

Irish News

ANTRIM—A Serious Loss to Belfast

It has been rumored that important changes in connection with the Queen's Island are under consideration. It is stated that Messrs. Harland and Wolff intend transferring their repairing and engineering works to Southampton, where premises are being prepared. If the rumor has any foundation in fact the loss to Belfast will be serious, amounting as it would to half a million a year at least.

Insanitary Belfast

Serious admissions have been made to the Commission which is inquiring into the sanitary state of Belfast. Dr. Baillie, medical officer of health for Belfast, stated, in the course of his examination, that instructions issued regarding the sanitary inspection of the National schools, not only in Belfast, but all over Ireland, were inadequate and unsatisfactory, and that even if an outbreak of infectious disease occurred they had no power to close the schools. There was no register of sanitary houses kept in the city, and they had no control over the water supply.

CAVAN—The Diocese of Kilmore

The news of the appointment of the Very Rev. Andrew Boylan, of the Redemptorist Order in Limerick, as Bishop of Kilmore, has been confirmed. The late Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Magennis, died on May 10 last, and at a meeting of the parish priests of the diocese of Kilmore, held on June 10, the result of the voting was as follows:—Rev. Patrick Finegan, P.P., V.F., Bawnboy, 19; Rev. Patrick O'Connell, P.P., V.G., Cootehill, 12; Rev. P. Fitzsimons, P.P., V.F., Killaun, 2. Father A. Boylan, the Bishop-elect, is Provincial of the Redemptorist Order in Ireland. Born sixty years ago in Crosserlough, County Cavan, in the Kilmore diocese, he studied in the old seminary, Cavan, and Maynooth College. He became professor in the diocesan seminary, later assistant bursar, and subsequently bursar in Maynooth College. Twenty years ago he resigned his position in Maynooth and joined the Redemptorist Order, of which, in a few years, he was appointed Irish Provincial. He is an excellent classical and Scriptural scholar, and a very eloquent speaker. He has been all over Ireland conducting retreats and missions, and only lately returned after officially visiting the Philippines and other foreign localities attached to the Irish province. For years his name has been mentioned in connection with the See of Kilmore.

CLARE—The Bishop and the Irish Party

The most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, in a letter to the 'Freeman's Journal,' enclosing a cheque towards the funds of the Irish Parliamentary Party, says:—At this moment the plain duty of every man who wishes Ireland well is to look to the future, and try and make the most of it, and not be raking the ash-pits of the past looking for stuff with which to besmirk the freely-chosen representatives of the people, who are not infallible, but who are doing their best, and who have this to their immortal credit that, whatever their faults, they have, by their wisdom, their courage and chivalrous patriotism, brought us to the eve of St. Patrick's Day which finds the Irish sky flashed with a light of hope which has not been seen there since the Siege of Limerick.

CORK—A Grandson of the Liberator

The death is announced of Mr. John Maurice O'Connell, second son of Mr. Maurice O'Connell, M.P., Derryname Abbey, and grandson of the Liberator. The deceased gentleman was happily remarkable, quite as much for his high character and sterling worth as for his charitable instincts and amiability. He was for many years associated prominently with the mercantile life of Cork. His friendships were indeed many, and when once made, he was always able to retain and sustain them by the exercise of his good qualities and his nobility of character. His death will be regretted, not alone because it snapped away an attractive personality, but for its removal of another tie with the great Liberator.

Queenstown Harbor

The Admiralty has allocated £110,000 for improving and extending the dock accommodation at Queenstown. This will, no doubt, be some consolation to the residents for the diversion of the White Star mail service, which has in the past done much to improve the trade and commerce of the town.

A Mare's Nest

Mr. Moore, M.P., one of the little band of Unionists in the House of Commons who provide amusement for the Nationalists when times are dull in Parliament, impeached the Secretary for Ireland the other day on the ground that the Lord Chancellor had appointed to the Commission of the Peace a United Irish Leaguer in 'Skibbereen, who is only a shop assistant, and who failed to satisfy a judgment debt. Mr. Edward Barry, M.P. for the division, intervened with deadly effect, for it transpired that the gentleman in question is not a United Irish Leaguer; that he is a friend of the Earl of Bandon, Lord Lieutenant of the County; that it was this nobleman who recommended him to the Lord Chancellor; that the local bodies protested against the appointment; and that the Lord Chancellor had decided to withhold the warrant of appointment.

DERRY—The late Bishop

We have to acknowledge with pleasure (writes our Dublin correspondent) that, in between the dark clouds of self-interested bigotry comes little gleams of sunshine that show how differences will soon cease if only we had got over the first few years of that Home Rule so long of coming. There is the city of Derry. The Catholic Bishop of that most Orange city of the Prentice Boys died recently, and where, not so long ago, a Catholic scarcely walked erect, at Dr. O'Dcherty's funeral every business house in Derry was closed, signs of respectful mourning were universal and a vast throng of citizens of every denomination followed the remains to the grave in that ancient burial ground which surrounds a little church standing on the very spot where once rose St. Columbkill's Oratory. Now Derry has a fine cathedral in the most commanding site in the town and the throngs of worshippers there show how the ancient Faith is once again to the fore in that spot so dear to the dove of the Church. Nor is charity behindhand there, as we see by the fact that the income of one charitable society alone in the city, that of St. Vincent de Paul, is £1190. Their temperance Hall and its annexes are, I believe, the finest in Ireland.

DOWN—Death of a Monsignor

The Catholics of Down learned with sincere sorrow of the sudden death of Monsignor McCartan, Dromore. The sorrow was shared not only by all classes in Dromore, where he ministered faithfully for upwards of fifty years, but throughout the province, and wherever the deceased was known. The deceased was a large-hearted, liberal-minded Irish priest, who took a keen interest in the education of the young. His charitable and kindly disposition made him beloved of all creeds and classes.

DUBLIN—Presentations

On the evening of March 5, in the Carmelite Church, Aungier street, Dublin, the Rev. Father Devlin, prior to his departure for Australia, was the recipient of a very handsome silver chalice and paten, richly gilt, and exquisitely engraved with Celtic interlaced work, and a gold-mounted umbrella, from the members of the confraternities attached to the church.

A Memorial

A monument of the late Canon O'Hanlon, P.P., Sandymount, Dublin, has just been completed and placed over his grave in Prospect Cemetery, Glasnevin. It is in the form of a limestone Celtic Cross, of artistic proportions, standing between eleven and twelve feet high. There is an inscription in English and Irish engraved upon the cross.

KERRY—The Holy Father's Gift

The Holy Father has presented a cameo likeness of himself as a prize in connection with the forthcoming Killarney fete and fancy fair. Lord Kenmare has given his permission for the use of the home park for the occasion, while his Countess and her daughters, and also Lady O'Connell, have promised to assist at the stalls.

LIMERICK—The O'Brien Libel Action

The trial of an action by Mr. William O'Brien against the Freeman's Journal Co., Ltd., for £5000 damages for alleged libel, was commenced before Mr. Justice Johnstone and a special jury in Limerick in the beginning of March. The libel was alleged to be contained in speeches made by Mr. John Redmond and Mr. John Dillon, and published by the defendants, together with editorial comments from time to time, all reflecting, plaintiff alleged, upon his character as a public man. The defence was that the publications complained of were without malice, and that the editorial allusions were in the nature of fair comment on matter of pub-