

THE ACCIDENT AT THE DOCKS.

Yesterday evening Mr M. J. DeCourcy, City Coroner, held an inquest at Thomondgate into the circumstances touching the death of William Connery, aged 68, a dock labourer, who was killed on board the s.s. "Tintern Abbey," through an iron-bound block falling on his head, on Saturday last.

Sergeant Treacy conducted the case for the Crown. Mr W. E. Counihan, solicitor, appeared for the relatives of the deceased, and Mr Connolly, solicitor, for the owners of the vessel.

The first witness examined was James Wallace, who deposed that he was a dock labourer; on Saturday, about four o'clock, he was employed by Mr James Horrigan, stevedore, in company with the deceased, on board the "Tintern Abbey;" he was engaged in getting ready the gear for unloading the vessel on Monday morning; he was not there when the deceased met with the accident, but was there shortly afterwards.

By Mr Counihan—The rope produced was used for lifting the main boom; in his opinion it was a bad rope and not fit for lifting the boom; he considered that part of the rope near where the breakage occurred on Saturday was broken before; in his opinion the rope was not strong enough to hang a cat.

In answer to Mr Connolly witness said deceased and himself had brought three coils of rope from another vessel for use on the following Monday; they put them on the quay.

Mr Connolly—Had deceased any business on the vessel until you had brought some more of the gear back? Were not the ropes on the quay, and was there any use for them on board until you had brought back the thimbles? The ropes should be taken on board the vessel. Was there one of the coils of rope near him when he was killed? Yes, there was one of them; it was lying on the after hatch. Was he on board the vessel waiting for you to come back when the accident happened? Yes.

By Mr Counihan—Deceased's proper place was on the vessel; he had no hand in lifting the boom.

Cornelius Mara stated on Saturday afternoon he was alongside the steamboat where Connery was killed; he was employed by the merchant (Mr Spaight) for the unloading, and was setting up scales, etc., on the quay; he did not see anything fall on Connery, but he saw him after the accident.

By Mr Counihan—The deceased was lying about three yards from the after-hatch.

John McNamara stated that he was employed with the last witness on the quay alongside the vessel; he saw Connery standing up about 5 or 6 feet from the after mast; he saw the mate and a sailor hauling up the boom when a block fell and hit deceased on the head; deceased fell down and lived only about ten minutes.

By Mr Counihan—The main boom weighed about half a ton; the main boom was being hoisted to enable deceased to get the gear in order, and he was waiting for it to be hoisted; the block fell about 30 feet; if the rope (produced) was good it would not have given way to the strain upon it.

By Mr Connolly—Deceased's duty did not commence on board until the boom was lifted; his work was aboard; for five minutes previous to that he was doing nothing, but he was in nobody's way; he could not do anything until the boom was lifted.

William Barff said he was mate on board the s.s. "Tintern Abbey"; he was engaged in shifting the main boom from the crutch to the reel; he was assisted by the second mate, and two able seamen; it was by steam they were moving it; it only needed about one turn of the winch; deceased was doing nothing at the time; he was leaning on the winch handle before they commenced to work; witness asked him to move out of it, and he went away; had not seen the deceased working on board at all; he saw the ropes mentioned on board; deceased was by the main mast when he was struck by the iron-bound block; the block must have fallen by the rope (produced) breaking.

By Mr Counihan—It was a four-stranded rope, and one strand had been broken before this occasion; it was good hemp; the boom was being lifted to allow the hatches to be unloaded.

By Mr Connolly—The vessel had come from Ibrailla, on the Danube; the rope had been continually used on the voyage, and they had every reason to believe there was nothing wrong with the rope.

By Mr Counihan—It took 18 days to come from the Danube; although they steamed all the time they set sail sometimes; the rope could not have been good to have snapped; it would have been safer if another rope, which was available for the purpose, had been used.

Sergeant Treacy deposed that being informed of the occurrence on Saturday afternoon he went on board the vessel to ascertain the particulars; he saw the rope which was broken, and that was the one now produced.

Mr Counihan, in addressing the jury, argued that there was negligence on the part of the officers of the vessel in using a rope in bad condition, and contended that Connery was on board on his proper business, waiting until the boom was lifted. He asked the jury to attach a rider to the verdict, attributing negligence to the officers of the vessel.

Mr Connolly, in reply said that the captain of the vessel was there to state that the ship took 18 days in coming from Ibrailla to Limerick, and that during the passage through the Mediterranean, and to the very time they came into the Shannon, the very rope which had broken was continually used for the same duty, of lifting the boom, as it was when the accident occurred. The mate of the vessel, who gave his evidence very honestly and admirably, had admitted that the rope could not have been a good one. But, he would ask, had the officers of the ship any opportunity of knowing whether the rope was in an unsound condition, so as to make it negligence on their part in using it. They did not know but that it was perfectly sound. It appeared to him that the deceased had no business where he was when he met with his death, and that he had no work to do until the boom was lifted. The law laid down that if a person placed himself voluntarily in a dangerous position, he himself was subject to the risks of the situation.

After a lengthy consultation, the jury returned the following verdict—"That the said William Connery died on board the ship "Tintern Abbey" on the 6th inst., and that his death was caused by a block falling on his head, and that same was accidental; and we are of opinion that there was neglect on the part of the officers of the ship in not examining the topping lift, the breaking of which caused the accident, same being in an unsound state at the time."

The Observer has reason to believe that neither Mr Charles Dilke nor Mr Chamberlain has been moved from the attitude taken upon the ones-

LATEST NEWS.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.]

LIMERICK CHRONICLE OFFICE,

TUESDAY EVENING.

THE DEFEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

PROBABLE RESIGNATION OF THE MINISTRY.

LAST NIGHT'S DIVISION.

Forty-three Parnellite and Home Rule Members voted against the Government last night. The defeat of the Government was, however, due chiefly to a large number of Liberals abstaining from voting, there being an unusually large number of Liberal members who did not record their votes.

THE FUTURE ACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

London, 1 p.m.

A Cabinet Council has been summoned to meet at an early hour this afternoon to consider what course of action will be taken in the present emergency. Numerous rumours are afloat with reference to the probable resignation and also to the probable accession to power of the Conservatives. Lord Salisbury has summoned a meeting of his party which takes place immediately. His followers are exceedingly sanguine upon the unexpected victory which has been accorded to them. The supposition, however, is that the Conservatives will refuse office under circumstances so unfavourable, and that the Government will therefore press on supplies, abandon all contentious bills and dissolve as soon as the indispensable business is completed.

London, 2 p.m.

A Cabinet Council was held in Downing-street at noon to-day. All the Ministers were present, and are still deliberating.

London, 4 p.m.

Immediately after the conclusion of the Cabinet Council messengers were despatched from Downing-street to the Reform Club and other Liberal centres, where it was subsequently positively asserted that the Ministers had decided to place their resignations in the hands of her Majesty. In certain quarters, however, there is a disposition to believe a rumour to the effect that Mr Gladstone alone will resign, and that the Ministry will be reconstructed.

London, 4.30 p.m.

The fact that the Cabinet Council lasted only from noon until a quarter past one has strengthened the belief that the Government have decided to resign. At the Reform Club, where despatches were received from the members of the Government immediately after the Cabinet rose, it was positively asserted Mr Gladstone will at once proceed to Balmoral and place the resignation of himself and colleagues in her Majesty's hands. Of the seventy-six Liberals who voted against the Government the official list of pairs accounts for only fourteen.

THIS EVENING'S PARLIAMENT.

London, 5.15 p.m.

The House of Lords met at a few minutes past four o'clock, immediately after which,

Lord GRANVILLE moved the adjournment of the House until Friday, and the motion was agreed to without discussion.

The House then adjourned.

Mr GLADSTONE in the House of Commons, said in consequence of the division last night the Cabinet thought it their duty to make a dutiful communication to Her Majesty the nature of which, however, he could not then announce. He moved the House should adjourn until Friday.

Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE thought the course suggested a most convenient one.

Mr Gladstone's motion was agreed to without a division, and the House adjourned at 4.40.

FUNERAL OF SIR JULIUS BENEDICT.

The funeral of Sir Julius Benedict took place at Kensal Green to-day. An open hearse conveyed the coffin, which was entirely covered with flowers. There was a large concourse present. Among the mourners were the Professors of the Royal Academy of Music, one of whom carried a beautiful floral harp. Many exquisite floral tributes were brought, including an immortelle wreath by Mr Gillig, of the American Exchange, the only American present. Canon Duckworth read the funeral service. Mr Randerger, Sir Arthur Sullivan, and Carl Rosa attended.

THE DARWIN STATUE.

Professor Huxley to-day unveiled the statue of Professor Charles Darwin in the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, in the presence of a large assembly, including the Prince of Wales, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Sherbrooke, Lord Houghton, Canon Farrar, Mr Herbert Spencer, Mr Robert Browning, and many other distinguished persons. The Prince of Wales in accepting the statue on behalf of the

ALFRED ALLEN'S HARDWARE SADDLERY HOUSE, 27, PATRICK-STREET, LIMERICK. Ladies' and Gents' Hunting Saddles, on London Trees; Superior Gig and Carriage nesses, Looks, Hinges, Cutlery, Chamois, Brushes, Sponges, Spurs, &c. Harness, Saddles, 1 manteaus, Baths, Cutlery, &c, Lent on Hire May 19

CYCLING.—"The best form of exercise man or woman is cycling," says Richardson, but it is necessary to have the form of machine. Intending cyclists should write to Messrs CARSON & SONS, 21, Bachel Walk, Dublin, for illustrated price list. June 4.

CATTLE and HORSES will be taken in Grazing on the lands of Fedamore.—Apply to James Corbett, Herdsman, Fedamore. June 6

LEDGERS. TO BE SOLD, a bargain (ruling found not to be suitable), two first-class new Ledgers made to order. Can be seen at GUY & McQUAIDE'S. April 28.

FOR SALE—Gennet and Trap, with complete set of harness; everything almost new Apply office of this paper. June 6

TO Be Sold Cheap a very handsome 6-year old Mare, suitable for a lady.—Apply the office of this paper. June 9

SUBURBAN VILLA RESIDENCE TO LET.

To be Let, from 1st May next, for such term as may be agreed on, THORNVILLE, North Circular Road, with about 2 acres of prime land, beautifully laid out and planted, gate lodge, fruit, flower and kitchen gardens, fully stocked and in fine condition.

The House is most comfortable, well ventilated in perfect order, and fit for the immediate occupation of a gentleman's family.

The Offices include coach house and harness room, loose box, stabling for 2 horses, rooms for groom and gardener, coal and wood, hen house &c., &c.

Application to be made to GAMLIEL M. FITZGERALD, 1, Tontine Buildings, Limerick.

April 25

TO BE LET By the Month, CRAIG HOUSE, Fully Furnished.

This House is situated within one mile of Birdhill Railway Station, three miles of Castleconnell, and three of Killaloe; and contains three sitting-rooms and seven bedrooms, with kitchen pantry, servants' room, etc.

There is also excellent Stabling, Harness room, and Coach-house.

The use of Garden will be given.

For further particulars apply to R. E. GOING, Traferston, Nenagh.

June 9

AT KILKEE.—TO BE LET by the Month a comfortable Lodge (furnished), well situated between Walsh's Hotel and West End corner, containing two sitting-rooms, six bedrooms, pantry, w. c., &c. The House has been all recently done up. Apply to Mrs. R. Drew, Drewscourt, Charleville, or at the Lodge. June 2.

SEA-SIDE LODGINGS.—A large sitting-room, with one or two bedrooms, to be Let, at a fashionable bathing place on the coast of Clare; good cooking; every convenience.—Address, "Neptuna," office of this paper. June 9

A DESIRABLE HOUSE and Garden to be Let.—Curragh House and Garden, Gas and Water laid on, two W.C.'s, &c. Rent moderate. Apply to DENIS O'MALLEY, 61, Nicholas-street. May 12.

LODGINGS.—A sittingroom and bedroom, fully furnished, to be let. Terms moderate. Apply at 3, Barrington-street. June 6

INSURANCE AGENTS and CANVASSERS.—A highly successful Institution is prepared to appoint a few additional Agents and Canvassers. Salary, 30s per week to commence with and commission on business done. This agency does not interfere with insurance business and the agent is allowed to work the two at the same time. Application to be made by letter only to N. D. Nichols, Esq., 26 Gracechurch-st., London, E.C. May 30

ACCOUNTANT WANTED. WANTED a steady respectable man as Accountant in a Merchant's Office; must have satisfactory references, and give security. Apply by letter. Address "Accountant," Limerick Chronicle office. June 6

WANTED, at once, a strong, respectable country Girl; must be a first-class butter maker and milker; must understand thoroughly the rearing of calves and poultry, and be willing to make herself generally useful.—Address, with copies of discharges, to Box 32, Post Office, Limerick. June 6

WANTED a Girl to milk cows and assist in the scullery.—Apply to "A.B.," office of this paper. June 9

STABLE BOY—Wants a situation as above; would take charge of pony and trap, and make himself generally useful.—Apply, J. Shine, Ballymacree. June 9

LIMERICK MARKETS.—TUESDAY, JUNE 9.

BRANDSTUFFS.—1st flour, 52s to 60s per sack; No. 1 patent, 38s 6d; No. 2 patent, 00s; extras, 30s; 2nds, 28s 6d to 30s 0d per do.; No. 1 hds., 00s 0d to 05s 0d; 2nds, 18s 0d. Bran, 40s 0d to 45s 0d. P. pollard, 45s 0d per ton; C. pollard, 40s 0d per ton. Indian meal, coarse, 26s 2d to 28s 0d; Indian meal, fine, 26s 10d to 28s 0d; extra fine Indian meal, 27s; oatmeal, 21s 1s to 23s 0d; cuttings, 21s 3s; whole meal, 21s 8s.

BUTTER.—There were 8 firkins in market this day, 45s to 58s all 3-0-14.