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Demosthenes to see his oration reproduced word for word he would very quickly realise that as an orator he owed a deeper debt of gratitude to the reporters than he had yet realised. This would be the case were a set oration intended and listened to patiently. To oppose, however, four or five insisted on being heard all at once, and such a proceeding is not unusual at some of our public boards. What is to be done then? Is a reporter to be allowed to write down everything, "good or bad," that falls "from every member of the board," whether it was important or not? If the columns of a daily paper, or even our own tri-weekly, would break down under the task, and, perhaps, the speakers might not always recognise their own eloquent remarks in the jumble that was reproduced by mechanical accuracy. Many of the most prominent speakers, as John Bright himself admitted, owe more to the unobtrusive, but intelligent, staff of reporters than they are quite aware of, and they ought to thank their ears that all they say, whether good or bad, important or not, is carefully and intelligently recorded before it is given to the public; that the bad and unimportant are thrown aside and only the good and important reserved for the general reader and the grateful and appreciative study of the local Cicero himself.

The Committee appointed by the Kilrush Board of Guardians to consider and report on the auditor's observations respecting the Union accounts, have performed the work entrusted to them in a thoroughly business-like manner. Very few irregularities were pointed out by the auditor, and the Guardians have speedily decided to rectify them. As regards the securities, some of which were not of the most desirable kind, the Guardians excuse themselves, as they had never suffered any pecuniary loss from defective

DEATH OF CAPTAIN CLIFFE, LATE 3RD HUSSARS.

We deeply regret to record the death which took place yesterday at Croom, of Captain Cliffe, late 3rd Hussars. This gentleman's name was well-known in sporting circles in Limerick and Clare, he having been stationed in this garrison with his regiment some years ago. From here the regiment moved to Ballincollig, where he retired from the army shortly after getting his troop. Since then he has been very much in Limerick, and took up his residence in Croom in order to hunt with the County Limerick Foxhounds, of which Captain Forester, who served in the same regiment, is the popular Master. Captain Cliffe was a keen sportsman in every sense of the word, and in important polo matches in the Phoenix Park and elsewhere he took a very conspicuous part. The gallant officer made a host of friends in Limerick who will deeply lament his unexpected demise. It would appear that he caught cold while at a hunt recently, and was only four days confined to his bed when he succumbed to a bronchial affection. The meet of the County Foxhounds, which had been postponed owing to the funeral of Major Couyers yesterday, stands further adjourned to Monday, 28th inst, in consequence of Captain Cliffe's death.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The Municipal elections are to take place tomorrow, and in connection with the election of a Councillor for the Castle Ward a question has arisen as to the right of Mr Hall, J.P., the newly-elected Alderman of the Ward, to preside, on the ground that he would not become an Alderman until the evening of the 25th Nov., and that it was the outgoing Alderman—Mr J. F. Walker—who had the right to preside. The law adviser, Mr Connolly, held that Mr Hall was fully qualified, as he became Alderman after 12 o'clock on the night of the 24th. The Town Clerk was of opinion that it was the outgoing Alderman who had the right to preside, and in case he should be unable to do so, that the Mayor had power to appoint a presiding officer. The opinion of Mr M'Carthy, the Town Clerk and law adviser of the Cork Corporation, was taken on the matter, and the following was his reply—"Outgoing Alderman ceases to be Alderman, and cannot preside at Friday's election."

A great deal of interest is being taken in the contests, which are more than usually numerous, and it is impossible to foretell with any degree of certainty what the result of the polls will be.

SUB-COMMISSION

Yesterday the Sub-Commissioner Poer French, Q.C. (Chairman), Cunningham, sat in the purpose of hearing applications.

Earl of Dunraven, landlord, tenant

In this case the acreage and the rent £377 10s.

appeared for the landlord, Mr Beauchamp that the tenant to have a fair rent fixed, holding was let as a pasture come within the meaning

The Commissioners sat when the decision in the case

Mr Trench in giving judgment in this case Mr Beauchamp and very properly raised, that they came down to two parcels of land was let to be used wholly for the purpose of pasture, so entirely from the Act of 1845 that all the improvements, any, should be excluded, in the case of O'Neill, tenant, and (chairman) thought the case of Beauchamp very properly down to these. The lease was for 75 years, and it was between the present tenant of these parcels there was demised to him 16 perches (Irish), together with houses, out offices, farm buildings, and there was by this lease to cut down trees, and drains, and the game was a lease for 31 years from 1875. That was of course paid £377 10s. The tenant was a cess. There was a covenanting or sub-letting, and not to erect any farm buildings all the hay, straw, and chaff out all the manure. An inquiry there was to be 121 acres was a question of whether to be used wholly or mainly for pasture. That was the whole of the subject of several mixed question of law and equity in the Act of 1881 same as the phraseology of the Act of 1881 excluded to be used wholly or mainly for pasture. The same was