

Mr O'Brien—Would not the proper course be to report the matter to the Commissioners of control and let them decide whether the election as valid or not.

Mr R H Crowe then having asked for the Privy Council rules, read for the board a copy of the baptismal certificate of David Bartholomew Reidy, son of Michael Reidy and Elizabeth, his wife, nee Morrissey, born in Canterbury, Kent, on 4th August, 1850, and baptised by Rev J E Ross, on 1st Sept, 1850, signed by Rev R Power, P, Canterbury.

Mr Thomas Crowe—That makes him over the age.

Mr R H Crowe—And here is the regimental baptismal certificate required also by law and the marriage certificate of his parents.

Mr Reidy was called in, and the Chairman addressing him, said when he was elected to his present position he had supplied a declaration that he was under 40 years of age, but since then Mr Robert Crowe had discovered that the age was three years in advance of that, and, in the first place, had produced a baptismal certificate from the Roman Catholic Church at Canterbury, Kent, where he (Mr Reidy) had been born on the 24th August, 1850, and baptised on the 1st September, 1850. He had also a certificate from the Registrar of the Clare regiment of militia. The Governors now wished, if he had any statement to make, to give him an opportunity of making it.

Mr Reidy asked to see the marriage certificate, and having perused it, said he thought it was all correct. He was not sure where he had been born, whether it was Chatham or Canterbury. Anticipating the present matter, he had prepared a reply, which he had put in writing, and which he would lay before them. He supposed he might then retire. He then handed the Chairman the following letter, and retired from the room:—

“Ennis Asylum, 9th September, 1893.

“MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,—As I understand that Mr R H Crowe is to bring the question of my age before you to-day, and to produce the baptismal certificate thereof, by which, it appears, I am over the age as required by the regular of Lunacy Inspectors, and interpreting that, he will move the cancelling of my appointment. I have deemed it necessary to prepare a reply, and accordingly beg most respectfully to submit for your kind consideration that the limit of age is not a statutory requirement, as shown by the fact that the Limerick Asylum Board elected two officers some time ago who were over age, but whose appointments were afterwards nullified. Again, in the vacancy for the clerkship of August last, they advertised, leaving out the age limits, as shown by the enclosed report. Now, if the limit of age is not a statutory requirement, I most respectfully contend that my appointment is not an illegal one. Moreover, when you consider that I have already given 12 of the best years of my life in the public service of your county, and when you refer to Dr Gelston, whom I feel confident will give you his opinion as to my fitness for the position, I am assured that those considerations will outweigh any difference over age. But if you consider that under the circumstances you are bound to re-advertise, I could ask you to leave out the age limit so that I may have the honour of contesting the position again.—I have the honour to be, my Lords and gentlemen, your most obedient servant,

“D. B. REIDY.”

Mr Scott—Would it not be the proper thing to refer this to the Commissioners?

result of the interview before the Board, and from his statement it appeared that the Gas Company had agreed, after a careful review of the surrounding circumstances, to accept £3 15s per lamp, per annum. This charge will cover the cost of maintenance of the lamps in good order, and of their lighting and extinguishing, hitherto borne by the Commissioners, and which will now be under the control of the Gas Company, and the settlement will represent a very material saving to the ratepayers.

Mr Willis then proposed, and Mr Harvey seconded, the following resolution:—“That, having heard the result of the interview between the committee of the Board and the Gas Company, the clerk be directed to write to the secretary of the Gas Company and state that the Town Commissioners are willing to pay £3 15s per lamp on the terms of their resolution of the 21st August, in place of £3, subject to this variation only, that the lamps be not lighted between the 1st June and the 12th July, and in lieu thereof that the Gas Company light the lamps on the two nights following full moon from the hour of sunset until an hour after the rising of the moon, the agreement to run from the 1st October next to the 1st October, 1894, and so on from year to year, and to be terminated on any 1st October following the 1st proximo by either party giving the other three months' notice thereof in writing.”

The meeting was then adjourned to have the Gas Company's reply to this acceptance of their terms.

THE FATAL AFFRAY AT A FOOTBALL MATCH.

Yesterday, at the County Courthouse, the adjourned investigation preferred against eight young men in connection with the fatal stabbing of the young man, John Connell, at a football match, at Cooga, near Doon, was resumed before Col Tynte, R.M. As was the case on Tuesday last, the proceedings were private, and additional evidence having been given, the prisoners were remanded, in custody, for another week.

With reference to the magisterial proceedings of last Tuesday, Mr Connell, father of the ill-fated young man, denies the accuracy of the report of his son's evidence, in which he is represented as having stated that the deceased man (his brother) struck the first blow, and he has requested us to contradict the statement.

DROWNING ACCIDENT AT BALLYBUNION.

A respectable farmer named Connors, residing at Knocknashil, on the borders of Limerick and Kerry, was drowned at Ballybunion on Sunday. It appears his family had been staying in Ballybunion for some time, and had only left a few days previously, he desiring to remain a little longer. He was suffering from an affection of the heart, but considered himself strong enough to bathe, and while in the water he got a fit and was drowned. There were several people near, but believed he was in no danger, as when the wave recedes there was not probably more than two feet of water where he was. Two priests, who were near at the moment, attended him, and Dr Jackson, of Ballybunion, was soon on the spot, but life was extinct—Cor.

IMPORTANT SALE AT SHANNON VIEW, KILMURRY—On Thursday next, 14th inst, Mr F W McCarthy, auctioneer, will hold an extensive sale at Shannon View, Kilmurry, opposite the old Newcastle Racecourse, and about 2 miles from the city. The sale is being held

At Richmond, York castle train collided with a goods train, and considerable damage was done to the stoker of the goods train.

SERIOUS CHANCE

Isabella Mothershead was arrested at Cox's, with drowning her illegitimate child.

DEATH OF A LEAFY

Colonel Welman, on his return from his duties at Rochester, died of cholera.

TRAVEL

Great North of Scotland Railway.

FOOTBALL

Rio Janeiro advises that the insurgent forces with great success have captured A Monte Vido telegraph station, and has warned the British consular authorities to put into Rio Janeiro.

The Matabels are reported to be in possession of the Chartered Company's land.

General Miribel, who served in the Crimea, died last night.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs Monson arrived in London, and had an interview with the Home Secretary.

The Daily News of St. Petersburg states that at the Treasury Department entertained of the dismission of the Seal for Ireland has been issued for £440.

The ex-Viceroy of India has been permitted to take his departure for his brother, the late Lord Stanley of Preston, so till, in accordance with the period has elapsed which was provided for a posthumous son by the late Lord Stanley.

The Congress of Religions at the World's Fair. Notwithstanding the opposition of every denomination of Buddhists, followers of the teachings of various other religions, the proceedings opened on the 1st of September. Cardinal Gibbons.

Mr Herbert Clifford, Surgeon Dentist, 11, Upper Richmond, Country patient, has been arrested by writing a few letters.

To CREAMERIES—But the milk is being mended by largest but had from JOHN LAIRD and Druggists, 118, G. March 18