

Irish News

CORK—Tenants Purchase their Holdings

The tenants on the estate of Lord Headley, near Castleisland, County Cork, have purchased their holdings at twenty years on non-judicial rents.

Tenant Reinstated

Mr. P. V. Guiry, Inspector to the Estates Commissioners, paid a visit to Youghal recently, and had interviews with some thirty evicted tenants from the townlands of Ardmore, Grallagh, Ballyillinane, and other districts. He subsequently proceeded to Ballycrane, near Clashmore, where he reinstated a farmer named Thomas Fleming, who had been evicted from his holding on the Stuart Estate 17 or 18 years ago.

DUBLIN—A Link with the Past

Mr. David Richard Pigot, ex-Master of the Queen's Bench, died on July 26 in Dundrum, County Dublin, at an advanced age. Deceased was the son of the late Chief Baron Pigot, O'Connell's most trusted and intimate friend, and a brother of John Edward Pigot, a brilliant member of the Young Ireland party. When a young man, he frequently met the Liberator in his father's house, and conversed with him on the stirring topics of the time. He was also an intimate friend of Thomas Davis. Deceased was a prominent figure in social and literary circles until a few years ago, when the infirmities of old age prevented his going far from Churchtown House, where he passed away. The death of ex-Master Pigot reminds a correspondent that the Judge outlived his brother John by thirty-five years. John Edward Pigot was one of the most distinguished of the Young Irelanders, and was called to the Irish Bar in 1845. He it was who set to music "Who Fears to Speak of '98" in the "Spirit of the Nation," the words of which were by Dr. Ingram, of Trinity College, Dublin, and which had appeared in the "Nation" on April 1st, 1843. He started the idea of an Irish Dictionary, and did much for the Irish archaeology and Irish art.

FERMANAGH—Death of a Priest

Much sympathy is felt in County Fermanagh for Mr. John Maguire, J.P., Irvinestown, on the death of his son, Rev. John Maguire, pastor of Modder River, Cape Colony, which took place in the Convent of the Holy Family, Capetown, on July 23, after a long illness.

GALWAY—Charitable Bequest

Miss Barbara Mary Daly, of Southampton, and Biarritz, who died recently, left estates amounting to about £10,000. £500 has been bequeathed towards the founding of a convent at Mount Bellew, County Galway, Miss Daly's native place, and the remainder of her estate to various other charities.

LONGFORD—Early Irish Bronze

Sir Thomas Esmonde, M.P., who was chiefly instrumental in establishing the claim of the Dublin National Museum to the Celtic gold ornaments which were dug up by a farm laborer in the north-west of Ireland ten years ago, has just received from the Bishop of Longford an interesting specimen of early Irish bronze work which was recently discovered in that county. It is a small figure of the Saviour which, it seems certain, was originally part of a processional cross, and dates back to the twelfth century. Careful examination of its curious workmanship has shown that there is nothing quite like it either in the Dublin or British Museums.

MAYO—Lands for Settlement

The Estate Commissioners have entered into negotiations with Mr. H. L. Fitzpatrick, late of Hollymount, for the purchase of his grass lands for distribution purposes, and have so far been very successful. The estate comprises some thousand acres of untenanted land, probably of the best quality in Mayo.

A Pilgrimage

Thousands of people, young and old, rich and poor, gentle and simple, climbed the rugged sides of Croagh Patrick on Sunday, July 29, and assisted piously at the devotions on the summit, where St. Patrick fasted and prayed more than one thousand years ago. Not a few of the pilgrims came from Great Britain, America, and even from the colonies. Many who made the toilsome ascent were women, and the piety they displayed was most edifying. Masses were celebrated at frequent intervals from eight o'clock until mid-day, when Very Rev. Dr. Gilmartin preached to the multitude. He said they were assembled there to honor the memory of Ireland's greatest benefactor, and to

imbibe anew, his spirit on the spot which tradition and authentic history had associated with his name. Pilgrimages were of human institution. Lovers of Shakespeare and Burns went year after year to Stratford-on-Avon and to Bonnie Doon just to see the surroundings in which those children of genius grew up. The men of every country were honored by shrines, to which their countrymen made pilgrimages, and their countrymen did well, for the good deeds of heroes were as streaks of light which showed them the path to glory.

TIPPERARY—A Visitor from the West Indies

Rev. Mother Milburge Walton is on a visit to her friends and relations in Tipperary, after thirty-three years spent in Trinidad, where she was instrumental in founding convents and doing much good work.

Developing a Copper Mine

At present an English company are developing a copper mine situate at Knockacapple, Killeen, quite close to Keeper Hill, near Newport, County Tipperary. Over forty men are constantly at work, and the ore is carted to Castleconnell station, where it is loaded for transport to England. The mine is on the farm of a Mrs. Dwyer.

Sad Fatality

While Mr. Mortimer Gleeson, who lived outside the village, was riding a spirited horse through the Silvermines, the animal became restive, and unshipped his jockey, who, falling rather heavily to the ground, received serious injuries to the head, which resulted in his death.

TYRONE—A Venerable Religious

The community of the Loretto Order in Omagh have sustained a great loss by the death of Mother Anastatia, the sad event having taken place at the convent on July 27, at the age of 76 years. Mother Anastatia (who was known in the world as Miss McNamara) was a member of an old and highly-respected Clare family. She was one of the founders of the great Loretto Order in Omagh, where she labored in the service of the Lord for fifty-two years.

Peasant Proprietors

After eighteen months' negotiations the tenants on the estate of General S. A. Montgomery, which comprises a number of townlands adjacent to Aughnacloy, County Tyrone, have signed purchase agreements on the following terms:—First term tenants to get a reduction of 6s in the £ (21½ years' purchase), and second term tenants to get a reduction of 4s in the £1 (24½ years' purchase).

WATERFORD—Rural Libraries

Mr. Carnegie has written to the Lismore Libraries Committee offering to pay £3000 sterling for the erection of four small branch library buildings for the rural district of Lismore provided a penny rate is levied at once so as to have money in hand for books, etc., and the proceeds, not less than £210, be devoted to the upkeep of libraries in said buildings. Sites must also be given free, the cost of them not being a burden on the penny rate. The offer was accepted, and it was decided that the grant be allocated as follows:—£2,400 for the erection of a central library at Lismore, and £200 for the erection of each of the subsidiary libraries at Tullow, Cappoquin, and Ballyduff.

Clerical Changes

The Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, has made the following appointments:—Very Rev. J. Canon Power, P.P., V.F., Dungarvan, to be V.G. of the diocese; Very Rev. C. J. Canon Flavin, P.P., St. Mary's, Clonmel, to be P.P., S.S. Peter and Paul's, Clonmel, and V.F.; Very Rev. P. Canon Spratt, P.P., Cappoquin, to be P.P. St. Mary's, Clonmel; Rev. P. Dunphy, chaplain to the Ursuline Convent, and Bishop's Secretary, to be P.P., Cappoquin; Rev. M. C. Crotty, chaplain, Mount Sion, to be chaplain to the Ursuline Convent, and Bishop's secretary; Rev. E. Power, C.C., Modeligo, to be chaplain to Mount Sion.

WEXFORD—Honored by the Holy Father

In recognition of the good work accomplished by Mr. Grattan Flood for Church music in Ireland, and especially for Solesmes Chant, the Holy Father has just sent him, through the Very Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, (Rector of the Irish College, Rome) a large silver medal exquisitely engraved, being one of those specially struck on June 29th by order of the Pope.

WICKLOW—Harbor Improvements

The Wicklow Harbor Commissioners have, on the recommendation of Sir Alexander Rendel, C.E., the Government Engineer, accepted the tender of Mr. Louis

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