

Mr Fitzgerald rose and held that Mr Conroy was out of order, and the latter immediately concluded his observations.

Mr Greene said that he was prepared to resign the vice-chairmanship which he had held for many years, if it would lead to Lord Inchiquin being appointed chairman. He (Mr Greene) had been twenty-five years a member of the Board, and he defied anyone to stand up and charge him with failing to carry out the Act that he had been appointed to administer (hear, hear). He had always endeavoured to discharge his duty to the ratepayers and the poor to the best of his ability (hear, hear). Lord Inchiquin, as chairman, was a nobleman, of whom every man should be proud, for he had invariably done his utmost to protect the interests of the ratepayers, and often to protect them from themselves (hear). It was a pity to see men, from the district in which the head of Dromoland resided, coming there attempting to walk and trample on him (no, no, from the "Nationalists"). It was not the old spirit of Thradaree. The Thradaree men of former days were worthy of the name, but they had a different class at the present day. He regretted to see the opposition, and those who made it ought to be ashamed of themselves (no, no). The very name of Smith O'Brien (hear, hear) ought to bring Lord Inchiquin triumph, not alone at that board, but throughout the county; and he (speaker) regretted sincerely what had taken place. He repeated that so far as the Vice-Chair was concerned, he was prepared to give it up if his action would save Lord Inchiquin from any further annoyance.

Mr Halpin also spoke eulogistically of Lord Inchiquin, and said the descendant of a noble Irish King would have their warmest support "if he went with the people."

Lord Inchiquin then announced the election of Chairman adjourned till that day fortnight.

Mr Stackpoole proposed the re-election of Mr Greene, Ennis guardian, to the Vice-Chair, and said, although that gentleman was not a "National Leaguer," he had been re-elected a guardian by the "Nationalists," and by more than double the number of any other member, which showed that his services at that board were recognised by the public.

Mr Fitzgerald seconded the nomination. Mr O'Meehan, the other guardian for Ennis, took exception to the statement that Mr Greene had been elected by the "Nationalists." He was elected by proxies.

Mr Greene (warmly)—That's untrue. The President of the Land League got in by a majority of 3. I got in by a majority of 101 (laughter).

Mr Rhody Murphy proposed, and Mr O'Meehan seconded the nomination of Mr Coffey for the position.

A poll was then taken with the same result as the chairmanship—18 voting for each candidate.

Lord Inchiquin then proposed Mr Fitzwilliam A. Scott as deputy vice-chairman, and this proposition was seconded by Mr Fitzgerald.

Mr Cahill proposed, and Mr Pilkington seconded Mr William Cotter.

On a poll being taken, this election was also found to result in a tie.

Lord Inchiquin then made a minute to the effect that the three divisions having ended in a tie, the elections were adjourned till that day fortnight. An amendment was about being proposed by Mr Halpin adjourning the election till that day fortnight, pending the decision of the Local Government Board on the objection to one of the *ex-officio* votes, but it was decided after some discussion, on the suggestion of the Chairman, who holds office till the appointments are made, that the objection could be forwarded to the Local Government Board in the ordinary course for their opinion.

Dispensary Committees were then appointed, and the ordinary business of the board, which possessed no feature of interest, was then proceeded with.—Adjourned.

CROOM BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN.

(FROM OUR REPORTER.)

Croom, Thursday evening.

To-day having been the occasion of the first meeting of the new Board, the election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Deputy Vice-Chairman of the Union for the ensuing year was proceeded with. The outgoing Chairman was Mr L. G. P. Filgate, J.P., who sought re-election, and he was opposed by a nominee of the Na-

tion of guardians. The election was won by Sir elected Chairman by 16 votes against 14 for Sir Stephen E. De Vere, D.L., Liberal, outgoing chairman. For the Vice-chairmanship Mr R. Pigott, Nationalist, also received 16 votes, Mr J. B. Hewson, Conservative, outgoing, having 14. Mr Pigott was declared elected. Mr Cornelius Curtin, Nationalist, was elected Deputy Vice-chairman.

ARREST FOR MURDER COMMITTED THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

On Tuesday morning last Sergeant Hoey arrested a man named Denis Danagher at the workhouse Rathkeale, on a charge of having murdered a man named Michael Kelly in the year 1855. The accused was taken before Capt. Hatchell, R.M., at the police barrack, Rathkeale, where, after the usual caution, he made a statement, which is considered of very great importance.

The depositions of three witnesses were taken before Captain Hatchell yesterday evening, viz. Patrick Kelly, (son to deceased), Thomas Daly, and John Stackpoole.

Patrick Kelly deposed that he was coming home from the fair of Rathkeale, on the 15th October, 1855, in company with his father, Michael Kelly, (deceased), that they overtook Danagher (the accused), near Riddlestown, about two miles from Rathkeale, an altercation arose between his father and the accused, Denis Danagher. He saw Danagher take up a stone and hit his father, who immediately fell, and was carried into the house of Thomas Daly, where he was treated by Doctor Pearse, now living at Newcastle West, but he died the following evening from the effects of the blow. He (Kelly) did not see Denis Danagher since that night.

Thomas Daly deposed that he remembered the night of the 15th October, 1855. The deceased man, Michael Kelly, was taken into his house: he was then suffering from a large wound on the head, apparently inflicted by a stone. Dr Pearse, who resides in Newcastle West now, attended deceased, who died the following evening from the effects of the blow, at his (Daly's) house.

John Stackpoole deposed that he was in Daly's house on the night of the 15th October, 1855, and saw the deceased (Michael Kelly) carried in; there was a large wound on Kelly's head at the time, from which the blood was flowing; he saw Kelly die, and was at his funeral; he heard that Danagher (the accused) killed Kelly.

None of the witnesses could identify Danagher as the man whom they knew 31 years ago. It appeared from statements made to Sergeant Hoey, by the accused man Denis Danagher, that he admits being the man who threw the stone at Kelly. After the night of the occurrence he left the neighbourhood and went to Cork, disguising himself. The police were a long time looking for him, and he had several narrow escapes of being caught. He worked at Blarney and Ballincollig for about 27 years and then came to Limerick where he has been working in the city for some years, and only ventured near his native place last week. Sergeant Hoey arrested him from a description given him by Patrick Kelly, son of deceased, about two years ago. Danagher, who is now a feeble old man of about 70 years of age, was remanded to Limerick gaol last night for eight days for the purpose of getting further evidence.

THE GLIN BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

Glin Castle, Co. Limerick,

March 31, 1886.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to say, that no man of mine contested the guardianship of the electoral division of Glin.—I am, dear sir, very truly yours,
KNIGHT OF GLIN.

THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE RATHKEALE UNION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

March 31, 1886.

SIR,—The Nationalist guardians scored a victory to-day in the election of chairman for the Rathkeale union, the voting was 16 to 14. But that the public may properly estimate the value of this victory I may state that no less than seven *ex-officio* guardians were absent, and that several of the so-called National guardians owe their seats on the board to the landlord votes given for them.—Your obedient servant,
A DISGUSTED GUARDIAN.

seeing so large a rammy proviued for, and so thoroughly enjoying their food.

CABINET COUNCIL.

A Cabinet Council was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, at the Prime Minister's official residence, Downing street. Mr Stansfield was the first member to arrive.

All the Ministers were present at to-day's Cabinet Council.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* to-day, says—There is considerable anxiety as to the issue of to-day's Cabinet. If Mr Gladstone's scheme were to be rejected either by Scotch Liberals or Parliam. it might as well be withdrawn, for to succeed it must at least secure the hearty support of both these sections of the House of Commons. The scheme, in short, must be cut down to fit Scotland, but not cut down so far as to alienate Ireland.

IMPORTATION OF FRENCH COINAGE.

The Board of Customs have instructed their collectors at the various Channel ports to report the landing of any package of French bronze money, with a view to stopping its further importation.

ACCIDENT TO A WHITE STAR STEAMER.

The White Star Royal Mail Steamer *Britannia* which left Liverpool on Thursday last, for Queenstown on the following day, for New York, with seventy passengers and the American and Australian mails aboard, is returning to the latter port, with her machinery disabled, her crank having broken. She passed Croyhaven at 7 a.m. to-day, and the company's tug has proceeded to her assistance. The mails of some of her passengers will be landed at Eoec point.

THE DEPRESSION OF TRADE COMMISSION.

The Depression of Trade Commission again to-day, Lord Iddesleigh presiding. John Price, of Palmer's Ship Building Company, Jarrow-on-Tyne, and Mr J. Williamson, owner, representing the Liverpool Chamber of Shipping, gave evidence.

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF COAL.

The Forest of Dean coal masters intimate day an immediate reduction of 6d per ton household coals. The wages of the colliers be reduced 2 1/2 per cent, in accordance with sliding scale.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS ELECTION.

The Press Association's Barrow correspondent telegraphs that Mr Gainsford Bruce, Q. accepted the invitation of the Conservative contest the constituency in opposition to Mr Caine, and an exciting struggle is expected. Bruce will reach the borough either to-morrow morning, and will receive the support of the Conservatives; but it is thought that several Liberals who at the general election, for various reasons, supported Mr Stansfield will now vote for Mr Caine.

RESULT OF THE IPSWICH ELECTION PETITION.

In the course of an elaborate judgment Justice Denman said both members were unseated on the ground of bribery by "some persons" to vote for an