

ways be tested with the thermometer being put into the churn: the temperature could be about 55 degrees in summer and in winter raised from 64 degrees to 66 or 70 degrees, if the weather is favourable. Several objections were made to the method of raising the cream in open pans. It was pointed out that this method allows a great deal of room, so that it is possible to deal with large quantities of cream. It presents a large surface to the air, and other impurities. Milk is a fluid, and attracts all impurities in the surrounding atmosphere; yet very often dairies used as a larder, with a large hanging up in it. The deep pans possess the advantages that the cream is raised, and the milk being submerged in the cream, it makes more butter of the cream. Under favourable conditions than the ordinary method, while the skim milk is decidedly inferior. The methods are, however, far inferior to the mechanical separator, by which all the cream is taken off the milk whilst it is fresh. It gives a larger yield of butter, amounting to about 100 lbs of butter in the week for each churn. A fault was pointed out that the butter made the day it is made, and perhaps it does not keep, and turns rancid and cheesy taste. This, said Colonel Clarke, is simply due to carelessness in not skimming the buttermilk out; the buttermilk is skimmed from the churn directly the cream is raised, then wash it with pure water, and wash the churn a few times. It is perfectly pure. It should then be allowed to stand for a few minutes, the water is poured off, the butter taken out and put on a cloth; all the remaining buttermilk is got out by steady pressure, and not to overwork it—overworked butter sticks to the knife when it is cut. This is the fault of the Brittany and other dairies, which are generally overworked. For salting it is considered that for the London market the quantity of salt to one pound of butter should be 10 lbs. In London, he said, the butter is golden. In London, he said, or very dark butter is unsaleable,

on Tuesday next and catalogues can be had on Wednesday.

ACCIDENT AT THE RAILWAY.—Yesterday evening a young man named Daniel Slattery, aged about 25 years, who was in the employment of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company, met with a rather severe accident. It appears that he was engaged at his work as usual in shunting waggons at the goods store, when his head was caught suddenly between one of the waggons and a stop block, and the unfortunate man sustained injuries to his ear, which was split, and his head, which was greatly bruised. He was conveyed to Barrington's Hospital about half-past five o'clock, where he was attended to by Dr Counihan, the resident surgeon, and on inquiry at the hospital this morning we ascertained that the sufferer is progressing favourably.

ANNUAL BULL SALE AT HARTIGAN'S PADDOCKS. We would direct the attention of our agricultural readers to the great annual sale of bulls which takes place at Mr Hartigan's paddocks on next Thursday, 26th inst., for which upwards of 50 two and three year olds and 60 yearlings are catalogued. Amongst the entries will be found some very superior animals, upon which the owners spare no pains in order to bring out first-class bulls that will give every satisfaction. Gentlemen who require, sound, well-shaped, serviceable bulls should take advantage of this opportunity of supplying themselves, as the auction presents a great convenience in this respect. The sale commences at one o'clock, and we observe that special rings have been put down to facilitate business.

THE LATE MR TOWNLEY.—At a meeting of the committee of management of the Ballygarry Loan Fund Society, held on the 20th May, to appoint a treasurer in place of the late Mr Charles Townley, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—"We cannot separate without placing on record our deep sense of the loss this Loan Fund Society has sustained by the death of the late Hon Treasurer, Mr Townley. Of the unselfish devotion of his time to the affairs of the society, of his patient courtesy in the transaction of its business, of the nice discrimination he always showed in the granting of loans, of the charity of heart that made him, in cases of default, sometimes pay back the loan out of his own pocket, we may form an estimate, but their full extent will never be known to mortal. We beg tender to his bereaved widow and family our deep sympathy in their sad loss."

SHERIFF'S SALES.—The Sub Sheriff, Mr Hobson, proceeded to the County Courthouse to-day, and put up for sale some farms seized for non-payment of rent. The first lot put up was the farm belonging to James Landon, of Pallasbeg, containing 26 acres; amount of execution, £59 7s 2d. and amidst a great deal of excitement was knocked down to Mr Edmond Crosby. During the progress of the bidding a farmer named Frawley was pushed and knocked down, but on Mr Power, solicitor, Rathkeale, intervening, the man apologised. Lot No 2, being a farm situate at Pallasbeg, containing 48 acres, and amount of execution £71 0d 2d, was also knocked down to Mr Crosby. Lot No 3, situate at Ahawick, containing 62½ acres.

and time being excellent. Stewart added to his song "The last milestone," which captivated the house by the way with which she interpreted the "Bird" (Ganz). A vociferous chorus followed, and Miss Hackett, suffering from a slight cold, gratified the desire of the house by "The Banks of Allan" which contributed very feelingly. Rev. William J. Clarke, Mr Lee were heard to good effect. The day closes, and a most enjoyable evening brought to a conclusion by "God of Wales" and "The National Anthem" by the Band. We cannot close without acknowledging the services rendered by Mr Muspratt, who endeavoured to ensure the success of the evening, which he certainly deserves every praise in which he performed the duties.

FIRE IN THE

A fire, which in all probability assumed very serious proportions, occurred last night. At ten minutes past ten the foreman at Messrs W. J. Shaw's office was on fire. This shed, which is the property of Messrs Shaw, is situated near the Post Office and is used for the purpose of drying and seeing, therefore, the damage being done, Mr Sullivan, the fire official, and reported the matter to the firemen, Mr Sullivan and John Hayes, carpenter, who were on duty. A hose in the bacon factory, and a supply of water on these premises, which, fanned by a very strong wind, was now burning rapidly. About half-past ten they succeeded in subduing the fire, and the shed, which was burnt down. Some members of the fire brigade remained till about half-past eleven, until they saw that the premises were safe. Not a drop of water was used on the market premises, so that there was no chance of putting out the fire. Messrs Shaw's factory was so damaged that it may be remarked, containing paraffin and tar casks, and other inflammable material, and in the carpenter's shop, which was also sufficient for a blaze, so that the matter ended so well. It is to be regretted that Mr King and Mr Shaw, for their prompt action, were not given the credit they deserved, in passing, that it is a pity that some description of electric lighting, connecting the fire residences of the members, so that the engine could be turned on. This arrangement is in operation at the present time, and we merely make the suggestion that it may receive consideration. The system is a rather loose one, and a great deal of time is naturally lost before the fire brigade are got together, part

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The weekly meeting of the fire brigade was held on Thursday night at the