

of giving greater goods transit and travelling than at present prevail. At present the Railway Companies in Ireland labour under ages, not of their own creation. A cry general in Ireland for Railways, they were constructed to meet the demand for them; unately they could not be—as in England land—made altogether out of capital stock—owing to the want of money, and powers had to be resorted to for their com. This want of share capital arose through five purchases of land in the Encumbered Court, which absorbed capital that would have been invested in Railways. The net arose for the borrowing of money, and n of what is called preference stock has use of so many Irish Railways not paying for the high rate of interest on the former a large margin of the profits earned, while ids on preference shares have prevented the f dividends on original shares—except on e lines; and thus has arisen a state of connection with the Irish Railways so in- its effects, and preventing the proper de- of the trade of the country.

he great number of lines in Ireland, each as a separate board of management, with engineer, clerks, &c., is an additional penditure injurious to the interests of the s. For instance, the London and North- ailway cost £33,000,000, and has a weekly £60,000—yet it is worked by one board of t, has a head engineer, and the rest of the ers is in proportion. But if we look at es, 66 in number, we find that they all 5,000,000, and have a weekly revenue of 00; they have 66 boards of management, ecretaries, &c.

desired in this country is that the Govern- up all those lines, and place them Board of Management in Dublin. They e purchased for about £22,000,000, the hich sum at 3½ per cent. (although t could borrow money at a less rate) nually £770,000. The nett revenue of s, after paying working expenses, is and if we add to this a sum of £150,000, calculated would be saved by the amal- l the lines under the management of one e would remain a surplus to the Govern- 0,000 a year, which would leave a consid- in for a reduction of fares. But the Go- ould also save the amount now paid to : railways for the transit of the mails; so onetary speculation there would be a com- one gained by the Treasury.

vernment will not purchase the railways o be their intention from Lord Derby's d Clairacarde, on Monday, in the House ey ought to lend the different railway oney to pay off their mortgages at 3½ per dition of a proportionate reduction hey ought to introduce such a measure ty as will give facilities for amalgamating y companies into one, and managed by board, and then lend that company as y as would be required to pay off the ts on the different lines.

it has been taken up by the County Clare ho, on the proposition of the foreman, ur, have agreed to a memorial to be for- e Lord Lieutenant and the Premier in Government taking the railways of this r their control, and which was warmly r Sir Coleman O'Loughlin and Captain .P.'s; and we would suggest to the he County Limerick Grand Jury, now empannelled, not to separate without imilar memorial. They will thus show is feeling of the gentry of this county t; and if every other Grand Jury in sses a similar opinion we have no doubt esires of all classes of the people of Ire- ally expressed, will be responded to by ent.

Hon. Judge Fitzgerald arrived at the ngs, Mr. Sterling's George-street, from ill-open the Commission in the County y-morrow.

arty of the remarkable sermon in denunciation of Fenianism and the Fenians, a number of the congregation left the edifice; but, having made enquiry, we have the best authority for announcing that there was no truth in that statement.

The grand hunt ball which came off in Ennis was attended by the rank and beauty of Tipperary and the adjoining counties. The company was very numerous, and the decorations of the courthouse, in which the ball was held, were remarkably beautiful owing to the fact that ladies as well as gentlemen took part in fitting up the decorations. Amongst those who attended from this locality, and the adjoining neighbourhood, were—Mr. Anthony Parker, and Mr. R. Parker, Castlereagh; Mrs., the Misses, and Mr. R. Smithwick; Mr. and Mrs. J. Smithwick; Mrs. and Miss Caswell; Mr. and Mrs. R. Gabbett; Mrs. and the Misses Studdert, the Lodge; Captain Thackeray and Officers of 74th; Captain Fryer and Officers of Carbineers. The supper, which was of a most sumptuous character, was supplied by Mr. P. Coffee, of George-street. At the conclusion the health of the master of the Ormond hounds, proposed by Captain Sandes, was drunk with flowing bowls. Mr. Walsh responded in suitable terms; and he next proposed the health of the ladies, which was acknowledged by Mr. Gason.

On Tuesday an inquest was held by John Gleeson, Esq., coroner, on the body of John Heffernan, aged 42, (whose accidental death we announced in our last) and who left a wife and five children. It appeared in evidence that the deceased had been employed in unloading the Norwegian ship Victoria, at the New Dock, which arrived about four or five weeks ago with a cargo of wheat, and he was also engaged on Tuesday loading her with ballast, when he went down the main hatch, in which there was a stationary long ladder, but in the fore-hatch there was a temporary ladder made of a piece of deal board, with pieces of timber nailed to it; and the deceased when ascending by the latter it gave way, and he fell backwards a depth of about thirteen feet. The poor fellow was not missed for nearly an hour, when the ship's boy, a lad of about 11 years of age, found him lying on his back. In answer to the Coroner, who asked him if a doctor was sent for at the time, he did not appear to understand the question, as he spoke English very imperfectly. The Coroner asked the boy if he were ever sick, and he said he was; and, in reply to the question who he then would send for, he at once said the doctor, and then he understood the meaning of the first question put to him by the Coroner, and he explained the reason why the doctor was not called in by saying that the deceased's face was like the white cover of a lounge in the room at the time. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence; but were desirous of commenting on the carelessness of the captain in providing such a ladder as that by which the man was supposed to have come by his death, but the Coroner informed them that there was no *prima facie* evidence that he fell from that ladder, although the moral presumption was such and they refrained from adding any opinion derogatory to the captain.

#### TO THE FREEMASONS OF NORTH MUNSTER PROVINCE.

February 20th 1867.  
DEAR BROTHERS—At the time when I became Provincial Master of North Munster I did not anticipate that circumstances would detain me so much from the Province, as I now find they do. Fearing that the interests of the Order might be compromised by my absence, I have placed my resignation in the hands of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

I thank you all Brethren, most sincerely, for the invariable kindness and indulgence which you have manifested towards me,

And remain,  
Fraternally and affectionately  
Yours,  
H. WESTROPP, 32nd.

The committee of Trinity Church thankfully acknowledge the receipt of £54 14s. 9d. contributed in Trinity Church on Sunday last for the Limerick Asylum for Blind Females, including the following donations:—Sir H. Dillon Massy, Bart., £1; Sir Wm H. Barrington, £1; Edward Lloyd, Esq., £1.

In connexion with the foregoing acknowledgment we may add that at a meeting of the committee of Trinity Church, it was resolved—That the best thanks of the committee and congregation are due to, and are hereby given to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Limerick for his lordship's able and instructive and most effective sermon on Sunday last, in behalf of the Asylum for Blind Females, connected with Trinity Church in this city, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his lordship.

The Rev. A. Nash thankfully acknowledges the following donations for the Rathkeale Young Men's Christian Association:—Rev. H. E. Smith, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Thomas C. Moore, "Limerick Warehouse Co.," 10s.; the Limerick Warehouse Co., 10s.; Cannock, Tait, and Co., £1; Mr. William Hanna, 5s.

The Rev. Thos. Nolan, C.C., Rathkeale, sailed on

every degree than he did. That magnificent memorial of their affection and gratitude for Peter Tait would last for time immemorial. He was always distinguished by his anxiety to benefit the poor men; and he need not say how delighted he (Alderman Mahony) felt at accepting on behalf of the Corporation the conservancy of that testimonial, the inscription on which most properly stated that it was erected by the subscriptions of his fellow-citizens, and he was sure all present agreed in the eulogium it expressed, and he hoped the Mayor would live many years to enjoy the public approbation and testimony to his worth of his grateful fellow-citizens, (applause.) He was glad on that occasion to see their excellent fellow-citizen the Lord Mayor of Dublin present (cheers.) Circumstances of that kind gave *clat* to a proceeding of that nature, and he was sure they all felt deeply grateful to him, and entertained a lively recollection, and recognition of the Lord Mayor's eminent services in Limerick (hear, hear). He would not detain so numerous and respectable an assembly of his fellow citizens any longer, as they had a great deal to do at the assizes; but would say he accepted on the part of the citizens that proud testimonial, and would hand it over to the Town Clerk for the Town Council to have the public conservancy of it.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin on being called on to address the assembly, said—Alderman Mahony, Mr. High Sheriff, and fellow citizens, I assure you I feel the deepest pride and satisfaction in being present on this interesting occasion, which reflects much credit on those whose generosity is manifested in this testimonial, a splendid and enduring proof of their gratitude, and of their kindness, towards the Mayor, as it is also a proof of his signal services to his fellow citizens of my dear native city of Limerick; and I am proud that you have departed from an ancient and a time honoured principle, that you have not waited till death laid him low in order to inscribe on some tombstone to his memory, and of his generosity and virtues; but during his lifetime as an encouragement to him to nobler virtues, to serve the people, to employ them, and thereby to raise the character of Ireland; and you have during his lifetime honored him in a manner that would be creditable to the first citizen of England or Scotland, and which will show that those who will do their duty by them will enjoy the reward and gratitude of the Irish people (applause). I see so many smiling faces around me that I almost think if my good friends had not asked me to speak it would be impossible for me to refrain from saying a few words (a laugh). He knew not how to congratulate them on the proceedings of that day, or to thank them for the innumerable favours they had conferred on him. He was proud to see so many of his fellow-citizens around him, and if he had any regret it was that so many dear friends whom he loved and honoured were not present. He congratulated them on the testimonial, which showed that the vigour and enterprise of the city of Limerick were not dying out, as some would seem to say. Mr. Tait had raised a source of industry here that was capable of being extended; and if they had many men in the south like him, and Mr. Malcomson, and the Messrs. Russell—(hear, hear) they would soon raise the character of the country. It was by energy, self-reliance, and that spirit of enterprise for the benefit of the people, public-spirited enterprise like that of the gentlemen he had mentioned, that they could alone raise the character of Ireland, wipe away the plague spot of her misery, and elevate her in the scale of nations. That was to be done by self-reliance. He had nothing more to say than to express his acknowledgment to them; and his wishes that wherever his lot was cast in life, or in whatever position he occupied, one of the first and most cherished associations of his heart would be in looking back, with pleasure, to the urbanity and kindness and the generous confidence and regard of his fellow-citizens towards him in his dear native city of Limerick (applause).

Mr. Sugrue—I hope your lordship's fellow-citizens will yet erect a monument to yourself in Limerick. Alderman Mahony then proposed, and Alderman M'Donnell seconded, a vote of thanks to the Committee and subscribers to the testimonial, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr. O'Callaghan next proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for attending, which was seconded by Mr. MacSheehy, and agreed to unanimously.

A vote of thanks, on the proposal of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Mr. M'Mahon, was accorded, with acclamation, to the High Sheriff.

After giving three hearty cheers for the Mayor, the High Sheriff, the Lord Mayor, and Alderman Mahony, whom a vote of thanks was also awarded, the meeting separated, and the members of the procession returned to the Town Hall.

#### HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

The County Limerick hounds, Sir David V. Roche's, will meet for February as follows:—Saturday, 23rd, Rockbarton; Tuesday, 26th, Roher Railway Station; Friday, 1st March, Castletown Waller. Hour eleven o'clock.

The Limerick Harriers will meet for February as

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