

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

On yesterday the annual elections of Town Councillors for the Abbey, Castle, Dock, Glentworth, Customhouse, Market, Shannon, and Irishtown Wards, came off. The election for the Dock Ward was held in Richmond-street, but those for the other wards were held in the Town Hall. The proceedings were totally devoid of interest, the crowds which generally congregate on such occasions outside the Town Hall were conspicuous by their absence, so that a passer by would never, without enquiring, know that elections were being held.

In the Dock, Glentworth, Irishtown, Shannon, and Custom House Wards the outgoing Councillors were re-elected. In the Market Ward, Mr. Daniel O'Connell had a walk over, in the room of Mr. McMahon, elected for Glentworth Ward a few days since to fill up the vacancy created by Mr. Lynch's death; and in the Castle Ward Mr. Mulcahy was returned unopposed, in the room of Mr. Arthur Russell who retired, and did not seek re-election.

In the Abbey Ward, a contest took place, Mr. Hayes of William-street having been put up, through a clerical move, suddenly yesterday morning, in opposition to Mr. O'Callaghan, J.P., the outgoing candidate; but as the latter was not prepared for a contest, he, through his solicitor, Mr. Connolly, polled one vote *pro forma*, and tendered a legal objection to the return of Mr. Hayes, that votes were received when the full court were not sitting, one of the Assessors (who sent a deputy to preside for him) being absent. The objection was disallowed, and Mr. Hayes' nominators having polled thirteen votes, and an hour having elapsed after the one vote tendered by Mr. O'Callaghan, Mr. Hayes was declared elected.

A vote of thanks to the presiding Aldermen and Assessors at each election was accorded.

BAZAAR IN AID OF THE MAGDALEN ASYLUM.

This bazaar, revived annually by the ladies of the Convent of the Good Shepherd, in Clare-street, for the purpose of raising funds to maintain the refuge for fallen women under their control, was opened to-day in the news-room of the Town Hall. The walls and ceiling were not encumbered with those laurel and other decorations which are generally carried out on such occasions; but the stalls were very neatly laid out, so that the visitor's attention was not withdrawn from the latter.

At the Southern end of the room was a very useful stall, and containing a profusion of refreshments, the viands being of the best quality and the liqueurs agreeable to the taste of the *connoisseur*, or most refractory *gourmande*. Here Mrs. Barry presided assisted by Mrs. O'Farrell, Miss Brereton, and Miss Sheehy, and amongst the large amount of good things of this life which covered the stall, were two good wedding cakes to be won by whoever may be the fortunate Benedicts to require them. There was also on view a very handsome silver tea service to be drawn for.

Next to the refreshment stall, and opposite the entrance, was that presided over by Mrs. John Henry Hall, who was assisted by Miss Murphy and the Misses Corbett. Here were arranged in profusion a collection of bijouterie, a beautiful music box, and several hundred articles for prizes in the grand lottery, for every one purchasing a pound's worth of tickets at this stall is not only sure to win a prize, set apart for the purpose, but has a chance of winning other prizes. Between this and the Refreshment Stall, but attached to the latter, is that containing a very large collection of fruits, flowers, and vegetables, of every kind, and which forms one of the most attractive features of the bazaar.

At the Western end of the room is situate the stall presided over by Mrs. M. R. Ryan, who was assisted by the Misses McNamara, Mrs. Tinsley, the Misses Ryan, and Miss McCarthy.

The chief articles of attraction on this stall are a beautifully made slate billiard table, with marking board and cues, adapted for the parlour or drawing-room; Singer's sewing machine, a Raccoon skin rug, the present of Mrs. Ryan; an exquisitely worked fender stool, the gift of the Mayor; and a large collection of fancy work, of the neatest designs.

To the right of the doorway is the stall presided over by Mrs. Blackhall, assisted by the Misses Blackhall. Here was arranged a magnificent collection of articles of *vertu*, a beautifully bound missal, religious pictures, &c.

To the left of the entrance is placed the stall presided over by Mrs. Connell Fitzgerald, assisted by Mrs. John Fitzgerald, Mrs. Bodkin, Miss Morrogh, Miss

LIMERICK HARBOUR BOARD.

The ordinary fortnightly meeting of the Harbour Board was held yesterday, Michael R. Ryan, Esq., J.P., in the Chair.

The other members present were—Richard Russell, J.P.; J. R. Tinsley, J.P.; Robert Rodger, J.P.; James Harris, Richard Phillips, Richard Power, and Thaddeus M'Donnell, J.P., Esqrs.

Mr. Nash read the minutes of last meeting, which were affirmed.

The report of the Financial Committee was submitted and adopted.

Mr. Nash read the following letter received from the Mayor:—

London, 16th November, 1867.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to inform you, for the information of the Harbour Commissioners, that I had a long interview with the Chairman of the Board of Works in Dublin, on the several points referred to at the last meeting.

First, as to the lamps. They say we may as justly ask for the lamps in George-street to be lighted by them. As to the application of P. Euright they consider we should never have raised such a point, as they did not recognise any separation of the accounts between the Harbour and the Bridge till the present Bill; and that they will on no account entertain any claim but what has already been approved of. As regards free passes for men employed on the shipping at the other side of the bridge, they can only be treated as all other passengers are, and as the Harbour Commissioners receive the revenue, they must undertake all the responsibility on this matter.

I did my utmost to press this subject on the Chairman but without effect, he strongly remarking that after all that had been done for us we ought to be quite satisfied. Perhaps, if Messrs. Spaight and Murphy visit Dublin they may have more success.

Will you also express to the Board my strong hope that at its meeting on Monday next, arrangements will be made immediately for commencing the work on the new graving dock, and should any delay arise in getting the money from the Loan Commissioners, I shall willingly join in a guarantee to the Bank for such sum as will enable us to give the work at once, which is much needed by the unemployed workmen of the city.

Your's faithfully  
PETER TAIT, Mayor.

S. Roche, Esq., Sec. to Harbour Commissioners.

Mr. Russell said he wrote to his brother, Mr. F. W. Russell, one of the city representatives, requesting him not to lose sight for a moment of this important subject, and had received a letter enclosing one from the Solicitors, to the Treasury, Messrs. Barnes and Bernard, in which these gentlemen state that the draft security required would be sent to Limerick on Monday (that day) or on Tuesday (to-day) requiring a copy of the deed of composition required by the Act.

Mr. Joseph Murphy, solicitor to the Board, said that he had the deed of composition ready, and would forward it as soon as he heard from the gentleman in London.

A debate upon the present and probable future position of the bridge, and its effect under restrictions upon the trade and commerce of the port and city, ended in the adoption of a resolution proposed by Mr. Russell, and seconded by Alderman Tinsley, to the effect that with a view to secure to the public as soon as possible the free use of the Wellesley-bridge, Mr. Long and Mr. Murphy be requested to take the requisite steps to bring the matter before the Grand Juries of Limerick and Clare and other authorities, so as to have the bridge purchased up at a reasonable figure, and calling upon the Mayor, Corporation, and citizens generally to further and assist this project in every way in their power.

A letter from Sir Thos. Deane was read, requesting payment for his half-year's interest on £3,600, and suggesting that the principle should be paid off. It was resolved, in reply to this epistle, that the interest due to Sir Thomas Deane since the Harbour Board came into possession of their property should be paid, and that a cheque be issued for it, the other portion of the interest to be paid by the Board of Works. The principal was legally due, and should be paid, and Mr. Murphy was directed to put himself into communication on the subject with Sir Thomas.

A report from Mr. Long, C.E., on the plans, specifications, &c., of the proposed graving dock, was read. Mr. Long said that he had the plans prepared some time ago, and had at their suggestion submitted them

DEATH OF DR. FRITH.

It is with regret we announce the death of this gentleman which took place on Thursday night, after a few days illness, contracted we believe in the discharge of his duties while attending on the sick poor of his neighbourhood. The loss of this estimable and truly Christian man will be altogether felt by the poor and the needy, to whom he was a benefactor. To enumerate his acts of benevolence would require more than the space which a newspaper could allow; but so long as the present generation will last, the name of Surgeon Frith will remain a "household word"—for he combined in his person all that was good and praiseworthy in the practical Christian.

DR. O'SULLIVAN AND THE LIMERICK BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The Limerick Board of Guardians have determined to defend any action which Dr. O'Sullivan may bring against them in reference to the proceedings which have been repeatedly noticed in our columns. We regret to learn that they have appointed a secret committee for the purpose of instructing their solicitor as to the line of defence they mean to take. The case is a public one, and has attracted much public attention, and all the proceedings should be open and above-board. We agree with Mr. Jas. Ryan, one of the guardians, that the majority of his brethren have adopted a very unwise course. If the guardians have anything to conceal, it may well be supposed that their defence, if not essentially bad in law, is very weak in equity. Their quarrel with the late surgeon to the Limerick Union has obtained great notoriety. If they wish to show that their conduct towards him has been founded upon principles of right, there cannot possibly be any occasion for the institution of a secret committee to conduct their defence. If we have advocated the cause of Dr. O'Sullivan, it has been under the strong conviction that, whatever his faults may have been, he has acted in a straightforward, manly way. He should be treated on the part of his opponents in the same manner. His case has an interest far beyond the town of Limerick. It affects more or less every union surgeon in the Kingdom, and we trust that the Poor-law Commissioners of Ireland will see that the course of justice shall not be in any way interfered with as between Dr. O'Sullivan and the Board of Guardians.—*Lancet*, Nov. 23.

We (the *U. S. Gazette*) are enabled this week to chronicle another step in the progress of Army reform, which although very trifling in its nature, will affect the comfort of every man in the service. The heavy thick woollen forage cap worn by privates is to be superseded by another of a greatly improved pattern, similar to those now issued to sergeants, to be made of cloth, which besides being much more comely, will be lighter, more comfortable, and healthy than the present one. A change is also about to be made in the forage cap worn by field officers, in addition to a piece of gold lace round the peak, which will serve as a distinctive mark of field officers.

Lieutenant General the Hon Sir James Yorks Scarlett, K C B, having proceeded on leave of absence till December 20, Major General E C Hodge, C B, assumed the command of the division from the 19th 19th inst. The following officers also have leave of absence:—Captain W F Lockhart, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, to January, 1868, Captain Thotpson, District Inspector of Musketry, to the 30th instant, Staff Surgeon Major Bacot, in extension, to the 30th inst.

A battalion of the Guards was on Friday night held in readiness to proceed at once to Manchester should their services be unfortunately required.

Letters for her Majesty's ships, Statellite, Argus, and Vigilant, should be addressed "Abyssinia," for which country a special mail service has been arranged.

The Greenwich Hospital pension of £50 a year, vacant by the death of Retired Paymaster Edward Brown, on the 1st instant, has been granted from that date to retired Paymaster Thomas E. Tilly.

It is rumoured that the Master Attendant of Portsmouth Yard, Staff Capt. W. T. Mainprize, C.B., is to remove to Woolwich, in the room of Staff Capt. Biddlecombe, who, having attained the age of 60, retires by regulation.

Capt. de Wahl, lately promoted to post rank, has been obliged to invalidate from the Cordelia. Capt. de Wahl had heard of his promotion, but the state of his health compelled him to leave the ship before the arrival of his successor.