

Irish News

CORK—O'Donovan Rossa

O'Donovan Rossa, who has received the appointment of corresponding secretary of the Cork County Council, arrived in Queenstown on November 18, accompanied by his wife and two daughters. On arriving in Cork he was accorded a very enthusiastic welcome.

A Practical Suggestion

In the course of a speech at the second annual exhibition of the Cork Industrial Association the Rev. Father Dowling, C.M., gave a few figures to illustrate what a difference might be made if Irish people showed a little bit of industrial patriotism. In County Cork alone, he showed, if the 150,000 adult males of that county bought their annual suit of clothes of Irish cloth, they would keep going three first-grade mills, employing from 250 to 300 hands each, and each paying a yearly wage bill of £10,000. Applying these figures to Ireland in general, he found that they might support thirty woollen mills of the first grade, giving employment to 9000 hands, and directly or indirectly supporting 45,000 people, and paying £300,000 a year in wages. Yet, at present, there are only 15 first grade mills in Ireland, and even a great deal of their production is sold outside the country. But this does not exhaust the economic possibilities of the situation. The making of suits referred to, in Cork, as Father Dowling pointed out, would mean a wage bill to the tailors of Cork County amounting to over £100,000 a year, or £100 a year to 1000 families. Father Dowling's figures may not be strictly correct, either on the one side or the other, but they suggest what a great industrial revival in Ireland might bring about.

DUBLIN—A Venerable Priest

The oldest priest in the diocese of Dublin, Very Rev. Canon Leahy, P.P., Sandymount, passed away on November 15, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He was a member of an old and well-known Dublin family, which gave three sons to the Church. Canon Leahy was ordained in 1848, at Maynooth College, and, after some time spent in Kingstown, was appointed to the pastoral charge of Sandymount, where he spent the remainder of his long life doing good quietly and unostentatiously. He was an ideal Soggarth Aroon.

GALWAY—An Appointment

At the meeting of the Committee of Management of the Ballinasloe Asylum Mrs. Nora Harris O'Connor, daughter of the late Mr. Matt Harris, M.P., was appointed Governess by 12 votes to 9 for Miss Connaghton, Loville, Ahascragh.

Wireless Telegraph Station

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company have purchased 350 acres of land from Mr. Kendal, landed proprietor, at the village of Derrygenila, convenient to Clifden, for the sum of £1,800, and are about opening up communication with America when they have the station erected, for which the material has already arrived.

Finding of Pearls

The wife of the owner of the Ardagh oyster fishery at Clifden, Connemara, was recently on the oyster beds with her husband and picked up a mussel which she opened. Inside she found a small pearl. Orders were given to one of the men to bring in about a ton weight of mussels, and from these some sixty pearls were extracted, varying from the size of a small rape seed downwards.

KERRY—Death of a Priest

At Glenflesk, Co. Kerry, on November 15, Rev. Maurice O'Flaherty, P.P., died in his 61st year, for 18 years of which period he was pastor of the district in which he ended his days. Father O'Flaherty was a native of Listowel, and was educated at Louvain. By his kindly nature he endeared himself to all classes.

LIMERICK—Visiting the Sick Poor

Fourteen thousand nine hundred separate visits to the homes of the sick poor of Limerick were paid last year by four nurses of the St. Vincent de Paul Nursing Association.

Appointed Dean

On the nomination of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, the Pope has appointed the Very Rev. T. R. Shanahan, St. Munchin's, to the Deanery of

Limerick diocese, in succession to the late Dean Flanagan, Adare. Father Shanahan is one of the oldest priests in the diocese. He was ordained in 1856, and was parish priest of Ballingarry for 20 years. He was transferred to St. Munchin's ten years ago, and was made Vicar-General of the diocese in succession to the late Very Rev. Father Moloney. The new Dean is a brother of Monsignor Shanahan, Thornaby-on-Tees, England.

MAYO—Sporting Rights

At Ballina Petty Sessions a case was heard which shows the importance of tenants acquiring the game rights when purchasing out their holdings under the Land Act. A tenant named Patrick Fox, on the Townsend-Kirkwood estate, was fined 5s and costs for trapping a snipe on his own land, the summons being brought by Dr. Laing, Ballina, who has rented the game rights from the landlord. Mr. M. V. Coolican, who appeared for the complainant, said the game rights were reserved to the landlord.

MEATH—An Appreciation

The following editorial note appeared in a recent issue of the 'Church of Ireland Gazette':—'The Roman Catholic Bishop of Meath is about to resign his office owing to increasing ill health. In a letter of admirable expression and much pathos he thanks those members of his flock who have offered him their sympathy. "My days of labor," says Dr. Gaffney, "are numbered, and the only hope I can entertain is that God may leave me a little sight to help me to spend the weary hours with profit." The dignified sadness of language like this must touch the general heart of men apart from all questions of creed or politics. In paying a tribute to the fidelity and affection of his flock, Dr. Gaffney says: "Outside its fold there are many noble spirits to whose genuine worth I bear glad testimony. A spirit of harmony prevails on all sides and a toleration not known in the past." We are glad to be able to endorse in a large measure these encouraging words in politics and in social affairs. Dr. Gaffney has displayed during his term of office a genuine desire for friendliness and good feeling among all classes in the district, and in this respect the conditions of life in Meath are better than in the majority of Irish counties. Irish churchmen in Meath and elsewhere will not fail to sympathise with this Roman Catholic gentleman whose fine submission to a great infirmity recalls the thoughts of one of Milton's noble sonnets.'

ROSCOMMON—A Remarkable Find

In the early part of November in a bog near Roscommon town, while a farmer was engaged thereon in digging work, his spade came in contact with a small wooden box, which he unearthed. In opening it the wood went to pieces. Inside was a leathern covering, which was also deteriorated by age, and inside this again was another covering, and the last that met the finder's gaze was a book entitled 'Discourses on the Sacraments, by King Henry VIII.,' in a splendid state of preservation. On the inner leaf is the following: 'A Defence of the Seven Sacraments against Martin Luther, by Henry VIII., King of England, France, and Ireland, to which are adjoined his epistle to the Pope, the oration of Mr. John Clark (Orator to his Majesty) on the delivery of this book to his Holiness, and the Pope's answer to the oration, as also the Bull by which his Holiness was pleased to bestow upon that King (for compiling this book) that most illustrious, splendid, and most Christian-like title of Defender of the Faith.' The book is bound with leather, and on the first page are the following words, apparently written by the person who consigned it to this strange place: 'This is a most valuable book, being the work which was written by Henry the Eighth of England, and which procured him the title of Defender of the Faith.' The find has aroused great curiosity, and the lucky farmer has received some substantial offers for purchase.

TIPPERARY—Roscrea Bacon Factory

The establishment of a bacon factory in Roscrea on co-operative lines is now a certainty. Of the £10,000 share capital aimed at over £9000 has been subscribed, and in addition all the shareholders have individually signed a guarantee to supply all the pigs they need for a period of five years under a penalty of 10s for each pig if otherwise disposed of. The disused military barracks in Castle street have, after considerable negotiations with the War Office, and through the kindly offices of Sir Horace Plunkett, who is interesting himself very much in the movement, been purchased from the War Office at a merely nominal price. The work of fitting up the factory will be commenced almost immediately, and it is expected it will be in full working

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