

ad allowed the sum set off, so the net would be a sum of £468 12s, each party to its own costs.

ING DISASTER IN NOVA SCOTIA.

117 MEN KILLED.

A terrible explosion occurred on Saturday at Hill Mine, Nova Scotia. The reports which reached Halifax, though somewhat meagre, state that the disaster is one of great magnitude; it is believed that the death-roll will not fall short of a hundred. The Springhill Mine is the most important in the Cumberland coalfield, the largest in Canada. The explosion occurred on the east slope. Nearly a thousand men were at work in the pits at the time, and were employed in the immediate vicinity of the mine of the explosion. All these are among the killed, injured, and missing. Hundreds of miners escaped by the connection with other slopes, but it is feared that many more were working in the part of the mine where the disaster occurred was killed, including the manager. Seventy-five bodies have been recovered, and twenty men have been taken to bank in a terribly injured condition. The miners are clearing away the debris to get at the bodies beyond, but the work is one of great difficulty, and the rescuers themselves have had many thrilling escapes. The pit's mouth is crowded by women and children, and heart-rending scenes are witnessed as the bodies are taken up. Springhill Colliery is owned by English and Canadian capitalists, and has an output of over half a million tons. This is the first serious loss of life that has occurred in a coal mine, and probably the greatest calamity as ever befallen the Canadian coal industry.

THE LONDON DOCK STRIKES AND ENGLISH COMMERCE.

It is not so much the foreign as the carrying trade of England which is jeopardized by these strikes, and it is on the carrying trade that our national prosperity very largely depends. We have been away from Holland and fought many wars to maintain and extend it; the result being that nothing like a century we have been, to our great advantage, the porters of the world. It can be more certain than that we shall never cease to be the Seamen's Union has its way. London will no longer be the great entrepot of the world's produce, whence the products of Africa, India, and Australia are distributed throughout Europe. It will inevitably become a mere call. And it will not take very long, in the days of change and rapidity, to bring about his result. Antwerp has spent fabulous money upon her docks, and the Belgians will not mean to be outdone in filling them with shipping. London is following her example. Hamburg, the second city in the German Empire, is increasing in wealth and enterprise every year; France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany are keenly alive to the magnificent opportunities which the policies of British nations are affording them. It is in the shipping not merely of the ship-owners, but of the men themselves and of the community, that such disastrous attempts are made to interfere with the prosperity of the country are resisted. When men talk glibly about interfering with the whole trade of the country, they are aiming themselves enemies of England, and enemies they must be treated. We have to restrain the natural competition of nations; but that is no reason why our subjects should be permitted to play the game of our rivals, and for their own selfish ends to inflict injuries, severe and, it may be, permanent, upon one of the most important and valuable of our national industries. Those who are jealous of our trade, and those who would gladly step into her shoes to make merry; but among Englishmen there is only one resolve—that this state of things

107 persons evicted before operations were suspended for the day, making sixty-five families or 260 persons evicted altogether, since the evictions began.

Mr Storey, M.P., has been communicated with to make arrangements for sending timber to build huts for evicted colliers.

FOREIGN.

Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday.

Speaking here last night Sir Charles Tupper charged Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr Laurier, Mr Winan, and Messrs Hill and Hoar, Members of the United States Congress, with complicity in a plot to draw Canada into annexation with the United States.

Buenos Ayres, Tuesday.

The municipal election yesterday passed off successfully, seats being gained by the candidates of the Union Civica.

Pittsburg, Tuesday.

Fifty thousand miners are out on strike. The men at Rainey Mines still remain in.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Prince of Wales held the first Levee of the season at St James's Palace, to-day.

The new Bishops of Worcester, Winchester, and Peterboro' proceeded to Windsor to-day to pay homage to the Queen.

At the Mansion House, London, to-day, a man named Churn was remanded, charged with pushing a woman into the Thames, causing her death.

At Bootle to-day two labourers were sentenced to two months' hard labour for assaulting a man who refused to strike.

At Liverpool to-day Samuel Solomon was fined £25 for adulteration of snuff.

Traffic—Lancashire and Yorkshire, increase, £54; Great North of Scotland, increase, £136.

Announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths not exceeding 5 lines (which must in all cases be duly authenticated) are charged 2s 6d each. For every additional line, 6d.

BIRTHS.

Persse—Feb 21, at Bellville, Athenry, the wife of Colonel Dudley Persse, of a son (still-born).

Price—Feb 23, at 84 Lower Leeson-street, Dublin, the wife of George Robert Price, Q.C., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

Cochrane and Robson—Feb 21, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, London, by the Venerable Archdeacon Farrar, Brodie Cochrane, of Aldin Grange, Durham, to Ann Eliza Cooper, widow of John Hall Robson, and daughter of Henry Garbutt, of 41 Redcliffe Gardens, South Kensington.

DEATHS.

Walton—At Ennis, on the 23rd February, 1891, George Walton, Solicitor. Funeral will leave at half-past one o'clock, p.m., for New Hall, on Thursday next.

Dawson—February 22nd, 1891, at Cragbeg, Clarina, Co. Limerick, Richard Dawson, J.P., late of Bunratty, Co. Clare, aged 73 years.

O'Brien—February 22nd, at her residence, Churchfield, Newtown, Cecilia (Lilly) beloved wife of M. O'Brien. Funeral for Mungret, at 1 o'clock, Tuesday 24th.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Rev Canon Gregg thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the first half note for £3 from J.W.L. for the Frederick-street Lying-in Hospital.

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THE DRAW FOR

At a meeting held last evening, at various clubs in the city, the arrangement of the draw for the following season took place with the following results:

(a) Phoenix v Limerick, on March 5.
(b) Garryowen v Limerick, on March 10. Referee, Mr. Maguire.

(c) Queen's College v Limerick, on March 7. Referee, Mr. Maguire.
(d) Universals v Limerick, on March 10. Referee, Mr. Maguire.

The winner of the draw is Limerick, on March 10. The final will be played on March 27.

Mr Sullivan, Limerick, secretary for the draw.

LIMERICK COUNTY

An admirable match between two teams representative of the county took place yesterday on the Rock Road, and resulted in a draw by three tries to two. A few minutes after the first half the County were shot for goal was the first half the County but in the latter part of the match their combination having made a try for the success of Flynn (two) and Egan did the needful for goal was directed attention should be given to the winning team, Brooks, and Anthony for the County, McMahon in the half and O'Meally, for

PIRATES V. PANTHERS.

The final tie for the County Cup between the Pirates and Panthers was a well contested, and a number of spectators about 2.30 o'clock, a no score was made, however, had the Pirates their opponents during own 25, and on several occasions to touch down in the half-time there was a press, and again several times in the first half of the play the Pirates try on which, though they failed to improve score made, and the result was a draw. For the Pirates, Fitzgerald, Cronin, and while O'Grady, F. Byrnes, played well for

HUNTING.

The County Lame Hunt is to take place on Friday, 27th.

Hourly. Gentlemen are permitted to ride over wheat or rye. The Croom Harrier