

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

Fortnightly meeting was held yesterday. The President. Other Commissioners present—

Spaight, John M'Donnell, M. R. Ryan, Cronin, Luke Mullock, Richard Power.

CLEANSING AND LIGHTING THE QUAYS.

Mr. Spaight, pursuant to a notice of motion on above subject, observed that it was not his intention to make any lengthened remarks as the matter was already plain enough, and his astonishment was the greater, because no steps had been taken to have it settled since he last moved in the matter. To his mind the rights and duties of the Harbour Commissioners did not extend beyond those portions of the quays immediately connected with the shipping of the port—their duty was to cleanse and light the quays to the mooring posts, but it could not be maintained for an instant that they were bound to keep in repair the public thoroughfares leading from and belonging to the city for which the Corporation were receiving very heavy rates from the citizens. On a former occasion, when this subject was under consideration, he was at the disadvantage of having no legal expression on it. He had, however, in the interval, succeeded in getting the opinion of counsel on the whole question. The case was stated (under very peculiar circumstances, as the gentleman was Law Adviser to both boards) by Mr. Murphy in a very clear and impartial manner, feeling that he had a duty to discharge to the Corporation as well as to the Harbour Commissioners. It was then submitted to Mr. Fitzgibbon, who was one of the ablest Counsel at the Bar, and the opinion which he gave was to the effect that the Corporation were liable for the lighting and cleansing of all the streets and thoroughfares leading from and belonging to the city and he hoped that body would not shirk the duty for which they were in receipt of rates and taxes. He was himself in no small degree interested in the rates of the city, which he considered were heavy, but he also had a duty as Harbour Commissioner which he felt himself bound to discharge. Mr. Spaight concluded by proposing the following:—"That the statement of our case with Mr. Fitzgibbon's opinion be presented to the Corporation for their examination, together with a request that they will, without unnecessary delay, appoint a committee of three to meet a like number of members of this Board to discuss the question and submit their joint report to both bodies."

Alderman O'Callaghan expressed his opinion that the Corporations' view of the matter should have been asked before proceedings were taken.

Mr. Spaight quite agreed with the Alderman; and he now asked the statement of the whole facts of the case, together with counsel's opinion, to be submitted to a committee composed of both bodies.

Mr. Cronin—That is very fair.

Alderman Quinlivan—Before we come to any decision in the matter we ought to have the opinion before us.

Mr. Spaight—The case and opinion have been read before the Board. I have no wish whatever to have the question settled without due consideration, and, therefore, to avoid precipitate action I have asked to appoint a committee to consider it.

Alderman Quinlivan considered it was going too far with the matter after having lighted and cleansed the quays for the last 25 years to shirk it now and throw the expense on the rate-payers.

Mr. M'Donnell referred the meeting to the opinion received by Mr. Spaight, in whom they all placed the utmost confidence. Mr. Murphy, in whom they all placed the utmost confidence. The Law Adviser had advised against the Corporation. The Law Adviser had advised that there was no objection, and if the law was struggling against it. He did not consider the resolution in the least harsh, and he had much pleasure in seconding it. Mr. Spaight's resolution in any way to the Corporation's resolution proposed to adopt was to his mind a most equitable one.

The resolution was then passed unanimously, and the Board shortly after adjourned.

CLARE INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT). Ennis, Monday Evening.

ELECTION OF POOR-LAW GUARDIANS. On Saturday the contest for the election of two guardians for Ennis electoral division, in room of Mr. Thomas Greene, J.P., and Mr. Patrick Barry, J.P., who have been appointed ex-officio members of the board, terminated by the announcement of the result.

LIMERICK MARKETS--THIS DAY.

GRAIN.—A small supply of all descriptions of grain in market to-day. Pres—Wheat, white, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per stone; do. red, 1s 1d to 1s 4d per do.; oats, 10½d to 12d per do.; barley, 13½ to 14½d per do.

BREADSTUFFS.—Flour, 47s 0d to 00s per sack; 3B do., 49s to 00s do.; biscuit do., 48s 0d to 00s do.; 2nds, 42s 0d to 00s per do.; hhd's 34s 6d do.; 3rds, 25s 6d to 00s per do.; 4ths, 23s 0d to 00s per do.; oatmeal, £14 10s to 00s per ton; cutlins, £16 00s 0d per do.; Indian meal, fine, £7 17s 6d to £0 0s 0d per ton; extra fine do., £8 15s 0d to £0 0s 0d per do.; coarse do., £7 7s 6d to £0 0s 0d per do.; damaged do., £7 0s 0d to £0 0s 0d per do.; bran, new, £5 10s to £0 0s 0d per do.; old, £5 8d to £0 0s 0d per do.; pollard, fine, £7 15s to £8 0s per do.; coarse, £5 0s to £0 per do.; wholemeal, £16 16s 0d per do.

BUTTER.—There were 100 firkins in market to-day. Top price, 75s for 3-04. Fine lots scarce. Middling qualities are still coming in small quantities. General average prices, 50s to 85s per firkin. Lumps, 10d to 11d per lb.

MEAT.—Best beef, 6½d to 9d per lb.; mutton, 7d to 8½d per lb.; veal, fed, 10½ to 15d per lb.; lamb, 7s 0d to 8s 6d per qr.

EGGS.—Duck eggs, 16d to 00d per dozen; hen eggs, 15d to 00d per do.

WOOL.—No wool in market to-day.

PROVISIONS.—Bacon pigs, 62s 0d to 00s per cwt.; Barwicks, 48s 0d to 00s 0d per do.; green middles, 66s 0d to 00s 0d per do.; smoked do., 62s 0d to 00s per do.; car pigs, 40s 0d to 44s per do.; shoulders, 46s 0d to 00s per do.; pigs' heads, burnt, 36s 0d to 00s per do.; scalded, 34s 0d to 00s per do.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides, 4s 8d to 5s 7d per stone; kid and runner, 5s 1d to 5s 16d do.; calf-skins and runnets, 4s 0d to 4s 10d each; horse-skins, 9s 0d to 15s 6d each; sheep-skins, 5s to 9s 0d each; goat-skins, 12d to 1s 6d each; ass-skins, 3s to 5s 0d each; veal-skins, 0d to 0d per lb.; kid-skins, 12s to 1s 6d each; calf-skins, 5d to 7d per lb.

HAY AND STRAW.—Clover and ryegrass, 65s 0d to 70s 0d per ton; upland hay, 52s 0d to 68s 0d per do.; oaten straw, 40s 0d to 50s 0d per do.; wheaten straw, 42s 0d to 00s per do.; barley straw, 3s to 3s 0d per do.; reed, 48s 0d to 54s 0d per do. Dealers' price for oaten straw, 00s to 00s per ton; clover and ryegrass, 00s per do.; upland hay, 00s 0d to 00s 0d per do.; reed, 00s 0d per do.

POTATOES.—28 loads in market to-day. Prices—Wholesale, 7½d to 8½d per stone; retail, 7d to 8½d per do.

TURNIPS.—8 loads in market, at 14s 5d to 16s per ton.

MANGOLDS.—One load in market, at 15s per ton.

CORK BUTTER MARKET.—(This Day).—Ordinary—First, 133s; second, 125s; third, 99s; fourth, 87s; fifth, 62s; sixth, 38s. Mild cured—First, 146s; second, 139s; third, 108s. No market, 730 firkins.

DUBLIN CORN MARKET.—(This Day).—This being Christmas Eve, there was no market.

SALFORD CATTLE MARKET.—(This Day).—There was a large show of beasts and sheep, but only of middling quality. The little that was really good met a quick sale. Best beef 9d per lb.; secondary, 7½d to 8½d. Sheep, from 8d to 10½d. Calves, 8d to 10d.

BIRTHS.

- Evans—On the 22nd instant, at No. 1, Rathmines Park, Dublin, the wife of Benjamin M. C. Evans, Esq., National Bank, of a daughter.
Byrne—At his residence, Main-street, Clonmel, the wife of W. B. Byrne, Esq., of a son.
Constable—At the Munster Bank House, Cahir, the wife of W. H. Constable, Esq., of a son.
White—At Pegsboro', county Tipperary, the wife of White, Esq., of a son.
Butler—At Castruse, Londonderry, the wife of C. Butler, Adj. Londonderry Light Infantry, of a daughter.
Harris—At Ballyedmond, Rostrevor, the wife of G. Harris, 86th Regt., of twin sons.
Buckhurst—At Belgrave-square, London, Lady Buckhurst, of a daughter.
Hassard—At Haslar, Gosport, the wife of Surgeon H. B. Hassard, 1st Batt'n. 19th Regt., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- Fletcher and Plunket—Dec. 19, by special licence Marino-terrace, Ballybrack, by the Rev. Lord assisted by the Venerable Archdeacon of Killiney. Vicers Fletcher, Esq., M.D., to Mary Lynn, youngest daughter of the late Hon. and Very Rev. Plunket, Dean of Tuam.
Wallace and Murphy—At St. Mary's, Donnybrook, Charles Verner Wallace, Esq., of Scallans, Navan, county Meath, only surviving son of Thomas Wallace, Esq., M.D., Trim, to Catherine daughter of the late P. W. Murphy, Esq., of Meriton, county Dublin.

DEATHS.

- Vaughan—On Friday, in Lahinch, Miss Mary in the 26th year of her age, youngest daughter of John Vaughan. Deceased is deeply regretted by family and a large circle of friends.
M'Dowell—Dec. 13, at Rathmines-road, Matilda, the beloved wife of Edmond M.D., and daughter of the Rev. James rector of Galbally.
Abraham—Dec. 13, Katie Nason, second daughter of derick Abraham, Esq., Provincial Barrister, 10 years.
Gill—At Clonmel, James Gill, Esq., Member Branch of the National Bank.
Coote—At 125, Sunday's Well, Cork, the late Captain (half-pay) 54th Regt., Major Eyre Coote, and grandnephew of Sir Eyre Coote, K.C.B., Commandant Indies.
Leech—At his brother's residence, Queen's County, Jonathan Leech and Surgeon Queen's Own Royal.

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