

that the Limerick Bacon Merchants will not hoot with merely repudiating and denying a situation that one of the chief pork-packer concerns in Limerick buys large quantities of American hams in a cured state, gives them a long touch up in this City, and finally places the Limerick brand upon them. Messrs Denny, Matterson, and after them Messrs Crahan, have sent prompt and emphatic repudiation of such conduct. Nevertheless, in their own interest and in the interest of an important locality, something more is required. True or false, the rumour has gained the publicity which is gained by asking a question in Parliament. Mr McCartan asked the Attorney-General for advice whether his attention had been called to the report by Mr Reid, the United States Consul, published in the *Grocer*, stating clearly the allegations already referred to. Now, it is clear that the matter rests with Mr Reid. He made the statement on some evidence or no evidence. If he made the statement with evidence before him, presumably to his conclusive evidence, the bacon merchants in Limerick should insist on this evidence being produced, that the public may see what it is, and that the saddle be placed on the right side. If the charge has been made on insufficient evidence, then it ought to be withdrawn as fully, publicly, and as amply as it was made. The matter cannot be allowed to rest in the very unsatisfactory condition it is in at present; for, whether it is true or false, a slur has been cast on our bacon trade which should be either cleared up on the clearest evidence, or withdrawn and apologised for in the most emphatic manner. Limerick merchants owe it to themselves to state that in this matter their position is amply justified as far as the trade is concerned. We in Limerick have no need to be informed of their object honesty and honourable conduct.

Mr James Nash presided at the City Police Court this morning, and disposed of two cases of drunkenness.

This month's number of *Temple Bar* contains a valuable and unusually lengthy article on "arsfield," which will be read with interest by Limerick people.

At a largely attended meeting of the Clergy, held in the Clerical Club Room, 97 George-street, on the 28th, the Ven the Archdeacon was unanimously elected Chairman of the monthly clerical meetings, in the place of the late lamented Chancellor George Gough Gubbins.

Farmers have been anxiously wishing for rain for the past few weeks. It has come at last, and not too soon, as the grass was almost parched, and the very dry weather beginning to tell on the crops. The rich verdure which we now see is the result of the past few days' rain, and everything looks the better of it.

27th, one salmon, 27 lbs; 28th, one salmon, 9½ lbs; 30th, two salmon, 14 and 17 lbs. Mr T B Cartwright, on the Prospect fishery, 28th April, one salmon, 21½ lbs; 29th, one salmon, 19 lbs; 30th, one salmon, 14 lbs. Mr W C Jones, on the Newgarden fishery, 25th April, one salmon, 27 lbs. Same gentleman, on the Hermitage fishery, 29th, one salmon, 29 lbs. Mr P C Walker, on the Newgarden fishery, 25th April, one salmon, 14 lbs; 27th, one salmon, 12 lbs; 30th, one salmon, 15½ lbs. Mr G C Williams, on the Woodlands fishery, 29th April, one salmon, 28½ lbs. Mr J Wheatly, on the Summerhill and DeBurgho fisheries, 29th April, one salmon, 12 lbs. Captain Vansittart, on the Erinagh fishery, 27th April, three salmon, 13, 18 and 24 lbs; May 1st, one salmon, 20 lbs. Colonel Pearson, R.A., on the same fishery, 29th April, three salmon, 14, 18, and 20 lbs.

COUNTY LIMERICK HUNT.

The annual general meeting of the Hunt was held to-day, at Messrs M'Kern's, George Street, Captain E Croker, D L, in the chair. A large number of members were present. The agreement made by the Committee with Captain Forrester to hunt the county this year, commencing 1st May, was approved of, and considered most satisfactory, as drawn up by Mr H S Croker. The statement of accounts was presented by the Hon Treasurer, Mr J F Power, and were approved of, and considered very satisfactory, and ordered to be printed and circulated amongst the members. The following Committee was appointed for this year.—Messrs H S Croker, A E Bannatyne, High Sheriff; J Roche-Kelly, M W Gavin, R V Hunt, T Atkinson, T Fosbery, Sec; J F Power, Treas. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr J. F. Bannatyne, on the motion of Captain Croker, for the generous manner in which he had supported the hunt. A vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr Windham Gabbett, was passed to the late Committee, Messrs J. Roche Kelly, H. S. Croker, and A. E. Bannatyne, for their great exertions last season, which brought the hunt to its present good position and gave such good sport. On the proposition of Mr H. S. Croker, a vote of thanks was also passed to the Hon Treasurer, Mr J. F. Power for his exertions during the past season, and the manner in which he placed the accounts before the meeting. A vote of thanks to the Chairman, and the thanks of the hunt to Messrs McKern for the use of the room, concluded the business.

SUICIDE NEAR CAHERDAVIN.

A very sad occurrence has taken place near Caherdavin. It would appear that this morning the wife of a man named Patrick Healy residing at Clondrinagh, went to the cow house, and finding something inside pressing against the door she pushed it in, with the result that she found a man named John Molony suspended from the collar-beam, to which he was tied with a reins. It would appear that the deceased had been drinking for some days past, and that last night while on his way home he called into Healy's house and had some tea there. He left about ten o'clock, and nothing more was heard of him till his body was found this morning as described. No other motive beyond that stated can be assigned for the act, and it would appear that some time ago the deceased sustained some injuries to his head, from which it is conjectured he suffered when he took drink. He was married only a few months and held a small farm near Cratloe. The Coroner has been communicated with.

Mrs Morton begs to acknowledge contributions for her stall at the R bazaar from the Bishop of Killarney; Mrs Spaight, Derry Castle; Ewing, Keppoch, Dumbartonshire; Knocktoran; Miss Leech, Mr Beaumont, Mrs Wainutt, Mrs Ivey, Mrs C Morton, Goole, Yorks; 13 The Crescent, the Misses Taylor, Miss Lefroy, Miss Wilson, Barri; Miss Burton, Mrs Morton, Heathfield; Miss Drewett, Miss Smith, T Wm Todd & Co, Cannock & Co, L & Co, Alexander Bros, Woodhouse & Co.

Miss Ellen Russell acknowledges contributions towards the Ragged School from the Misses Anderson, Prospect Brook Lodge; Miss Drew, Derry Anna Massy, Stoneville; Mrs Maw, Derry Castle; Mr and Miss Plumtree.

THE "OTTER" FISHING PROSECUTION AT NENAGH.

ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)
Nenagh, Saturday

The prosecution of Mr Anthon for "otter" fishing on the Shannon resumed to-day. The magistrates present were Messrs Charles E. Tuthill, in the chair; Waring, R M; J B Irwin, R M; John Smithwick, J J Minchin, S C C Foley.

The same solicitors were engaged Saturday. An application was made for further adjournment, in order that Mr Hosford, secretaries to the Fishery might come forward to give expert evidence on the definition of the term "otter" in the absence of these gentlemen, the court decided on hearing portion of the case. For the prosecution, the 13th section of the Act of 1850 was relied on. Edward Madden, water bailiff, was seen defendant otter fishing, on the Shannon at Castle Lough.

Sir Thomas Brady, examined the difference between cross-line and otter, and said he was of opinion that the kind of otter was referred to in the instruments produced were of the otter.

Eventually the case was adjourned for the attendance of Mr Alton on the 1st of May.

According to an evening paper case will be tried at the City of London Courts, and not the Royal Courts. The Lord Chief Justice will preside which is expected to be heard in May.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE.—A fashionable marriage will take place early in July between Edward Tufnell, late 1st Battalion Irish, and Bertha, only daughter of R S Gubbins, rector of Upham, Gubbins, of 119 Queen's Gate, Lieutenant-General James Gu Longmead, Hants.