

Post Office Savings Banks amounted to close on four millions—an increase of nearly a quarter of a million upon the previous period. In the Trustee Savings Banks there was, in addition, a sum of nearly two millions, which was, however, seven thousand pounds short of what it was the previous year; the deficiency representing probably the amount that had been transferred from this class of security to the Post Office. The report on Savings Banks includes by stating that “with regard to the accumulation of small savings in Post Office and Trustee Banks, there has been a considerable increase in savings during the year, the total amount in the Savings Banks in Ireland being £5,932,000 in December, 1891, as compared with £5,696,000 for the corresponding period of the year 1890. This is an increase of £236,000, or 4.1 per cent, following an increase of £192,000 in December, 1890, over December, 1889. There has been an increase in each year since 1873, the balance in Savings Banks on the 31st December last being equal to double the amount to the credit of depositors at the close of the year 1891.” The statement that in twenty years the amount in Savings Banks has doubled shows what access of wealth has fallen to the class which makes use of these institutions. On the other hand, there is a decrease from £26,610,000 to £25,784,000 during the twelve months in the capital invested in Government and India Stocks in which dividends are payable at the Bank of Ireland. The traffic returns for the same year show considerable fluctuation. Some weeks the returns were greater and some weeks they were less than they were for the corresponding periods of the previous year. The total result, however, shows an increase, and forms the highest annual amount on record for the earnings of the Irish railways. It will be seen, therefore, on a general review that the returns for the railways are higher than they have ever been, that the deposits in banks are steadily increasing, with the only exception of a small decrease in Trustee Banks, which is a negligible quantity. The more serious diminution has occurred in the India Stock, which has ceased to bear interest, and has during the last half year been transferred to some other class of security. As far as these railway and banking statistics go they exhibit a steady increase in the wealth of all classes, the prosperity of the people, and, to a limited extent, in the trade of the country.

The Cushion raffled by Miss Gibbins on the 19th instant, was won by Mrs Studdert, of Arleman. Ticket No 24.

Mr William McDonnell, of Kyleglass, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the City of Limerick, and we are certain the appointment will be a most popular one.

The Rev Philip Dwyer, M A, formerly Rector of Ennis, has been appointed to the Rectory of Uwhaithe St Mary, Norfolk. The rev. gentleman had also been Canon of Dysart, in the diocese of Killaloe.

The gymnastic class of the L.P.Y.M.A intend starting a boys' drill class, &c (on April 1st), for boys under the age of 15. Applications for membership can be made through Mr W. F. Pike, Hon. Sec, Gymnasium, 97, George-street.

RATHKALE MUSICAL REUNION—Owing to the lamented death of Mr Handel Haydn, the meeting

The villagers of Castleconnell on last Saturday night lighted a great bonfire, which could be seen miles distant, on the top of the old castle of the DeBurghos, to welcome Lord Zetland on his arrival for the fishing season on the Shannon waters.

### DEATH OF MASTER HANDEL HAYDN.

We deeply regret to record this evening the death of a young gentleman who, because of his rare talents and exceptional abilities for one of his years, was a conspicuous figure in our midst. We refer to Master Handel Haydn, son of the Rev Canon Haydn, of Nantenan, Askeaton, who passed away on Saturday night at Queenstown, at the age of 18 years. With him a life full of hope, and of great brilliancy has thus been closed—the icy hand of death has stilled those noble emotions which made themselves apparent in all his actions, and has ruthlessly closed a career which had so auspiciously been inaugurated when our young friend was yet of very tender age. From his childhood he was a lover of music—he loved it heart and soul, not merely a desire to master it theoretically as well as from a practical standpoint, but it was apparent to the most casual observer that music was his real forte, and none other. He showed a natural aptitude for the Divine Art that proclaimed itself at every turn, and as a result he became a capital pianist and violinist at an age when many have scarcely got through their technical exercises. His touch, style, and execution were a true index to his character—his wonderful conception of the real spirit of the composer, and his conscientious desire to make the interpretation perfect and expressive in every sense of the word. We can recall the pleasure with which he was listened to at concerts in this city, when he performed often alone and sometimes in conjunction with his father. Young Haydn, whenever his name was announced, was always certain to attract no ordinary amount of attention, and scores were unstinted and most deservedly bestowed upon him. For some two years he studied under Mr F Muspratt at the organ, and soon made his mark at this the monarch of instruments. He frequently played at St Mary's Cathedral; was organist of Castleconnell Church for some time, and he also occasionally played at St John's Church, and all this experience he had had when not more than sixteen years of age. Talking of St John's, it may be interesting to remark that last October he wrote the music for a hymn by the Rev Mr Langbridge, and it was shortly afterwards sung in that Church. He had composed some other pieces from time to time, his latest being an air with variations which was much admired. For the past two years he had been a pupil in the Royal College of Music, London, and trained under Mr Walter Parrott, organist of Windsor, and one of the Professors of the Organ in the College. His collegiate career was a most successful one—he obtained an Organ Scholarship, and was destined to achieve great distinction there had not his health given way. His constitution was naturally fragile, and began to fail at the end of last year owing to serious indisposition to which he became subject, and which, perhaps, owing to heavy study he was not as well able to combat as other lads of his age would have done. At all events he returned home some time about Christmas, and for the past five or six weeks had been at Queenstown, hoping to recruit his health by the bracing air and cheerful surroundings of the place. The result, however, has proved otherwise, and as already stated, he passed away on Saturday night to the inexpressible grief of his afflicted family, with whom we deeply sympathise. Master Haydn was gifted with a very genial, unobtrusive manner, and beloved by all his friends, young and old. His name will live fresh in the memory of all who knew him, and they will often recall with affection the talented, manly little fellow who is now no more. The funeral took place yesterday at Queenstown.

### LIMERICK AMATEUR ATHLETIC AND CYCLO CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the above was held on Saturday evening, in the Athenaeum. The chair was occupied by the President (Mr A W Shaw, J.P.) and a large number of members were present. The report and statement of accounts was unanimously adopted. The Hon Treasurer's statement showed the club to be free of debt and having a surplus of £27 on hands. Sir Charles Barrington, Bart, was tendered the best thanks of the club for his handsome presentation cup for aspirants last year. The following officers

practice complained of should be put down. Mr Stokes—We don't wish to make wholesale charges against the shopkeepers in George street, as some of them were honest enough to sell margarine on its merits. With regard to the samples produced, 120 per cent profit was made on them. Mr Moran said there was a case before the court lately, and a fine of £5 was imposed. That showed that the farmers were getting into the knack of the thing.

Mr Hickie—The evil has grown to such an extent that the difficulty in Limerick is to get pure butter in any shop. I make that statement deliberately, as I know it to be true. You go into a shop in town for butter, and you buy margarine bought at 5d or 6d per lb, wholesale, and pay 14d for it as butter. It is certainly an injury to the city and country, and an injustice to the poor people who are paying for it as butter. The Mayor thought, if they left it to Mr Forrest to employ any person he wished to make purchases, and prosecute if the analysis were unfavourable, that would meet the difficulty.

Mr Hickie—The trade has developed to such an extent, that tons on tons of margarine was now coming into Limerick from foreign countries, and sold week after week as butter, and was being spread all over the country. There was not a single section of the Public Health Act in regard to the sale of margarine enforced. It could not be exposed for sale without being marked.

Mr Forrest said he was acting for Mr Barrett, Sub-Sanitary Officer, during the past month, and he had taken ten samples from some of the biggest traders in the city, and these had been sent on for analysis.

Mr Stokes said the South of Ireland Butter Merchants Association would be most happy to assist the Corporation in any steps they would take.

Mr Moran—It is a most serious matter for the city, and particularly the poor of the city. He then proposed a resolution—“That Mr Connolly be consulted in reference to Section 32 of 41st and 42nd Victoria, as to whether any person other than Messrs Forrest, Mulqueen, and Barrett, Sanitary Officers, is entitled to take samples for the purpose of analysis.”

This was agreed to. Mr Herbert said he thought a vote of thanks should be passed to Messrs Stokes and Hickie for bringing the matter before the committee.

Mr Hickie—We don't want any thanks. If we succeed with the object in view we will be satisfied.

The discussion then ended. The following is the analysis of the samples sent forward by Mr Stokes—

No. 7131—No. 1. This sample gave on analysis:—Moisture, 72; curd, 1.62; salt, 3.08; fat, 88.10—100. The fat largely consisted of margarine, and contained about 75 per cent of that substance.—GAS. E. C. FICHORNA.

A second report from the same authority, numbered 7,132, gave the following result:—Moisture, 11.2; salt, 2.4; curd, 1.1; fat, 84.9—100. This sample was largely adulterated with margarine. It contained fully 75 per cent of that substance.”

### URBAN SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of this Committee was next held. Arising out of the minutes.

Mr Herbert said he saw it stated that the petition in favour of the Registration of Plumbers had been presented from the Corporation. It should have been stated that it was from the Sanitary Board and not from the Corporation at which there were only five members present. If Mr O'Keefe had stated it was presented from the Sanitary Board he could very well understand it.

Mayor—I mentioned it was from the Sanitary Board.

Mr Herbert—Well, Mr O'Keefe publicly stated in the House of Commons that it was from the Corporation of Limerick.

Mr O'Mara—And the Sanitary Board are the Corporation.

Mr Herbert—They are not sir. They are only a committee of them, and their action must be approved of by the Corporation.

Mr O'Mara—And the Corporation would approve of it, so that Mr O'Keefe was not far out.

Mr Herbert—I am not saying he was wrong, but I want to put the matter in its true light. The matter dropped.

Mr Corbett read his report for the month ending 29th February, '92, of sanitary operations done within the city, and it was adopted.

The routine business having been disposed of, the committee resolved itself into a Park Committee.

THE SALE AT BALLINAHINCH—Mr Wm B Fitt will disperse by auction on next Thursday, at

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