

asked in the House of Commons this evening and answered by Mr Balfour which throws some little light on the subject. Mr Labouchere asked the First Lord of the Treasury whether in the event of the Government dissolving Parliament between September and December they would bring in a bill enabling persons who are qualified after July next to vote, should the election occur before the end of the year. Mr Balfour's reply was that the contingency referred to by Mr Labouchere, that is that the Government would dissolve Parliament between September and the end of the year, was of so remote a character that the Government had not taken the matter into consideration. Mr Balfour's reply, therefore, seems to point to the conclusion that the Government if they have consulted at all with regard to a dissolution, regarded a dissolution during the closing months of the year a "remote contingency" left out of their calculations altogether. It is extremely unlikely that the present Parliament will be brought to a close during the summer. Events seem to point the other way. Mr Balfour's reply would therefore seem to defer the appeal to the country to the very end of the septennial period—in fact, to the spring of next year.

Mr Kendal Irwin has returned to 19 Upper Mallow-street from Dublin.

A largely attended conference of the R. C. clergymen of the diocese of Killaloe, was held at Ennis yesterday, the Most Rev Dr McRedmond, Lord Bishop, presiding.

The Very Rev Hussey Burgh Macartney, D.D. T.C.D., Dean of Melbourne, attained the great age of ninety-three this month. Dr Macartney was ordained deacon by the then Bishop of Limerick so far back as the year 1822 for the curacy of Banagher, in the diocese of Meath. He went out to Australia with Bishop Perry, who only recently passed away, in the year 1848.

KILDYSART FAIR—This fair was well supplied with stock. The demand, especially for yearlings, was good. The following are the quotations—Yearlings, from £3 to £8; two year olds, from £7 to £10; sheep from 32s to 50s.

FATAL KICK FROM A HORSE—A melancholy accident occurred on Saturday evening in Horse Island, about two miles from Kildysart. A little girl named Mary McInerney, about six years of age, was kicked on the head by a horse, from the effects of which she died in three hours.

MR JOSEPH O'MARA—We are glad to learn that "the young Irish tenor," as Mr O'Mara is so familiarly known, has been engaged to sing in the opera, *Cigarette*, which will be produced at Cardiff during the coming musical festival. This, in itself, is a marked testimony to Mr O'Mara's popularity as a vocalist.

EARLY POTATOES—There were shown on Saturday last, at Carrigaholt, some very fine specimens of early potatoes—"Rivers Royal Ashleaf Kidney," grown in the open air, and one would hardly expect in this bleak district to see them so forward, in fact as large as will be shown in other localities in June. They were from the garden of Mr William C V Burton, D L, of Carrigaholt Castle.

ROYAL MUNSTER FUSILIERS—Captain J. W. Shelton, J P, late of the 5th Batn (Royal Limerick County), died at Nice on the 12th inst, aged 65. After serving in the 28th and 14th Regiments deceased retired as a lieutenant, and was appointed to a company in the Limerick Militia, Jan 5, 1855. He did duty with the Regiment during its embodiment from January, 1855, to Aug, 1856, and again from Sept 14, 1857, to Feb 28, 1860; became major, Nov 28, 1864, and retired ten years ago with the hon rank of lieutenant-col.

at the opposite end is the gymnasium. From this spacious hall a door way communicates with the billiard room, to which access can also be had from the side entrance at Henry street. It is a very fine room 40 feet long by 20, and pitch pine is here brought into requisition with excellent effect. The reading room is in the same position as before only that it is something larger, the staircase which ran up by the dividing wall having disappeared. It occupies about three quarters of the storey, the remaining portion being devoted to a committee room. On the upper storey are class rooms and other apartments, while the caretaker is provided for in another part of the building. Of course the whole place has been thoroughly painted, and everything is now as bright as a new pin. The members may congratulate themselves on having such an excellent building at their disposal. The main entrance to the Institute is from Brunswick street, as hitherto. We should state that the architect is Mr J. J. F. Browne, C.E.

DEATH OF MR J. J. CARROLL.

We regret to record the death of Mr J J Carroll, who, in his time occupied a most prominent position in aquatic circles. He was for many years a member of the Shannon Rowing Club, and as stroke in the senior fours and eights, will long be remembered by those who take an interest in rowing. A splendidly built man, he proved himself a capital oarsman, and many and oft he carried the "blue and white" to victory, not only on the Shannon, but on various other waters in Ireland. Mr Carroll was a great favourite with his comrades and friends, and his premature demise at the age of 43, is deeply regretted. It was not, however, unexpected, as he had been in failing health for some time, and he passed away on Saturday night at Barrington's Hospital. He was a native of Glin, and spent most of his time from his boyhood till almost to the end in this city, having been for several years one of the buyers in Messrs Cannock and Company. On Sunday evening the remains were conveyed from Barrington's Hospital to St Michael's R C Church and were followed en route by a very large and representative cortege. The coffin, which was borne the entire distance by members of the Shannon Rowing Club, was taken up Thomas street past the club rooms and thence to the church. The funeral took place yesterday to Mount St Laurence Cemetery. Among those present were—Fathers O'Shea and Hallinan; Drs Holmes, O'Sullivan, and O'Mara; Alderman O'Mara, Messrs J O'Mara, T C; B O'Donnell, T C; J B Kennedy, J Flynn, Cruise's Hotel; J Clune, T C; M Harnett, P Sheehan, P Cronin, R Fogarty, C E; J M Namara, D Heriott, W Manahan, W Herbert, M Bodkin, S M'Carthy, E O'Connell, E W Casey, M Spain, T C; J O'Grady, P Hartigan, George Hotel; P Tymons, S F Dowling, J P; C Cornelle, E Baker, E Pigott, M Pigott, T Hickie, M Hayes, J Gaffney, M O'Toole, E J Lee, M Brennan, W Cullen, J Hanley, D Enright, V Baker, J Raleigh, J Hayes, D O'Connell, C Nolan, Cork; C Nolan, T Bradley, P Normoyle, T Costigan, J Madigan, D Madigan, F Crowe, B Smith, W Walsh, M Hickie, B Kerins, D O'Grady, P O'Loughlin, P Reeves.

DEATH OF MR C. REDDAN.

His many friends in this city have heard with sincere regret, of the unexpected death of Mr Con Reddan, of Killaloe, who passed away at his residence, on Saturday evening, after a brief illness. Mr Reddan's name, so to speak, was a household word with Limerick people. As proprietor of the Shannon View Hotel, Killaloe, he was brought into daily contact with numbers of tourists and a large section of the local public, and by all he was esteemed for his ever cheerful manner, and for a humorous, winning style, which was peculiarly his own. He was a man also who took a great interest in promoting the enjoyment of visitors, and displayed a great deal of enterprise in making Killaloe an attractive place of resort. We need scarcely say that his death is deeply lamented in Killaloe and the surrounding districts, and deep sympathy is expressed with his respected family in their bereavement. The funeral, which took place to-day, was very largely attended.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Postal Telegraph

morning in order to get done early, and I not aware that that system had been discontinued.

The stewards having been called before Committee, Mr Jones, in reply to Mr Donnelly stated that the sweepers did not commence six o'clock in the morning, except on Sunday.

Mr Donnelly said if that was the case he repeat what he had said on a previous occasion that the system was a very bad one. The object of that system was that the carter going out his horse at six o'clock in the morning removed one load off the street until until that meant a loss of 2s 6d to the ratepayers city. It was a perfect farce to have a man going along the street waiting until both were swept.

Mr Herbert thought that the system as in Dublin would work well here—namely, the streets swept during the night.

Mr O'Brien, steward, said if that system adopted, they would require both a night staff.

Mr Donnelly said what he complained of the system of sweeping the streets. He wanted to make it compulsory on the men to commence work before six in the morning, the present system caused a very serious nuisance and he thought it his duty to call attention to it.

Mr Herbert said the men had certain duties which they followed, and instead of the streets being their masters they had to submit to be directed by the men. He believed that the streets were given into the hands of the tractor the work would never be done properly.

Alderman O'Mara said this was the only system in Ireland or in England where the streets were not swept at night, and why they did not do it was not a new departure and have the streets swept at night he did not know. He agreed with the view taken by Mr Donnelly that the Committee did not seem to enter into the necessity of the question, and some radical change must take place if they would have the work properly and in such a way as to prevent a nuisance.

Mr Clune said if the streets were swept at night it would mean a considerable increase in expenditure, as the men would expect wages.

After further discussion the Council directed the stewards to report on the ability of adopting a new system for having the streets swept by night.

Mr Coll, veterinary surgeon to the Corporation, attended and recommended that a boiler be put at the depot, as at present there was no getting hot water except by bringing in neighbouring houses and Lyons' Baker stated hot water was occasionally required for bran-mashes and poulticing.

Mr Coll further said he felt it his duty to inform the Committee that the Corporation were scarcely ever cleaned—at least, they were not properly groomed, and it was necessary for the health of these poor very often overworked animals that they be properly clean groomed, which would make them more and better workers; they would also last longer. He suggested that each man be supplied with the necessary stable requisites.

Mr Herbert said this was very useful information.

Alderman S O'Mara said it was monstrous that the horses were left in a filthy condition and a report was never read there before, and he thought he ought to feel very grateful to Dr Coll for bringing the matter before them.

The Chairman and several of the Council concurred with Alderman O'Mara, who proposed that the necessary stable utensils be immediately purchased, which was agreed to.

IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Alderman Landers presided, and the members attended. After some business routine character had been disposed of, the Committee went into the consideration of the supply of about 2,000 tons of pavé for paving the Dock road. Five tenders were received. The matter was considered in detail and no final decision was come to by the Committee.

ENNIS TOWN COMMISSIONER

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Ennis, Mr