

uletide brings an immense
ady heavy burden borne by
of public departments—the
time of the year, indeed, the
whatever upon this service-
istmas gifts, Christmas cards,
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ve presume must be looked
nsible at this festive season,
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ng matter pour through the
sparing liberality. This trep-
on the onerous duties of the
ncreases from year to year,
stmaster-General is driven to
e hands of the too exacting
has just been issued, request-
be posted as early as possible
f the 23rd and 24th inst., and
sible, on these days, the post-
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nly too happy to comply with
imation.

THE COURT—THIS DAY.

than and Mr. McCarthy, R.M.
of Dock Road Station, brought
seaman, charged with firing a
seaman, named Stewart. He
with the larceny of the revolver.
ney) said that from information
ent to the lodging house of Mr
n Lower Heartstone street, on
1st inst., and ascertained that a
e attempted to fire a loaded re-
sailor, and after a search he ar-
r in another lodging house in
When he charged him with the
er denied being at Mr Tuohy's,
the revolver.

, a seaman, was examined, and
s sitting in a room in Mr Tuohy's
he night of the 21st instant. He
to witness. He said to him he
le with him for having struck a
t the same time drawing out
e presented at him. He was in
ff the weapon when he knocked
ed to take the revolver from him.
en down aimed the revolver at
trigger, but it snapped, the ball
hammer. He called to two other
sted him to wrest the revolver
r. The witness said he broke
ngers in the wrestle with the

l the witness wanted him to go
im in the street, and when he
e knocked him down.
son, seaman, said he was asleep
Tuohy's house when he heard a
part of the premises. He ran
e prisoner on the ground with
a hold of him. The man had a
is hand which he snapped
and then he assisted to
l from him. The revolver was
had been stolen from him. He
f the prisoner since last July,
wrecked. When abandoning a
n was entitled to what he could
ant into the mate's cabin, where
lver lying on his table, which he
renty cartridges, which he put in
to was afterwards reasoned by a

DEATH OF THOMPSON RUSSELL,
ESQ., J.P.

It is with much regret we announce the death
of this venerable gentleman, which occurred last
night, at his residence, Shelbourne, in the 80th
year of his age, after a lengthened and active
career as senior member of the great mercantile
firm of John Norris Russell and Sons. He was
second son of the late John Norris Russell—his
late brother, Francis William Russell, who repre-
sented this city in Parliament for over twenty
years, having been the eldest son—and on the
demise of his father, at a patriarchal age, Mr
Thompson Russell became the head of the firm,
his elder brother's Parliamentary residence in
London not enabling him to hold that position;
and his close attention to business was such that
he was scarcely ever known to enjoy a holiday or
a trip to the seaside. He was the very embodi-
ment of a merchant, laborious, cautious, and
calculating; and in times of great depression,
when other great houses came crashing to the
ground like an avalanche over a precipice, that of
John Norris Russell and Sons always held its
mighty head aloft, until to-day it enjoys a foremost
place amongst the great mercantile firms in Ireland.
Mr Thompson Russell, though holding so high a
station in the mercantile world was yet a homely
gentleman, simple and unostentatious in his
habits, and with an amiability of manner almost
amounting to a weakness. He was affable with
every one with whom he came in contact in a
business way or otherwise; and his familiar face
will long be regretted from the Harbour Board,
Chamber of Commerce, and Market Trustees,
whose meetings he regularly attended until fail-
ing health obliged him a few years ago to relieve
himself both of the burden of the cares of his
own establishment, and of attending on those
boards. The deceased held the Commission of
the Peace for the county of Limerick. His sole
surviving brother, Mr Arthur Russell, has now
become the senior member of the firm. It has
not yet been decided when the funeral will take
place, but the family vault is at St John's.

THE LIMERICK CORN MARKETS.

As we announced recently, a strange system
has arisen in our corn market, which must be
destructive of the freedom of buying and selling—
the primary object and utility of the establish-
ment by Act of Parliament of public markets.
By a recent arrangement between brokers and
merchants the latter have bound themselves not
to buy any corn direct from the farmer, but
through the agency of a broker only; and the
brokers are now required by the merchants not to
sell, or allow to be sold, any corn except to a mar-
chant or retailing dealer. Thus the farmer is
deprived of the right to sell his produce to whom
he pleases, and to the best advantage; and the
citizens and public in general are precluded alto-
gether from buying in the market, and can only
get supplied at the merchant's or retailer's store.
This we think, is entirely subversive of public
rights and of the intention of the Legislature in
passing the Limerick Market Acts, and is a mat-
ter demanding the earnest attention of the repre-
sentatives of the Grand Jury on the Market Board,
as the protectors of the agricultural interest, and,
indeed, of all the members of the Market Board,
in the interest of the public.

THE HOUSE LEAGUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.
Limerick, 20th Dec., 1880.

DEAR SIR,—I, in common with others, have
been sent pamphlets upon what is called "The
Settlement of the Land Question," and resolu-
tions are flying about from both north and south
on same subject. I have, of course, carefully read
all of them, but they leave upon my mind one
impression only, viz.—That the Irish tenant is
such an incapable fool and so utterly helpless that
he not only requires to be protected in his bar-
gains for farms by the State, but afterwards
assisted in his farms and business and in the
acquisition of property by loans from the general
public purse.

I myself, who am not a farmer, want assistance
greatly "from the public" or "any purse" to
help me on to acquire property, and I would wish
Lord Emly, Mr E. O'Brien, or other gentlemen
upon the "Land Tenure Reform Committee," or
your clever correspondent, Mr A. Hall, if they
would give any reason why I (and others in my
position) should not be assisted and upheld in my
laudable object of supporting myself, my wife,
and family, and acquiring property in a similar
manner to that by which they propose to assist
the Irish farmers? or why every body should not
be supplied with pecuniary State assistance all
round.

It is well worth while discussing this question,
as should the claim of one particular class to
State assistance be conceded, assistance in the
end must be given to all.

I am certainly, without egotism, sure I am
better than the general run of farmers.—Yours
truly,

LAND AND HOUSE QUESTION.

THE LIMERICK HOUSE LEAGUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.
Office, 12, Thomas-street,
Limerick, Dec, 23rd, 1880.

DEAR SIR—It will spare me writing a good
many letters if you will kindly permit me to
reply, through your columns, to several corres-
pondents to inform them that I have read the
reports of the proceedings of the House League
meeting held in the Town Hall on Monday last,
under the presidency of the Mayor-elect, and to
add that I do not consider it would be fair to hold
the chairman responsible for all he says.

I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

AMBROSE HALL.

ST. MICHAEL'S COFFEE BAR.

The following letters have been received by the
secretary:—

"Garryowen Bacon Factory,
Limerick, 22nd Dec., 1880.

"J. Counihan, Esq., J.P.

"DEAR SIR—We have the pleasure to enclose
£5 towards the debt upon the Coffee Bar. I
heartily wish the good undertaking the success it
deserves.—Your's truly,

"A. W. SHAW."
Limerick, 23rd Dec., 1880.

"DEAR SIR—We are in receipt of your note
of the 21st instant, and enclose cheque for £5
subscription to the St. Michael's Temperance
Society Coffee Room.—Your's truly,

"J. Counihan, Esq., J.P."

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