

Irish and Western Railway are still being considered, but agreements with the Athenry, Linnis and Athenry and Tuam Lines have been completed, and approved by the shareholders, and the line from Tuam to Claremorris is approaching completion. The balance of the year merely enables the dividend to be paid on the Preference Stock and shares, leaving a balance of £413 18s 8d to be carried forward. This year's close financing, and the officials of the company must have made every effort in their power to secure even this small balance. The directors refer to the revised rules which were put into operation on the 1st January last, and the strong complaints on the part of the public. The Directors state they are engaged in considering "such further revision of the rules as should meet any just requirements of the public, and while having due regard to the interests of the shareholders, will serve to improve and encourage traffic." At the next meeting two important matters will be brought forward in reference to the representation of shareholders and the consolidation of the Board of the Company. As to the first, the Chairman says—"The Directors consider it desirable that there should be a fuller representation of local shareholders on the Board. A resolution will accordingly be submitted to the next meeting, temporarily to increase the number of Directors to fourteen—no future increases, otherwise than by rotation, to be put up until the number is again reduced to twelve." This fuller representation is desirable for many reasons, and we hope the views of Limerick will not be ignored in the future.

Meeting of the Cork National League last night considered the proposed Home Rule Bill, and came to the conclusion that it was not a desirable measure. The Chairman (Alderman O'Brien) there was a silence abroad in reference to the Home Rule Bill, which was dangerous, but no one would not be afraid to open his mouth on the subject. An adverse criticism of this Bill, from a Nationalist point of view, has to some extent lost the charm of novelty. Alderman O'Brien said that the proposed Home Rule Bill was surrounded by so much verbiage and legal points

LIMERICK PROTESTANT YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

We need scarcely remind our readers of the grand assault-at-arms to be held at the Theatre Royal on to-morrow evening. Booking is going on in a most rapid manner, and we are certain there will be a crowded house. An excellent programme will be presented, and a striking feature of the evening will be the first appearance in Limerick of the band of the Manchester Regiment which will attend by kind permission of the colonel and officers. The pipers of the Seaforth Highlanders will also play a selection. Enjoyable as these assault-at-arms have proved since they have been established here we venture to think that to-morrow night's entertainment will exceed its predecessors, and will reflect the highest credit on the class and all concerned. The performance commences at 7.45.

FUNERAL OF MISS LUTHER, BALLY-ORGAN RECTORY.

On Monday last the remains of this lamented young lady were conveyed to their last resting-place in Kilfynn Churchyard. As a mark of the high esteem in which the deceased was held, the people would not permit the coffin to be put into the hearse, but carried it the entire way from the Rectory to the Church. There was everywhere widespread sympathy with Canon Luther in his great bereavement. The attendance at the funeral was very large, representing all creeds and classes from the surrounding districts. Amongst those present were—Rev Dr Hackett, Kilmallock; Rev Thomas Mills, Bruff; Rev G. Luther, Cahirnarry; Rev F G Read, Kilfinane, the Rector of Farrahy, Co Cork; Messrs Bowen, J P, Bowen's Court; Oliver, J P, Rock Mills; C E Vandeleur, J P, Sunvale; C E Townsend, J P, Mount Coote; R Bayly, J P, Green Park; T L Townsend, Fairyfield; G W Bennett, J Mc Bennett, and J C Bennett, Ashbrook; Joseph P Touchstone, Ballyrigan; Captain McCreery, Kilfinane; R Oliver, Mill Brook; F A Allen, Kilfinane; H Hinchy, Kilfinane; A C Hinchy, Bruff; John Fizelle, Kilfinane; Charles Fizelle, Kilfinane; Thomas McCarthy, Kilfinane; Patrick Thornhill, Kilfinane, and several others too numerous to mention.

DINNER TO THE BLACK WATCH SERGEANTS.

It was a happy thought that led the sergeants of the Glasgow Highlanders to entertain their comrades of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Highlanders, and the gathering that assembled in the Grand Hotel on Saturday evening showed that the idea had been carried out to some purpose. About one hundred sat down to an excellent and well-served dinner in the prettily decorated hall of the Grand Hotel—fine, stalwart fellows all of them, and the scene looked quite brilliant. Sergeant-Major Scott, of the Glasgow Highlanders, presided, and he was supported by,

LIMERICK COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Council was held to-day in the Council Chamber. Mayor (Mr B O'Donnell) presided. Also present—Aldermen I Thomas Gaffney, J P; D Riordan. Town Clerk P Herbert, James O'Mara, J P; J McCarthy, solr; J Donnelly, J Hayes, J Clune, J M Donnelly, J McMahon, J O'Mahon, D F McNamara, J Sheriff; Thomas Hartigan, W E Counihan, M Cusack, J O'Mahon. The officers present were Mayor, Law Adviser; W E DeCourcy, Secretary; M J Weulfe, City Spillane, J P, Gas Manager Constable.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

THE DOCK.

Mr Bernal proposed that the Commissioners of Public Works should be asked to continue the paving of the dock. Alderman Dundon—I believe it will be done. Alderman Riordan—I believe it will be done.

Mr Corbett—It has nearly been done. The Mayor—I suppose I will have to wait. Alderman Riordan—I hope it will be done. Mr Corbett—We have no money to do it. The resolution was passed.

THE MILK F.

Mr McMahon asked what was to be taken in reference to the milk. He made in reference to the milk. Mr Connolly stated that the Milk Committee had to the Messrs Cleave in reference and they considered the charge of that part of the six houses which were a nuisance and the lower part should be the Corporation. The Milk Committee's willingness to attend to the matter.

Mr McMahon said the plagues were a nuisance, and he considered it a nuisance.

Alderman Riordan considered the Messrs Cleave's Corporation got rates. Mr Donnellan, with reference to Mr McMahon that the fact said he could not allow it to be unchallenged. It was a pity of gentlemen so enterprising as Cleave, who were affording employment. Alderman Riordan—The injury to the city than this. Alderman O'Mara suggested that the Corporation should be asked to take charge of the dock.