

since in trying to complete this extravagant work, commenced by those who are justly described as "a number of incapable, and in a few instances untrustworthy, men in positions for which they are intellectually unfitted." The ratepayers saw this matter quite as clearly as your journal and acted accordingly. The "National" party, whom they brought into office to supersede them, have as far possible kept down all expenses; but they cannot be blamed for being at once unable to get rid of the results of the utter incompetence and reckless extravagance of their predecessors, whose half finished crude works they have found themselves compelled by circumstances to complete. Nor can you blame them for not being able to at once reduce the amount of interest on over-rafts, nearly £1,500, the accumulation of years incurred during the time of those whom a local paper calls the "round holes." The Nationalists acting as they always do "on the square," can fairly consider ourselves the "square ones," and not at all to be compared to the party who had the working of the union before 1882.—I am, faithfully yours,

A "NATIONALIST" GUARDIAN.

STRANGE DISCOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS.

On Thursday evening a discovery was made at Corbally, which created no small amount of sensation in the neighbourhood. Late in the afternoon, two men, named Thomas Gleason and Patrick M'Mahon, were engaged in cleansing the salmon weir at that place, the river being very low, when they came across a human body in an extremely advanced state of decomposition, at the bottom of one of the piers, about half way across the stream. The skeleton—for it was little else—was raised on to the bridge, and the police were informed of the discovery. A cap still covered the head, on the feet were the remnants of a pair of top boots, and patches of rotted clothing clung to the skeleton. It was conjectured that the body discovered was that of a man named Thomas Sheehy, who was drowned in the river some 15 months ago, by the sinking of a lighter, and for whose remains many searches were made, but in vain. This opinion was confirmed by a man named Nash, brother-in-law of Sheehy, who had no hesitation in saying that the body was that of his relative. Yesterday, an inquest was held at Corbally, by Mr M J D Courcy, City Coroner, upon the body, in the office of Messrs Russell's Mill. After the jury had returned from viewing the body, on the weir,

Richard Nash deposed that the deceased Thos. Sheehy was his brother-in-law, who was married and was about 35 years of age; he had been missing nearly fifteen months; he was in a boat coming from Plassy, which sunk, and his body was never recovered, although a great many searches had been made for it; deponent heard in the corn market that morning that a dead body had been found at the Corbally Salmon Weir; he went to the weir and saw the corpse of the deceased; he identified it by a deformed leg and a Wellington boot; James Gully and Andrew Killeen were in the boat with Sheehy when it sunk; deceased was a lock-keeper on the canal.

James Gully stated that on the 2nd December, 1882, he was in a boat of about 16 tons (with Sheehy and Killeen); they were pulling down from Plassy when the wind rose and caused the boat to sink; Sheehy jumped out of the boat two or three minutes before it sunk, and disappeared in about ten minutes; deponent and his comrade swam ashore; every effort had been made to recover Sheehy's body, but without success; he recognised the body found as that of Sheehy.

Dr Holmes stated that he had inspected the body of the deceased; the age was not at all recognisable; he examined his left foot, and found a deformity of the small bones; from the

repairs and painting of the premises to be done previous to my inspection." It was contended on behalf of the landlord, by Mr Fitzgerald, B L, that it was an "English managed" holding because the landlord had erected all the necessary and suitable buildings on the holding, that those made by the tenant were unnecessary, that the greater part of the improvements claimed by the tenant became the property of the landlord, according to the decision in Lefroy's case, and that the remainder of his improvements are not permanent, but are of a trivial character, and lastly although no repairs have been executed by the landlord none have been executed by the tenant, and that the notice served by Mr Petty on the tenant referred to painting and other trivial repairs. The commissioners were of opinion that the tenant's improvements were suitable to the holding, that the improvements which he would be entitled to claim, under the decision in Lefroy's case would exclude the operation of the 4th sub-section of section 8. Even if the improvements were all of that class, he (Mr Reeves) thought this sub-section would not apply. The words "permanent improvements," in respect of which, if made by the tenant or his predecessors in title, the tenant would have been entitled to compensation under the provisions of the Act of 1870, are descriptive of the nature of the permanent improvements irrespective of the time of their execution by the tenant, and if these have been made by the tenant at any time, the holding is not "English managed." It is not enough that they have become the property of the landlord by efflux of time; they must have been made by him or his predecessors in title, and not made and acquired by the tenant or his predecessors in title. The landlord must also substantially maintain the improvements. Whatever repairs have been done have been executed on the tenant's part. The landlord did nothing, and Mr Petty's notice was express that on the tenant was thrown the responsibility of executing all repairs, permanent or otherwise, on the dwelling house and buildings. For these reasons the Commissioners were clearly of opinion the case was not within the 4th sub-section, and fixed the judicial rent at £400, the value of the tenancy being £1,400.

Wilson Fitzgerald, landlord.

Tenant.	Old Rent.	Judicial Rent.	Ten.
	£ s d	£ s d	£
Patt Fitzgibbon	25 0 0	18 0 0	160
Marquis of Conyngham's Estate.			
Bridget & Michael Quinlivan	8 0 0	6 0 0	25
Anne Cullinan	56 0 0	45 0 0	170
Michael O'Connor	21 0 0	18 10 0	135
Daniel Glynn	34 0 0	27 10 0	200
Colonel A Butler, and others, landlords.			
Anne Cullinan	120 0 0	100 0 0	300
Lord George Quin.			
Austin Hanrahan	55 5 10	47 0 0	250
W A M O'Donnell.			
Michael Glynn	80 0 0	63 0 0	—
M De Lahunty, landlord.			
M & J O'Halloran	29 3 2	23 0 0	—
Bridget Fawl	29 18 2	24 0 0	—
H P Hickman, landlord.			
Michael Halpin	5 0 0	2 10 0	—
Marquis of Conyngham, landlord.			
Michael M'Inerny	5 0 0	3 17 0	20
M & T M'Inerny	50 0 0	45 0 0	350
Catherine Malone	17 0 0	13 0 0	110
Connor Hennessy	22 0 0	18 10 0	—
Owen Garrihy	22 0 0	18 0 9	160
Thomas Connell	24 0 0	20 0 0	170
T G S Mahon, landlord.			
Timothy Hanneen	18 2 6	102 0 0	700
Mary Hanneen	12 5 0	98 0 0	525
Thomas Crowe, landlord.			
Thomas Hennessy	14 0 0	10 0 0	90
E P Wesby, landlord.			
Martin Frawley	20 0 0	15 10 0	100

proposed to carry forward to "Owing to the general del Railway Stocks and the consequent issuing on favourable terms raised by the Act of last year £34,416 4s 5d due on the Directors believe they are ac of the Shareholders in reco balance be carried forward.

"The Directors have, this year, continued their exertions in the various departments, and particularly in the condition of efficiency. The buildings have been thoroughly repaired and current minor repairs have been seventy-five new covered wagons have been added and heavy repairs, practically all at charge to revenue expenditure and vans.

"The two new and powerful engines and paid for in the previous year enabled a reduction of 6,058 in the train mileage. Nine-tenths of the stock, repairs and twenty-one have been at the expense of revenue.

"The permanent way has been in a thoroughly state of repair, and the engineering and locomotive departments are in a more efficient condition than before.

"The question of sailing the line from the North Wharf at Waterford to the Great Western Company. The general traffic has been worked at it since the facilities for the de-patch of the goods incidental to passing the line.

"Your Directors regret that the A. Henry and Ennis Awardees against the Company. Steps have been taken as far as it can be undertaken against the receipts.

"Two bills affecting the Company were introduced into Parliament. The Ennis Company seek powers to amend the Midland Great Western Bill. Your Directors consider it to be of great importance to oppose. The Bill of the Lifford Company is not considerable. Company must, it is regretted, be "Sir Francis W Brady, Bart, and James Spaight Directors retiring. They are in election.

"George Gibson, Esq, is the only person eligible for re-election.

"ABRAHAM STEPHENSON, Esq, JOHN J. MURPHY, Esq, Board Room, Waterford, 15th February, 1884.

ASSAULT IN THE SHOOTING OF of assault in which Lord Ripon of the Marquis of Sligo, is p Houston, a tenant under a lease of Lord Sligo's westport property, was heard before the Lord and a special jury in Dublin. The assault took place in September and his son went to shoot and defendant alleged shooting was reserved to the plaintiff denied, and on the other side was supported by deponent men deposed, the game being defendant and his son. The defendant did not use force necessary to enable him to enter. The Lord Chief Justice, on reference to the game rights, ordered Lord Sligo, and he directed damages were awarded.

ANCE AT THE ROYAL.

fashionable audience of the Amateur Regiments, last as densely crowded to the rising of the ardice read in a most following prologue, Mrs Edward Lysaght: our tasks begin d gladly win: animate our words, on the Limerick boards. ours, will try, will please the eye; t, and pit, and stall, e without a fall. comedy unite. applause to-night; tempt to speak; —the poor, the weak. the silent stream— or, and portal gleam; less, claim your pity, our ancient city. aritan upstands, ith outstretched hands. has given waifs—a blessed haven. on pass the way— r—night and day. es with healing power's saddest hour. have we asked in vain air time of pain; kind applause to win. the whole world kin. not the slightest hitch entertainment. The proed three pieces of a ed with the comedietta, hch the following is a e Bras (Captain Stewart the house of a lawyer r stranger to him. It bed rather too freely the gone to a ball, where he m he had made himself has no distinct recollects. One by one he is erent members of Mr the original means he n- presence in a strange hich the humour of the ged to remain there, as by the sheriff's officers, or him outside. One of is his not knowing the nates of the house; but large degree the quality name. He with perfect know and be on familiar It is here that Captain histrionic power. His cter Mr Hugh de Bras, r details. In the scene Mr Surplus, where he yer in conversation about every now and then ee if the sheriff's men are excited abundant merri- rsonation. Mrs Lysaght's ekeeper to Surplus, could for general "get-up" or rs Lysaght wants nothing he stage successful. With nce, a perfect knowledge h make up the actor's

choruses were noticeable for the excellent time displayed in their rendering and for a fulness of tone, both of which characteristics evinced careful and frequent practice and the greatest exertion on the part of the conductor, Mr J F Murray, who wielded the baton during the evening. The soloists, who are well known amongst us for their vocal abilities, were in fine voice, and their singing was greatly appreciated. We cannot speak in too complimentary terms of the performance of the orchestra, which consisted of the best instrumentalists in Limerick, and included a pleasing variety of bass, reed and stringed instruments. Mr Gibbons, the organist, exerted himself to the utmost, and rendered his parts with great skill and taste. The programme opened with that impressive and sublime chorus, "As the Hart Pants," and was done full justice to by both choir and orchestra. Miss Barry, who possesses a very pleasing soprano voice, followed with the aria, "For my soul thirsteth for God." Then came the recitative and air, "My tears have been my meat," interpreted by Miss Beck in a style expressive and pleasing. The two choruses, "For I had gone forth most gladly," and "Why, my soul, are thou so vexed," were next given with great precision. Mrs Cusack was listened to with rapt attention when she delivered the plaintive recitative "My God, within me is my soul cast down," in a manner which, we think, excelled her singing at former concerts. The quintet, "The Lord hath commanded," was taken part in by Mrs Cusack and Messrs Christy, Collins, Alton and Cusack, and was a perfect gem. The first part of the programme closed with the chorus, "Why, my soul, are thou so vexed," in which the tenor voices of the choir were heard to great advantage. Part two, which was of a miscellaneous character, commenced with Fanning's brilliant chorus, "The Vikings." The choir sung with the necessary spirit and expression, and the orchestra played the accompaniment in a style simply perfect. Mr Alton gave the solo "None can fly my law supreme" most effectively, the difficult passages in the song being admirably rendered. When the performer finished his selection an encore was loudly called for, and when Mr Murray announced that encores were not allowed by the rules of the society, the audience was much disappointed. Misses Waters and O'Malley gave the duet "O would that my love." The former lady does not possess a voice of great compass, but her singing is extremely sweet; Miss O'Malley's contralto is exceedingly mellow, and we have seldom heard two voices blend more beautifully. Mrs Cusack next sang Schubert's "Ave Maria" with much expression and taste, and was loudly applauded. After "Lord Ullin's daughter," a chorus of peculiar attraction had been well executed by choir and orchestra, Miss Beck delivered the song, "The Message," her rendering of it left nothing to be desired, the graceful manner in which the young lady reached the high notes being much admired. Gounod's splendid "March Cortège" was then performed by the orchestra in splendid style, the grand crescendo at the end of the march being especially noticeable. A double quartet, "Forget-me-not," a pleasing selection, was given by Misses Hickie, Barry, O'Shea, and Dyer, and Messrs Hanly, Collins, McKern, and Morton. The concluding item on the programme was the chorus "Now Tramp," the solo in which was sang by Miss Hickie. A most pleasant evening's entertainment was brought to a close by Mr Gibbons playing "God Save the Queen." We may add that Mr Murray, who, with the Committee, may be congratulated on the success of the Concert, accompanied the soloists on the pianoforte.

appearance which the body presented, he was of opinion that it was that of a man who had been dead over 12 months; he could not tell the cause of death, but from the evidence, and his experience he should conclude that it resulted from drowning. The Coroner remarked that he supposed the jury were agreed that the body was that of Sheehy, who was accidentally drowned on the 2nd December, 1882. A verdict to the effect that Thomas Sheehy was accidentally drowned on the 2nd December, 1882, was returned.

CLARE INTELLIGENCE. (FROM OUR REPORTER.)

Ennis, Saturday evening. ENNIS LAND SUB COMMISSION. To-day Mr R Reeves, Q C, and Captain M'Cauley, Sub Commissioners, sat in the Courthouse here, at one o'clock, and delivered judgment in the following cases, heard by the Commission at Ennis last week:—

IMPORTANT CASE. William Russell, tenant, Lord Leonfield, landlord. Mr Reeves, in delivering judgment in this case, stated that the tenant holds 435a 3r 87p (statute) at a rent of £420, at Rathmore, near Sixmile-bridge. The landlord served a notice for the dismissal of the tenant's application to fix a judicial rent, under sub section four of section 8 of the Land Act for the reasons therein stated, viz: that the improvements on the holding have been made and substantially maintained by the landlord, and not made or acquired by the tenant. Mr Reeves went fully into the evidence given in the case, which has already been published. This holding was, with others on the estate, advertised to be let in 1861. The tenant saw the advertisement stating the farm was to be let, and also stating that there had been lately erected upon the holding a set of farm offices, including a fine dairy house, concluding with the words—"To encourage practical men of skill and capital to take these farms, Colonel Wyndham will agree to erect in the course of the first year, after the land is set, suitable houses and offices for the size of the farms when wanting. He will also give tiles for draining, gratis, and pay the cost of workmanship for building those fences, all being approved of by his engineer and agriculturist." The tenant, who was a Scotchman, and had been doing business in Ennis, saw the advertisement, and made an offer, he stated, in writing for the farm, but though every search had been made for it by the landlord's solicitor and agent, the document could not be found. The tenant proposed to take the land at 23s 8d an acre on condition of his being supplied with a suitable dwelling house and out-offices, and he was informed in 1862 by Mr Crowe, the former agent, that his offer had been accepted, but his rent was raised to 29s 9d in 1864. This was his evidence. Mr Scott, J.P, the present agent, produced the estate books, from which it appeared the farm was let to Mr Russell in September 1861 at 29s 9d an acre, subject to 25 per cent temporary abatement, which had been given for some years, probably during the famine years, on that portion of the estate. The abated rent was paid to 1864, when it was taken off, and Mr Russell's rent became £405 2s 6d. In 1864, £4 4s was taken off for a fox cover, making the rent £400 18s 6d. In the year 1867 the sum of £517 13s 8d was expended on the farm in erecting a labourer's cottage and making an addition to the dwelling house, and for this outlay the rent became £421 7s 6d, the addition being 4 per cent on the capital expended. In 1877 the rent

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