

be taken by rail to Limerick the circumstances connected with the Dock Labourers' Strike has assumed rather serious proportions. At a special meeting of the Harbour Board held yesterday, which was conducted in private, the subject was under consideration, and we understand that a very important report on the matter will at the next ordinary meeting of the Commissioners be brought on and discussed. Large green Placards were posted extensively throughout the city this morning, entering at length into the labourers' view of the case with much detail, and stating the terms which they require. Up to the present there is no indication of a satisfactory arrangement being arrived at.

FUNERAL OF MR. E. J. SYNAN, EX-MP.

The funeral of this gentleman took place yesterday, and in the attendance of the public, rich and poor, fitting testimony was borne of the respect and esteem in which the ex-Member of the County had been deservedly held. The funeral cortege started from Ashbourne, the residence of the deceased, at nine o'clock, and proceeded to Mount St Laurence Cemetery, where interment was to take place. The Lord Bishop, the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer in his carriage drove in front. Amongst the clergy present were—Rev T Browne, P.P., Mungret; Rev T Shanahan, P.P., Ballingarry; Rev Mr O'Shea, Adm., St Michael's; Rev Mr Shanahan, C.C., do; Rev Mr O'Keefe, S.J., Rector of the Sacred Heart College, and two of the Redemptorist Fathers. Then came Doctors Malone, Nolan, and Shanahan. After the hearse walked the chief mourners—Mr Arthur Cleary, Q.C.; Mr Kenny Synan, Mr J.P. Kinby, and Masters John and Joseph Synan, nephews of the deceased; Mr Wm Spillane, J.P.; Mr John Spillane, and Mr T Dillon. Amongst the general public were the Right Worshipful the Mayor (Mr F.A. O'Keefe), Mr Stephen O'Mara, and a number of other members of the Corporation, also the Town Clerk (Mr A.C. Wallace), Mr John Finucane, M.P., Mr Francis Kearney, solicitor. A large number of carriages brought up the rear. The new Cemetery having been reached, interment took place, the Lord Bishop performing the burial service. The remains were enclosed in a massive oak casket, lined with lead, and placed within this a mahogany shell. The inscription was—“Edward Synan, died 8th Sept, 1887, aged 70 years.” The funeral arrangements were carried out by the firm of Messrs P. M'Carthy & Son, George street.

He cited cases where the money laid out by a farmer in tilling was not realized, and asked, could rent be dragged from him? He might as well expect wool off a goat's back (hear).

Mr John Prendergast moved a vote of censure with the families of the poor men at Mitchelstown, which was seconded by Mr Nunan, and unanimously passed.

The members then proceeded to ballot for delegates for the Convention.

SMITH O'BRIEN BRANCH I.N.

The delegates appointed to attend the Convention were elected by ballot in the following order:—Messrs J.G. Fitzgerald, J.P. (hon sec); M. Punch, V.P.; Henry (president), and T Gilligan. There were also nominated.

GARRYOWEN BRANCH I.N.

The following are the delegates elected by ballot, in their order, to attend the Convention:—Messrs John Crowe, James H. Moore, president; John J. Fitzgerald, hon sec; John Quin, V.P.; and William O'Neill.

The following resolution was proposed by John Crowe, seconded by Mr J.G.F. Fitzgerald, and passed unanimously:—“That we, the Garryowen branch of the I.N. League, beg to express our warmest sympathies to the men of historic Clare for their conduct on Sunday last in holding a demonstration despite of Tory prodding and armed terrorism.”

DISCOVERY OF MEDICAL SPRING.—Sulphur, iron, &c, are reported to have been discovered on Mr Mason's land at the Racecourse, and also near Ardagh. Hundreds visit them, and the medical properties of the waters are borne high testimony to by patients who state they have been benefited by their use.—COR.

THE LOYAL IRISH UNION.—A telegram states that at the last meeting of the Loyal Irish Union of Great Britain, which has hitherto supported the Government cause, it was resolved to dissolve itself. This step has been rendered necessary by the consequence of the numerous resignations of members who have become dissatisfied with the incapacity exhibited by her Majesty's Government. Dr Henry Foster Barnes, president of the union, together with a number of other members, has decided to join the National League. The seceders will publish a manifesto in the course of a day or two.