

n." The truth of that statement is  
 or by the signature of the un-  
 man himself. It is astonishing to  
 almost the whole population of an  
 prosperous county town could have had  
 moral courage as to allow themselves  
 wed into throwing up their means of  
 d at the bidding of an irresponsible  
 imposed of a few unimportant indi-

The people of New Orleans showed  
 ey would not be terrorised over by an  
 tion of a similar kind, and the Govern-  
 the United States gave their emphatic  
 of the irregular method adopted by  
 ens to protect themselves. The Mafia  
 arary has broken down at last; not,  
 without inflicting serious loss upon  
 ortunate tenants and traders who  
 themselves to be duped so foolishly.

not yet given to the public, some of  
 results of the Census respecting Ireland  
 n made known. The total population is  
 6,162, or under four millions and three  
 and is nearly half a million less than it  
 381. The greatest provincial decrease is  
 Munster and the least that of Leinster.  
 gration for the last ten years is mainly  
 provinces of Connaught and Munster,  
 from which is far higher than it was for  
 ous ten years. Dublin and Antrim are  
 two counties which exhibit an increase.  
 large towns which show an increase of  
 nts are Dublin, Belfast and Derry. The  
 on of Belfast is now exactly what Dublin  
 years ago, and during that time has  
 933 to the number of its inhabitants.  
 ease is thirty-one per cent, and with one  
 ceptions in the mining districts of Eng-  
 unnot be paralleled amongst impor-  
 ropean towns. The growth of the  
 capital is somewhat phenomenal. The  
 on of Belfast is three times what it  
 341. It is only 5,840 under Dublin, and  
 eases during the next twelve months in  
 proportion as it has during the last ten  
 Belfast will in less than a year have become  
 populous town in Ireland. The popula-  
 merick is now 37,072, being a decrease  
 since the previous census. Cork exhibits  
 large diminution of 5,054 in the same  
 and the number of inhabitants is now  
 The population of Cork is double that  
 ck, but the loss of population of the  
 three and a half times that of Limerick.  
 d, with a population of 21,695, shows a  
 of 764. Both in Galway, Newry, and

**DEATH OF CAPTAIN F. MACBRUCE.**  
 The announcement of the death of Captain F.  
 MacBruce, which took place at West Holborn,  
 London, on Sunday, will be received with feel-  
 ings of deep regret by his many friends in Limer-  
 ick and Clare. The deceased gentleman was  
 Captain in the Royal Berkshire Regiment, and  
 was for some time stationed at Fort Anne House  
 in charge of a number of men of his regiment.  
 Owing to ill health deceased was obliged to  
 retire from the service. During his stay in  
 Clare, Captain MacBruce made many friends,  
 and his genial manner winning for him the  
 esteem and respect of all classes. Deceased,  
 who had 20 years service, was the senior captain  
 of the regiment, and was the possessor of a medal  
 and clasp.

**DEATH OF MRS SYNGE.**  
 We greatly regret to have to record the death  
 of Mrs Syngé, wife of Colonel G. C. Syngé, Mount  
 Callan, which took place on Friday evening last,  
 after a long and painful illness, which was borne  
 with unremitting patience and resignation to the  
 Divine will. It would be hard to express the  
 sorrow with which the friends and acquaintances  
 of the deceased lady learned that the Master had  
 called her home, and impossible to put into  
 words what her loss means to the poor in her own  
 neighbourhood who so largely benefitted by her  
 practical and discriminating charity. She had  
 no greater pleasure than to do good, and the  
 blessing of her kind sympathetic nature seemed  
 to rest on all with whom she came in contact.  
 Her wise and loving deeds will long be remem-  
 bered, and her example will encourage others to  
 higher, nobler lives of self-denial and bene-  
 volence. Widespread sympathy is felt with Col.  
 Syngé in his bereavement.—Clare Journal.

**THE SHANNON DRAINAGE.**  
 The following has been received by Mr J. B.  
 Alton, Secretary to the Limerick Board of Fishery  
 Conservators:—  
 Office of Irish Fisheries, Dublin Castle,  
 25th day of May, 1891.  
 Sir,—I am directed by the Inspectors of Irish  
 Fisheries, to state that they have this day  
 received a letter from the Board of Works to the  
 effect, that for the remainder of the present  
 working season it will be necessary to stop the  
 water from flowing through the salmon pass at  
 Killaloe, in order to complete the excavation of  
 the channel below it.  
 In lieu of this, however, the Board state that a  
 passage for the fish at all hours can be made in  
 one of the sluices on the eastern half of the  
 channel, the dimensions of which will be four  
 feet by four feet (4 ft. x 4 ft.), equal to an area of  
 16 feet.  
 The Inspectors of Irish Fisheries will inspect  
 the place on the 4th June proximo, at the hour of  
 12 o'clock, noon; and I am to request that you  
 will kindly communicate the foregoing to your  
 Conservators, whom the Inspectors will be glad  
 to meet at Killaloe on the occasion.  
 I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
 M. P. DOWLING, Secretary.  
 J. B. Alton, Esq., Corbally, Limerick.

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**THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY  
 MILITARY SPORTS AT THE OR  
 BARRACKS.**

The anniversary of the Queen's Birth-  
 day celebrated in an especial manner by  
 Field Battery Royal Artillery, at the  
 Barracks. In the afternoon athletic sports  
 held in the square, and a capital even-  
 ment was afforded to those who had the  
 of being present. The programme, which  
 consisted of thirteen events, possessed a  
 features. For instance, the Potato  
 Jack-boot Race created much amusement  
 competitors having to perform some  
 feats while running. The programme  
 out to perfection under the direction  
 Buckle and Sergeant-Major Kemp,  
 efforts the success of the undertaking  
 attributable. There were a large number  
 and the sports were witnessed by a fine  
 company. The splendid band of  
 Watch attended and discoursed some  
 selections which enhanced the pleasure.  
 Details:—

- One Mile Walking Match—Gunner  
 1st; Gunner Roberts, 2nd; Driver Br  
 Quarter Mile Race—Gunner Ha  
 Driver G. Williams, 2nd; Driver Mul  
 Wheel Race—Bombardier Warling,  
 ner Grundy, 2nd; Gunner Ham, 3rd.
  - Tent-Pegging in a Wheelbarrow  
 wheeling the barrow was blindfold  
 Roberts and Driver Wagner, 1st; B  
 Buckley, and Gunner Grundy, 2nd  
 Saddler and Gunner Webb, 3rd.
  - Three-legged Race—Trumpeter F  
 Driver Jones, 1st; Driver Higgins  
 Kirwin, 2nd; Gunner Burliss and G  
 combe, 3rd.
  - Egg and Spoon Race—S. Smith D  
 Gunner Roberts, 2nd; Driver Kirwin,  
 Tilting at the ring in a wheelbarrow  
 wheeler of the barrow blindfolded.)—F  
 Green and Driver Rogers, 1st; Gun  
 and Gunner Webb, 2nd; Driver C  
 Driver Hall, 3rd.
  - Potato Race—Driver Bradley, 1st  
 Mulready, 2nd.
  - Jack-Boot Race—Driver Kirwin, 1st  
 Hammond, 2nd; Trumpeter Flower, 3rd  
 Changing Gun and Limber Wheel  
 v. left half battery)—Right half battery  
 Cock Fight—Gunner Ham, 1st; Gun  
 2nd.
  - Band Race—Corporal Reynolds, 1st  
 Burgess, 2nd; Private Tullock, 3rd  
 Umbrella and Cigar Race—Shoe  
 Darling and Trumpeter Flower, 1st  
 Bradley and Driver Fox, 2nd; Priv  
 and Driver Lempriere, 3rd.
  - Tug of War—Right Half Battery v.  
 Battery—Won by Left Half Battery.
- The following received invitations:—  
 Dean Bunbury and Mrs, and the Misses  
 Mr and Mrs Courtenay Croker, Mr  
 Poole Gabbett, Mrs Hobson, Mr and  
 man, Mr and Mrs Quin, Miss Kennec  
 Mrs Gavin, Col. Hon., and Mrs Lionel  
 and Mrs Kennedy, Capt and Mrs Massy.  
 Mr and Mrs O'Brien, Mr and Mrs Fin  
 Mrs de Ros Rose, Mrs Lysaght, Capt  
 Dallas, Bishop of Limerick and Mi  
 Archdeacon of Limerick, and Miss Ha