

KILMEEDY BUTTER FACTORY.—After a number of days the Kilmeedy Dairy Company have at last got up steam and started their factory. The opening was celebrated by a complimentary dinner. The local gentry and most substantial farmers are the directors, and Mr Daniel Dunne, shopkeeper and farmer, is manager. A new building is erected in a commonage known as "The Wells," and will not have to pay rent. The enterprise is universally wished a success.

HIT-MONDAY.—A large number of traders and professional men have fallen in with the laudable movement to secure a general holiday in the county on Whit-Monday, one that is extensively observed in various other cities. We trust that the idea will be successfully carried out in Limerick, a day's outing being thereby afforded the mercantile classes, which they certainly will appreciate. We publish in another column the names of those who have consented to close on that day named.

ENNIS UNION.—Mr Jas Coffey, V.C., presided at the weekly meeting of the Ennis Board of Guardians yesterday, some other members attending. The business transacted was almost solely financial. A resolution adopted by the Lurgan Board of Guardians, in reference to the encyclical mandate of the Pope, was merely marked "ad." The financial state of the Union was reported by the clerk to be satisfactory, no arrearages remaining due at the bank, and several standing cheques have been paid. In the workhouse, 423 inmates; average weekly cost, 2s 6d per head.

LIMERICK BOAT CLUB.—We understand that the club have this year arranged a series of three sailing matches, which will take place on the following dates, viz:—1st Race—11th June, at 10 o'clock p.m.; 2nd Race—27th June, at 5.30 p.m.; 3rd Race—11th July, at 5 o'clock a.m. The following prizes will be offered—For 1st yacht, £27; second, £23; the third prize to exceed £110s, to be taken from the entries, and after payment thereof the surplus money, if any, to be added to the first prize. All particulars as to conditions, date of entrance, etc., may be had from Mr Ralph Nash, solicitor, hon. secretary to the sailing committee, and with his energetic assistance the events are likely to be very successful.

PRESENTMENT SESSIONS.—The County at Large Presentment Sessions were held to-day in the County Courthouse, before Colonel Maunsell, in the chair, Hon Mr Monsell, and Mr C B Barrington. The various presentments submitted were recommended for adoption to the Grand Jury. These included an item of £2,835 14s 8d, being the moiety of the expense of extra constabulary during the half year ending 31st March, 1888; £150 to alter seats in the County Courthouse, and make various other improvements in the building, including a retiring room for solicitors in the entrance hall. The Wightfield Sessions were also held to-day, Mr Barrington being the only magistrate present. The business was unimportant.

ARRIVAL OF A SPECIAL R.M. IN ENNIS ON INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATIONS OF THE CRIMES ACT IN CLARE.—Yesterday Mr Alfred Horane, R.M., deputed by Government to visit all counties in Ireland, with the view of obtaining, upon sworn evidence, the effect of the operations of the Crimes Act in suppressing crime and outrage, arrived in Ennis from Tipperary, and was met at the train by Colonel Turner, Divisional Magistrate, who accompanied him to the Club House. Subsequently Mr Horane visited the offices of Colonel Turner and County Inspector Fleming, and will on this day (Thursday) hold his inquiry at Ennis. He is empowered to summon all witnesses named to him as essential; those not being the summons are liable to a month's imprisonment. The inquiry is to be private.

in which he had furnished his cell. Mr Cox then drove to see a friend at Castleconnell, and returned to town in time to leave for Dublin by the limited mail.

THE FATAL ATTACK ON A PROCESS-SERVER IN DOON.

THE INQUEST.

Yesterday at the Tipperary Workhouse Coroner Dr Moloney opened an inquest into the cause of the death of William Leahy, law messenger in Limerick, who was brutally assaulted on Friday last at Doon, whither the unfortunate man visited to effect service of a writ from the Queen's Bench on the Roman Catholic curate of Doon, Rev Patrick O'Donnell.

The jury proceeded to view the body, which lay in the workhouse mortuary. The remains presented a shocking appearance.

The Coroner and jury then adjourned to the boardroom, when

The Coroner said the Crown had made application for an adjournment of the inquest.

Head-constable Adams, New Pallas, said he appeared on behalf of District Inspector Dunne, of New Pallas, who had charge of the case, and he had an application to make that the inquest be adjourned till Monday next, as Mr Dunne could not possibly attend any day before then.

Mr M'Craig asked would an adjournment till to-morrow do?

Head-constable Adams—Mr Dunne instructed me to say he could not attend here till Monday next.

Mr O'Dwyer, LL B, said he appeared for the prisoner, John Ryan, of Doon, and he had no objection to make to the application of the Crown for adjournment till Monday next.

An adjournment was accordingly agreed to. George Leahy, son of deceased, under police protection, now made an application to the coroner for a certificate as to his father being dead in the workhouse.

The Coroner gave the certificate required.

The remains arrived in Limerick by the 4.30 p.m. train from Waterford. The carriage containing the coffin was transferred to a siding near the "check" station, where was placed in a hearse and conveyed to the New Cemetery. The interment took place immediately. Leahy's wife, son and daughter were present with a few of the general public and a number of police from the city.

The *Evening Mail* of yesterday, referring to the outrage, says:—It is not our purpose to make the slightest comment on the conduct of the Rev Mr O'Donnell with respect to his dealings with the boy, who is the subject of this extraordinary case, but to point out the flagrant contempt with which, through popular teaching, the orders and messengers of the highest court in the land are treated. Is there any other civilized country, except Ireland, where such a murderous outrage could be committed with impunity, upon the person of a messenger charged with an order from a high Court of Justice? The new morality, which laughs at Papal interpretations of boycotting and the Plan of Campaign, and whose consciences can be "made easy" by popular Archbishops, as the clerical orator at Inchicore remarked a few Sundays ago, will not regard the killing of this officer of the Queen's Bench as murder, or even manslaughter. The people who witnessed the savage insult upon the man, will not believe that either sin or guilt of any kind attaches to their screening of the perpetrators of it. And the perpetrators—no doubt they are shining to-day in local esteem, smiled upon by all grades of their own society, as men who have done a righteous deed, and helped on the great cause of Irish nationality. We think that, if only in the interests of a proper respect for the law, a special endeavour should be made by the authorities to bring to condign punishment the Nationalist moralists who so ably did to death this luckless official, when, in the faithful discharge of his duties, he was obliged to suffer in his own person the tender mercies of a "vast Nationalist majority."

Government Board was received on the 12th inst. I am, sir, your obedient servant,

" T J TUOHY.

" P S Connolly, Esq, 86 George street, Limerick."

The letter was deemed satisfactory.

LUNATIC ASYLUM REPRESENTATION.

The following circular in reference to this matter was received:—

" Dublin Castle,

16th May, 1888.

" Sir,—I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant, to acquaint you for the information of the Town Council of Limerick that the Government have under consideration a proposal for bringing about a more direct connection than exists at present between the Local Authorities, which strikes the rates, and the Governing Body of the District Lunatic Asylum, in support of which rates are struck. The proposal is as follows:—

" 1.—The income of the District Lunatic Asylum is derived from two sources, the one local and the other Imperial. It appears from an examination of the expenditure of the asylums throughout the country that on the whole the contributions from the two sources are nearly equal.

" 2.—The appointment of all the governors of these asylums is at present vested by law in the Lord Lieutenant, who alone is responsible for the selections made. But the suggestion is that to the extent of one-half of the number of governors on each Board the power of nomination should be delegated in the proportion of their respective contributions, to the fiscal bodies concerned, and that his Excellency should select the names from the list to be annually submitted by them; the persons so appointed to hold office for one year, but to be capable of re-election.

" 3.—Nothing in this arrangement to be held to modify the Lord Lieutenant's responsibility; and accordingly if from the names submitted to him he could not find a sufficient number of suitable ones, the vacancies should either be left unfilled or other Governors appointed by his Excellency.

" 4.—The distribution of this power of nomination, when settled, to remain undisturbed for five years, or until it is shown that the readjustment is called for in the interests of any of the contributory bodies.

" His excellency, before proceeding further in the matter, will be glad if you will move the Town Council to favour him with any views or suggestions which they may desire to offer on this proposal.—I am, sir, your obedient servant
" WEST RIDGEWAY."

Mr Connolly said the view that the authorities took with regard to the matter was this: Supposing there were 24 governors on the Asylum Board the Lord Lieutenant reserved the right to nominate half. The taxation between the Grand Jury of the county and city was two to one, and of the remaining 12 they intended the district to nominate two and the county one. Though the Council would have power to send up whatever names they fixed on, the Lord Lieutenant would choose those whom he wished to appoint.

Mr Begley said that the weak point he saw was that the Lord Lieutenant had the power of rejecting the names the Council sent up.

Mr Cregan—I see he is about to delegate the power of nominating four from outside.

Mr Connolly—No, no; it gives you an increased number.

Mr Begley—He can reject them if he likes.

In answer to Mr Ryan, Mr Connolly said that in '85 there were thirty governors on the Asylum Board; that £3,541 was the amount raised from the county treasury, and £1,458 from the city, and that was equal to a proportion of 5 to 2.

The matter was referred to a committee of the whole house.—Adjourned.

Mr HERBERT CLIFFORD, L.D.S., R.C.S.E., Surgeon-Dentist, of 11, Clare street, Dublin, has branch establishment at 11 Upper Mallow street, Limerick, where his representative, a Doctor Dental Surgery, Philadelphia College, U.S.A., in regular daily attendance from 9 to 6 o'clock County patients should make appointments, writing a few days prior to calling. (May 2)