

Irish News

CORK—A large Graving Dock

The extension of the Haulbowline Graving Dock, which was inaugurated on September 3 by the Lord Lieutenant, is a matter, as the Bishop of Cloyne declared, of the greatest interest to the people of Queens-town. The present dock was completed in 1887 at a cost of half a million. But in consequence of the rapid growth in the dimension of battleships and liners it soon became comparatively worthless. Captain Donelan, the deservedly popular member for Queens-town, poured a constant broadside of questions on the late Government urging the enlargement and utilisation of the dock. It is doubtless to his influence that the project is due. The dock is to be enlarged at a cost of £110,000 to dimensions which will make it available for the largest ship that floats, and it is expected that it will be completed. The project offers immediate employment in its construction, and promises permanent employment when completed.

The Queen's College

For Professor Windle's proposal that the Queen's College, Cork, should receive a University Charter there is a good deal to be said (remarks the 'Catholic Times'). The importance of the college as a teaching centre has been growing rapidly. Not for twenty years has it had so many students in attendance as at the present time, and the prospect of a further and continual increase in the number is sure. It is also certain that substantial local financial aid would be forthcoming if there were good ground to hope that the scheme of giving Munster a University of its own would be carried out. Mr. William O'Brien has already made a generous offer of funds, and there are many others in the southern counties who are prepared to give liberally if the Government show that they are inclined to favor the project. Protestants are as eager as Catholics that the institution should be afforded adequate scope for development, and there undoubtedly is, as the president declares, a desire throughout the whole of Munster that the college should receive a higher status and be made available for the people of the province.

Dedication of a Church

On Sunday, September 1, in the village of Curtroe, about four miles from Youghal, the new Church of St. Ita was dedicated by the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne. For many years the old church was beyond repair, but it remained for the devoted pastor of the united parishes of Youghal and Curtroe, the Right Rev. Mgr. Keller, P.P., V.G., Dean of Cloyne, ably assisted by his clerical and other brethren, at home and abroad, to bring about the happy event witnessed to-day. The church is a Gothic structure of the early pointed type. The treatment is simple but dignified. A single nave with high-pitched roof, tall, well-proportioned single-light windows on the side walls, a graceful three-light window on each gable, with a belfry on the apex of the front gable, and a simple vestry nestling under the eaves of the western walls—this is the exterior presentment of St. Ita's Church.

DOWN—Good Advice

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Dromore, in a letter enclosing a subscription for the Irish Parliamentary Fund, says: 'Independent opposition of all political parties hostile or indifferent to our interests would seem to be the policy required at present on the part of our Parliamentary representatives. And to enable them to carry this out thoroughly they should have behind them the unwavering and whole-hearted support of everyone who claims to be a lover of his country.'

DUBLIN—The Use of the Mansion House

The Lord Mayor of Dublin refused to grant the Sinn Féin party the use of the Mansion House. He would, he said, be making himself contemptible if he, a member of the Irish Parliamentary Party, allowed the Mansion House to be used for attacking that party and himself.

An Appreciation

At the recent meeting of the Dublin Corporation a letter was read from Mr. Patrick Flanagan, Calvert and Lexington Stn., Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A. Mr. Flanagan is a contractor and has carried out a number of public works in Baltimore. During a recent visit to Ireland, he spent more than a month in Dublin, where he availed himself of the opportunity of in-

quiring into and examining some of the chief works of the civic administration. In regard to the sewage disposal works of the Corporation, he states—'I have been through most of the Continental cities as well as most of the large towns in England and Scotland, making observations for myself of the various works carried out by the municipalities, and as a result of my experience I have no hesitation in stating that your sewage disposal works are the most efficient and complete that I have ever seen.'

GALWAY—The Clanricarde Estate

At a largely attended meeting of the tenantry on the Loughrea portion of the Clanricarde estate, held in Loughrea on September 1, Rev. H. Brennan, Adm., occupied the chair, and said that the recent declaration of Lord Clanricarde, that he never refused to sell, struck them all as strange. He had not even replied to their repeated memorials for a sale of that estate. But he might answer one now. Mr. Duffy, M.P., said that in districts where purchase operations had taken place, large bodies of police and military were formerly required to keep a semblance of law and order, in the interest of the landlord, but to-day a solitary policeman would be sufficient. He enumerated fifteen properties around, including about fifteen thousand acres of untenanted land which had come into possession of the people within the past few years. Clanricarde alone was the disturbing element in that district. Having regard to the statement made by Clanricarde, that 'he has never refused to sell anything anywhere,' he (Mr. Duffy) suggested that the Estate Committee should communicate at once direct with Lord Clanricarde and find out whether he was prepared to open negotiations for the sale of all his property. If he refused, they would again consider their position.

KING'S COUNTY—A Lonely Vigil

Mr. John Cannon, a farmer of Galbally, near Banagher, was found dead on a lonely moor, about two miles from his residence on August 31. His two dogs kept vigil over his dead body for over twenty-four hours. He left his house early on the previous day, taking with him a gun and two retriever dogs. As they did not return, Sergeant Masterson and the neighbors went in search. Their attention was attracted by the moaning of a dog. They found Cannon lying face downwards, his gun clutched in his left hand. The dogs attacked the party, and it was only after much coaxing that they were able to remove the body. An inquest was held, and a verdict of death from heart-failure returned.

LIMERICK—River on Fire

An extraordinary occurrence was witnessed at the Limerick wharf on September 2. A steamer was discharging a cargo of petroleum for Messrs. J. and G. Boyd, when some of the oil flowed into the river and was set on fire by, as it is thought, a match carelessly flung in. The burning oil floated towards the steamer 'Wylam,' which was wrapped in flames. The fire, however, after scorching off some paint, subsided, and the services of the Fire Brigade, which arrived on the scene, were not required.

ROSCOMMON—Grazing Farm Surrendered

About the middle of August the farm of Fortwilliam, Ballintubber, containing about 120 acres, was surrendered by the owner, Dr. Holmes, for sale to the adjoining tenants, through the Congested Districts Board. The farm has been non-residential, and has been let for grazing, but this year the people refrained from putting any grazing cattle on it. The farm has been handed over by the owner's agent to a committee of the Ballintubber branch of the United Irish League, up to April next, for the sum of £100, pending the sale to the Congested Districts Board.

WATERFORD—A Rigorous Inquiry Necessary

Alluding to Lord Donoughmore's assertion at the Irish Unionist Alliance meeting 'that violent speeches within the last few weeks had led directly to the dastardly outrage on Lord Ashtown,' the 'Daily News' says:—'The strange affair to which Lord Donoughmore alludes is at the moment the subject of inquiry. No body with such information as we possess can decide whether the explosion was directed against Lord Ashtown; whether it was a bogus outrage arranged by some enemy of the Irish Nationalist party; or whether it was directed against Lord Ashtown it was an incident in a private quarrel, or in a public quarrel. Englishmen have not forgotten their history of Sergeant Sheridan, or the 'outrage' at Drumdo. Lord Donoughmore has no right to conclude that this incident was the result of 'violent speeches.' In this connection we may mention that there are a good many

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