

Irish News.

Antrim.—The Lough Neagh pollen fisheries have now closed and the season has been a very unfavourable one compared with former years. The pollen fishery was looked on as the staple industry of the lough, but of late years the pollen has annually become scarcer and more inferior in quality.

The Ballymoney Guardians recently received a document signed by a number of ratepayers in the Dervock Electoral Division requesting them to erect labourers' cottages in the district. The approximate cost of each building was stated at £122. No action, however, was taken.

Ballymena linen market has been very firm, and some lots have been sold at advanced prices. The general feeling is that prices will go up. It is believed stocks of Ballymenas in the white and are very small, and there are very few brown goods to offer. Manufacturers are very hopeful of a good winter trade.

Carlow.—The landowners in the County are beginning to feel uncomfortable, and a Convention was held in the County Club House, Carlow, to consider the position and elect officers. They feel the end is approaching fast.

Probate of the will of the late Right Hon. Arthur Kavanagh, of Borris House, Carlow, has been granted to the executors, his wife, Mrs. Francis Mary Kavanagh; his son, Captain Walter McMorrough Kavanagh, and his son-in-law, James Henry Stock of Knockie Park, Woolton, Liverpool, by whom the value of the testator's personal estate has been sworn at £17,644 6s 4d.

The demand of the labourers of Bagnalstown for an increase in wages has been met in a very liberal spirit by some of the employers. William Ward, Mr. O'Neil, and Messrs. Norton of Carlow have given an advance to their employees. In Leighlinbridge Messrs. Watson have also conceded the advance asked for.

The meeting of Carlow National League, recently held, was numerously attended. Father Kavanagh presided. The Secretary, James Hoey, read a letter from the secretary of the Castledermot branch, bringing under notice the practice of shopkeepers from Carlow supplying objectionable parties with goods from their vans, and giving the names of two traders who had done so. The members were desirous of proving their devotion to the Irish cause, and consequently arrangements were made for collecting the Tenants' Defence Fund.

Cork.—The Mayor paid his usual visit to the gaol and saw all the Coercion prisoners. They were quite well and in excellent spirits.

The Baltimore Railway is all but commenced, the implements, etc., having arrived. The Baroness Burdett-Coutts will be the leading personage at the opening of the active work. Her ladyship and Mr. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., will dig the first sod.

A public meeting of the labourers of Liscarroll and parish was held on a recent Sunday to demand State aid for the construction of the Buttevant and Newcastle Railway as a means of giving employment and alleviating the distress existing in this district in consequence of the total failure of the potato crop. Denis Herlihy presided.

The last shipment of cured mackerel left Baltimore November 10 consisting of 3,000 barrels.

The quay labourers who struck last week because of undue preference given to non-unionist labourers are still idle, and show no sign of surrendering on the point of working along with the labourers who are not members of the Union. The number of the latter now in the employment of the company has increased from eleven to forty.

Lohort Castle, beautifully situated near the Blackwater, between Kanturk and Mallow, has been sold by the Earl of Egmont. The architecture of the castle is antique, and the general appearance impressive. The purchaser of this fine establishment and beautiful grounds adjoining is T. C. O'Brien, a wealthy Catholic gentleman from Manchester, and nephew of Sir Patrick O'Brien.

Derry.—The Government are instituting inquiries with regard to the prevalence of ether drinking in Derry. The sergeants of the different police stations in Magherafelt have been instructed to procure the information required.

A large number of processes were served upon the Drapers' tenants in arrears in the Moneyamore division. It is thought that in most cases settlements will be effected.

Donegal.—The celebrated Arthur J. Balfour drove into Gweedore recently, had an interview with evictor O'phert and his agent, and started away the following morning before six o'clock. This is his way of investigating the question of Irish distress.

The work of evicting tenants was resumed November 12 on the Olphert estate. The weather was inclement. The Bishop of Raphoe, acting on behalf of the tenants, had a half hour's conference with the agent of the estate, but failed to effect an arrangement.

Down.—The yacht *Urania* was wrecked during a gale on the Down coast. The crew were rescued, but the owner, Lord Cantelupe was drowned.

Bernard McCoy, a tenant on the Kilmorey estate, was evicted from his holding recently. McCoy, who resided with his mother, an aged and infirm woman, held a farm of about eight statute acres in the townland of Clohege. There was no resistance.

A meeting of tenant-farmers of Dufferin was held recently in Killyleagh. Joseph Carr, The Goschen, near Killyleagh, presided, when the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—That the reductions given by the Down Sub-Commission are utterly insufficient, and unless the judicial rents as fixed are further reduced payment of same out of the profits of the farm will be altogether impossible; that we protest against the appointment of Mr. Bomford as Appeal Court Valuer, as he was well known to the landlords' commissioner when on the Land Commission.

Dublin.—The Dublin Corporation has finally decided to remove the Nelson's Pillar and will place it at the top of Upper O'Connell street.

A meeting of the Irish Industrial League council was held in 13 Trinity street, Dublin, J. A. Walker in the chair. An interesting paper on "The Development of Oyster Culture in Ireland," by Vernon Cochrane, was read. A discussion followed, and a vote of thanks passed to writer. Orme Malley promised to read a paper at the next meeting, "Suggestions as to the best means of meeting distress in the Western districts of Mayo."

The refusal of the shipping authorities in Cork to convey emergency cattle to England seems to have acted as a stimulus to the activity of the detective forces in Dublin. A great number of the "G" men roamed about the shipping at the North Wall scanning the features of strangers, who would be likely to sympathise with the evicted tenants, afraid that the Dublin seamen will be influenced to follow the action of the seamen of Cork.

Fermanagh.—Rev. M. Maglone presided at recent Roslea League meeting. After some important business had been discussed the committee were unanimous in condemning the action of Carbin and a man named McCarron, in the parish of Tydavnet, who grabbed a bog bank belonging to an evicted farm in Derrahisco, and refused to give it up when requested by this branch.

The Earl of Enniskillen in July last entered into an agreement with fifty-three tenants to sell them their holdings, but never perfected the legal documents, and the tenants had him in court recently endeavouring to compel him to complete the compact but failed. So much for an Earl's honour.

Galway.—During the recent storm a man named Andrew McHugh had a narrow escape from being drowned in Poulmora, Bishop street, Tuam, being blown into the water by the force of the wind. The place where the man fell in is exceedingly deep, and but that he was promptly rescued by Daniel Bones he would undoubtedly have been drowned.

Several fights took place lately in Galway between the police and the military. In one of the encounters a police sergeant was severely injured. The military finally routed the police and chased them.

The annual convention of delegates from County Gael clubs came off at Athenry. P. Larkin, County chairman, presided, and explained the working of the organisation for the past twelve months, stating that the Gaels of Galway could show a very creditable progress, and that they had an organisation which could favourably compare with any county in Ireland.

Kerry.—At the meeting of the Abbeydorney branch of the National League much interest was evinced in the matter of the taking of the grazing of the Abannacirinna evicted farm by Tom Hizzins, cattle-dealer, Tralee. His conduct was unanimously condemned. The League had successfully held the evictor at bay for five years until he came to his aid.

The Tralee Guardians passed the following resolutions in reference to Castleland waterworks:—That with a view of providing immediate and much-needed employment for the destitute poor of the Castleland district we respectfully ask the Board of Works and Treasury to sanction the loan for the waterworks there, on receiving from us the written consent of the owners and occupiers of the land required.

It appears that a Mrs. Ryle, residing in the Ardfer locality, died and her brother, John Dooling, attended the wake. The day the interment of Mrs. Ryle was to take place Dooling left the wake-house for his home to make arrangements to attend the funeral and was shortly after found dead in a field. During Dooling's wake a farmer named John O'Brien became so seriously ill that it was deemed advisable to call in a priest, who administered to him the last rites of the Church, and the stricken man soon after expired, thus completing a most singular chapter of fatalities.

A party of men and women, numbering about twenty, narrowly escaped destruction at Fehonagh, near Dingle, through the falling of an immense portion of a cliff. They had been collecting seaweed and went under the shelter of a cliff from a heavy shower. As the rain began to abate, one of the party emerged from the shelter to see if work could be resumed. The others followed, and had barely cleared the cliff when it tumbled down with great violence. They realised fully how near they were to death.

Kildare.—At a recent fair there were about twenty-five policemen in uniform and plain clothes, who followed the buyers.—The cause of this insulting display was the fact of "planter" Mullins of Luggacurren being unable to sell his pigs last fair day. In addition to the local force, there were fifteen men drafted from Kilkullen, Ardscoil, Ballymore, Castledermot, Bert, Ballylinan, Luggacurren, and Grangemellon police stations.

Leitrim.—An effort is now being made to establish a branch of the National League in Carrick. The people feel aggrieved that there is not a branch already in existence.

At the Carrick pig fair recently, close on 100 waggons of pigs were sold, valued at £10,000. At the butter market the price was 11s 9d per stone.

The Mobil Board of Guardians have adopted a strong resolution and memorial in favour of the extension of the Dromed light railway to Stokestown. In Stokestown Union a similar resolution was carried.

The first meeting of the Annaduff reorganised branch of the League was held recently. The following members were in attendance:—Thomas McGarry, treasurer; Patrick Gilhooly, Michael Faughnan, Francis Guckeen, Bernard Kevill, Patrick Toole, George Toole, Thomas Moffit. A check for £7 was forwarded to the Central Office as the first instalment for the year. The following resolution was passed:—That the best thanks of this committee are due and hereby tendered to the Rev. J. Sheridan, our reverend P.P., for the generous assistance given us in reorganising the branch.

Limerick.—A coffee bar has been opened at the Limerick markets for the convenience of country people, and, so far, works with remarkable success.