

a sanitary point of view the proposed thoroughfare would be of great advantage in opening up a congested district, and creating space for the erection of decent dwellings for the humbler classes, who are now huddled together in miserable hovels in lanes and alleys. No one can dispute that point for one moment, but the all-important matter for the sorely-pressed tax-payer is—how will it affect his pocket? Will he be compelled to bear extra taxation, although having more to contend with already than he can bear, or would it be a paying concern by the expenditure of a large sum of money—£8,000, we think, one member stated—in the erection of houses that would contribute materially to the rates? On Saturday last and to-day letters appear in our columns very adversely criticising the scheme on the question of taxation, and on other grounds also. We shall not go over the various points raised—they are all of them important, and will be carefully weighed by the citizens. If we would make a suggestion it would be this—that the ratepayers should thoroughly discuss the matter amongst themselves and make their views fully known to the Town Council before the matter is finally disposed of by that body.

The usual Wednesday Evening Service at St. Michael's Church will be resumed to-morrow at 8 o'clock.

Mr Lyster Drummond, of the English Bar, has been appointed secretary to the Evicted Tenants' Commission.

The Lord Bishop of Limerick intends to hold a Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral, some day not yet fixed in the second week of December.

A grampus of huge proportions was captured in Dingle Bay by some fishermen on Friday night. At an early hour next morning a very large dolphin was also captured by the same crew.

The *Kerry Evening Post* says Colonel Turner, C.B., arrived in Tralee, and held a consultation with all the district inspectors in the county. "We have been informed," it is added, "that Colonel Turner will hold his office until February next."

CAPTURE OF A PORPOISE.—A porpoise, weighing 357 lbs, has been captured off Loop Head, by fishermen in the employment of Mr Flavin, fish merchant, Limerick. It is over five feet in length, and of great girth.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.—Sergeant Cully, William-street, has arrested a man named James Henry, of Belfast, in connection with a case of embezzlement which took place in that city. The affair is not an important one. The prisoner was remanded.

CHARGE OF DESERTION.—A man named John Coode was arrested at the Limerick Workhouse to-day, by Sergeant Cully, on suspicion of being a deserter. He was taken before a city magistrate and remanded, pending communication with the military authorities.

THE CATHOLIC LITERARY INSTITUTE.—The session of the Catholic Literary Institute, 1892-93, will be opened on Thursday evening next with an address from the Rev Father Lee, C.C., which will be on the subject of Irish history. We have no doubt that a large audience will assemble to hear the learned gentleman.

THE LATE MR. WHITE'S FUNERAL.—The names of Mr William Massey, of Stoneville, Rathkeale, and Mr Blennerhassett, Shannon Lawn, Glin, were inadvertently omitted from the list of those who attended the late Mr White's funeral on Thursday last. Mr J. F. Bannatyne's carriage was also present.

TO-MORROW'S CONVENTION.—The Convention for the City and County of Limerick, in aid of the

tion of the names of James Gaffney on the lists for the Market Ward on the grounds that they were not during 12 months prior to the 31st August inhabitant householders, and had been lately struck off the Parliamentary Lists in same ward.

Mr Riordan, solicitor, appeared for Mr Joseph Gaffney, and submitted that the objection was late, and should have been served fifteen days before the 1st October.

Mr Hastings said that if the names were on last year's list there was no doubt there should be fifteen days notice given; and even when on the new list it might well be argued that such a notice was necessary. But what his client would submit was, that the Mayor and assessors were sitting there to revise the lists, and if it came to their notice in any way that any name on the list should not remain on, it would be their duty, if they had any doubt, to inquire into it, and if not, to expunge the names.

After some further argument, the Mayor said they were unanimously in favour of retaining the names.

The other business was of a merely routine character—changing names from one ward to another and striking out double entries.

DROWNED IN THE SHANNON.

An inquest was held yesterday in Francis-street by Mr Coroner DeCourcy touching the death of Patrick Enright, fisherman, aged 33 years, who was drowned opposite the Docks on Saturday evening.

Michael Enright, Coonagh, stated the deceased was his son and was married; he was a fisherman and lived in Francis street; in consequence of something he heard he searched for him on yesterday, and found his dead body in the marsh bordering the river opposite the docks.

Sergeant J. Sullivan, Thomondgate, deposed to the matter being reported to him by the last witness; he found the body lying face downwards at 30 yards from the bank, and about ten yards from low water wall; there were a few scratches on the face, such as might be caused by falling through the bushes off the bank.

Patrick Enright said he saw the deceased last alive on the 22nd instant at about seven o'clock; Michael Wallace was in his company crossing over the bridge leading to the Lansdowne bank of the river; they went on about 20 yards, and deceased told Wallace to go back; Wallace went back to him, and shortly returned saying the deceased would not allow him to accompany him; he heard no dispute between them.

Michael Wallace, brother-in-law to the deceased, stated that he was drinking with him that evening; he was under the influence of drink, but was able to walk; witness never had a quarrel with the deceased.

Dr J. Shanahan, who examined the body, stated his opinion was that death resulted from apoplexy; the body did not present any external marks of violence.

The jury found that deceased died from apoplexy.

LABOURERS ACT IN CO. LIMERICK.

An inquiry was held at Rathkeale Workhouse by Mr Edmond Bourke, Local Government Board Inspector, respecting the proposal of the board of guardians to build 66 cottages under the Labourers Acts. Mr J. F. Cobsgrave, solicitor, appeared for the board of guardians; Mr M. McDonnell, solicitor, for the labourers; and Messrs Beauchamp and Liston, solicitors, appeared to oppose in certain cases. There have already been about 400 cottages built in the union under the Acts, and in some of the divisions included in the present scheme the limit of 1s in the pound allowed for the purpose of providing improved dwellings for agricultural labourers has been reached, so that in these cases the proposal to erect additional cottages fell through. Mr McDonnell said it was a great hardship on the poor men who had gone to great trouble in having the representations, &c, prepared. These men were living in houses which were a disgrace to humanity, and it would be a great disappointment to them. Mr Bourke, said that in another division the guardians had reduced the rate by nearly one-half, on the ground that they were not able to pay the higher rate, and in that case he could not recommend any addition to be made to the rate by having further houses built. Mr

me. When, however, it reaches its destination G. Taylor may rest assured that I will lodge its receipt.—I am, yours faithfully, F. Fox

October 23rd, '92.

THE PROPOSED NEW STREET

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE

DEAR SIR,—The Corporation, at their meeting, confirmed the minutes of their Committee proposing to open a new street from Ell to Cathedral Place. Estimates of cost were one at £2,270, another at £4,600, but I would say that the amount named by Ald. (viz., eight to ten thousand pounds, is the probable expenditure if the Corporation embark on this scheme.

What are the already overburdened streets of the city thinking about to allow such extravagance to be sprung upon them? They stated that the rateable value of the houses built will more than repay the interest money to be spent by the Corporation, the good business to be done in this new street will induce shopkeepers to open. Surely there are shops enough and to spare in our city to supply all requirements. The streets, for instance lower Patrick-street, Rutland-street, rows of untenanted shops seen, while through the city many shops keep their doors open to eke out a miserable subsistence scarcely sufficient to keep body and soul together, and to pay the heavy levies, taxes and other demands upon them. Is this the time to increase the indebtedness of the city by opening up new streets, while its lowest ebb, and the ever-increasing city taxation threatens to sweep the unfortunates?

It is very nice for gentlemen to air their philanthropy at the Corporation meetings, and to make speeches about the improvement of the city for the benefit of the poor. No doubt philanthropic gentlemen could order the whole of the old town should be demolished and new sanitary dwellings be erected instead of the present ruinous tenements, it would be a commendable project, provided they had money to carry out their ideas, but, unfortunately, the want of it, is the root of all evils. But why is this particular bit of philanthropy selected for improvement? It is not more than other parts. Is it solely in the name of philanthropy and sanitary science, or to prove the approach to St John's Cathedral is also a commendable motive, but to say that even for that purpose the majority of the ratepayers, no matter what religious views, would not desire any increase of our city taxes. More careful scavenging of existing streets leading to St. John's is necessary.

There is another strong objection to the new street. That is by traders in Upper street and elsewhere, who rightly think their business would be injured thereby. The promoters of the scheme cannot show that an increase of trade will accrue to the new street. Therefore, all business done in the new street will mean much less done in other streets. It is tolerable that the Corporation in their financial state of the city should pass a resolution that will increase the taxation of the city, and at the same time decrease the taxable resources of the city will not be such treatment, as if any increase of property results in one part it will be counterbalanced by the certain decrease elsewhere, owing to the transference of trade from one street to another. It is to be hoped that independent representatives of the people elected to protect their pockets will at the next meeting of the Corporation the new street scheme will not be carried further.

Yours obliged,
WILLIAM C

October 25th

THE PHOENIX PARK MUSEUM

It is stated the Government are to lease the convicts Mullen and Dow who are undergoing life sentences at Maryborough for being implicated in the murders, and the latter for murdering man Cox. The prisoners have served