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day, February 8th, the fortnightly sales take place, when the annual sale of the Friarstown heifers will be held. This year they are a fine lot of cattle. Particulars in our advertising columns.

DEATH OF LADY DILLON MASSY.—We regret to observe by reference to our obituary column the death of Lady Dillon Massy, widow of the late Sir Hugh Dillon Massy, Bart., which took place at Doonass House on Sunday morning last. The deceased lady, who had attained the ripe old age of 90 years, was beloved and respected by all who knew her. Her picturesque property is valued at £4,000 a year, and it includes a fine salmon fishery at Doonass. Colonel Massy Westropp, J.P., Attyflyn, Co. Limerick, comes in for the estates, besides which Lady Massy held large sums in her own right. The funeral will leave Doonass at 11 o'clock on Thursday next for interment at the family vault Conlaral.

THE STORM.—Our Kildysart correspondent writing on Sunday says—The storm still continues at Kildysart with unabated vigour. Near Foynes a number of ships are at anchor, and the Glasgow steamer not deeming it safe to proceed further on her outward journey on Sunday also lay up there. Considerable damage is done in the locality by the overflowing of the Fergus. Corcass lands are also flooded, and the banks in many places are broken in. Persons proceeding to Ennis on Saturday were not a little startled at the appearance of the road at Ballycorick bridge. The water had risen on it to a height of about two feet, and cars passing experienced no small amount of difficulty. The distant appearance of the place is like a lake.

DEATH OF MR JOHN M'DONNELL.—The citizens will hear with much regret of the death of Mr John M'Donnell, J.P., owner of the City Saw Mills, who passed away this morning at his residence, Fairy Hill, at the advanced age of 86 years. Mr M'Donnell, had been suffering from bronchitis for some time, and for six weeks was confined to his house. He was a highly respected citizen, and one who did his part to promote the interests of Limerick. In 1852 he was elected a Bridge Commissioner, and became a Harbour Commissioner on the establishment of that Board in 1867. He was ever a most useful member, and a constant attendant while his health permitted, and his long experience and sound judgment always ensured great weight in the consideration of subjects connected with the port. He took an active part in the arrangements concerning the commutation of the harbour debt in 1867, and in the carrying out of great works since then in connection with the Harbour Board, he was largely identified. Mr M'Donnell was also a member of the Board of Guardians, and Lunatic Asylum Board, and some years ago was connected with the Markets Trustees. The funeral, we believe, will leave on Thursday morning for the new cemetery.

ACCIDENT AT THE SWIVEL BRIDGE.

About a quarter past ten yesterday morning the schooner "Leon Jean," laden with oats, while passing through the lock at the swivel bridge, was swept by the current stern forward against the bridge, carrying away her aft mast, chain plates, wheel house, winches, and other things on deck. She passed half-way under the bridge, and locked both herself and the machinery so that neither could be moved for some time. The harbour master was quickly on the ground, and under his instructions the vessel was hauled

Mr Mercer sustained the affirmative matter of fact remarks being quite correct with his leader. He stated that he expected to place much confidence in the statistics produced, as one could give no case by them. He could not help give a total abstinence and quoted the late Damien as evidence of this.

Mr Gibson followed to support the side, and opened his arguments by stating those on the affirmative side were merely that total abstinence was right, as according to Aristotle the real and essential mean is total abstinence from every thing is injurious. Mr Gibson gave many illustrations to prove the fallacy of the argument that moderate drinking could, or conduces to happiness. He was listened to with great attention, his speech and argument being that the total abstinence question was safe in his hands.

Mr Belshaw made a careful résumé of different speeches.

Mr Bennis was then called on to reply, a telling speech showed what a thorough knowledge of words and statistics he was, and gave a strong opinion in favour of total abstinence, and evidence that contradicted the other side.

Professor Todd, rising to reply for the affirmative side, congratulated the different speakers on the eloquence they had displayed, and on the side Mr Mercer and he had taken they had little or no sympathy for, but merely supported by them for the sake of the argument, and he trusted that any words from that side would not have any undue influence on the minds of his hearers.

Mr Gibson, taking an unprecedented course then rose and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Professor Todd and Mr Mercer for their services in taking a side contrary to their views, which was seconded by Mr Bennis.

The President having conveyed the unanimous vote of thanks to them,

Professor Todd briefly replied.

The next meeting will be held on January 31st, when an address on "Phy" will be delivered by Mr Bennis.

LIMERICK CORPORATION.

CLEANSING AND REPAIRING DEPARTMENT.

The weekly meeting of the Cleansing and Repairing Department of the Corporation took place to-day in the Town Hall. Alderman Forrester presided, and there were also present—Alderman John Dundon, solicitor; Mr Lawrence and Mr M. Patrick Kenna.

Mr A. C. Wallace, Secretary of the Corporation, Mr Corbett, City Surveyor, and Mr Forrest, Constable, were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Forrest presented his report as to the expenditure for cleansing and repairing the streets for the week ending the 23rd January, and showed there had been a decrease of £4 compared with the preceding week.

Mr Corbett reported there was a laxity on the part of some of the contractors in the supply of stones. It was directed that in future should be given to the contractors that the contract were not satisfactorily completed, that the stones should be purchased, and that they should be retained from the contract.

Replying to a communication sent to the Town Clerk, with reference to repairs to be done to the gate and to the Carr-street depot, Mr Power, Secretary of the Limerick Labourers' Dwellings Com-