

MCCARTHY'S FORTNIGHTLY CATTLE SALE.—On Saturday next the fortnightly sale of in-calf heifers and dairy cows will be held by Mr F. W. McCarthy, auctioneer, at his Cattle and Horse Repository, Military Road, commencing at half-past one o'clock. Some first-class lots will come under the hammer.

THE LATE LADY MASSY.—It is stated on very good authority that the Church has benefitted considerably under the will of the late Lady Dillon Massy. Rumour has it that the deceased lady bequeathed £5,000 to the parish of Clonlara, £1,000 to the parish of Kilpeacon, £1,000 to Trinity Church, £1,000 to the Rev Canon Gregg for charitable purposes, and £100 towards reducing the debt on the Havergal Hall.

SACRILEGIOUS ACT.—It is reported that the Roman Catholic Church, at Effin, was broken into a few nights ago by it, is supposed, a tramp, or some person of light mind. Some electro-plated candelabra, six soutanes, altar linen, and other property were stolen. The police on being apprised of the outrage, made every inquiry into the matter, and it is stated have obtained a clue which may lead to important results. A portion of the stolen property was found mutilated in a field not far away from the chapel.

DEATH OF MR. P. FROST, J.P.—We regret to announce the death of Mr Patrick Frost, J.P., which took place yesterday at his residence, Castle Bank, Limerick, after a prolonged illness, brought on some years ago by a paralytic stroke. Mr Frost had been an invalid for a considerable time. He was a very large agriculturist, and one whose great experience in all descriptions of farming operations was widely known. Up to six years ago he took an active part in public affairs as a guardian of the poor, and was a useful and valued member of our local Board. Mr Frost's demise at the comparatively early age of fifty-nine years is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends. The funeral will leave at 12 o'clock on Friday for Bunratty.

"MANUAL OF PRIVATE DEVOTIONS FOR THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH." By Rev. J. J. Dillon, B.D. Dublin: Hodges, Figgis & Co. —It is seldom we have so much good matter in so small a compass. The prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings are well expressed, pointed and pithy. They are short, telling, and exactly suited to the purpose for which they are intended. In their clearness and moderation of language they resemble our collects, and we observe a freshness about the phraseology which is calculated to stimulate the attention, perhaps the most important requisite in a manual for private devotion. An introduction on the general subject of prayer contains many hints which will be found valuable.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.—The average annual death-rate represented by the deaths registered last week in the sixteen principal town districts of Ireland was 39.6 per 1,000 of the population. The deaths registered in the past week in the several towns, alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1,000:—Armagh, 20.7; Belfast, 15.4; Cork, 34.4; Drogheda, 4.2; Dublin, 48.1; Dundalk, 4.4; Galway, 33.6; Kilkenny, 16.9; Limerick, 20.2; Lisburn, 24.2; Londonderry, 48.1; Lurgan, 10.3; Newry, 17.6; Sligo, 28.9; Waterford, 6.9; Wexford, 4.3. The deaths from the principal zymotic diseases in the 16 districts were equal to an annual rate of 5.2 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0.0 in nine of the districts to 12.5 in Londonderry; the 27 deaths from all causes registered in that district comprising 6 from whooping cough and 1 from diarrhoea.

DIOCESE OF KILLALOE.—The Bishop of Killaloe held an ordination at St. Flannan's Cathedral on Sunday last, when the following gentlemen were ordained:—Priest—Rev. Edward Evans Rush, Trinity College, Dublin, curate of Woodlawn, Diocese of Clonfert. Deacons—Robert Crozier, Licentiate in Theology, Durham University, for the curacy of Kilmore (Silvermines). On letters dimissory from the Lord Primate—Robert Johnson Coyle, A.B. Trinity College, Dublin, for the curacy of Derrylohan, Diocese of Armagh. On letters dimissory from the Lord Bishop of Tuam—John Olphert Gage Doherty, A.B. Trinity College, Dublin, for the curacy of Tuam. The sermon was preached and the candidates were presented by the Ven. Richard Bathoe Jones, Archdeacon of Killaloe, and Rector of Roscrea. The candidates for the Killaloe Diocese were examined on the three previous days by the Bishop and his examining chaplains.

MR. PARNELL AND THE LIMERICK CORPORATION.

FUNERAL OF LADY DILLON MASSY.

The remains of Lady Dillon Massy were removed from her residence, Doonass House, to-day, and interred in the family vault, Clonlara. An immense concourse of gentry from the surrounding districts were in attendance. The chief mourners were—Mr George Westropp, Quinsborough (brother of the deceased); Colonel John Massy Westropp, Attyflinn (nephew); Capt. J. Massy Westropp, Mr Hugh Massy Westropp, Park House; Mr T. J. Westropp, Dublin; Col. John O'Callaghan, Maryfort; Captain George O'Callaghan, Mr Richard Stacpoole, Edevale. Amongst the gentry present were Lord Massy, Hermitage; General Sir David Frazer, Castleconnell; Mr R. Hunt, J.P., George-street, Limerick; the Messrs Walsh, Clonlara; Mr J. Morton, Mr O. Wallace, J.P., Limerick; Mr M. Sellors, solicitor, Limerick; Dr R. Gelston, George street, Limerick; Dr Ryan, Castleconnell, Mr Phelps; Waterpark. Carriages were sent by Mr Smith O'Grady, Colonel Vincent, Dr Chester, Bishop of Killaloe; Mrs Phelps, Waterpark; Mrs Wallace, 88, George street, Limerick; Mr Phelps, Willow Bank, and numerous others. The coffin was a handsome oak casket, with massive brass mountings, in which was enclosed a mahogany shell beautifully upholstered in satin. The services were conducted by Rev Mr O'Meally, Rev G. G. Gubbins, and the Rev Canon Gregg. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs McCarthy and Son, George street.

FUNERAL OF MR. JOHN M'DONNELL, J.P.

The funeral of this venerable and respected gentleman took place to-day. The cortege was one of the largest and most representative witnessed in Limerick for a considerable time, representing as it did the popularity to which the deceased had attained. The universal and keenly expressed indications of regret which his death evoked were observable in the city and county since his death. The remains were removed from his late residence, Fairy Hill, at eleven o'clock, and interred in the family burying vault at the New Cemetery. The suite of coffins enclosing the remains comprised a mahogany shell, upholstered in satin, between which and the massive coffin was a lead one. The chief mourners were—Mr Robert M'Donnell, J.P. (son of deceased), Mr John De Courcy M'Donnell (grandson), Mr Matthew J. DeCourcy, Solicitor (son-in-law), Mr John M'Donnell Green, Green Lawn, Ennis; Mr Robert W. Green, Mr Thomas A. Green, Mr H. De Courcy and Mr J. S. DeCourcy (grandsons) Mr William D. Bourke, Newport; Alderman Jerome Counihan, J.P. (grandson-in-law), Mr John H De Courcy, Mr L. J. Lawless, C.E.; Mr S. J. Dowling, J.P.; Mr Joan DeCourcy, Clonlara; Mr William J. DeCourcy, Mr Michael M'Namara, solicitor, Ennis; Mr William Humphreys, Mr James Harris, Secretary Harbour Board; Mr W. J. Hall, Harbour Engineer. Amongst the clergy present were—Very Rev Dr Moloney, P.P., V.G.; Rev Father O'Shea, Adm., St Michael's; Rev Father Gleeson, P.P., Parteen; Rev Father Higgins, Adm., St John's; Rev Father Ryan, O.P.; Rev Father Russell, Rev Father Maher, O.S.F.; Dr Feehan, P.P., St Patrick's; Rev Father Burns, Rev Father Mortell, C.C.; Rev Dr Mulhair, P.P.; Rev Father Hanly, Rev Father Foley, S.J. The laity present included—The Hon Gaston Monsell, J.P.; The Right Worshipful the Mayor, Mr W. J. O'Donnell, the High Sheriff, Mr Wm. M. Nolan, Mr O'Keefe, ex-Mayor; Mr A. C. Wallace, solicitor, Town Clerk; Mr W. F. O'Grady, J.P.; Mr J. Doyle, solicitor; Mr J. M'Carthy, solicitor; Mr Wm. Corbett, C.E.; Mr Wm. Boyd, J.P.; Mr Z. Myles, J.P.; Alderman J. Dundon, solicitor; Mr E. R. Cleeve, Mr W. E. Counihan, Dr Malone, Alderman Daniel Ryan, Captain Beck, Mr James Quin, J.P.; Mr John Guinane, J.P.; Alderman Thomas Gaffney, J.P.; Mr Wm. Spillane, J.P.; Mr L. Slattery, Mr J. Hayes, Mr S. O'Flanagan, T.C.; Mr J. M'Namara, P.L.G.; Mr P. Herbert, T.C.; Mr T. E. Bunting, H.B.C.; Mr A. O'Keefe, Mr J. Gaffney, Mr Stephen Quin, J.P.; Mr M. Gleeson, Alderman P. Riordan, Mr J. Fitzgerald, Mr John Ellard, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; Mr J. O'Halloran, Mr J. P. Morrissy, Manager Steamship Company; Mr Blackhall, solicitor; Mr W. Bassett, Mr J. J. Cleary, J.P.; Mr J. C. Delmege, J.P.; Mr James O'Mara, T.C.; Mr J. Punch, and Mr Kenny. The following amongst others sent carriages:—Lord Emly, the Mayor, Ald. J. Counihan, J.P.; Mr M. G. Dowling, Mr T. H. Cleeve, Mr J. Harris, Mr Ferguson, Mr J. DeCourcy, Mr R. M'Namara, Mr Blackhall, solicitor; Mr T. O'Brien, Mr J. Angly, Mr J. R. Tinsly, J.P.; Mr M. Egan, Mr Wm. Spillane, J.P.; the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, R.C. Bishop; Alderman D. Ryan. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs P. M'Carthy and Sons, George-street.

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TWO THOUSAND PIGS UNSOLD.

THE ENNIS AND ATHENRY RAILWAY QUESTION.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WATERFORD AND LIMERICK RAILWAY COMPANY.

To-day at twelve o'clock a special meeting of the shareholders of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company was held at the local terminus for the purpose of considering the Bills applied for by the company to enable them to purchase the Athenry and Ennis Junction Railway. The matter has created much local interest of late consequent on the Midland Company having entered into arrangements for the purchase of the undertaking.

Sir James Spaight, J.P., chairman of the company, presided.

The other directors present were—Mr. E. R. Mahony, J.P., V.C.; Lord Arthur Butler, Lord Castletown, of Upper Ossory, Sir Francis W. Brady Bart, Mr. Percy B. Bernard, Mr. Samuel Bourke, Mr. Terence M' Mahon, Mr. William Heary.

Shareholders—Major J. W. Lynch, Galway, G. Fitzgerald, John Bernal, G. W. Bassett, J.P.; Hon. R. A. Nugent, Mr. James J. Shee, Mr James Shine, Mr. D. H. Higgins, Mr. J. Mullins, Mr. Robert Malcomson.

The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman addressed the shareholders. This he said was called a Wharncliffe meeting of the company, and it was absolutely necessary in order that their proceedings could come before Parliament that they should be approved of by a majority of three-fourths of the shareholders voting and present. The meeting had been called in consequence of the notice just read, and it was his duty now to give them a sketch of the proceedings which had led to the holding of this meeting. He would go through the details, and any shareholder requiring further information would receive it from him willingly. In September 1889 the solicitor to the Athenry and Ennis Company called officially on the solicitor of the Waterford and Limerick, and proposed the sale of their undertaking to the Waterford and Limerick Company. This was in consequence of proceedings which he would detail as he went on. On the 17th October a resolution was passed by the Waterford Company, appointing a committee of their board to deal with this question in a final and conclusive manner. Another arrangement was made that a similar committee should be appointed by the Ennis and Athenry Company, and that they should have the same full powers to deal conclusively with the purchase and sale of the line if the terms could be agreed on; and that the resolutions of each committee should be exchanged before the commencement of any negotiations. In accordance with that arrangement a resolution was passed on that date by this company, and the secretary would read it for them, as well as the resolution exchanged for it by the Ennis and Athenry Company.

The Secretary then read the following documents:—

"Athenry and Ennis Junction Railway Company.—Extract from the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors held at Dublin on the 12th day of October, 1889—James F. Lombard, Esq., J.P., in the chair.—Athenry and Waterford Companies.—Proposed by James F. Lombard, Esq., J.P., chairman, seconded by Thomas R. Roche, Esq., J.P., and passed.—Resolved—That James F. Lombard, Esq., J.P. (chairman), and Lewis H. Evans, Esq. (director), be appointed a committee to meet, discuss and agree to terms, if possible, with the committee of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company in pursuance of Messrs Renshaw's letter of the 7th October, 1889; that the solicitors of the Company also attend the committee meetings, and that any two of the members of the committee may act. It is also provided that William H. Simpson, Esq., shall act in the place of Mr Lombard and Mr Evans, in case either of them should be unable from any cause to attend."

"Waterford and Limerick Railway Company.—Extract from the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors held at Dublin on the 17th October, 1882—E. R. Mahony, Esq., in the chair. 25,549—Athenry and Ennis line.—A letter from Sir James Spaight, our chairman, dated 14th instant, having been read, stating he had seen Mr Renshaw, who produced a resolution of the Athenry and Ennis Board, appointing Mr Lombard and another a committee to represent their company in negotiating a sale of their line to the Waterford and Limerick Company, with power to discuss and agree on terms, it was moved by Lord Arthur Butler, seconded by Mr Wm. M. Murphy, and unanimously resolved "That Sir James Spaight, Mr Mahony, and Mr Anthony O'Connor are hereby appointed a committee on behalf of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company, to meet a committee so appointed to negotiate the purchase of the Athenry and Ennis line, with full power to discuss and agree on terms."

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