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HURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 19, 1893.

THE more important Irish Banks have lost no time in issuing their reports for the half-year ending 31st December, 1892, and the results show a condition of prosperity which is most satisfactory, not only to the shareholders, who are primarily concerned, but to the country at large. There has been a good deal during the past half year which would tend to foster a state of depression, but this does not seem to be reflected in the financial statements just published by our Irish Banks. The Bank of Ireland some few days ago announced a dividend at the rate of 11½ per cent per annum, and the report is to be considered to-morrow by the general court of proprietors. Having provided for all expenses, bad or doubtful debts, &c., and writing down bank premises by £1,865 0s 9d, the balance remaining to credit of the profit and loss account (including a sum of £6,580 17s 10d brought forward from last half year) amounts to £163,654 8s 4d, out of which the Board recommended that a dividend of 5½ per cent, free of income tax, be now declared for the half year, payable on the 1st proximo (being at the rate of 11½ per cent per annum), which will absorb a sum of £159,230 15s 7d, and leave a sum of £4,423 12s 9d to be carried forward to next half year. The National Bank has declared a dividend of 10 per cent per annum, or 10s per share. The profit and loss account of the bank for the half year ended 31st December, 1892, shows a balance of £92,896, 3s 11d available for distribution. The dividend absorbs £75,000, leaving a balance of £17,896 3s 11d, of which amount £3,610 8s 4d, being the dividends received on the rest or undivided profits, has been credited to the account, and £14,215 15s 7d to profit and loss new account. The rest will now stand at £271,347 2s 2d. The Provincial Bank is not behind hand, and gives a very satisfactory account of its business for the last half year. Including £7,248 10s 11d brought forward from last account, there remains a profit of £41,279 13s 10d. Out of

had never been questioned, and never would be questioned.

LITERARY CLASS P.Y.M.A.—The meeting of this class, which was to be held to-morrow evening, has been adjourned to that day week.

DISTINGUISHED HONOUR TO A LIMERICK ARTIST. We learn with pleasure that the directors of the Picture Gallery of the Chicago Exhibition have written to Mr St George Hare asking for the loan of three of his latest paintings to be exhibited at the forthcoming World's Exhibition. This is a very high compliment from the art authorities of the New World to this distinguished Limerick artist.

MILITARY FUNERAL.—The remains of Private Devine of the Black Watch, who died at the New Barracks on Tuesday from natural causes were interred yesterday with full military honours. The coffin which was covered with the Union Jack, and bore the bonnet and sword of the deceased, was placed on a gun carriage drawn by four horses of the Royal Artillery. Preceding it was a firing party. The band of the Black Watch, and the company to which deceased belonged comprised the remainder of the cortege. The "Dead March in Saul" was played en route to the graveyard.

SUICIDE AT THE NEW BARRACKS.

A painful sensation was caused at the New Barracks yesterday morning, when it became known that one of the non-commissioned officers of the 2nd Batt. Black Watch, which is about to leave for Glasgow, had attempted to commit suicide. Inquiries elicited that Provost-Sergeant James Milne was missed by his wife from his room between four and five yesterday morning, her attention having been first attracted by some moaning in an adjoining apartment. The door was found locked, and the matter was reported to Sergeant-Major Baldwin, who, with Sergeant Sherwood, of the Army Medical Department, at once went to Milne's quarters, and bursting open the door found the man lying in a pool of blood, with a razor close to him. He had a clean cut across the throat, the larynx having been completely severed. Sergeant Sherwood staunched the blood, and the doctors were sent for with all speed. Surgeon-Major Gormley and Surgeon-Lieutenant O'Reilly quickly arrived, and having done all they could for the unfortunate man, he was removed to the Military Hospital, where he lingered until about eleven o'clock this morning, when death relieved him of his sufferings. Deceased was a Scotchman and about 35 years of age. He had twelve years' service, during which time he served in Egypt, and was awarded the Sudan medal and clasps, and the Khedive's star. Latterly, he had suffered from pains in the head, but the general belief is that a religious mania was the cause of the desperate act. The Coroner has been communicated with, and an inquest will be held to-morrow. Deceased was a most popular and exemplary man, and his sad end is deeply regretted by his comrades and civilian friends. He leaves six young children to mourn his loss.

FORM AT A GLANCE.

No sporting man should be without that most useful publication, *Form at a Glance*. The annual volume has just been issued, and will be found to contain a ready reference to race horses, as well

the soon of April, and sure would be a most It would be continued Tuesday of each week buyers from the neighbourhood to attend the market house was they would not 1 year, Mr Keane promises soon as he saw there were to create the necessity of his word. In the near provided a spacious yard would be placed, and he look after the firkins. of the train with which he received letter from the Traffic considered an answer by the meeting and The chairman said look after the interests would compel the railway favourable to the and also for the country. He said they had trains were almost cut off country, and they had as before railway connections Ireland. They should Limerick tourists or by morning or late train people could return night.

On the suggestion the unanimous committee was formed that trains should arrive that they meet on next draw up a time table night to the meeting, the traffic manager.

The committee consists of P.P., Rev J Hannan, B.A., E B Hartney, O'Shaughnessy, J O'P Shiggins, J Curtin. The meeting adjourned.

THE SPRING CIRCUITS.

At a meeting of the following circuit arranged Spring Assizes:—

Connaught—The Lord Justice Andrews.

Leinster—The Lord Harrison.

Munster—Mr Justice Gibson.

North-East—Mr Justice Madden.

North-West—Mr Justice Holmes.

The circuits will go February.

THE COUNTY JUSTICES.

The Lord Lieutenant is appointing gentlemen High counties:—

Cork—Captain Frazer, Ahinagh.

Limerick—James O'Park, Limerick.

Waterford—C. Pennington, Waterford.

Tipperary—Captain Castle, Cashel.

The Gazette makes appointments for Ker

Mr Herbert Clifford