

The promises held out of Irish legislation the coming Session are liberal, and courageous. They point to the use of the Crimes Act, land purchase, local government development of resources. Government considered the condition of have so much improved that it is "very largely to restrict the area it is necessary to deal with certain by summary process." This is a which had not been anticipated in the best-informed forecasts of the the great features of Irish legislation at session will be measures of land local government, and the congested Under the former heading steps taken "for increasing, under due recantion, the number of occupying This is to be followed by a measure to Ireland the principles of local ment which have been already England and Scotland, so far as they ble to that country." By the third be taken for improving the material of the population in the poorer The conclusion of the Speech other practical measures, such as the transfer of land in England, private legislation for Scotland, ating to tithe, the Crofters, liability ver, improved accommodation in nd minor matters. The programme on for the session, it is seen, is large, ntry will monopolise a great deal ntion of Parliament if the four rred to are to be carried out. e learn from our telegraphic sum- Balfour has given notice of intro- s for land purchase and improve- the congested districts by the of a Land Department.

tural Statistics, which have just been exhibit some very curious results, and between the acreage under wheat the yield is striking. Whilst the wheat has diminished by 9,268 at under oats by such a great amount es, the actual yield of wheat shows of 68,224 cwt., and oats of 2,007 cwt. ntly contradictory result is accounted ct that the average acre of wheat has two cwt. more than the previous at nearly a half cwt. Amongst ey seems to be growing in popular- remunerative crop, for there is an rea under this heading represented es, whilst the total produce is 540,663 than the previous year. In green ne contrast is to be observed. The ultivation in some cases has dimi- wing to a good harvest the yield is above the average. The potatoes have decreased by 17,332 acres, but shows the enormous advance of as compared with 1888. Mangeli- shed by 1,728 acres—not a large the crop is increased by no less ns. An enormous increase occurs turnips, both as to extent of culti- results. The former is represented increase in cultivation, followed by ng increase in yield of 583,171 tons. ay exhibit the greatest increase dur- years. The increase of hay last year ge of the previous year amounts to As compared with 1888 alone, there of 91,586 tons in hay or clover, grasses under rotation, and a de- 531 tons in hay on permanent rass not broken up in rotation. a comparison of last year with the e ten previous years, there is a de- average under all the important rye, mangel wurzel, and hay. n of flax is almost entirely confined usual. The total extent of land tion in Limerick is 171,175 acres, 24,741 were under cereals, including se and two of bere. Under green a 30,748 acres. Flax is represented, whilst almost all the remainder, 77,892 acres, is permanent pasture not broken up in rotation. The on the produce of crops for the imerick and Clare will be found ue.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE HON. HUGH MASSEY.

Yesterday the mortal remains of the late lamented Hon. Hugh N. G. Massey, who died at Elm Park on Wednesday last, were interred in the family vault, Kilkeedy. The funeral cortege was of unusually large proportions—fully a mile in length—and amply testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held by all who knew him. This feeling was confined to no particular class, for all sections of the community attended to pay a last mark of respect to his memory. Many there were who feelingly spoke of his great worth, and of the loss the locality sustains by the premature demise of a liberal employer and a true benefactor and friend to his humbler neighbours. His demise has cast quite a gloom over the whole district, and it will be long indeed before the name of the "Hon. Hugh," as he was popularly known, is effaced from the minds of those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

A little after ten o'clock the coffin was removed from the castle, and temporarily placed on a trestle immediately outside the main doorway. It was literally covered with immortelles and natural flowers—such as white camellias, violets, lilies, and ferns. A handsome wreath of orchids was sent by Mrs. Hugh Barton, of Straffan House, Co. Kildare (sister of deceased); and a beautiful wreath from Mrs. Bannatyne, of Somerville, was composed of eucharist lilies and maiden hair fern. Several others were sent by loving friends, as well as by employees at Elm Park. For the entire journey from the house to the churchyard, the coffin was borne by re-lays of labourers employed by the deceased and Lord Clarina, and they were kindly assisted in their labour of love by several of the tenantry. Following the coffin and the large body of labourers were the chief mourners:—Lieut. General Lord Clarina, Col. the Hon. Lionel Massey, Col. the Hon. W. Massey Mainwaring (brothers of the deceased), Mr. Hugh Barton, Straffan House; Sir D. V. Roche, Bart., Carass, (brothers-in-law); and Messrs. James F., and A. E. Bannatyne.

The Clergy present were—The Dean of Limerick, the Rev. A. G. Dann, Rector of Killeedy; Rev. Dr. Haydn, Nantenan; Rev. Wm. J. Clarke, St. Munchin's; Rev. Canon Gregg, Trinity Church; Rev. Lucius H. O'Brien, Adare; Rev. J. Dowd, Rev. Father Flanagan, P.P., Adare; Rev. T. Browne, P.P., Mungret; the Parish Priest of Clarina, Rev. Father O'Kennedy, C.C., &c.

Amongst the general body of the public were—Lord Massey, Lord Emly, the Hon. Gaston Monsell, Sir James Spaight, J.P.; Mr. James Green Barry, J.P.; Lieut. Colonel Massey Westropp, J.P.; Captain Massey Westropp, Mr. Richard Smith, Limerick; Mr. George Smith, P.L.G., Clarina; Mr. J. Smith, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Wm. Sidney Cox, C.E.; Dr. Gelston, Mr. James Shine, J.P., Mr. William F. O'Grady, J.P.; Mr. B. O'Donnell, T.C.; Mr. P. Herbert, T.C.; Mr. William Sheahan, Mr. William O'Connell, Thomas street Messrs. O. and James Wallace, Limerick; Mr. Luke Christy, Adare; Mr. John Christy, Major Dickson Maunsell, county High Sheriff; Mr. E. Langley Hunt, Mr. Hunt, junr; Mr. Cecil Vandeleur, Mr. David Tidmarsh, Mr. Massey Hewson, Mr. T. Hewson, Mr. J. Hewson (Limerick), Dr. E. Maziere Courtenay, Dr. M. V. Bourke, Mr. Wm. Ebrill, Mr. George Boyd, Mr. R. Hunt, J.P., Inchirourke; Captain Hunt, R.N.; Mr. Annessley, County Club; Mr. Barnett (New Birney and Co.); Mr. Edward Maunsell, M'bororo'; Mr. George Fosbery, Mr. T. Fosbery, County Surveyor; Mr. Wm. Massey, Stoneville; Capt. Edward Croker, D.L.; Mr. R. Gibson (Limerick); Mr. Drew, Mr. John Reardon, Croom; Mr. William B. Fitt, Mr. J. N. Russell (Plassy); Mr. John Russell, Mr. Frederick Finch, Mr. John Morton, Manager Provincial Bank; Mr. John Corneille, Bushmount; Mr. O'Connor, Clarina; Mr. Featherston, Croom; Mr. John Reardon, Carass; Col. M'Adam, J.P., Mr. C. B. Barrington, J.P., Mr. T. H. Cleeve, Mr. F. St. C. Hobson, Mr. Richard J. Gabbett, J.P., Mr. J. O'G. Delmege, J.P., Mr. Dawson Westropp, J.P., Mr. W. Power, Clonshire; Mr. J. Bresnahan, P.L.G., Mr. M'Donnell, Patrickswell; Mr. Cavanagh, C.P.S., do.; Mr. Kelly, Catherine-street; Mr. A. White, Patrickswell; Mr. Peter Griffin, J.P., Adare; Mr. D. E. L. Dickson, D.L., Mr. John Sheahan, Mr. Edward Gleeson, Mr. R. Taylor, J.P., Holly Park; Mr. Reardon, V.S., Mr. J. F. Sheehy, Court; Mr. Wm. M. Beauchamp, solicitor, Mr. J. B. Hewson, J.P., Mr. John White, D.L., Mr. Waller, D.L., Mr. T. A. Ferguson, Mr. Shire (Lord Clarina's steward), Mr. R. L. Brown, J.P., Mr. R. de Ros Rose, J.P., Mr. J. C. Cooper, J.P.; Surgeon-Major Murphy, J.P.; Mr. P. O'Rourke, Mungret; Mr. J. Dundon, Loughmore; Mr. Joseph Stewart, Mr. Furnell, Fort George; Mr. Thomas Slattery, Mr. T. Dundon, Patrickswell; Mr. Frizzell, D.L., Adare; Mr. Mulqueen, Cappamore; Mr. J. Vanderkiste, J.P.; Captain Verschoyle, Mr. W. M. O'Friel, Mr. T. S. Hance, Limerick Union; Mr. Dawson, Bunratty; Mr. Wyndham Gabbett, J.P.; Mr. Richard Harris, Mr. C. Nugent Humble, and numerous others.

The following sent carriages—Lord Clarina, Colonel L. Massey, Lord Massey, Lord Emly, Earl of Dunraven, Mr. James Harris, Sir David Roche, Mr. James F. Bannatyne, Mr. Robert Hunt, J.P., Limerick; Mr. R. de Ros Rose, J.P.; Mr. David Tidmarsh, Mr. T. H. Cleeve, Mrs. Bannatyne, Woodsdown; Mr. W. B. Fitt, Mr. R. L. Brown, J.P.; Mr. Richard J. Gabbett, J.P.; Mr. T. A. Ferguson, Sir James Spaight, J.P.; Mr. J. C. Delmege, J.P.; Mr. R. Taylor, J.P.; Mr. J. C. Cooper, J.P.; Dr. Gelston, Dr. Courtenay, Mr. Stephen Dowling, J.P.; Mr. E. Croker, Surgeon-Major Murphy, J.P., Mount Mungret; Mr. J. G. Barry, J.P.; Mr. R. Gibson, Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Mungret; Mr. James Dundon, Loughmore; Mr. Luke Christy, Mr. J. Shine, J.P., Ballymacreece; Mr. Corneille, Father Browne, P.P.; Mr. R.

tionate friends, and I owe to him a debt of gratitude which alas! can never be repaid. Let the moistened eyes and the sorrowful hearts around me tell what he has been to others—ever taking an interest in all, feeling kindly towards all, desiring their welfare, having compassion on their faults, ready to forgive, as he expected to be forgiven. Let our duty be to guard that sacred dust, and let us have some monument of a life whose deeds we can admire and whose virtues we ought to copy. I never knew a life in which was blended a sincerer penitence, a humbler faith, a truer patience, a more sterling uprightness, and a more thoughtful generosity. Shall we not to-day thank God for such a life as this. Shall we not honour the Creator in His creature, and say: "O God, Thine be all the praise! Thine are all these manifold virtues and precious gifts of grace. They, oh! Christ, are the fruits of Thy Holy Spirit. Do thou give each one of us grace to follow in these things his good example, that with him we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom.

As the coffin was being borne to the vault Chopin's beautiful "Marche Funebre" was played on the harp organ, and the concluding part of the service was read by the Rev. Mr. Dann. The body was then sorrowfully placed side by side with relatives, who have—most of them—long since passed away, and the impressive proceedings thus reached their final chapter. The remains, it should be added, were enclosed in a suite of coffins, the inner being a mahogany shell, lined with satin; next was a leaden one, and the outer was of polished oak, richly mounted and bearing the inscription—"Honble. Hugh Massey. Born 8th January, 1836. Died 5th February, 1890. Aged 54 years."

Messrs. Cannock and Company had charge of the funeral arrangements, and carried them out in a manner which reflects the highest credit on the firm.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS ALICE CONNOLLY.

The funeral of this respected lady took place yesterday. The remains arrived from Dublin by the 1.15 train, and having been removed to a hearse in waiting, were conveyed to the family burying ground at St. Lawrence's Cemetery. Deceased was relict of the late Mr. J. Connolly, of this city, and mother of Mr. P. S. Connolly, solicitor. The funeral cortege was large and highly representative, including a numerous representation of the legal profession, and the citizens generally. The chief mourners were:—Surgeon-Major Paul Connolly, and Mr. Patrick S. Connolly, solicitor (sons of deceased), Mr. Lionel E. Julian, solicitor; Dr. Jeremiah Hartigan, Croom; Mr. Patrick Hartigan, J.P., Clonagh; Mr. Thomas Hartigan, Bruff; and Mr. M. Hartigan, Bettyville. The clergymen present were—the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, R.C. Bishop; Very Rev. Wm. Moloney, P.P., V.G.; Rev. J. O'Shea, Adm.; St. Michael's; Very Rev. Father O'Keefe, S.J., Rector Sacred Heart College; Very Rev. Father Halpin, P.P., Donoughmore; Rev. Father M'Dermott, O.S.F.; Rev. T. Shanahan, C.C.; Rev. Father Hanrahan, O.P.; Rev. Father Murphy, C.C. The laity present included the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Mr. W. J. O'Donnell; the High Sheriff, Mr. W. M. Nolan; Dr. Shanahan, Mr. H. Blackall, solicitor; Mr. John Dundon, Alderman, solicitor; Mr. Matthew Riordan, solicitor; Mr. Jeremiah M'Carthy, solicitor; Mr. James Doyle, solicitor; Mr. W. F. O'Grady, J.P.; Mr. Robert M'Namara, solicitor; Mr. W. E. Counihan, solicitor; Mr. Ralph Nash, solicitor; Mr. T. H. Kenny, solicitor; Mr. M. J. DeCoursey, solicitor, City Coroner; Mr. W. Leahy, solicitor; Dr. O'Shaughnessy, J.P.; Mr. O'Donnell, solicitor; Mr. Michael Egan, Mr. Robert M'Donnell, J.P.; Mr. W. Spillane, J.P.; Mr. J. Morton, Manager Provincial Bank of Ireland; Alderman Thomas Gaffney, J.P.; Mr. James Harris, Secretary Harbour Commissioners; Mr. Patrick Kenna, T.C.; Mr. W. E. Corbett, C.E.; Mr. M. A. Hennessy, C.E.; Dr. R. O'Connor, Mr. John Guinan, J.P.; Mr. Z. Myles, J.P.; Mr. J. J. Cleary, J.P.; Mr. G. W. Bassett, J.P.; Mr. Wm. Manahan, Alderman Patrick Riordan, Alderman Daniel Ryan, Mr. John F. Power, Mr. J. P. McNamara, Mr. James Nash, J.P., Mr. Tidmarsh, Mr. John Murphy, Mr. M. Minihan, Mr. George Mannix, Mr. J. Fife, Mr. Owen M'Carthy, Mr. P. McNamara, Alderman D. Landers, Mr. DeCoursey, City Petty Sessions Clerk, Mr. Patrick Herbert, T.C. The following amongst others sent carriages—Mr. Stephen Quin, J.P., Mr. T. E. O'Brien, D.L., Southhill; Mr. H. Blackall, solicitor, Mrs. Hartigan, George-street, Mr. D. Leonard, William-street; Mr. J. R. Tinsley, Newcastle; Mrs. Spillane, Kilpeacon; Mr. S. Dowling, Thomas-street; Mr. Coll, V.S., Mr. Michael Egan, and Mr. Hogan, Henry-street.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE CANON WALL, P.P.

The funeral of the late Rev. Canon Wall, P.P., the respected Parish Priest of Murroe, Co. Limerick, took place yesterday, and there was a large gathering of clergy and other mourners. The deceased gentleman was a native of Thurles, and nephew of the late Most Rev. Dr. Slattery, Archbishop of the Diocese. His first mission was in Doon, where he was curate for five or six years, and he was then appointed P.P. of Clonoulty. The rev. gentleman was afterwards elevated to the dignity of Canon, and on the death of the Rev. Father Fennelly, P.P., Murroe, was appointed to the charge of that parish, where he was highly respected by all who knew him.

In the unavoidable absence of His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel, the Very Rev. P. Canon Ryan, P.P., V.F., presided at the obsequies. The celebrant was the Rev. M. Morris, C.C., Newport; deacon, Rev. T. Crowe, P.P., Cappawhite; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Cahill, do.; master of ceremonies,

THE BACON TRADE DISPUTE.

MEETING OF MERCHANTS.

As already announced in our last issue, a meeting of the bacon merchants of Cork, Limerick, and Waterford, was held at the Hotel, Limerick Junction, on Saturday, February 8th, when it was resolved:—

"That the ending of the present differences between the merchants and workmen, without removing all just grievances of the men and putting the whole labour question in this trade in the South of Ireland upon a uniform, satisfactory, and lasting basis, would be an injustice to all concerned."

It was further resolved:—
"That to give effect to the foregoing resolution the following memorandum be adopted by the merchants as explaining their attitude from the commencement of this dispute, and expressing their opinions as to the rules which should govern the future:—

MEMORANDUM.

"Having seen in the public prints that the workmen connected with the bacon-curing establishments of Limerick, Cork, and Waterford, had formed themselves into a union, and that subsequently the said union put an ultimatum before Messrs. Shaw and Sons, of Limerick, demanding certain concessions, and leaving no alternative but submission to its demands on the part of Messrs. Shaw, or else a strike of all their men by a certain day then close at hand.

"We, the undersigned merchants of Limerick, Cork, and Waterford, met to consider the position thus brought about, and decided that the logical and business-like sequence to union on the part of the men was union on the part of the merchants.

"We next went into the question of the demands made upon Messrs. Shaw and Sons, and, believing that some should be conceded, we advised Messrs. Shaw accordingly, and they cheerfully agreed. The demand which we considered unjust we determined that they should resist.

"The men were made aware of this concession, which they rejected, leaving matters as before.

"We to-day investigated the question of hours of labour and rate of wages paid in different curing centres in the South of Ireland, and feel bound to say that, in our opinion, no class of labour in Ireland (if in the United Kingdom), considering its continuous character, has been more fully remunerative than that in connection with such establishments.

"However, judging from the reports of meetings of workmen which have lately taken place, it is plain that dissatisfaction has arisen through inequality in wages, as well as in the mode of payment part in money and part in perquisites.

"Waterford men have certainly had longer hours than their fellow workmen in Limerick and Cork, and were paid accordingly. It has always been understood that they preferred this arrangement, but we see the necessity for uniform hours, and at once adopt them as follows:—

"Hours from 6 o'clock, a.m., to 6 o'clock, p.m.; one hour for breakfast (9 to 10); one hour for dinner, 2 to 3, for all working days in the week except Saturday, when the hours shall be from 6 o'clock, a.m., to 3 o'clock, p.m., on that day, no dinner hour to be allowed.

"We think that the old system of merchants collecting one penny per pig from the jobbers for the workmen should be discontinued, and that perquisites where hitherto given by the merchants shall be abolished, money being substituted in weekly wages, which are to be equalised in Limerick, Cork, and Waterford.

"We have no wish that either ill-feeling or discontent should continue, knowing perfectly well that thorough union between employers and employed is the best means of keeping this important Irish industry in the forefront in the face of the competition with which it is daily most seriously threatened by foreign countries.

"With this view, and hoping for the hearty co-operation of the workmen we suggest that in each establishment there shall be three classes of permanent men recognised—namely, first, second, and third; that the first class shall receive—, that the second class shall receive—, that the third class shall receive—.

"That further, with a view to the education of the rising generation and to guarantee continued efficiency of work, there may be a certain number or portion of apprentices in each establishment. We further think that all previous considerations having been fulfilled, there should be security of tenure to the regular staff in each establishment, and therefore suggest that there shall be no disturbance of relations in the future without notice on both sides, such being settled by a signed agreement between merchants and men.

"It is now resolved that as the mode of payment has been different in Limerick, Cork, and Waterford, the present meeting, while affirming all that has gone before, resolve that an adjournment of this meeting now take place till Tuesday next, February, 11th, to finally settle this question.

(Signed)

"LUNHAM BROTHERS, Cork.

"J. MATTERSON & SONS, Limerick.

"MATTERSON & Co., Waterford.

"HENRY DENNY & SONS, Cork, Limerick, Waterford.

"J. J. RICHARDSON, Waterford.

"W. J. SHAW & SONS, Limerick and Cork.

"EDWARD M. DENNY, Chairman."

February 8th, 1890.

MEETING OF THE MEN LAST NIGHT.

A crowded meeting of the Pork Butchers was held in the band-room, John's Square, last night, for the purpose of considering the proposals made by the merchants at their meeting on Saturday

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