

going ahead. It has recently gained two triumphs, and a third may be expected. Mr. Morley's Small Commission has not increased the prestige of the Government. Mr. Commissioner Lynch has just given Mr. Justice Mathew a piece of his mind in reference to the interference of the latter in what was no business of his. Mr. Lynch expresses his "very great surprise" and his "unfeigned regret" that the Commission should have given certain advice which certain tenantry have lost no time in acting upon. "I can only say," observes Mr. Lynch, "that I am not aware by what authority this temporary Commission assumed the privilege of intervening in the proceedings of the Land Commission, which is one of the permanent tribunals of this country, whose procedure is regulated by statute and general rules, and whose orders can only be reviewed by the appellate tribunal or the Supreme Court of Appeal in this country. I can find no precedent for such a proceeding, and I confess I don't like to contemplate what would be the result of such an innovation upon our jurisdiction here." All these incidents are not calculated to gladden the Gladstonian heart, even at this festive season.

The Rev. William Sheppard, B.A., curate of Tulloh, diocese of Killaloe, has been appointed by the rector, Canon Hamilton, second curate of Taney, Dundrum.

FORTHCOMING BALL AT ADARE MANOR.—We have it on good authority that the Countess of Dunraven will give a county Ball at Adare Manor in the first week of January. The invitations will be probably issued this week.

SUDDEN DEATH.—An inquest was held this afternoon by Coroner DeCourcy on the body of John Murray, employed as engine man at Messrs. Cleave's factory, who dropped dead yesterday at his work. The jury returned a verdict that death resulted from aneurism of the heart.

MR. W. H. REDMOND, M.P.—Mr. Wm. Redmond, M.P., and Mr. Patrick O'Brien, ex-M.P., arrived here to-day by the midday mail from Ennis, and proceeded by the 2.45 train to Dublin. They were accorded a hearty send-off by a number of prominent local Parnellites, who assembled at the station to congratulate the hon. gentleman on his victory.

CONFIRMATION AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Limerick held a Confirmation at St. Mary's Cathedral to-day for the city and neighbouring parishes. The following clergy were present—Very Rev. the Dean, Venerable Archdeacon, Precentor Meredyth, Canon Gregg, Revs. F. Langbridge, B. Waller, R. Ross-Lewin, A. G. Dann, Dr. Haydn, L. H. O'Brien, J. W. Hudson, A. W. Chapman, G. Luther. There were 129 candidates, and the Cathedral was filled with a large congregation, many of whom were friends of the young persons about to be confirmed. During the ceremony the Lord Bishop delivered an appropriate address.

Matterson, J. Russell, M. Egan, S. Quin, J. N. Russell; the following members of the Council to constitute the committee.—The Mayor, Alderman Counihan, Alderman O'Mara, D. Begley, M. Donnelly, P. Kenna, R. Smith, P. Herbert, J. M'Mahon, and Thos. Donnellan.

Mr. Kennally seconded the proposition, which was unanimously passed.

Mr. M'Mahon suggested that one representative from each ward should be appointed on the committee, as it was a matter of great importance to the ratepayers.

Mr. Bourke said that any suggestion coming from Mr. Donnelly should receive the utmost attention. He had paid more attention and taken more interest in the affairs of the department than any other member of the council (applause), and they ought to appoint a good working committee, and he certainly thought the Mayor-elect should take part in it, because no man knew more about the working of this department than he did.

The Mayor-elect said of course it was his duty as a Town Councillor to do everything he possibly could in the interest of the ratepayers, but he had a particular objection to interfering with matters belonging to that department.

Mr. J. O'Mara—There is no member of this council knows more about this department than you do.

The Mayor-elect, in deference to the unanimous wish of the Council, said he would consent to act on the committee.

THE MUNGRET ENDOWMENT.

The Town Clerk called attention to the fact that the Corporation had the power of appointing two trustees from their body for the purpose of carrying out the scheme in connection with the Mungret School Endowment. The appointments should be made before the 25th January.

Mr. Connolly explained that in connection with the Mungret College several schemes came before the Privy Council in Dublin about dealing with the school. It was formerly held under a lease, by which it was held as Mungret Agricultural School. That scheme failed, and it then came before the Educational Endowments Commissioners, and the decision was that the 70 tilled acres of land should be sold to the present tenants for the sum of £2,500. That scheme was submitted to the Privy Council and passed, and they were to pay £2,500 down in cash, or £125 per year as rent. He was not informed what the Jesuits would do as the final scheme had just only come down, but he presumed they would pay £2,500, and that would be put in the hands of trustees, two of whom would be nominated by the Corporation, two by the County Grand Jury, and he thought two would be appointed by the Government. To that would be added £1,708 three per cent stock, and £400 preference stock Great Southern and Western Railway, making altogether £4,600, and these trustees were to maintain that for the purpose of technical education in Limerick.

Alderman Dundon—For the city?

Mr. Connolly—I think it is applicable to the county also.

It was decided that notice of the appointments to be made at next meeting should be put on the agenda paper.

THE MARKETS AND TOLLS.

Some discussion took place arising out of a proposition of Mr. Donnelly, that returns of the tolls collected should be furnished to the Corporation.

Mr. O'Mara complained of the practice allowed to exist of selling stock outside the market and no tolls collected. Formerly if an old woman sold a hen in the market a toll would have to be paid on it.

Mr. Connolly said that prosecutions had been brought against parties for selling ponies outside the market, and the magistrates imposed a fine of 15s in each, and although he asked them to impose the heaviest penalty, he thought they were rather lenient.

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