

Irish News.

Antrim.—The Ballymoney Guardians at last meeting agreed to erect a number of cottages for the labourers of Dervock. The following were appointed a committee to visit and choose the sites and report thereon:—Messrs. McElderry, Tomb, Gage, MacMaster, McCurdy, Carson, Millar, and Montgomery.

A meeting of the employees of the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway was held in the Painters' Hall, Great George's street, Belfast, last week. William Foreman, Organising Secretary for Ireland, addressed the assemblage and pointed out the great necessity there was of joining the Railway Servants' Union. On the conclusion of his discourse a branch was formed.

A meeting of Ballymoney National League, was recently held, Rev. J. O'Boyle presiding. A letter from the Misses Galbraith was read, thanking the branch for the resolution of condolence on the death of their father, Rev. Professor Galbraith. It was proposed by John Boyle, solicitor, and carried unanimously:—That we consider the eviction of 250 families on the Olphert estate as an outrage on all decency and humanity.

Armagh.—The Catholic school at Lillo, Seagoe parish, was attacked and injured in July last. A few days ago a successful application was made for compensation. Father McJartan, the parish priest, stated that the reason for bringing in the application was that the offence and injury had been several times committed.

At eight o'clock Mass in St. Malachy's a few Sundays ago, the Primate, Most Rev. Doctor Logue, referred to the practice of betting on horse races which was prevalent in Armagh. He condemned it as immoral, and said he would do all in his power to put it down. Above all he condemns bookmaking and bookmakers, and said if Catholics who engaged in this nefarious business did not give it up he would put them out of the pale of the Church.

Clare.—At the Corcomroe Baronial Sessions held in Ennistymon a resolution was unanimously adopted approving the construction of a line of Railway from Willbrook, on the West Clare line, to Lisdoonvarna, via Kilsenora, thus helping to open up and develop the resources of North-West Clare. A similar resolution was passed at the Baronial Sessions of Inchiquin. The labourers at Miltown Malbay have passed a resolution of thanks to William Murphy, M.P., for his efforts in connection with the South Clare Railway, which would enable them to go to work at once and tie over the distress. At the meeting eighty labourers were enrolled as members of the Irish Democratic Labour Federation.

Cork.—Among the passengers landed at Queenstown from the Union United States Mail steamer Wyoming, recently, were John Powell and his wife, Bridget, natives of Nenago. On being examined by the Customs' authorities an unloaded six-chamber revolver and nine rounds of ammunition were found in Mrs. Powell's "improver." She was arrested.

A special general meeting of the company was held last week J. H. Payne-Shears presiding. It was announced that the Government would spend £70,000 in railway extensions at Skibbereen and Bantry for the purpose of affording employment to the people. The company approved the grant of £15,000 given to them to extend their line to the deep-water quay at Bantry to facilitate the fish traffic.

Donegal.—Over one thousand human beings are now homeless on the bleak hills of Donegal. The cold, piercing winds of winter are congealing the life-blood of the hapless people, and will help to prematurely fill many a grave in Falcarragh's burial ground. That this wholesale destruction of the people's rights and lives should be perpetrated by a landlord in the name of the law is conclusive evidence that the law is a disgrace to England and to civilisation and must be expunged from the statute books.

After the evictions on the Olphert estate the R. I. O., fifty closed their work with a concert and entertainment in the crossroads Court-house. Their chief officer delivered to them the following harangue:—"I am very pleased at the end of the eviction campaign to be able to compliment the men of the Donegal Constabulary during eleven days, under very trying circumstances and in very wet weather." The men who could indulge in amusements whilst 1,000 of their country-people were set upon the hills in misery, badly clothed, and without a roof to protect them from rain and cold, deserve the scorn and contempt of Irishmen.

Down.—A monster Nationalist demonstration in support of the Tenants' Defence League was held at Sheepbridge, near Newry. The attendance numbered some thousands. The cause of nationality has lost nothing as regards enthusiasm and support in South Down. Ever Maginness, Poyntzpass, presided. Contingents from the following places were present—Newry, Warrenpoint, Rostrevor, Hilltown, Mayobridge, Annacorney, Banbridge, Kilsco, Castlewilliam, Rathfriland, Barnmeen, Poyntzpass, Glum, Sheepbridge, Gilford, Ballyvarley. The following bands were present:—The St. Joseph's, High street, Newry; St. Patrick's, Monaghan street, Newry; Gilford, Ballyvarley, and Mayotridge.

Fermanagh.—The branches of the National League in the county have been suppressed, because they were looking after the registration of voters. It is an electioneering tactic for the Tories.

Galway.—The fair of Tullinadaly was recently held and never was there such an immense number of cattle and sheep exhibited for sale on the old fair green of Tullinadaly. There was great demand, and good prices were realised all round.

The Chief Secretary for Ireland has written to the chairman of the Midland Railway Company expressing his hope that the work in connection with the line from Galway to Clifden would commence as soon as possible, and also stating that the line should be commenced in sections so as to afford employment in parts where it was most required.

Kerry.—The works at the Cashen River, commenced last winter, will be renewed immediately and continued during the winter months. The works will give much needed employment to the labourers of North Kerry.

The lively interest taken in the great movement inaugurated to support the tenants against landlord oppression continues active throughout the county. At recent meeting of the Central Branch in Dublin substantial sums of money were acknowledged from the branches in Ballybunion and Glenfisk.

At the county at large Presentment Sessions recently held in Tralee a presentment for £4,887 for the maintenance of extra constabulary in Kerry for the half year ending October 31, was tendered and passed. A resolution was read from Fial e Town Commissioners calling on the Government to reduce the extra police force as the county was in a peaceable state.

Kildare.—Shadowing was carried on to a great extent at recent Naas fair. Mr. Mahon, James Kelly, and Patrick Fallam were followed by policemen and considerably hampered in their business transactions by the R.I.C.

At Naas monthly fair prices for pigs, except nice light sorts, showed a fall of 4s to 6s per cwt; bonava, 10s to 20s. The bullock trade was very good, showing a sharp advance on late fairs. Beef, small supply; heifers, 60s per cwt; cows, 50s to 56s per cwt. Sheep, small supply, nothing doing. At the horse fair there was a good display of longtails and second-class farm horses. Anything saleable brought up.

Kilkenny.—The tenants on the Baker and Birchall estates, county Kilkenny, are celebrating a victory over landlordism. The evictions on the Birchall estate commenced about six years ago, no rent being paid by any tenants. By an arrangement now concluded the evicted tenants go back at considerably reduced rents, and those who have held possession are allowed abatements of thirteen shillings in the pound. On the Baker estate the reduction granted is about fifty per cent. Both estates will shortly be offered to the tenants at sixteen years' purchase.

Limerick.—The collection for the Tenants' Defence Fund took place recently at Cappamore. The people came forward in a generous and spirited manner at the call of their pastor, and a substantial sum was taken.

Mr. Hannigan of Crough has sold his holding of eleven acres to Denis O'Kelly, Drumcollogher for £140; Roger Murphy, Drominacrine, Kilmee, has purchased the holding of the late Thomas Naughton at Ballycasey, Kildrimid, for £400. It consists of sixty acres.

At a special meeting of the Rathkeale Town Commissioners, held recently, a deputation of the Rathkeale Irish Democratic Labour Federation waited on the Commissioners and presented resolutions calling on them to provide employment for the labourers of the town and surrounding district.

At last meeting of Coolcappa League the subject of providing improved dwellings for the labourer was discussed, and a resolution adopted calling upon the Guardians in the Divisions of Lismakerry, Rudiestown, and Kilsandell, to provide cottages under the next scheme for the labourers in their respective divisions.

Mayo.—General Cox authorized Charles Daly, Coachfield, to give an abatement of twenty per cent. on the year's rent to all his Fairhill (Calceatra) tenants, who, as an appreciation of the compliment, have handed in the full year's rent.

Castlebar fair was held recently on the new fair-green. The show of cattle was larger than usual, but the attendance of buyers meagre; hence the slow trade. There was no improvement in prices, yet a large number of stock was sold.

Such great misery exists in the Westport district that the local Government Board called on the Guardians to give the matter their serious consideration. After a lengthy discussion in the district, the Guardians postponed the consideration of the local Government Board letter for a fortnight.

Rev. John Canning, A.M., Westport, is about erecting a church in honour of the patron saint of Ireland, which it is intended to erect at the foot of Crough Patrick, that lofty mountain sacred to every Irishman in the world over, because it was consecrated with the tears of Patrick for the miseries of Erin, and his prayers for her future happiness and glory.

Meath.—The meeting held recently in Navan to keep alive the spirit of nationality in support of the fund for the Tenants' Defence Association was one of the finest ever witnessed in the county and is now bearing fruit in the subscriptions pouring into the fund.

Queen's County.—James Malone, a fanatic inmate of the Mountmellick Union, recently applied for police protection, being under the impression that he was boycotted.

W. A. MacDonald, M.P. for Queen's County, addressed a meeting of the Dublin Trades' Council, and eloquently vindicated the Irish Parliamentary party from the charge of want of sympathy with the labour movement.

Roscommon.—Strenuous efforts are being made to obtain from Government a grant for the construction of a railway from Dromod to Strokestown.

In sending his rent to the agent a farmer in this county was guilty of leaving the enormous balance of two-pence due, and the agent, the nephew of a lord, was put to the trouble and expense of writing for it.

Strokestown fair was well supplied with cattle, and buyers were numerous. The demand was good and improved prices obtained. Weanling calves sold from £5 to £8; year-and-a-half, from £11 to £13; three-year olds, from £13 to £16; springers, from £15 to £22; The sheep fair was well attended. Lambs sold at from 39s to 40s.

Tipperary.—The Removables' fine Father Humphreys £20 for an alleged assault on a policeman's wife. The people have paid the fine, and presented him with £50 besides. The £50 he will devote to the getting up a small library for the Sacred Heart Confraternity.