

Irish News.

CORK.—The Savings Bank.—The Cork Savings Bank was established in 1817. For last year there was a total surplus of £13,213 16s 8d over liability.

DONEGAL.—The Development of Deep-sea Fisheries.—Mr. William O'Doherty, M.P. for North Donegal, has for some time past interested himself in the development of the deep-sea fisheries in his constituency. He has been greatly assisted by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, who is a member of the Congested Districts Board. At the end of October last Mr. O'Doherty wrote to the Congested Districts Board a letter in which he embodied the views of the fishermen and fish merchants of Innishowen as to the plan which should be adopted to develop the fishing industry in their respective districts. In reply, the Congested Districts Board has expressed its willingness to establish a boat ship at Portloman, and they have offered contributions towards other improvements provided the Donegal County Council also contribute towards the cost of them.

DUBLIN.—The Chief-Commissioner of the Dublin Police.—The Lord-Lieutenant has appointed Colonel Ross, of Bladensburg, C.B., Chief-Commissioner of the Dublin Metropolitan Police in succession to Mr. Jones, C.B., who has just retired. Colonel Ross is a Catholic. He has had a varied and active career, having served in the Snakim campaign, 1885 (medal and clasp and Khedive's star); on the international Boundary Commission as Assistant British Commissioner in Turkey, 1878-79; been Secretary to the Right Hon. R. Bourke (Lord Connemara), Financial Commission, Constantinople, 1881; Assistant Private Secretary to the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, Chief Secretary for Ireland, 1881; and on the staff of Earl Spencer and the Earl of Carnarvon, when Lord-Lieutenants of Ireland, 1882-85. In addition, Colonel Ross discharged the office of secretary to two British Missions to the Holy See—Duke of Norfolk's in 1887, and Field Marshal Sir Lintorn Simmons's in 1889-90.

A Visitor from the Antipodes.—The announcement that Chevalier Auguste Weigand, late of Sydney, would perform on the grand new organ, recently erected at the expense of Father Downing, in the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, Dublin, drew very large congregations to that church. Needless to say the recitals, which had a most devotional effect, were heard with breathless attention, and all enjoyed a rare musical treat.

The New Lord Mayor.—Mr. Timothy Charles Harrington has been elected Lord Mayor of Dublin. The new Lord Mayor is M.P. for the Harbor Division of Dublin City, and one of the most prominent figures from Ireland in the House of Commons. It is to his influence that the re-union of the Irish parties is largely due. He is the son of Mr. Denis Harrington, was born at Castletown Bere, in the county of Cork, in 1851. He studied at Trinity College, Dublin, and at the Catholic University. He is a member of the Irish Bar, and was engaged as counsel in most of the recent Irish political trials, including the *Times* Special Commission, where he appeared as one of the junior counsel for the defence of Mr. Parnell and his Parliamentary colleagues. He has had considerable experience as a journalist, having founded and edited the *Kerry Sentinel*, and in more recent years he was connected with the *Irish Daily Independent* and *United Ireland*. He was secretary and chief organiser of the Irish National League from its establishment in 1882 until after Mr. Parnell's death, and had been always closely associated with the great Irish leader. In 1883, while imprisoned in Mullingar Gaol for a speech delivered in support of the claims of the agricultural laborers, he was returned to Parliament as junior representative of County Westmeath, and at the general election of 1885 he was returned for the Harbor Division of the City of Dublin, which constituency he has since represented. He is the author of several pamphlets connected with the Irish movement, including 'A Diary of Coercion,' 'Impeachment of the Maamtrasna Trial,' etc. When the division occurred in the ranks of the Irish Parliamentary Party, he, in company with Messrs. John Dillon, William O'Brien, T. P. O'Connor, T. D. Sullivan, and T. P. Gill, were on a delegation in America. Five of the delegates declared against Mr. Parnell, while Mr. Harrington supported the Irish leader, and remained a supporter of his to the end. He was married in 1892, at Dublin, to Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Dr. Edward O'Neill of that city.

KILKENNY.—An American Millionaire.—Mr. Michael Cudahy, the American millionaire meat packer, whose son was kidnapped and ransomed at a heavy figure at Omaha, was born at Callan in the County Kilkenny in 1841, and went to the United States with his parents at the age of six. They settled in Milwaukee, where he became an employee in a packing house in 1855. Rising by sheer ability, he became a partner in the great Chicago firm of Armour and Company in 1873, and in 1890 he established the business of the Cudahy Packing Company, which is now almost as great as that of the Amours.

LOUTH.—Help for the Evicted Tenants.—Mr. Peter Lynch, J.P., ex-Mayor of Drogheda, has received £150 from Mr. John Dillon, M.P., on behalf of the Evicted Tenants' Committee, to be divided in equal shares amongst the evicted tenants on the Massereene estate. Mr. Lynch has already taken steps in accordance with the wish of Mr. Dillon and his *confreres*.

MEATH.—The Diocesan Cathedral.—The Most Rev. Dr. Gaffney, Bishop of Meath, has issued a pastoral letter in which he makes an eloquent appeal for funds with which to erect a diocesan Cathedral. His Lordship says: In this diocese we have not kept pace with other and poorer dioceses in the matter of church building. Perhaps it is that the old chapels were of a better type, and

that we could afford to wait. Certain it is that our people have contributed to the other churches and charities of the country, and, I hope, have founded a title not to be forgotten in the days of our need. Already assurances and proofs of much generosity have come to me. The sanction and blessing of the Pope, which I have received for the work, and those assurances warrant the belief that Meath will rally round this great mother church and make it worthy of its high purpose.

ROSCOMMON.—Return of Mgr. McLaughlin from Rome.—On his return to Roscommon from Rome Monsignor McLaughlin received a very hearty reception. He took advantage of his audience with the Holy Father to obtain from his Holiness special favors for the new church at present in course of construction. A committee has been formed for the purpose of presenting him with an address together with a tangible proof of their appreciation by the townspeople.

SLIGO.—Death of a Nun.—General regret was felt in Sligo when it became known that Sister Mary Benedict, of the Convent of Mercy, had passed away. The deceased nun was the second daughter of Mrs. McCarthy, Irvilla, Abascragh, and was in the 18th year of her religious life.

The Holy Father on Ireland.—The Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, who has returned from Rome, preached in the Cathedral, Sligo, on Christmas Day. Referring to his interview with the Pope, Dr. Clancy said he explained to the Holy Father that one of the greatest afflictions Ireland suffered was from emigration, which was draining the life blood of the country year after year; that during the present year over 40,000 people left the quays of Queenstown for America. His Holiness expressed his deep regret at such a state of things. His Lordship then explained that the cause of this was the poverty of the people, the absence of manufactures, and the fact that in many parts of the country the land which should be occupied by the people was occupied by the sheep and cattle. Pope Leo XIII. impressed on his Lordship that while this large question required a remedy, the people should be impressed with the fact that unless they adopted constitutional methods to remedy these public evils the blessing of God could not be upon them. If the people acted according to the laws of God in public as well as in private affairs the blessing of God would be on the country.

WEXFORD.—A Venerable Pastor.—The Very Rev. Canon Doyle, the venerable pastor of Ramsgrange, Wexford, has just celebrated his 83rd birthday. Canon Doyle's zeal in the cause of faith and fatherland is widely known. This was amply evidenced by numerous telegrams of congratulation which he received, including one from his Eminence Cardinal Logue, who was at the time in Rome, which ran thus: 'Cordial congratulations. The Pope sends special blessing.' Canon Doyle has spent 55 years on the mission. He is still hale and hearty and full of energy in the cause of his Divine Master.

WICKLOW.—A Threatened Eviction.—At a recent meeting of the Rathdrum Guardians the relieving-officer handed in a notice of eviction received from Messrs. Toomey, solicitors for Earl Fitzwilliam, against John Howard Parnell, of Avondale. It appears that the entrances to the Parnell domestic are erected upon land on the Fitzwilliam estate, and for which rent has not recently been paid to Lord Fitzwilliam. The result of his eviction, should his Lordship so desire, will be that the public will be precluded from visiting Parnell's residence.

GENERAL.

The Archbishop of Dublin and the Parliamentary Fund.—His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin has sent a subscription of £10 to the Irish Parliamentary Fund, and has written a letter thanking Mr. John Redmond for having saved the country from the calamity with which it was threatened of an angry political conflict in Christmas week.

Occupation of Members of Parliament.—The occupations of the various Irish Nationalist Members of Parliament are as follows: Farmers, 14; merchants, 12; barristers, 11; journalists, 10; in addition to six barristers who are engaged in journalism; solicitors, 7; landowners, 4; medical men, 4; schoolmasters, 3; ex-officers, 2; drapers, 2; labor members, 2; stockbroker, 1; malster, 1; mechanical engineer, 1; commission agent, 1; hotel proprietor, 1; pilot, 1.

A Christmas Box for an Evicted Tenant.—Mrs. William O'Brien sent, as a Christmas box, a cheque for £25 to Mr. John Mullen, an evicted tenant on the Massereene estate.

Evictions in Ulster.—The total of evictions in Ireland for the third quarter of 1900 was 1209, 300 in advance of the previous year. Unionist Ulster contributed the largest number—602. In Connaught the evictions for the three months were 280, in Leinster 177, and in Munster 150.

Emigration Figures.—The number of emigrants who left Ireland in October was 4273 as compared with 3524 for the same month last year. During the first 10 months of the past year no fewer than 43,649 people emigrated from Ireland as compared with 40,269 during the same period of the previous year.

The Manufacture of Mustard.—It may not be generally known that mustard is largely manufactured in Ireland. Yet this is so, and, furthermore, Irish mustard is said to be of a purer quality, and to cost twopence per pound less than that imported from England.

Solemn Thanksgiving Services.—The death of the nineteenth century and the birth of the twentieth were celebrated everywhere throughout Ireland with great and befitting religious