveyance, the Kingston and Holyhead mail steamer Leinster and Under have been sold to Mr. Alexander Connell of London. About £3,000 was bid for the boats, which it is said will be broken up.

At the last meeting of the proprietors of the Bank of Ireland, Mr. Andrew Jameson was re-elected governor and Mr. Charles Edward Martin deputy governor.

Messrs. Arthur Guinness, Son & Co. the great brewers, have distributed a sum of £2,000 in Dublin in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Of this sum £100 has been given to the Jubilee Nurses' Fund, and £1,500 has been divided among certain of the Dublin hospitals.

In Dublin recently there was a parade of Pennington motor cars and vehicles (which are a Dublin invention) at the Shelbourne hotel, and a little later the whole collection moved off in grand procession for a trip through the principal thoroughfares of the city. A large number of the best types of the Pennington "motor" including a "bug," a wagonette, a Victoria, and a phaeton, were brought out on the occasion and attracted much attention.

On April 18 a boy named John Sharkey, belonging to a hamlet called the Lemekins near Raheny got into a boat in the lake at Belcamp, and falling into the water (it is supposed while in a fit) was drowned.

A man named James Timmons, 35 years of age, living in East Essex St. Dublin, who was employed in erecting some scaffolding in Messrs. Guinness brewery, met with a fatal accident. He was standing on a plank and accidentally overbalanced himself, and fell a distance of thirteen feet. He was taken to Stevens hospital, in an unconscious state, and never recovered consciousness and died shortly after.

The death occurred on April 21 of Mr. Robert Rainford T. C. Kingsdown, at his residence, 28 Clarinda park, West. By his demise a vacancy has occurred in the Glasbule Ward of the Township.

A serious accident occurred at Gough's Manure works, North Wall, Dublin, on a recent date, to a young man named Sylvester Murray, residing at St. Mary's road, who, while engaged at his employment in the works, was caught in some revolving machinery, his right leg and right arm being seriously injured. He was taken to Jervis street hospital, where it was feared that amputation would be necessary.

On the electric tram line between Haddington road and the Dalkey, the cars, hereafter, are to run at intervals of six minutes between each, and at an increased speed.

Last week, at the Hillerban Bank, College green, and branches and at the Belfast Banking Co., Belfast and branches, applications were received for the capital stock (£250,000) of the Motor Car and Cycle company of Ireland, an enterprise which has for some time past attracted much public attention. The capital is £250,000 in £1 shares, £125,000 being six per cent. preference (cumulative) and £125,000 ordinary. A large number of the stock was taken up, and at the close of bank hours it was understood the whole of the capital had been subscribed.

It is announced that the competitions for the "Pots Cerill" number 354 in all. The majority of the entries are from the metropolises and suburbs, but all the provinces are represented. The competitions, which promise to be of a most interesting kind, will be held on May 18 to 21, in various halls in Dublin.

At their last meeting the Great Southern and Western Railway directors elected Mr. Wm. Robertson, of Hermitage, Dundrum, deputy chairman in succession to Mr. Pim, now chairman of the board.

Up to the last received accounts regarding the dispute in the Mineral water trade, I. Dublin, there had been no approach to a settlement of the strike of Messrs. Bewley & Draper's men. The firm maintains the same indisposition to open relations with their late staff, while the men maintain their contention, that they were looking for only the same terms as other leading firms in the city gave.

Last week the monument to the late Mr. John Kelly, erected over his grave in Glasnevin, was unveiled. The monument is in the form of a Celtic cross which was erected at a cost of £80. The proceeds of a public subscription for the monument is a simple one. On the side facing the grave are the simple words, "John Kelly," and on the other the following is chiselled: "John Kelly, born in Bantry, died in Dublin, 17th April, 1896, aged 48 years. R. I."

On April 14th the coroner for North Dublin, Mr. Christopher Freyer, held an inquest at 8 Sarah place, Island bridge, into the circumstances attending the death of a man who had not been identified, and was found drowned in the "Well" at the Water, Island

bridge. A verdict of "Found drowned" was returned. With a view to the identification of the body it was removed to the city morgue, where a photograph was taken by a member of the detective force. The police are of the opinion that the deceased was a fisherman. A large sum of money was found on his person.

Sister Mary Bonaventure McHugh died suddenly at St. Anne's Convent, Booterstown, one day a week ago. The deceased had been subject to fits of apoplexy.

KILDARE.

On April 20th there was interred in the cemetery attached to the Sisters of Mercy Convent, in Athy, the mortal remains of Sister Teresa Maher, a nun of more than ordinary sanctity, ability and zeal, and who has left behind her a bright record for work done in the cause of religion and education. She had attained the age of 77 years, 66 of which were devoted to the holy practices of convent life. In 1842 she entered the convent in Carlow, and after a few years was one of a few selected to proceed to Callan, to found a convent of the order there. The undertaking was successful, and the Callan Convent has become since the parent house of many of the order, at home and in the colonies. She was a niece of the late Father Jas. Maher P. P. Carlow-Graigue, and a relative of his Eminence the late Cardinal Cullen and of his Eminence Cardinal Moran. One of her sisters was for years superior of the Mercy Convent, Carlow, and one is at present superior of the convent in Callan.

A public meeting of the Duke of Leinster's Athy estate tenants was recently held for the purpose of considering what course they should adopt in view of the expiration of the fifteen years' judicial term of rents on the estate. There was a large attendance. Mr. Thos. Plevman, C. T., presided.

A majority of those present gave their names as being in favor of going into the courts, as it was utterly impossible for tenants to pay present rents, and if the landlords would not see their way to grant a substantial reduction in rents they would soon have a good deal of land lying idle on their hands. Messrs. Thomas P. Monks, L. D., Valentine Kilbride, W. M. Byrne, Carlow solicitors were selected to conduct the cases for the tenants, and Messrs. Thomas Robertson, Narraghmore, Athy, S. Kidd, Athy, and N. Davidson, Timahoe, were selected as valuers.

WEXFORD.

On the morning of a week ago Monday, John Leod, an army pensioner, resident in Gorey, committed suicide in a determined manner by cutting his throat with a razor. He was conveyed at once to the workhouse infirmary, but expired shortly afterward. Mr. Leod was formerly an inmate of the Eniscorthy District Asylum, where he was classed as a melancholic patient.

The death is announced as having taken place suddenly of apoplexy at Reading, England, of Charles Higate Trench, M. D., second son of the late Samuel Trench, J. P. of Ballyhealy House, County Wexford.

At the last monthly meeting of the Governors of the Eniscorthy Lunatic Asylum Mr. N. N. Cookman, D. L., presiding, three candidates presented themselves for the position of Assistant Medical Officer. Dr. Henrick, Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Elgee. On a poll being taken, Dr. Kennedy was elected by a majority of the entire board. The matron (Miss Allen), who retired after a service of twenty-seven years was granted a pension of £75, and it was decided to appoint in her place a head nurse at a salary of £45 a year, and allowances of £40.

KILKENNY.

It is announced from Lisbon, Portugal that Rev. Father Hickey Superior of the Irish Dominicans of Corpo Santo, Lisbon, breathed his last at Benficia, five miles outside of Lisbon. Father Hickey died comparatively young, being only 52 years of age. He was born at Gowran, Kilkenny, and was the son of a civil engineer. He first entered the Irish college, Paris, with the idea of becoming a secular priest, but afterward finding himself called to the religious state, he entered the Dominican Order at the time when French audiences were held spellbound by the inspired oratory of Lacordaire. Father Hickey was a rare and gifted preacher, speaking with equal proficiency in French, English, Spanish and Portuguese. Mr. Henry Arthur O'Brien, Chief Magistrate of Singapore, India, died at Singapore on April 12th, aged 43. He was a son of the late Protestant Bishop of Ossory and Ferns, and was attached to the office of the Lieutenant-Governor of Penang, in March, 1879. He became Commissioner and Magistrate at Malacca in 1883, and was Acting Resident at Sungel Ujong from May, 1884, to June, 1885.

KING'S COUNTY.

In consequence of the intended resignation, by Mr. Biddulph, of the Magistracy of Ormond and King's County Hunt, a special and full meeting of the followers has been summoned by Mr. Hon. sec. Mr. Christopher Benson, J. P. of Broughall Castle, to take the necessary steps to ensure a continuity in the hunting of the district. Mr. Biddulph accepted the position at a time when there was a danger of the hunt being suspended for the want of a head to guide it. It is rumored that his resignation is due to a feeling on the part that the county should be divided between two packs.

Lord Rosse, as the market authority of the town, has, by virtue of his patent rights, issued a series of new regulations to be observed in the holding of the local fairs there. In future, cattle must only be sold on fair days, in the fair green, and on market days (not being fair days), in Duke square; sheep must be sold only in Pound street and Townsend street; horses, mules, jennets and donkeys in Duke square; and pigs in Castle street, and the lower part of Main street.

LONGFORD.

The movement to insert a stained glass window in Fergney Church to the memory of Oliver Goldsmith, has been crowned with success. Over £70 has been collected, and out of the de-

signs for a stained window that of Messrs. Watson, of Yougalta a scene from "The Deserted Village"—was selected.

LOUTH.

We are happy to state in relation to the occurrence which took place near Dunleer as reported in last week's issue, when a bull attacked a herd, named Rath of Mr. Magrane, J. P., that the injured man is progressing favorably toward recovery.

On Passion Sunday, in the Sienna Convent, Drogheda, two young ladies had the happiness of being received into the Order of Saint Dominic by the Very Rev. Father Conway, O. P. P., assisted by the Rev. Fathers D. Boyd, O. P. The ladies were Miss Nolan, of Tralee, now sister M. Dominic, and Miss Mary Margaret McGovern, now Sister Mary Gabriel. The last named lady is the eldest daughter of the late Capt. McGovern, North Strand, Drogheda.

MUNSTER.

CORK.

The death early last week of Dr. Edward R. Townsend, C. T., is announced. His funeral was attended by an enormous number of citizens of all creeds and classes. At the meeting of the trustees of the South Infirmary a resolution was passed expressing profound regret at the death of Dr. Townsend, who had been connected with the institution for thirty-six years.

At a recent meeting of the Youghal Town Commissioners it was stated that the sea is steadily encroaching on the strand beyond Claycastle. It is believed that the military range would have to be abandoned.

The body of a farmer named Timothy T. Kennedy, who died recently, in the public road at Glendara, near Newmarket, Death is supposed to have resulted from heart disease.

On April 20th, Right Rev. Dr. Kelly, the future Bishop of Ross, arrived in Skibbereen, by train from Ennis, and proceeded to the presbytery attached to the Bishop's house. He was very cordially welcomed by the people.

Mr. P. Lyne, who has had charge of the extensive excise district of Skibbereen for the past few years, has been transferred on promotion to Halford Manchester, and has been replaced by Mr. P. Twomey from Tipperary. Mr. Lyne was a universal favorite in Skibbereen and all over the district.

At the Cork Police Office last week Cornelius Cannon, charged with stealing a cow belonging to his mother was remanded for a week.

KERRY.

A Killarney correspondent writes: "The government having failed to make any timely disposal for the disposal of the thousands of tons of post scattered over a large portion of East Kerry roads by the recent bog disaster, the farmers whose land has been affected have appeared to have decided to do so summarily, by throwing it into the river. The Killarney Conservators, however, knowing such a procedure would mean practically the ruin of the extensive and valuable salmon and trout fisheries, have now held a meeting and decided to put down the practice with a very strong hand. They have ordered prosecutions to uphold the reputation of the district as a fishing resort. The farmers on the other hand are greatly inconvenienced. The attractions of the 'Kingdom of Kerry' for tourists are to be further enhanced during the coming season, by the opening of two new first-class hotels for the Southern Hotels Company. They are being built by the well known firm of Samuel Hill, of Cork, and when completed will be among the finest specimens of hotels to be found in the Three Kingdoms. Both are situated in the Kenmare district, one being at Parkinastilla, fifteen miles from Kenmare, on the north side of Kenmare River, and the other on the outskirts of Kenmare town, on the main road between Glengarriff and Killarney. They will cost, together, over £20,000, and are expected to be ready for guests by the 1st of July.

LIMERICK.

At the last Limerick Petty Sessions, Arthur Grimes, or Graham, charged with having fired into the house of Margaret Quilty, publican, at Annacotty, was committed for trial. The chief witness against the prisoner was an informer, named Thomas Supple, whom the magistrate (Mr. Hickson, R. M.) declared from the bench to be a perjured scoundrel.

At the last Limerick Quarter Sessions, Judge Adams, in disposing of the case of Henry Adams, charged with the tax on the city—tea stallings in the pound—and said it was at a fearful high rate, and for all he could see, there was nothing for it but the finest head of man in the world. There was talk nowadays of Irish industries, but nothing was so deadly against such a movement as the high taxation in Irish towns. In England it was but three or four shillings in the pound, and to the owners of large factories or premises the difference in taxation meant a great deal.

CLARE.

On the evening of a recent date, a meeting of the residents of all classes of the town of Ennis was held in the Town hall, for the purpose of considering the best method in which the feelings of the people of the district might be demonstrated toward the Very Rev. Dr. Kelly, on his promotion to the See of Ross. Mr. J. F. Cullinan occupied the chair. A subscription list was opened and over £50 was at once handed in, and committees were appointed to carry out the object of the meeting.

Great rejoicing took place in Kilt-rush, at the release from prison of Mary Garvey and Mary Madigan, both aged sixty, who had suffered a month's imprisonment for interfering with a local land-grabber. The women were met at the railway station by an immense throng of people, headed by the St. Patrick's National Band. They were placed on an outside car, decorated with evergreens, and were escorted in triumph to their homes.

TIPPERARY.

The people of Thurles and Clonoulty sent an illuminated address, by the American mail steamer which left Queenstown a week ago for New York. The address is from the well wishers of Archbishop Ryan in his native county, who join with the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Dr. Ryan's episcopate. The designing and illuminating of the address are worthy of the occasion, and are all that could be desired. It is appropriate, coming from Ireland, that it should be purely Irish in design, with the shamrock and forget-me-not introduced in well selected places, with views of the Rock of Cashel, Holy Cross Abbey, and an interior view showing the cross over the grave of the father of the Archbishop, also Thurles Castle, a figure of St. Patrick, the Cathedral of Thurles, Erin and the Harp, together with the Archbishop's diocesan and family arms and portrait. The coloring, design and general effect are very fine, making a beautiful specimen of Celtic illuminating art. It is mounted in a heavy gold frame, and was executed by Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, 6 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin.

On April 19, Mr. J. Bagwell (son of Mr. R. Bagwell, D. L.), while riding through Marlfield demesne, met with a serious accident. His horse shied under a tree and he was struck violently against a low bush and knocked to the ground unconscious. He is since progressing favorably.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Michael Boland, Master of Clonmel Workhouse. He was born in Fermanagh served some time in the Dublin Metropolitan Police, and subsequently served through the Crimean war. He was quartermaster of the South Tipperary Artillery and some nineteen years ago was appointed Master of Clonmel Workhouse. A few weeks ago he resumed duty after a long illness but, on April 19 he was again taken suddenly ill, and passed quietly away. Two of his sons hold important Civil Service appointments in London.

The people of Mitchelstown learned with much satisfaction of the news of the unopposed election of their esteemed townsman Mr. Ambrose Mandeville to the Corporation of South Tipperary. On the evening of a week ago Monday Mr. Mandeville was serried at his residence, Clonilla House, under Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, landmaster. The band was accompanied by a large crowd of people, who enthusiastically cheered for the Nationalist electors of South Tipperary, who had given the only position of emolument which it was in their power to bestow to a member of one of the most patriotic Irish families.

WATERFORD.

Last week the dead body of a man, apparently a sailor, was found in the river at Waterford. At the inquest, the remains were identified by Edward Conway of Ferrybank, as those of Timothy Hill, residing in Clonilla House, under Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, landmaster. The band was accompanied by a large crowd of people, who enthusiastically cheered for the Nationalist electors of South Tipperary, who had given the only position of emolument which it was in their power to bestow to a member of one of the most patriotic Irish families.

A Waterford farmer states that some of the potatoes recently planted have rotted in the ground owing to the continued wetness of the weather. The Mayor and Corporation of Waterford, in a recent session of the High Mass at the Cathedral on Easter Sunday.

On April 23, Mr. E. N. Power, Coroner for the Eastern Division of Waterford, held an inquest upon the body of an old man named William Quann, a cooper by trade, who had died suddenly on the previous Tuesday, at Little Patrick street. The deceased, who was advanced in years, was an inmate of the Holy Ghost Hospital, and was in the habit of visiting his wife nearly every day in the week, where she lived in Little Patrick street. He died so on that day, and then took a weakness, which resulted in death. Medical evidence was given to the effect that death resulted from failure of the heart's action, and a verdict was given accordingly.

ULSTER.

ANTRIM.

Last week great interest was excited in Belfast by a public exhibition of Pennington motor cars. A parade took place, starting from the Grand Central Hotel, Royal Avenue, and was witnessed by thousands. So dense was the throng that the police had the greatest difficulty in keeping the road clear for vehicular traffic. The first car was occupied by the Lord Mayor and Mr. Pennington, and the parade was voted a complete success.

In Belfast, recently, a shocking discovery was made in a second class carriage, at the Northern Counties Railway Terminus, York Road. A porter who had been sent to lock some carriages which had been shunted three days previously toward the goods station. In a second class compartment he discovered the dead body of a man, subsequently identified as Owen McAra, 4 Inkerman street, aged 40, and formerly employed in Portadown as a spinning mester. A bottle which had contained laudanum, was found lying beside the deceased, and it is stated that he purchased the poison at a druggist's in York street. It is not known how he obtained admission or for what period he had been in the carriage.

For some time past negotiations have been in progress for the purchase of the Grand Central Hotel, Royal Avenue, Belfast, by an English syndicate, and it is said that a sum of £70,000 was offered a short time ago and refused. It is now stated that the hotel has changed hands, and has been secured by the syndicate for £75,000. The Grand Central was fostered origi-

nally for 245,000, and the present shareholders will have the option of taking shares in the new company, or being paid off in cash. Mr. Duncan, chairman of the Old Bushmills Distillery Company is mentioned as one of the leaders in the movement.

Mr. Jonathan Phoenix, a well known Belfast merchant, died suddenly, last week, at his residence, Abbotford, Malone road, the cause of death being rupture of a blood vessel in the region of the heart. The deceased gentleman was a member of the firm of Gregg, Sons & Phoenix.

ARMAGH.

The University of Edinburgh has conferred the honorary degree of LL. D. on Lord Russell, of Killowen.

The official filing of the nominations took place on April 22d, before the Town Clerk, Mr. F. G. Peel, and in addition the following were entered as candidates: St. Patrick's Ward—Richard Best, George A. Edwards, James Mann, Robert Turner, J. P. Thomas Wilson, and Andrew C. McBride, nominated by Mr. W. J. Greer Messrs. John McClelland and James Eakin, nominated by Mr. G. B. Taylor. Messrs. John McClelland, Dr. Herron, John Gray and R. T. Huston, M. R. C. V. S., nominated by D. Heron. St. Mark's Ward—Messrs. Joseph Anderson, J. P., William Donnelly, James Irwin, James Maxwell, Samuel C. Sloane, and James Witsitt, nominated by Mr. John Young, Dr. R. T. Herron, Messrs. John McClelland, Alexander Wallace (grocer) and William Carter, nominated by Mr. D. P. Martin.

St. Bridget's Ward—Messrs. James Murphy, William M'Crum, Thomas J. Newtown, Josiah Peel, Alexander Wallace (ironmonger) and John Harrison, nominated by Mr. Samuel Davison. Mr. John McKean, nominated by Mr. James Newbanks, and Mr. Robert John Keegan, nominated by Mr. Peter Collins.

In the above lists the candidates nominated by Messrs. W. J. Greer, John Young and Samuel Davidson are those selected by the Unionist Association. The other Protestants nominated are independent candidates. Under the new regime the number of Commissioners to be elected for each Ward is six.

DOWN.

The body of Lance-Corporal Armstrong of the First Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles was found recently in a canal at Aldershot Camp.

Mr. Robert Thompson has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for County Down.

TYRONE.

On the night of a recent date, a respectable farmer named Peter Grimes, who resided in the townland of Anaghmore, about two miles from Coalisland, dropped dead when on his way home. The deceased had been on a visit with a neighboring farmer, on that night, and left for home but was found dead on the way next morning.

CAVAN.

At the last quarter sessions in Cootehill, before Judge Waters, a large number of ejectments were listed for hearing. Decrees were granted in all the cases, but those representing the landlords promised that if a year's rent and costs were paid within two months the decrees would not be issued. An interesting case was heard, in which the trustees of Lord Headfort proceeded against an emergency man named Smith, for possession of a house which he held as a caretaker on an expired farm. Mr. Allen, solicitor for plaintiffs, said a settlement had been made with the widow of the ejected tenant, and the defendant refused to give up possession of the house into which he had been put as caretaker, in 1894. Mr. Girvan, solicitor, contended that the defendant should have received a six months' notice to quit. Judge Waters said he had no title in the place at all, and gave a decree for possession.

MONAGHAN.

Mr. T. Phelan, Coroner for South Monaghan, held an inquest recently into the cause of death of Thomas Halpenny, aged 87 years, who had been found dead in his bed, near Castleblaney. Dr. R. A. Crawford deposed that in his opinion, death was due to senile decay. The jury found a verdict accordingly.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Monaghan Board of Guardians, Sir John Leslie in the chair, a letter was received from Miss Margaret McManus regarding her expulsion from the board room. Prior to the reading of Miss McManus' letter a document attacking a Guardian was received from a man named Kelly; and this was ordered by the board to be burned. Mr. William Murray, J. P., performing the ceremony, Miss McManus in her letter, proceeded to show that Mr. Dunne, who had been nominated against her at the recent Poor-law Election, had been improperly returned; and she claimed £500 compensation for being carried out of the board room by force. The chairman said it might be as well to mark the letter "read," and let Miss McManus proceed to recover this £500. Mr. Black thought they ought to do the same with Miss McManus' letter as they had done with the last—put it in the fire; and this was accordingly done, the chairman acting as "cremator."

FERMANAGH.

At the Enniskillen Quarter Sessions Mr. Walter Craig, C. C., County Court Judge of Fermanagh and Monaghan, delivered judgement on the appeals of the Loan Fund Societies (Lisbellaw, Ballinacorney and Kesh), on whose behalf it was argued that renewals were not new loans, but only giving a fresh security, and that the moneys were recoverable on the notes. The judge rejected this view, and left the Loan Fund Societies to recover on the notes by other legal proceedings. The decision affects loans aggregating between £200,000, and £300,000.

DONOGAL.

In Derry a meeting of shareholders in the proposed extension of the Donegal Railway was held in the Board

room, at the Harbor office, to hear a report on the subject from the Derry Chamber of Commerce. Alderman Pollock, J. P., chairman of the chamber, presided. It is understood that several of the Donegal directors promised to take up as much as £1,000 each. The citizens of Derry will require to subscribe close upon £30,000 in order to keep the control of the railway in their own hands. The proposed Derry line is to run along the Tyrone side of the river, the Great Northern occupying the city side. A deputation from Ballyshannon was present, and urged the extension of the railway from Donegal to Ballyshannon, as it would pass through a rich and prosperous district, and would open up a new seaport which would rival Portrush. The draft prospectus was submitted and shares subscribed for, and the meeting terminated.

CONNAUGHT.

GALWAY.

A man named Head, described as an army reserve man, attempted to cut his throat last week, in Loughrea, Bridewell where he was confined pending his trial at petty sessions, for being "drunk and disorderly." Head obtained a razor to shave himself, but instead he endeavored to end his life, but at the sight of the blood became frightened and abandoned the idea.

Mr. W. K. Fayle, T. C., who has taken a deep interest in the agitation for the revival of the abandoned railway branch that, eighteen years ago, was working between Birt and Portumma Bridge, stated at a recent meeting of the Town Commissioners that the Chief Secretary has intimated that the government would advance the people of the district a sum of £24,000, to make up the £24,000 that it was estimated would be required to reconstruct and re-equip the line, but the people interested considered that the question was one for settlement not as between the government and themselves but as between the government and the Great Southern and Western Railway company.

A Galway correspondent writes that preparations were being made for the holiday of a Gaelic Language Convention in Galway. Most Rev. Dr. MacCormack had intimated his willingness to preside, and invitations have been issued to friends of the movement in Dublin and other parts of the country. Mr. Laurence Conroy recently sold the family residence, out-offices and lands, of Carron, near Bellinacree, the property of Bernard Joseph Esq., containing 446 acres, 1 rod, 17 perches, at the judicial rent of £255 a year. After a spirited bidding, Mr. Andrew Moran, of Loughrea, was declared the purchaser, at £1,596, including auction fees.

LEITRIM.

The Press Association's Norwich (England) correspondent reports that on April 20 a serious accident had befallen Viscount Leitrim, who was paying a visit to the Rev. Canon Garner, rector of Quilkenham. Lord Leitrim had been out riding, and was pitched from his horse on to the roadway. He was brought home unconscious, and at last accounts was reported to be suffering from concussion of the brain.

ROSCOMMON.

St. George Caulfield, Esq., Dunamon Castle has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the counties of Roscommon and Galway. We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Higgins, which took place at his residence, Carrowduff, at the age of 73 years.

SLIGO.

On Sunday of a recent date the dead body of James O'Hara, a well known bailiff in Glenhest, was found, under very strange circumstances, in a shallow portion of the Shirkdagh River, about two miles from his home. The depth of water was no more than fifteen or eighteen inches, but deceased's face was submerged in it, as he lay on hands and feet. His hat and coat were placed on his stick on the bank of the river, as if to attract attention; but the wonder is how any person could be drowned in such a spot. At an inquest held before Mr. P. J. Kelly, an open verdict was returned. Deceased was a water bailiff in the district, and often figured in Petty Sessions, prosecuting against alleged poachers.

At the last meeting of the Tobarucry Board of Guardians, Mr. P. J. Donohue was elected Rate-collector by a substantial majority. He is son of Mr. Patrick Donohue, of Corsallagh, and nephew of the Clerk of the Union, Mr. James Donohue.

MAYO.

Mr. M. J. Mellet, auctioneer, Swinford, sold Dr. Horkan's houses, in Swinford, to Mr. E. Kelly, of that town, for £750. The bidding was of a spirited description.

The death of Capt. Annesly Knox, D. L. of Rappa Castle, County Mayo, is announced.

Mr. Doohan, the celebrated Dublin architect, accompanied by Mr. John B. Healy, the eminent contractor for the new church of Castlebar, examined the foundations, on April 8th, and was well pleased to find the work rapidly progressing. Large numbers of laborers are employed on the edifice, which will be finished in time.

New buildings in Castlebar are not confined to the New Church or the works at the asylum. Mr. Richard O'Connell is making rapid progress with the erection of a line of beautiful cottages in Chapel street, and Mr. Patrick Morrin is putting up some splendid two-story houses in New Antrim street. Within the last half dozen years a great number of slated dwellings have sprung up in the lower end of the town, and more are promised.

The death is announced at his residence, Streamstown, Westport, on the morning of Holy Thursday, in the 62d year of his age, of Mr. Patrick O'Beirne, ex-Sergeant, R. I. C. Deceased, who was a native of County Leitrim, was a most respectable, straightforward man, who endeared himself to all his acquaintances by strictness, honesty, and integrity of character, and with sympathy is felt for his bereaved widow and children.