

and utilising the offal, a great impulse would be given to such industries as tanning and leather dressing, wool cleaning, glue and gelatine making, and many others which are in need of support and encouragement. The Irish Meat Company has, therefore, been formed for the purpose of avoiding all deterioration in value and all waste. The animals will be bought here and slaughtered, the meat being transmitted in cool chambers to the great English markets, without any depreciation in value occurring between the sale of the animal and the joints being placed in the stalls of the butchers. The difference is clear gain to the farmer and the Company. Then, again, the offal is all utilised here, being not only of value to the owner but productive of much employment to various classes of the community. There is evidently an opening here for carrying out an immense reform, and there is no reason why Ireland should not enjoy all the benefits arising from the valuable industry which is so peculiarly hers. Turning from Ireland in general to Limerick in particular, we trust that when the Company is in working order their attention may be turned to the unrivalled facilities afforded by Limerick. There is every necessity for doing so, for in glancing over Mr Tallerman's pamphlet "Ireland's real remedy," we find on page 30 that the cattle were nearly all shipped from five Irish ports—namely, Belfast, Drogheda, Dublin, Londonderry, and Waterford. Where is Limerick? Echo answers, "Nowhere." We hope there will shortly be an end to that disgraceful state of things, and whatever may be said for or against live traffic, that in dead traffic the position of Limerick and its many exceptional facilities will receive this attention. It cannot be too often repeated that Limerick, by its exceptional situation, right into the heart of the country, and on the banks of the finest estuary in Great Britain, has all the advantages of a seaport and an inland town. Regarded as an inland town it is the centre of a district which embraces Clare, Galway, Tipperary, Limerick, and Kerry in its immediate neighbourhood and in closest proximity, whilst, by means of canals, it is the natural port for the middle and west of Ireland, reaching far up to Ulster even. The whole meat traffic of perhaps the half of Ireland can most conveniently have its centre and seat in Limerick, where there is besides, regarding it as a seaport, a line of quays and docks that cannot be surpassed, all kinds of accommodation ready to hand. We are sure the peculiar advantages of Limerick will not be overlooked, as we observe the names of several local gentlemen in the lists. Amongst the Directors, the name of Mr J. B. Hewson occupies a prominent place, and the interests of the county could not be in the hands of a more able and capable representative. On the Breeders' and Feeders' Committee we notice the names of Mr. R. Bayly, Mr. P. Griffin, Mr. W. Waller, and Mr. J. H. Weldon; and on the Provincial Committee that of Mr. H. M. Lefroy. The capital, we should add, is £200,000, in shares of £5 each, and the subscription list will close on Saturday next.

Second Lieutenant G. D. Wheeler, Limerick City Artillery, has been gazetted Lieutenant.

The Mount Shannon Estate will be sold on Tuesday next by Mr F. W. McCarthy, auctioneer.

The great annual bull sale will be held by Mr F. W. McCarthy on Saturday week, 31st May. There is a very large entry.

THE BALLINAGARDE FLOWER SALES.—These popular and attractive auctions will be continued

present.

DEATH OF MR. WM. J. HALL, B.E.

It is with no ordinary feelings of regret that we record this evening the demise of Mr Wm. J. Hall, B.E., the talented engineer of the port of Limerick. For a considerable time past we cannot recall the death of a leading citizen which has aroused such feelings of profound sorrow as are everywhere evidenced at the present moment. Quite a gloom hangs over Limerick since the sad intelligence was published yesterday morning that Mr Hall had breathed his last. In the prime of life; occupying, as he did, a high position in his profession, esteemed and respected by all who knew him, Mr Hall has succumbed to a long and trying illness. Some six weeks ago, while engaged in superintending the re-building of the Dock Wall, Mr Hall got stricken down with typhoid fever, and though at times his condition was of a most critical nature, there was up to a few days ago a hope that the patient would pull through it, but on Monday evening Mr Hall sank rapidly, and at half-past one on the following morning his sufferings had ended. As to Mr Hall's career it is really unnecessary for us to speak at any length. A gentleman of great intelligence, refined taste, one who possessed a fund of humour which was peculiarly his own, and whose courtesy to all with whom he came in contact was never found wanting—one possessing such qualities as these was, we need hardly say, beloved by a very large circle of friends not alone in his native city, but far outside it. Any movement for the benefit of the poor, for Barrington's Hospital, or for some other worthy charity, had Mr Hall's best support. We could dwell, if it were necessary, on the receptions accorded him over and over again at the Theatre Royal, and how delighted the audience was with his unique rendering of humorous ballads. He was the life and soul of many an amateur performance, and yet Mr Hall seemed scarcely conscious that his presence on such an occasion was an absolute necessity to ensure for the event a complete success. But to pass to the more serious side of his career. In his studies at the Christian Brothers' schools, and later on at the Sacred Heart College, as well as the School of Art, the deceased in very early years always occupied a foremost place, and he was a distinguished graduate of the Queen's College. He served his apprenticeship to Mr Wm. Barrington, and was assistant to Mr John Long, Harbour Engineer, for some years, and when that gentleman retired from office in 1877, Mr Hall was appointed to succeed him. When we say that he realised all the expectations which were then formed of him, we but feebly convey the high opinion held of him by each and every one of the Commissioners. A more careful and painstaking public officer, it would be impossible to find—he threw himself heart and soul into his work, and made the circumstances and the history of the port his deepest study. His recent directory of the Harbour, which we had the pleasure of noticing in these columns, indeed amply proves this, but it may be added that Mr Hall's versatile abilities were more than once recognised by the Board. We have one occasion in particular in mind—the year 1881—when, as a compliment for valuable services rendered about that time to the harbour, Mr Hall was presented with a service of plate. During his time of office many important works were carried out by him—the lighting and buoying of the river underwent great improvements, and various obstructions in the river were removed, greatly facilitating navigation. The docks and quays were maintained by him in the most efficient order, and one of his more recent important works was his splendid specification for the Dock gates on which they were built and set. The plans were so much thought of that the Institute of Mechanical Engineers had them specially published for the advantage of the profession. The falling of the Dock wall placed on Mr Hall very great responsibility, and as already stated, his illness is attributed to colds, which were contracted by his never ceasing attention, day and night, to the work of reconstruction. A useful and ornamental work at the docks, the clock tower, bears his name, and we might refer to various other events if necessary with which he was intimately associated. Mr Hall, who was eldest son of Mr Ambrose Hall, J.P., was a member of the Mechanical Engineers, the Institute of Civil Engineers, and other scientific bodies, while he was also one of the committee of the school of Art, in the development of which he took the greatest interest. The sincerest regret is felt by all for Mrs Hall in her great bereavement, as also for Mr Ambrose Hall and the other members of his family. The vessels in the harbour have their colours flying half-mast high, and the same remark applies to the Limerick Boat Club, the Town Hall, and the monster and other houses. All through the city there is evidence of the feeling expressed at the great loss of a true-hearted, kind, and talented citizen. During his illness Mr Hall was attended by Drs Malone, R. O'Connor, and J. W. Moore, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin. The funeral leaves 18 Hartstonge-street at 9.30 to-morrow morning for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Model School examination on Tuesday and Wednesday.

SIXTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Annie Radcliffe and *Joseph Shire (St Patrick's), *Sarah Stephenson (St Munchin's).

FIFTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Frances Leeson and Edward Kavanagh (St Munchin's).

FOURTH CLASS.

First Rank—*Sarah Duffield (Kilmurry), *Emma Cullimore (Trinity), Margaret Barry (St Munchin's), *Agnes Ball (Trinity), *Christia Carey and M. J. Stevenson (St Munchin's) *Anne Shire (St Patrick's), *S. McCormack and Margaret Ginnelly (St Munchin's).

Second Rank—Wilhelmina Maguire, and Mary Finnelly (St Munchin's).

THIRD CLASS.

First Rank—Maggie Duffield and Rose Gubbins (Kilmurry), Massy Hewson (Trinity), George Kearon (St Munchin's), Bella Stephenson (St Munchin's), William Leslie (Trinity), and Letitia Copland (Trinity).

Second Rank—Walter Bolton (St Patrick's), Lizzie Ellis (St Munchin's), and Susan Clarke (St Munchin's).

SECOND CLASS.

First Rank—May Clarke (St. Munchin's), May Williams (Trinity), Tom Moorhead, David McClelland and James McClutchy (St. Munchin's), Joe Gubbins (Kilmurry), Fanny Gale and Susan Eggleston (Trinity), Herbert Despard (St. Munchin's), Eddie Leslie (Trinity).

Second Rank—Grace Henderson and Rose Sandwith (St. Munchin's), Jack Healy (Trinity), Harry Shire (St. Patrick's).

FIRST CLASS.

First Rank—Lizzie Stephenson (St. Munchin's), Daniel Cullimore (Trinity), Eileen Clarke (St. Munchin's), Alice Leslie (Trinity), Lizzie Henderson (St. Munchin's), Emily Rookby (Trinity), Fanny Taylor (St. Munchin's), Eddie Bell (Trinity).

Second Rank—Tophie Eddie (Trinity), Emily Bassett (St. Munchin's), Ernest Bell and Robert Healy (Trinity), Frank Kearon (St. Munchin's).

* Those whose names are marked in the above list with a * can attend and compete at the Medal Examination, which will be held in the Protestant Orphan Hall on Tuesday next, the 27th inst, at 10.15 a.m.

THE VACANT RATE-COLLECTORSHIP IN THE LIMERICK UNION.

An instance of the anticipated closeness of the contest for the vacant rate-collectorship in the Limerick Union, which was decided yesterday, is afforded by the fact that Mr Finucane, M.P., specially came over from London to be present. "The hon gentleman left London on Tuesday night," says the *Freeman*, "with the consent of Mr Parnell to give his vote at the meeting of the Limerick Board of Guardians for Mr Martin Ryan, an evicted tenant on the Towerstate, who is candidate for the post of rate collector."

In reference to the voting of some of the Nationalist Guardians, the following circular is published:—

DEAR SIR—There will be a meeting of the National members of the Limerick Board of Guardians on next Saturday at the New Dispensary, Cornwallis-street. The object of the meeting is to see what action, if any, ought to be taken in regard to those members of our party, who, at the election for the poor-rate collectorship on Wednesday, identified themselves with the rack-renters of Limerick and Clare.

Those men up to the present have been members of our party, and have promised to go with the majority of the board on all questions in which a National principle is involved. We expect that every member who is not a 'trimmer' will be present on next Saturday. Those men have violated the promises made at the time of their election, and to which they subscribed.

The committee are unanimously of opinion that those recreants ought to be publicly expelled.

The hour of meeting will be two o'clock,

JOHN M'INERNEY, } Hon.
JOHN M'NAMARA, } Secs.

THE GLENSHARROLD EVICTIONS.

Notwithstanding the rumours to the contrary, no evictions took place at Glensharrold to-day. In anticipation of the evictions, Messrs Harrison and P. O'Brien, M.P.'s arrived from London, and with Mr O'Keefe, M.P., proceeded to Glensharrold to-day. The party visited a number of houses of tenants under notice of eviction. A meeting was held this evening at which addresses were delivered.

SAD DEATH OF TWO SOLDIERS.—A steam trawler towed into Aberdeen on Sunday a small pleasure-boat which she picked up about two miles off Donmouth, containing the dead bodies of two privates of the Gordon Highlanders. The men went out for a pleasure trip on the previous evening, and it is supposed they lost control of the boat and became stupefied through sickness and exposure. There was a good deal of water in the boat, and death was probably caused by drowning. A companion who started with them

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