

posted up a notice in the room to the effect that he did not desire re-election.

Mr. Henry Maunsell and Mr. Myles endorsed the observations of Mr. Cochrane, adding that Ald. Quinlivan possessed a clear judgment, and had considerable experience in dealing with the various important subjects which came before the Board, and they expressed their regret that he should have thought fit to retire.

THE LATE MARKETS BILL.

A letter was read from Messrs. Barrington and Jeffers, solicitors to the Board, enclosing the account due to them by the Board for costs and expenses incurred in the late Markets' Bill, thrown out by the House of Lords. The amount was £1,473, towards which there were payments by the Board, bringing that amount to a balance of £1,073 16s. 3d. a settlement of which they asked for.

Mr. Boyd suggested that the bill be sent to the Taxing Master.

Mayor.—The only consolation we have is that our opponents were put to as much cost as ourselves.

Mr. Myles—Mr. Carroll might devise a plan by next board day, showing how we could pay it.

After some discussion,

It was resolved to send the bill at once to the taxing master.

A second letter from Messrs. Barrington and Jeffers was read, stating that they had received a letter from the Economic Insurance Company, to whom the Board are indebted, complaining of not having received the half-year's instalment of the sinking fund.

It was resolved to inform solicitors of the society that over £1,000 of rates and tolls were due to the Board, portions of which were at present in dispute, pending legal proceedings, and the instalment would be paid as soon as the tolls would be received.

Mr. Frawley, Inspector of Markets, reported he had increased the weighing accommodation in consequence of the increase in the corn market. He also reported a change in the collection of the tolls in the pig market, and which would work better and more profitably. His general monthly report stated—"The markets under my charge are working very satisfactorily. I find by the returns of the butter market for the past month compared with the corresponding month of last year, there is an increase of 1,268 firkins, and an increase of toll amounting to £18 19s. 9d. In the cattle and pig market there is an increase of toll amounting to £35 6s. 9d. A sum of £44 14s. 11d. was received from the provision merchants, as per agreement. In the hay and straw market there was an increase of £5 5s. 10d. In the general market there was an increase of £2 11s. 0½d. In the hide and skin market 12s. 2d., making a total increase of £62 14s. 6½d. In the corn market there is a decrease of £21 6s. 11d. in tolls; in the wool and pig market, £18 2½d, making a total decrease of £22 15s. 1½d. In conclusion I have to state the attendance of the staff for the month regular."

Mr. Boyd said he thought they should express their obligations to Mr. Frawley for his exertions in bringing the labourers' strike. He had managed the market with very trifling assistance, and carried on the business to the satisfaction, not alone of the ward, but of the gentlemen in the butter and corn trade; and were it not for his energy, the merchants would have been put to considerable pecuniary loss and trouble. He thought that where an officer under unusual and difficult circumstances acted so prudently, he ought to receive the thanks of the board.

Mr. Cochrane said he had heard Mr. Frawley spoken of in the most praiseworthy terms, and he believed him to be a most useful officer.

Mr. Myles remarked that from his experience he was the most effectual way to spoil a useful officer was to praise him.

Mr. Boyd replied that Mr. Myles knew nothing of the matter, nor had he any business to know it; he had he would speak otherwise; but he (Mr. Boyd) was in a way to judge of what Mr. Frawley and he was aware that the men were deterred from working at the markets—his (Mr. Boyd's) men said they dare not enter his store in the time, but they would gladly do so at night, it was the reign of terror exercised over them; notwithstanding that Mr. Frawley got the best of the markets carried out in a manner satisfactory to every gentleman in the trade, nearly every one of whom had expressed themselves in

applying in the usual way for the appointment of postmaster in Limerick. His application will then receive proper consideration.

THE NEW RATE.

The Clerk also read a letter from the Commissioners which was forwarded with a copy of a letter they had received from Mr. W. S. Studdert, the Vice-Chairman of the Board, relative to the preparation of the rate books for the electoral division of Limerick, and their reply to it. The letter addressed to the Commissioners was dated O'Brien's Bridge, Dec. 1st, '70, and was as follows:—

"GENTLEMEN,—The Clerk of the Limerick Board of Guardians was yesterday asked could he have the books for the electoral division of Limerick ready during the month, and he replied he could. Some of the city guardians replied that his doing so would be illegal while the previous rate was uncollected, and the time for having it collected unexpired. May I ask is such the law?"

"I would urge upon the Commissioners the necessity of their issuing peremptory directions to the Clerk to prepare the books as quickly as possible."

Mr. Studdert advanced several reasons for asking the Commissioners to adopt the course he suggested, one of which was that all parties would be anxious to have the Parliamentary vote, and the others were for the general good of the union.

The Commissioners, in letter, said "we acknowledge the receipt of your reply of the 1st instant, relative to the preparation of the rate-books, and in reply the Commissioners desire to state that there is no legal obstacle to the guardians closing the present rate, and causing arrears to be carried forward to the new rate-books, and the new rate signed at once, notwithstanding the fact that the time allowed to the collectors for collecting the old rate has not expired. The Commissioners cannot issue instructions as you suggest to the clerk of the Union, but they will forward a copy of your letter, and also their reply to the Board of Guardians."

MR. DELMEGE'S NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following is a copy of the letter addressed to the Commissioners by Mr. Delmege with their reply:—

"Castle Park, Limerick, Dec. 3rd, 1870.

"SIRS,—I shall feel obliged for your opinion on the enclosed notice of motion:—

"1st.—I object to additional food or any increased expenditure of any kind being granted without a fourteen-day notice.

"2nd.—I protest against the creation and appointment of a new officer without a similar notice.

"3rd.—I object to the creation of this new officer altogether; it is a midwife, at a salary of from £10 to £20 a-year, and rations; and I know well that before long such salary will be sure to be increased. The Limerick Poorhouse never had such an officer since 1841; it always had a pauper nurse in this capacity; and I believe no complaint has ever been made of neglect—certainly no serious one. Dr. Brodie, who now seeks to get this paid nurse, has brought forward no facts to show that such an officer is wanting.

"I further conceive that, with a well-paid resident doctor and a highly-paid non-resident, and a large staff of Sisters of Mercy, who act as nurses, that some steady women might be chosen to act as midwives—what has always been the custom.

"You will please also give the Board your opinion as to the legality of the course they have adopted. I would further pray of you (if you have the power) to refuse to sanction the creation of a new paid officer in this already over-officered house, being, as I conceive, useless and uncalled-for, a waste of public money, and an additional burden on the already over-taxed ratepayers in this very highly-rated union.

"Sirs, are we ever to economise? Are we ever to get and keep out of debt?"

"I am your obedient servant, &c.,

"JOHN CHRISTOPHER DELMEGE,

"*Ex-officio* Guardian of Limerick and New-castle Boards."

"Poor Law Commission Office,

"Dublin, 5th December, 1870.

"Sir,—The Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, forwarding a copy of a notice which you have given of a motion to be considered at the meeting of the Board of Guardians of Limerick Union, on the 7th instant, objecting to the proposed appointment of a midwife for the workhouse of that Union; and in reference thereto the Commissioners desire to inform you that they have written to the Board of Guardians stating, in

conduct on the part of the Prussians, in firing at a passenger train between Rouen and Dieppe. If this is a proof of Saxon culture and civilisation, it confesses that it prefers the Latin absence of culture and lower civilisation.

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October 22.

BIRTHS.

Orpen—At Barracks, Gort, the wife of Arthur Herber Orpen, Army Medical Staff, of a son.
M'Gregor—At Anglesea-street, Dublin, the wife of Mr. S. M'Gregor, of twin sons.
Tallon—At Phillipsburgh-avenue, Dublin, the wife of Chas. T. Tallon, of a son.
Gahan—At Magherabeg, Donegal, the wife of F. Gahan, Esq., of a son.
Boylan—At Charleville-avenue, North Strand, Dublin, the wife of Mr. James A. Boylan, of a son.
D'Arcy—At Nuttall House, Barton-under-Needwood, the wife of Captain John D'Arcy, Royal Navy, of a daughter.
Smith—At Cavendish-road, N.W., London, the wife of Capt. F. Harrison Smith, R.N., of a daughter.
Teddie—At Bradford, Yorkshire, the wife of Edward Teddie, Esq., Captain 35th Royal Sussex Regt., of a daughter.
Hamilton—At Kelvedon, the wife of Andrew Hamilton, Esq., late 31st Regt., of a son.
Henning—At Cambridge-terrace, Hyde-park, London, the wife of Colonel Henning, 26th Cameronians, of a son.
Bramley-Moore—At St. Alban's Villas, Highgate, London, the wife of the Rev. Wm. Bramley-Moore, of a daughter.
Hutt—At Lorraine-road, Holloway, the wife of the Rev. C. J. Hutt, of a daughter.
Gildea—At Bury-hill, Dorking, the wife of James Gildea, Esq., Captain 2nd Warwickshire Militia, of a son.
Laughton—At Poona, East Indies, the wife of Col. Laughton, Bombay Army, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

Fitzgerald and Wilson—Dec. 6th, at St. John's Church, Paddington, by the father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. T. W. S. Collis, curate of St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, London, Richard, eldest son of the Rev. Richard Fitzgerald, of Ballydonohue House, county Limerick, to Caroline, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Wilson, Esq., of Westbury, county Dublin, D.L. No cards.
Lyons and O'Dea—On the 7th inst., in this city, Sergeant Peter Lyons, of the Royal Marines, to Ellen O'Dea, the well-known fish-vendor of Limerick.
Burns and Allan—At the First Ballymena Presbyterian Church, Mr. Thomas Burns, to Isabella, third daughter of Robert Allan, Esq., both of Ballymena.
Devlin and Van de Velde—At St. Alexander's Boodle, Michl. Devlin, Esq., of Cork, to Mary Jane, widow of the late J. J. Van de Velde, of Antwerp.
O'Mahony and Meany—At Blarney Church, county Cork, Patrick John O'Mahony, Esq., of Cork, to Catherine, second daughter of James Meany, Waterloo, Blarney.
Lambert and Fraser—At St. George's, Hanover-square, London, Richard Eyre-Lambert, fourth son of the late Walter Lambert, Esq., of Castle Lambert, county Galway, to Jean Mary Fraser, second daughter of the late James Fraser, Esq., of Achmagair, Inverness-shire.
Trevor and Elliott—At St. John's, Paddington, London, George Herbert Trevor, Captain Madras Staff Corps, to Georgiana Gordon, eldest daughter of the late Colonel Edward King Elliott.
Thompson and Duke—At St. James's Church, Dover, Col. Charles William Thompson, late 7th Dragon Guards, to Margaret, eldest daughter of Allan Duke, Esq., M.D.
Price and Wall—At Newera Eliza, Ceylon, W. S. M. Price, Assist. Surgeon 73rd Regt., to Eliza, daughter of George Wall, Esq., Colombo, Ceylon.

DEATHS.

Dartnell—On the 15th ult., at Whitby, Canada, of congestion of the brain, Maria Louisa Dartnell, the beloved wife of George H. Dartnell, Master in Chancery, aged 35 years.
Finch—On the 6th inst., Catherine, wife of William Finch, Esq., of Kilecoleman—a lady much regretted.
Townshend—On the 2nd inst., at his residence, 30, Pilegrim-street, Birkenhead, Cecil Wray Townshend, Esq., aged 79 years.
Going—At Mount Harden, Mullinahone, Catherine, wife of James Going, Esq., M.D.
Barton—At his residence, The Waterfoot, co. Fermanagh, H. W. Barton, Esq., late Major and Lieut. Colonel 2nd Life Guards.
Chomley—At Clermont, county Wicklow, Madeline, third daughter of the late Rev. Francis Chomley, incumbent of Wicklow.
Seymour—At Tuam, Mary, widow of the late Rev. Joseph Seymour, rector of Castlemore, diocese of Achonry.
White—At Albion House, Dundrum, county Dublin, Lieut. Henry White, late of the 63rd Regt.
Moore—At Murphy-street, Belfast, John Moore, Esq., formerly editor of the *Belfast Morning News*.
Collum—At Jernyn-street, London, Major John Deering Collum, late H.M.'s 37th Regt., eldest son of John Collum, Esq., of Bellevue, Enniskillen.
Burton—At Hyde-park-place, London, Eleanor Mary, relict of the late William FitzWilliam Burton, of Burton Hall, county Carlow, and daughter of the late William and Lady Charlotte Browne.
Wood—At his residence, William Wood, Esq., M.R.C.S., of Trinity-square and Union-street, London, third son of the late William Wood, Esq., of Oakfield, county Sligo.
Turner—At the Vicarage, Lancaster, the Rev. Joseph Turner, M.A., vicar of Lancaster, Hon. Canon of Manchester and Rural Dean.
Bean—At sea, on board the Pacific Steam Navigation Co.'s steamship Cordillera, Charles Birch Bean, proprietor and editor of the *Albion*, Liverpool.