

Commissioners. The minimum reduction on the old rents under which the tenant was evicted was 11s. in the pound, and in some cases the reduction reached 13s. in the pound. Free grants for the provision of stock and the erection of buildings to the extent of £140 were announced by the inspector as payable by the Estates Commissioners.

TIPPERARY—Partitioning Estates

Early in April two of the biggest ranches in Tipperary County—Dundrum, the Earl De Montalt's estate, and Barnane, the Carden Estate, round which the chief part of the land war in Tipperary has been waged for years—were partitioned amongst those selected for holdings. About sixty or seventy families have been provided for.

WESTMEATH—A Lady Doctor

Miss Kathleen Dillon, Ballina, has been elected assistant medical officer to Mullingar Asylum.

GENERAL

Sporting Rights

At a meeting of the Central Branch of the United Irish League on March 27, Mr. Murrrough O'Brien read a paper on 'Sporting Rights under the Purchase Acts.' He gave a timely warning in the following words:—'Now, if in any impending Land Bill an attempt is made to reserve these sporting rights from purchasers, it will mean that the former landlord or the Land Commission will be able to license whom they will to trespass on farms which the purchasers think will be their absolute property. They will not. And I hope the United Irish League will use its influence, and set its face against any such invasion of the ordinary rights of landed property, made under the specious plea that these rights are a valuable national asset. Their reservation will seriously detract from the charm of ownership, and be an everlasting cause of annoyance to the owners and the public.'

Reinstating Evicted Tenants

In the House of Commons last week, Mr. Birrell announced the introduction of a short bill to make it clear that, with the consent of the occupying planter, the Irish Estates Commissioners may reinstate evicted tenants. The proposed measure is to meet the difficulty raised by the Irish Court of Appeal, which ruled that the Commissioners could not acquire such land against the will of the landlord.

Expenditure on Education

The estimates of expenditure on education in the three Kingdoms (says the 'Freeman's Journal') have been laid on the table of the House, and are, as usual, worth the closest attention of all interested in Irish education. It is said that there is to be a supplementary estimate for Ireland. Meantime, it is well to get the measure of the deficiency on the estimates as presented. They are as follows:—England, £13,594,150; Scotland, £2,048,557; Ireland, £1,408,360. A glance at the figures is sufficient to show the inadequacy of the Irish estimate. The proposed expenditure per head of even the estimated populations of the three countries in 1906 works out:—Ireland, 6s. 5d.; England, 7s. 10½d.; Scotland, 8s. 8d. Ireland, the Chancellor of the Exchequer admits, has not been receiving justice in the Education votes.

Australian Visitors

On April 11 there arrived in Dublin (says the 'Freeman's Journal') four Irish-Australian priests, home for a holiday, after many years of absence, on the sacred mission in various parts of the Commonwealth. They are Very Rev. T. F. O'Neill, Gawler (Adelaide); Rev. P. O'Neill, of Casterton (Ballarat); Rev. James O'Neill, Castlemaine (Melbourne); and the Rev. E. Luby, Brunswick (Melbourne). The Rev. Fathers O'Neill are natives of Hospital, County Limerick, and the three brothers have spent close on twenty-eight years on active missionary duty in Australia, and now return to the Old Land for the first visit since they left. Father Luby is a native of Cashel, and has spent over thirty years in the sacred ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This also is Father Luby's first visit home since he left Ireland on his ordination.

For Children's Hacking Cough at night, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d and 2s 6d.

People We Hear About

Dr. Joseph Cox Bridge, recently appointed Professor of Music at Dublin University, is the brother of Sir Frederick Bridge, professor at London University, and organist at Westminster Abbey.

The late Right Hon. C. C. Kingston (says a writer in the Adelaide 'Southern Cross') was the son of a pioneer statesman who was always known as 'Paddy' Kingston. Mr. Kingston was proud of his Irish ancestry. When he could, he attended every meeting addressed by Irish delegates, and, if unable to be present, a stirring letter was sent expressing his sympathy with Irish aspirations. He presided at the great meeting in the Adelaide Town Hall, when John Redmond, the present leader of the Irish party, gave his splendid lecture on the Irish question in 1882. At many of the St. Patrick's Day demonstrations he took a prominent part. With an Irish father, a Scottish grandfather, and a Portuguese grandmother, Mr. Kingston used to jocularly say that he had the virtues of three nationalities and the vices of none.

The centenary of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, which was celebrated a few weeks ago, directs attention to the venerable occupant of the See, the Most Rev. Dr. Ryan, who is now in his seventy-eighth year. Archbishop Ryan has been a conspicuous figure in both the civic and religious life of Philadelphia ever since June 8, 1874, when he succeeded Archbishop Wood. Despite his advanced age, Archbishop Ryan is still a strong and vigorous man. His Grace was born in Thurles, County Tipperary, in 1831. He was in his twenty-second year when he went to America, and was ordained priest soon after. He was consecrated Coadjutor Bishop of St. Louis in 1872, and while visiting Rome in 1874 was given the honorary title of Archbishop of Salamina, by Pope Leo XIII. Shortly after his return to America, after this visit, he was transferred to his present post.

Among the members of the new board of directors of the 'Times' (says the London 'Tablet') appears the name of Mr. Valentine Chirol, long connected with its department of foreign intelligence. Turning to 'The Catholic Who's Who,' we find Mr. Chirol's name therein entered as the 'son of Alexander Chirol, an Anglican clergyman, who went over to Rome. His own journeyings, as war correspondent and otherwise, have taken him into Turkey, Egypt, Persia, and Manchuria, and have resulted in such important contributions to the study of England's foreign policy as 'The Far Eastern Question' and 'The Middle Eastern Question.' Of course, no one member of the staff of a great newspaper can control its policy or even ensure its accuracy of fact; but it is a good thing to know that Printing House Square has on the spot a very able journalist whose knowledge of Catholic affairs may often supply deficiencies in this respect regrettably notable in others.

Of Captain Yamamoto, second in command of the Japanese warships at the Jamestown Exposition, the 'Catholic News' relates this edifying incident:—A short time before the sea battle of Tsushima took place (during the Russo-Japanese war) he went to the residence of the priest and asked that he be allowed to receive Holy Communion. The missionary, rather astonished at the request, reminded him that it was two o'clock in the afternoon, and that no one, unless fasting, was allowed to receive Communion. 'But I am fasting,' was the reply; 'and, as this will probably be my last chance, I sincerely hope you will not deny my request.' He had remained fasting up to a late hour on each of three days, awaiting this first opportunity to go ashore and receive what he thought would surely be his Viaticum. There is evidently in this naval officer a strain of the magnificent faith that St. Francis Xavier planted in Japan about the middle of the sixteenth century, and that survived the official suppression of Christianity something more than a hundred years later. We like to think that among the Japanese converts of later days there are to be found many Catholics as staunch in faith and as consistent in practice as Captain Yamamoto.

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