

Irish News

ANTRIM.—Belfast Tramways

The Belfast Corporation is making arrangements to purchase the undertaking of the Belfast Street Tramway Company, whose lease expires in 1907. A scheme for purchase and arbitration is being drafted, and if the company agrees to it the transfer may be carried out at once. If the company does not agree, the Corporation intends to promote a Bill in the next Session of Parliament.

CLARE.—An Over-Zealous Policeman

The lesson received by Sergeant John Cole at Ennis Quarter Sessions the other day (says the 'Freeman's Journal') will serve to remind him and other members of the Royal Irish Constabulary that they are the servants and not the masters of the public. Without any apparent cause the police officer interfered with a District Councillor, and that gentleman having protested against being addressed as a 'ruffian and a scoundrel' he was at once arrested. A charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct which was preferred against him was dismissed, and the roles of plaintiff and defendant were reversed at the Ennis Quarter Sessions, when the jury brought in a verdict of £100 damages against the over-officious sergeant for illegal arrest, false imprisonment, and malicious prosecution. This decision, it is hoped, will have a useful effect in compelling men like Sergeant Cole to remember that after all they are not above the law and that their uniform does not always protect them from the consequences of their petty tyrannies.

DONEGAL.—Motor-Car Service

At a recent meeting of the Donegal County Council a letter was read from Lord Leitrim stating that it was his intention to establish a motor car service between Strabane and Rosapenna Hotel, each car being capable of carrying fifteen passengers, their luggage and mails. The route decided upon is via Letterkenny, Kilmacrennan, Milford, and Carrigart. As it would greatly add to the success of the service to prepare the surface of the road by steam-roller he asked the permission of the County Council to use rollers on these roads. He also asked to be held indemnified against any breakages of pipes or bridges. The Council decided to grant permission to steam-roll the roads, but stated they could give no indemnity with regard to breakages. Mr. Hanna pointing out that Lord Leitrim could use the roads with a steam-roller in the same way as the owners of traction engines, who were not liable for breakages, except in cases where warning regarding the unsafe state of bridges was given.

DOWN.—A Memorial

It has been decided that the memorial of the late Lord Russell of Killowen, which is to be presented to the town of Newry out of the surplus funds subscribed for the main memorial, shall take the form of a bust of the late Lord Chief Justice, from the chisel of Mr. Joseph Swynnerton, a sculptor well known in Rome and London.

DUBLIN.—A Marquis in Court

The Marquis of Downshire appeared at Dublin Police Court recently to answer to the charge of having negligently managed his motor car in Lower Dorset street, Dublin, whereby an elderly woman named Elizabeth McGee was knocked down and received injuries which proved fatal. Mr. Tobias, representing the Attorney-General, stated as the result of the investigations which had already taken place in that court and before the coroner, the Crown authorities had come to the conclusion that the unfortunate event which led to the woman's death was an inevitable accident, and the charge would accordingly be withdrawn.

A Missing Heir

In the Rolls Court, Dublin, recently, in the case of Colclough, deceased, Mr. Myles Kehoe, K.C., applied for directions as to what steps should be taken, by advertisements or otherwise, to ascertain whether John Colclough was alive or dead. John Colclough, who was the son of Thomas Colclough, senior, Dublin, had left Ireland for New Zealand in 1881. It appeared that he had been sometimes known by the name of Spain, and he had not been heard of since 1893, his last place of whereabouts being a place called Gisborne, a considerable distance from Wellington, New Zealand. The property involved was the farm of Adamstown. They did not allege that Messrs. Scallan had not done their best in the matter in order to trace him. Mr. Ignatius O'Brien, K.C., on behalf of Mr. Rooney, trustee of the settlement of the first marriage of Thomas Colclough, said everything had been done, but the advertisements did not state that John Colclough had also been known by the name of Spain, and they agreed that it would be well to have further advertisements embodying that fact. Mr. Leech, on behalf of Thomas Colclough, a brother of John Colclough, submitted that the advertisements already issued and the steps taken were sufficient. The Master of the Rolls said John Colclough appeared to have pursued a very curious course. He adopted a name that was not his own, and that was not inserted in the advertisements. Although everyone had done what they could it was absolutely necessary that there should be a further advertisement, but it should be worded in such a way that he must be brought forward if he had any claim to make. He had never offered a reward for such information be-

fore, but he would depart from that practice now, and would direct that a reward of £10 would be paid to anyone giving satisfactory proof of John Colclough's death.

KERRY.—Bravery Rewarded

At the last meeting in London of the Royal Humane Society testimonials were awarded to Thomas Garter, Michael Foley, Daniel Deady, and William Kelliher, all of Cloughmore, County Kerry, for their gallant action there on March 23. About 10 o'clock in the forenoon a man named Clifford, with a horse and cart, was proceeding along the submerged roadway, the river Maine having overflowed its banks, when the horse got out of its depth, and, plunging, overturned the cart into the dyke on the roadside. Clifford held on to the wheel, while the horse got loose and swam out. Owing to the volume and strength of the current, two attempts to reach him failed. After four hours in this perilous position the four men, by lashing themselves together with ropes, succeeded in reaching him in time to save his life.

KILDARE.—Death of a Priest

By the death of the Rev. T. Moloney P.P., Clonaslee, the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin has lost a useful and zealous priest, and the people of his parish a revered and beloved pastor. For some few years past Father Moloney had been in failing health, though he suffered from no particular form of disease.

LIMERICK.—The Late Dean Mahoney

The Very Rev. Dean Mahoney, S.M. (writes a Dublin correspondent) was attended in his last hours, and, indeed, during his long illness, by his friend of many years, the Superior of the Marist Fathers, Dublin, the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M. The funeral took place on April 15, at Pallasgreen, County Limerick. Preceding the funeral were the Office for the Dead and Solemn Requiem Mass. The Very Rev. Canon Power, P.P., Emly, presided. High Mass was sung by the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M.; deacon, Rev. James Humphreys, C.C.; sub-deacon, Rev. John Duggan, C.C.; master of ceremonies, Rev. John Power, P.P. A large number of local priests attended. The Society of Mary was represented by the Very Rev. James A. Moran, S.M., Provincial. The Dean's brother and sister and connections and friends filled the beautiful parish church. Before committing the venerated remains to earth, the Very Rev. Dr. Watters, S.M., addressed the large assemblage, and after outlining the Dean's career and enumerating his many works for the glory of God asked his sorrowing hearers to mingle their prayers with his for the happy repose of the soul of the deceased. The Dean was a great missionary priest, and no higher eulogy could have been paid him than that contained in a letter from Archbishop Redwood, of Wellington, who, last year, in expressing the hope that the holiday that he was about to take in Ireland would restore his health, spoke of 'the great works which he had undertaken and carried to success for 27 years in the archdiocese.'

MONAGHAN.—The Clan MacKenna

Mr. P. D. MacKenna, St. Mary's Hall, Belfast, who is at present engaged in making researches with a view to compiling an historical sketch of the Clan MacKenna, of Truagh, County Monaghan, writes, asking the assistance of the 'N.Z. Tablet,' that he may be enabled to elicit important facts from fellow-clansmen as well as from others interested in Irish historical investigation. Scattered as members of the MacKenna family are throughout the United Kingdom and the British Empire generally, as well as in France, Spain, Austria, Belgium, Italy, the United States, and the Spanish South American countries, and intermarried with other families of many nationalities it is not unreasonable to expect that valuable information, in connection with historical events of the last few hundred years, should be forthcoming. The nature of the information most useful in the compilation would comprise family documents, biographical sketches of remarkable individuals, bearing or allied to the name, monumental inscriptions, etc.

WATERFORD.—Manuscript Lost

Mr. Justin McCarthv, Mr. William O'Brien, M.P., and other public men have started a fund to indemnify Mr. M. F. Sheehan, of Ballyhussa, County Waterford, for the loss of the manuscript of a valuable work, containing a sympathetic and exhaustive series of pen pictures of life in Ireland. The manuscript was posted at the Newtown Post Office, County Waterford, being addressed to Benziger Brothers, New York, the well-known firm of publishers, but, unfortunately, it never reached its destination. The Postmaster-General has declined to reimburse Mr. Sheehan for his loss, on the ground that his Department is not responsible for the safe transmission of any letter or parcel which is not registered.

GENERAL

American Sympathy

Mr. Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, of Boston, national treasurer of the United Irish League in America, forwarded recently to the national trustees in Ireland 10,000 dollars to aid the Irish Parliamentary Party in maintaining its position in the House of Commons, and safeguarding the rights of the Irish tenants during the discussions on the new Land Bill. This makes the fourth instalment of a like amount, or 40,000 dollars in all which the League has sent to Ireland since the 1st of December. According to the 'Boston Pilot,' it is the intention of the national officers and national executive committee of the organisation to maintain a steady sup-