

and the result is that trade and
 have 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
 a half-year, or 11½ per cent per
 he report of the Directors of the
 ank 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
 for 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
 loss new account. We observe
 port of the Provincial Bank of Ire-
 profits are set down at £42,032
 of which a dividend of 10 per
 um will also be declared, absorbing
 then £2,500 is written off bank
 account; £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
 its foundation reflect the highest
 e management, and testify to the
 arity the institution enjoys in the
 f the public. The Directors' res-
 s to be laid before the shareholders
 early meeting in Cork on the 1st
 ounced that the profits for the
 ount to £13,915 10s 4d. To these
 led the undivided profits from last
 hich 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;
 onction 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, JP, 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 ex-
 tremely large circle of relatives and friends by
 this premature end of a young and deservedly
 popular gentleman.

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 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 chimne-
 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, 1886:—"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 his
 meeting, I inspected the chimney in connection
 with Messrs M'Donnell's Creamery and Buttering
 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 Woulfe, John M'Donnell, W
 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 da-
 he would have been with them. However, he
 could say for him that his sympathies and best
 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 endeavored him to them all, and whose
 purse—he (the chairman) had occasion to call o-
 him more than once on missions of charity—wa-
 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-