

Irish News.

Antrim.—At the International Exhibition held recently in Edinburgh, Scotland, Messrs. Thornton and Company, High street, Belfast, were awarded three gold medals for elegance of design and quality in waterproof garments, fishing appliances, game bags, and hospital sheetings.

Quite a number of linen manufacturers of Belfast were fined recently for violating the Factory Act by detaining juvenile workers after the hours prescribed. It was stated that they were detained so as to expedite the packing of goods for New York in order to reach that port before the McKinley Tariff Act came into operation.

Armagh.—The annual harvest fair of Camlough was held recently. There was a large supply of stock offered for sale. The attendance of farmers and dealers was large, but buying was not brisk. Prices showed no improvement on current quotations. Milk cows were in good demand, and young cows realised from £20 to £22; second class, £16 to £18; third class, £8 10s to £11 each.

Carlow.—Ejectment decrees were recently obtained against the following tenants in the county:—Anne Watters, Kilclony; Anne Dougherty, Se-kinnan; and Patrick Gaban, Michael Leighlan, and John Timmons of Tullow district.

Clare.—Fathers Vaughan and Burke, Kildysart, recently preached excellent sermons on the evils of drink, and strongly advised the congregation to join the temperance movement.

A convention of the priests and people of West Clare was held at Kilrush recently in support of the Irish Tenants' Defence Association. There was a large attendance. The convention was privately conducted. Very Rev. Dr. White, Kilrush, presided. There were also present, Jeremiah Jordan, M.P., and Joseph B. Cox, M.P.

Cork.—Jeremiah Corcoran has obtained £100 as damages from Captain Bye, for injuring him by shooting.

A barrel of porter started down Barrack hill, Fermoy, recently, and gained such speed in its journey that it was impossible for any person to stop it until it had run its course.

The bailiffs who are raiding in Meelin district on behalf of the Leader estate, recently made a splendid capture. They invested a pig-stye belonging to John Drislane, in which two hoggies and an adult pig were sleeping. These they seized on, and marched, in procession, surrounded by wagons of armed policemen, to the pound at Kaniurk.

While the Guardians of the Skull Union were sitting recently, the boardroom was stormed by a body of labourers, small farmers and women, apparently in a starving condition, who stated that their families were sick and dying, with no nourishment but unripe potatoes the size of marbles, and no drink but water. The Guardians could not give relief, but passed a resolution asking the Government to provide employment for them.

At Banteer recently the final match for the Munster Football Championship was fought between teams representing Cork and Kerry. An enormous concourse of people assembled to witness the contest. The Middleton team brought with them by special train a host of friends from their native town and Cork, while those who journeyed down to the meeting place with the Kallorglin men were not less numerous. The contest resulted in a victory for Cork.

Michael Murphy, residing at Clounagaikin, near Castletownbere, last week died at the age of 102 years. He possessed extraordinary mental as well as physical powers, and about two months ago walked to Castletown on Sunday morning, communicated, and remained for second Mass, and afterwards he walked home with the agility of a strong man, without taking his breakfast. He lived about four miles from Castletown and always walked to town backward and forward weekly. He clearly remembered the arrival of the French fleet in Bantry Bay, as well as the betrayal and arrest of its officers.

Father Mahony, who died recently in Auckland, was born at Macroom, 1823. Having joined the Franciscan Order, he received his theological education at St. Isadore's College, Rome. His first mission was Ennis, County Clare. By permission of the General of his Order he joined the Franciscan missionaries of the Holy Land in 1862. In 1866 the cholera was raging, and Father Mahony had to perform the duties of priest, physician and grave-digger. Cardinal Howard, one of the company which visited the Holy Land, wished him to return to Ireland. His answer was—"I cannot leave the creatures. I will stand or fall with them." Soon his health became impaired, and he returned to Saint Isadore's and subsequently to the Irish Franciscans at Capranica. Having spent nearly a year amongst his Irish brethren he elected to go to Auckland, where he arrived in 1867. The unselfishness of his life was worthy the country and his Order. He lived and laboured for God and his fellow-man.

Donegal.—The celebrated Arthur J. has recently been running over the distressed portions of this County. At Killybegs the priest and people required him to erect a pier in connection with the line of railway, which he stated would receive his careful consideration.

Fermanagh.—At a meeting of the William Redmond branch of the I.N.L., in Enniskillen it was stated that as the result of the revision seasons the Nationalists had obtained a total gain of 101.

Galway.—A large number of persons left Galway recently for Australia. They were taken off free, agents for the purpose of gathering together suitable labourers desirous of emigrating being in Galway for some weeks past. It is not accurately known what the emigrants are to be employed at when they reach Australia.

Rev. Dean McLaughlin of Tuam was some time ago presented with a testimonial of over £300 by his admiring friends and grateful parishioners on the occasion of his golden jubilee. The dean has now given the entire sum, along with £500 on his own part, towards founding and endowing a free bursarship at Maynooth.

A serious explosion occurred in Ballinasloe Workhouse while the master was searching his room for an escape of gas with a lighted match. Much damage was done to the workhouse and the door of the chapel, fifty yards off, was broken. The master and porter were severely injured, the latter receiving a fracture of the skull, from which he is not expected to recover.

Kerry.—The Dingle tenants who purchased their holdings under the Ashbourne Act have not struck a gold mine. They find the change is only a difference in the name of the landlords. A meeting was recently held, Very Rev. Canon Sullivan, presiding, at which a resolution was passed requesting an extension of time and reduction in the annual payments.

Notices were recently posted through the town and locality calling on the tenants on the Lansdowne estate to come in and pay their rents from the 3rd to the 7th of November. There was a footnote, as follows:—An abatement of twenty-five per cent will be given on non-judicial agricultural rents and twenty per cent on judicial rents to all who pay the November, '89, gale on the above day. Signed, J. Townsend Trench.

Kilkenny.—A police sergeant from Urlingford presented himself at last Tullaroan National League meeting and informed Father Downey that if any reference was made to boycotted persons or farms the Branch would be suppressed. There was no attention paid to this envoy from Mr. Balfour.

At a special meeting of the local Branch of the League, Very Rev. Patrick Canon Hoyne presiding, it was unanimously resolved that the parochial collection in aid of the Tenant's Defence Association should be held on Sunday, November 16. The people of Mackalee and Ballyfoyle are determined to help their fellow-tenants of the South and West, not only at the present time but whenever they may be called upon to do so by the Irish Parliamentary Party.

Leitrim.—At a meeting of the inhabitants of Ballinamore a resolution was passed adopting a memorial on the motion of Father Breen, P.P., and seconded by Rev. Mr. Clark, Protestant Rector, in reference to the potato failure. The memorial states that the yield in a large number of cases is less than the seed planted in spring, in other cases it is but half a crop, and where there is a full crop the quality of the potato is inferior. Relief works are recommended.

Limerick.—Catherine Hanley, a Glensharrold evicted tenant, was fined heavily at Newcastle West Sessions for digging the potatoes which she had planted in her farm.

Rev. M. Ryan presided at last Murroe and Boher National League meeting. It was complained that parties were beginning to send in their cattle on the Cloncurry evicted property. They were advised not to do so again or their names would be published. Resolutions were passed congratulating Messrs Dillon and O'Brien on their escape.

Longford.—The Levan, County Longford, Workingmen's Association complain that the farmers there disagree with the landlords in everything but blocking the Labourers' Act.

At recent Ballymacormack National League meeting, J. Egan President, occupied the chair. The members unanimously agreed that John Hoey, who was in gaol for refusing to give evidence at the Star Chamber, should not suffer. During his incarceration the men of the parish gathered and did all his work in one day.

Longford great October fair was the largest fair ever held in Longford. The October fair is usually the great fair of the year in the County, but latterly it has pushed itself up to be one of the greatest fairs of all the Counties around. It is confidently asserted that 4,000 pigs and 2,000 heads of cattle were at the fair, value at £20,000.

Meath.—A very peculiar case was tried at recent sub-Commission, the landlord being General Hutchinson and the tenant Richard J. Butler, who was anxious to have the benefit of the Land Act. During the hearing it transpired there were clauses in the lease against sub-letting, and that not more than twenty-five Irish acres should be broken up; and also a clause prohibiting the tenant from carrying off or selling any of the straw produced on the land.

Monaghan.—At recent meeting of the Clonbret National League a resolution was passed calling upon every person in the parish to join the branch as a protest against the Tipperary persecutions.

Quite a number of batoners were hanging around the locality where the Carrickmacross Leaguers met last week but failed to find the exact place. Rev. W. O'Doherty, C.C., presided. Present—Messrs. Dwyer, Keelaghan, Keelan, McBride, Connolly, Marron, Hand, and Larkin. The ordinary business having been transacted, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted:—That we heartily congratulate Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien on their successful escape from Balfour's police, and we wish them a God speed in their mission to America.

Queen's County.—James Byrne, one of the evicted tenants, was arrested in the fair of Ballinakil on a charge of intimidating some of the "planters." After two hours' detention in the barrack he was released.

On October 7 Rev. Thomas O'Carroll, son of Thomas O'Carroll, Graig evillan, left the Missionary College, Paris, for Sierra Leone. He was joined in Marseilles by six Fathers and seven Brothers of the Order S. Sp. and twelve nuns, with a number of secular clergy, all for the East coast of Africa. Sierra Leone is his first mission.

Sligo.—John Clancy, Sheriff of Dublin city, and a native of Sligo, has added another item to his record in the Irish struggle. He it was who managed the escape of Dillon and O'Brien.

A meeting was held at Tubbercurry in support of the construction of a railway from Collooney to Claremorris. This railway scheme has been approved of and advocated by the Sligo, Swinford, and Tubbercurry Boards of Guardians, and the meeting was composed of the ratepayers of the three Unions.

Messrs. McDonald and Leamy, M.P.s, accompanied by P. A. McHugh, had a lengthened interview with Most Rev. Dr. Gilhooly at