

Irish News

ANTRIM—Shipbuilding in Belfast

All things considered (says the *Manchester Guardian*) the shipbuilding output from Belfast yards during the past twelve months, if not equal to previous years, has been fairly satisfactory. Although Messrs. Harland and Wolff have been handicapped for building space in the year just ended, they have been able to launch 107,000 tons of new shipping, which will probably constitute a world's record in a year remarkable for a depression in the shipbuilding trade all over the United Kingdom.

CLARE—An Octogenarian

The death took place on January 4 at Moy House, Lahinch, of Major George S. Studdert, J.P., one of the oldest magistrates in Clare, and a former Grand Juror for the county. He was in his 87th year, and had been ailing for some time. The deceased gentleman was a son of the late Mr. Charles Studdert, Newmarket House, and was one of a family of seventeen brothers, many well known in Clare in their time. He had been agent over the Fitzgerald and other estates in Clare and Cork. He was very popular with all classes.

CORK—A Military Chaplain

The *Catholic Register*, Madras, chronicles the death of Very Rev. Dominic Hammill, Catholic military chaplain at Jullundur. Father Hammill was a native of Fermoy, County Cork, joined the Capuchins at Bruges in March, 1877, was ordained at St. John Lateran's, Rome, in 1880, and went to India in 1881.

DONEGAL—A Venerable Pastor

When the last mail left Home the Right Rev. Mgr. McFadden, the venerable pastor of Glena, Falcarragh, was very seriously ill. Monsignor McFadden was born some eighty years ago, and after ordination was appointed to his native diocese of Raphoe. He was a participator in many stirring episodes of the land war, including the Glenveigh clearances, with which his name is inseparably connected. The history of that awful time of sorrow and wrong, and the noble part taken by Father McFadden, as he then was, were vividly set forth in *New Ireland* by the late Mr. A. M. Sullivan. That happier times have come for the persecuted tenant farmers of Ireland is due in no small degree to men of Father McFadden's type, whose hearts bled at the sufferings inflicted on a noble peasantry and who worked heroically and unselfishly to improve their sad lot.

DUBLIN—The Parliamentary Fund

The trustees of the United Irish Parliamentary and National Fund announce that the fund for the year 1908 is closed, and that the total amount subscribed during the twelve months, exclusive of the moneys received from America and Australia, was £7413 1s 10d.

Old Age Pensions

In Dublin over 4000 septuagenarians received old age pensions on the first day of the new year.

Freedom from Crime

Freedom from crime was the subject of the Recorder's address at the opening of the Quarter Sessions in Kilmaham on December 31. County Dublin had maintained the law-abiding, peaceful, and orderly character for which it was remarkable, he said, during many years.

KING'S COUNTY—An Appointment

Mr. Harry J. Campbell, the manager of the Hibernian Bank at Birr, King's County, has been appointed to the important position of manager at the head office, College Green, Dublin. Mr. Campbell, who is the youngest of the officials of his rank, is the second son of the late Mr. H. A. Campbell, of Haddington Road, Dublin. He was educated by the Jesuit Fathers at Clongowes Wood College, where he had a brilliant career, being successful year after year in winning scholarships and other prizes at the Intermediate Education Examinations.

LIMERICK—The Augustinian Order

The death is reported of the Rev. P. J. Glynn, O.S.A., who passed away in his native city of Limerick on January 2 at the age of 68 years. On attaining the age of manhood, he joined the Augustinian Order, and became attached to the House at John street, Dublin. After some years he was sent to Drogheda, from whence he returned again to Dublin. In 1879 Father Glynn was sent to Rome, where he was constituted Prior of the House of Studies of the Irish Province of Augustinians. Whilst serving in that

capacity—a young and energetic priest as he was—he took an active interest in the erection of St. Patrick's Church in Rome, and Irish visitors—lay or clerical—to the capital of Italy shared generously in his hospitality and in the sunshine of his genial and pro-Irish personality. After thirteen years' sojourn in Rome, Father Glynn went back to Ireland, and became Prior of the Limerick House, a position he retained up to the last Chapter of the Order in November, 1907, when he was succeeded by Very Rev. John McSweeney, the present highly-esteemed Prior at Limerick.

White Gloves Presented

The Limerick Quarter Sessions were opened in the County Court House on January 4 by County Court Judge P. Law Smith, who was accompanied by the newly-appointed City High Sheriff (Mr. W. L. Stokes). The High Sheriff said it was his very pleasing duty, the first in connection with his official capacity as High Sheriff, to ask his Honor to accept a pair of white gloves as emblematic of the peaceful condition of the city and its immunity from crime. His Honor, in accepting the white gloves, said it was to him an especial pleasure that the first act of the new High Sheriff of that city should take its outward and visible form in the presentation to him of a pair of white gloves, emblematic of the freedom of the city from crime. It was an especial pleasure to his Honor, considering that their new High Sheriff was sworn in only that morning, that his first act should be as the bearer of a message of peace. They all had heard a lot about good resolutions at the beginning of the year. His Honor looked upon those gloves of January, 1909, as the result of the good resolution formed in 1908, and he thought he would be expressing the wish of everybody in the city in hoping that each succeeding January would bring forth the same crop of white gloves. He desired to associate himself with the High Sheriff and the public bodies of the city, with the expression of universal sympathy and regret at the loss which the city had sustained by the death of Sir Thomas Cleève. It was his privilege to have received from Sir Thomas, on three different occasions, white gloves, when he filled the position, which he did so honorably, of High Sheriff. Through his sterling ability, commercial industry, and absolute uprightness, Sir Thomas had done a lot to reanimate and restore the commercial prosperity of the city. It was sad to think that such a man should be cut off at his time of life, but it was not for them to question the ways of Providence. In conclusion, he wished them all, and the people of the city in general, a happy, prosperous, and sober New Year.

LOUTH—An Illuminated Address

The students of St. Mary's College, Dundalk, have presented the Very Rev. J. Corcoran, S.M., president, with a very handsome illuminated address on the occasion of the opening of a new wing of the college. The addition has been erected at considerable expense, mainly through the untiring energy of its worthy president and staff.

No Criminal Cases

At the Drogheda Quarter Sessions on January 5, before County Court Judge Kishey, Mr. J. J. Russell, Sub-Sheriff, presented his Honor with white gloves, there being no criminal business to be disposed of. His Honor congratulated the citizens of Drogheda on the peaceable state of the town and district. He hoped the present state of affairs would long continue.

SLIGO—Death of an Archdeacon

The death of the venerable Archdeacon of Achonry, which took place at the Parochial House, Ballymote, on December 30 (says a Dublin correspondent), will be deeply regretted not alone in the diocese of which he was such an esteemed clergyman, but all over Ireland and far beyond her shores. He was a fine specimen of the Irish priesthood, who devoted himself whole-heartedly to the spiritual and temporal interests of his people. Born in the parish of Kilmactigue close on 70 years ago, he decided in early boyhood to embrace the religious life. In Maynooth College he studied theology, being ordained in due course. That he worked untiringly for the salvation of souls it is scarcely necessary to say. He never wearied. So highly did his brother priests think of him that they selected him as one worthy to fill the bishopric of his native diocese. To his great joy the burden of episcopal cares was placed on other shoulders, and he was allowed to labor in a less exalted sphere.

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A Profitable Industry

In the course of a letter to the secretary of an English grocers' association, Mr. T. W. Russell, Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruc-

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