

and the result is that trade and  
 are not only held their own, but,  
 on by these reports, are increasing  
 y. A potent argument is this  
 well alone, and casting the  
 n" Bill to well-merited oblivion.  
 Bank whose stock peculiarly  
 changes of one sort or another—  
 and otherwise—in the financial  
 is that splendid institution the  
 land, and in view of this fact the  
 Directors presented at the half-  
 ing of the proprietors on Tuesday  
 ery gratifying character. The  
 were in a position to announce  
 al resources of the Bank showed  
 of about £300,000 since June, 1892,  
 ,000 within the past half-year. The  
 d deposits, it transpired during  
 n, have largely increased, and the  
 now receive a dividend of 5½ per  
 half-year, or 11½ per cent per  
 he report of the Directors of the  
 nk is likewise most satisfactory,  
 are certain, be received with un-  
 pleasure by the shareholders.  
 balance of £92,806 available for  
 out of which the Board have de-  
 idend at the rate of 10 per cent  
 or the half year ended 30th June.  
 s £75,000, leaving a balance of  
 which £3,731 is credited to the  
 vided profits account, and £14,075  
 l loss new account. We observe  
 port of the Provincial Bank of Ire-  
 e profits are set down at £42,032  
 of which a dividend of 10 per  
 um will also be declared, absorbing  
 hen £2,500 is written off bank  
 count; £5,000 is added to the re-  
 and £7,532 carried forward to  
 t. In the Munster and Leinster  
 than ordinary interest is centered  
 of Ireland. The great strides  
 y it has so rapidly and continuously  
 ts foundation reflect the highest  
 e management, and testify to the  
 arity the institution enjoys in the  
 f the public. The Directors' re-  
 s to be laid before the shareholders  
 early meeting in Cork on the 1st  
 ouncements that the profits for the  
 ount to £13,915 10s 4d. To these  
 led the undivided profits from last  
 igh make altogether a sum of  
 4d. This places the Directors in  
 ot only to pay a dividend for the  
 the rate of 10 per cent per annum  
 sfer to the reserve fund £2,500;  
 on of premises' account £1,000,  
 next account £2,956 12s 4d. The  
 will then stand at £166,000. The  
 of the several Banks are to be

must be exceedingly pleasant news for these over-  
 burthened people, and they have only to rely on  
 the diligence of the rate-collectors now to save  
 them from such a piece of ill-luck. Perhaps the  
 Guardians will be more cautious in the distribu-  
 tion of seed rate in the future. To our mind this  
 would be the moral which adorns the tale.

REASSURING statements are made with regard to  
 the impending coal strike; reassuring, that is to  
 say, from the point of view of the public. The  
 coal merchants are paying higher prices to the  
 producers, but they have no present intention in  
 view of the large stocks on hand, of raising the  
 charge to the consumer. Happily we can afford  
 to be a little indifferent on the question in the  
 middle of July. It would be otherwise if we had  
 reached October, but there seems reason to anti-  
 cipate that even if the strike is as big an affair as  
 it threatens to be it will be over by that time.

CITY POLICE COURT—Mr Wm J O'Donnell  
 attended at the City Police Court this morning.  
 A man named Shaughnessy, charged with drunk-  
 enness, was fined 5s, but took the alternative of  
 seven days.

MARKETS TRUSTEES.—A meeting of the Markets  
 Trustees was summoned for yesterday, but a  
 quorum, seven members, not attending, no  
 business was done, though six gentlemen who  
 were present wasted three quarters of an hour  
 waiting in the hope of the "missing one" turning  
 up. These were—Mr J. F. Power, Mr W. L.  
 Stokes, J.P., Mr Wm Spillane, J.P., Mr R. J.  
 Gabbett, J.P., Mr Octavius Wallace, J.P., and Mr  
 Wm M'Donnell, J.P., with Mr John Hardiman,  
 Secretary, and Mr Fitzgerald, Inspector.

DEATH OF RICHARD GLOSTER, Esq.—We regret  
 to announce the death, which took place at Rock-  
 field, Kildimo, last evening, of Richard  
 Gloster, Esq., late Captain 61st Regiment, and  
 father of Major and Hon Lieutenant-Colonel  
 Gloster, 5th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers.  
 The deceased gentleman was highly popular with  
 all classes in the district, where his long and  
 active career was largely spent, and his demise is  
 sincerely regretted by all who regarded him as a  
 true type of the old generation which is now fast  
 passing away. The funeral will leave Rockfield  
 on Saturday morning at ten o'clock for the family  
 vault at St Munchin's.

**DROWNING OF A YOUNG GENTLEMAN  
 IN CLARE.**

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)  
 Ennis, Thursday.  
 A painful shock was caused this morning by  
 the sad news that Mr Jeremiah B Kelly, J.P.,  
 youngest son of the late Mr J B Kelly, J.P., Porte,  
 had been drowned last night in the picturesque  
 little lake adjoining Porte House. The details are  
 meagre, but it would seem that the young gentle-  
 man with a servant, was in the village of Ruan  
 during the evening. He appears to have left for  
 home about ten o'clock, and passing  
 the lake near Porte House, he sent the man who  
 had been with him in advance to the house. The  
 man had not gone very far when he heard a splash  
 in the water, and, looking around and missing  
 his master, he concluded he had fallen in,  
 and promptly raised the alarm. An immediate  
 search was made for the missing gentleman by  
 the servants and others, but it was not until 4  
 o'clock this morning that the body was re-  
 covered. The deepest gloom is cast over an  
 extremely large circle of relatives and friends by  
 this premature end of a young and deservedly  
 popular gentleman.

**THE P. Y. M. A. TENNIS AND CRICKET  
 CLUB SPORTS.**

sance from it. I am bound, however, to state  
 that on three or four occasions since the time of  
 this inspection while passing William street  
 Wickham street and Cornwallis street, in the  
 discharge of my ordinary professional duties,  
 have observed volumes of dense black smoke issu-  
 ing from the chimney, and a good deal of it blow-  
 down in the streets causing there a fog of smoke.  
 In my opinion the smoke from this chimney on  
 these occasions was a nuisance dangerous to  
 health. As to the cause, I consider the chimney  
 too low in regard to the factory itself, and in re-  
 lation to the surrounding houses of this populous  
 locality.

"As the matter is of serious importance, bear-  
 ing in mind the trade and manufacturing inter-  
 ests as well as the public health of the city, and  
 in order that the question may be dealt with, and  
 I hope settled, more to your satisfaction, to the  
 satisfaction of the proprietor of the factory and  
 of all concerned, I would respectfully suggest  
 it will meet your approval, that your Consulting  
 Medical Officer of Health, your Engineer (Mr  
 Corbett), and myself, would examine and submit  
 to you a report on the position of, and the ar-  
 rangement for combustion in the furnace, on the  
 structure and height of the chimney, and on the  
 character and diversion of the smoke issuing  
 therefrom, which would not be a nuisance, before  
 you come to any decision on the subject.

Report dated 14th June, '86.—"As Medical  
 Officer of Health of the No. 4 Urban Sanitary  
 District (or Sub-District), I hereby report to you  
 that, in compliance with a minute of your last  
 meeting, I inspected the chimney in connection  
 with Messrs M'Donnell's Creamery and Buttery  
 Factory, Thomas-street. I have been there three  
 times and have found no nuisance whatever.  
 I have had a notice about it this morning also from  
 Mr Forrest. On the occasions of my visits there  
 has been very little smoke indeed from this  
 chimney, and certainly not in amount or charac-  
 ter to be objectionable or dangerous to health.  
 Signed this 14th day of June, 1886.—J. F.  
 SHANAHAN, Medical Officer of Health."

[We publish Dr Shanahan's reports with  
 pleasure, but on referring to the report of the  
 Committee meeting, we see that the tenor of his  
 reports was given in the course of the discussion  
 —Ed L. C.]

**PRESENTATION TO A BANK MANAGER  
 (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)**

A largely attended meeting of the merchants  
 traders, and citizens of the town was held at the  
 Courtenay Arms Hotel, Newcastle, on Tuesday  
 evening, for the purpose of taking steps to present  
 Mr John O'Connor, Manager National Bank here  
 with a suitable testimonial on his transfer to  
 Millstreet, Co Cork.

Amongst those present were—Messrs Charles J  
 Curling, J.P.; G L Sheehy, John Condon, solicitor  
 Daniel Leonard, Nugent and Donohoe, of the  
 National Bank; James D Leahy, C.E.; J.P Laver  
 James Pitts, Michael Culhane, P.O'Shaughnessy  
 J.P.; Patrick Roche, Thomas Hurley, Richar  
 Nash, Michael H Wolfe, John M'Donnell, Wm  
 Phelan, Michael McCoy, junior; John Kenneally  
 &c. &c.

In the absence of Very Rev Dean Hammond  
 Mr George L Sheehy, was moved to the chair.  
 The Chairman said he regretted the inability  
 of Ven Dean Hammond to attend, but if the  
 meeting could have been held earlier in the day  
 he would have been with them. However, he  
 could say for him that his sympathies and des-  
 wishes were with them for the success of the  
 meeting and the object they had in view. He  
 spoke of Mr O'Connor in a few eulogistic  
 sentences, stating that he was a gentle-  
 man of genial, mild, and unassuming  
 manner; had endeared him to them all, and whose  
 purse—he (the chairman) had occasion to call on  
 him more than once on missions of charity—was  
 ever open to that call (hear, hear). He said  
 this was but a preliminary meeting it would  
 well to proceed at once with the election of  
 chairman, treasurer, secretary, and committee.  
 Very Rev Dean Hammond was elected chair-