

Mr O'Halloran gave a similar reason for the abatement of St Mary's Band.

THE WATERFORD AND LIMERICK RAILWAY BILL.

On Thursday the above bill came before Mr Thoms, one of the examiners, for proof of compliance with the standing orders.

MESSES RICHARD SMITH AND CO'S SEED CATALOGUE.

Spring operations have now commenced, and we commend to agriculturists and others the very elaborate seed catalogue issued by Messrs Richard Smith and Company, Limited, William street.

LIMERICK GOLF CLUB.

Members of above wishing to compete for the January Medal Competition will please send in their names, with one shilling entrance fee, to Mr R. Plummer, Catherine street, on or before Wednesday, the 25th inst.

THE NEW WATER WORKS RESERVOIR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

Limerick, Jan 20th, 1893. DEAR SIR.—It is a well worn saying, "That fools rush in where angels fear to tread," but I will run the risk of being classified among the majority, as Carlyle says, and ask you to permit me to make a suggestion as regards the staunching of the reservoir of the Limerick Waterworks at Newcastle hill.

Cracks are a more difficult thing to deal with, and cementing them seems to produce more harm than good; in fact, it has been found that by stopping one crack you open two.

We have just built on these premises a large rain-water tank, to hold 50,000 gallons of water. The bottom of it is but three inches thick, and was done by my own workmen.

I may mention that the idea of asphalt for stopping cracks I thought was my own invention, but I found that a tank, for supplying a town in India, which had cracks in it three inches wide was staunched by means of asphalt, and is now one of the best tanks in that country.

Yours sincerely, ALCO W. SHAW.

"HARTIGAN'S" HORSE REPOSITORY SALES.—A preliminary list of Mr Fitt's sale on next Thursday (the first day of the Munster Fair) appears this evening in our columns.

M'CARTEY'S CATTLE SALE, THIS DAY.—Mr F. W. M'Carthy, Auctioneer, held the first Fortnightly Sale for the season at his Repository, Military Road, to-day.

Smith, G. E. Brown, J. P. Gethin, A. B. Maxwell, A. T. Hudson, C. C. Melville, L. H. Pringleaux, C. H. Moore, W. G. Gwatkin, H. C. Westropp, C. L. Boileau, Lieutenants H. W. E. Hitchens, W. H. Williamson, C. L. R. Petrie, A. W. Marden, J. C. Crawford, C. S. Cottingham, E. D. Parker, R. C. Leman, R. J. Bridgford, H. V. Ravenscroft, Second Lieutenants E. J. H. Walker, F. W. A. Anderson, W. P. E. Newbigging

THE SUICIDE OF A BLACK WATCH SERGEANT.

Yesterday morning an inquest was held at the New Barracks touching the death of Provost-Sergeant Milne, of the Black Watch, who died on Thursday last from injuries self-inflicted on Wednesday morning.

Rachel Milne, wife of the deceased, deposed that she awoke early on Wednesday morning and missed her husband; she called him and got no answer; then she got up to look for him and found the front door locked, and also the door leading into the store room; she called out if he was inside, and he answered "I am, dying"; witness went for assistance, and Sergeant-Major Baldwin, with Sergeant Sherwood, of the Army Medical Department, came and having forced open the store room, found her husband lying in a pool of blood; deceased used to tell her that there was insanity in the family; he complained of having had pains in his head for a few days before this, and he also complained on previous occasions; he said nothing which would lead her to believe that he was going to injure himself.

Sergeant Sherwood, Army Medical Staff, deposed to having been called a quarter to five on the morning in question; he proceeded to Sergt. Milne's quarters with Sergeant-Major Baldwin who forced the door open; witness saw the deceased lying on the floor in a pool of blood, and at once sent for medical assistance; he stopped the blood as best he could, and remained with the deceased till Surgeon-Major Gormley and Surgeon-Lieutenant O'Reilly arrived; he was put on a stretcher and taken to hospital; witness found a razor on the right hand side of the man, and handed it to the police, who arrived in a few minutes after the alarm was given; deceased was a thoroughly temperate man; everything that could be done for him was done.

Surgeon-Major Gormley deposed to having been called in to attend the deceased immediately after the occurrence; he found him suffering from a deep incised wound in the throat which had been probably caused by a razor or some other sharp instrument; Milne was very weak from loss of blood; he was removed to hospital where he got all attention, but his case was a hopeless one.

Lieutenant-Colonel Wauchope deposed that he knew the deceased for about ten years; he was a man of the utmost strictness of character and remarkably temperate, and for that reason was made Provost Sergeant; he frequently visited the Provost quarters, and three or four days ago saw deceased looking perfectly well; his (deceased's) family was a family of soldiers; witness often visited his quarters and saw that everything was most comfortable and well regulated.

Rev J. W. Ballard, Wesleyan Chaplain, deposed he knew the deceased since July last twelve months, and he was a well-conducted man; on Wednesday morning he asked him "why did you perpetrate that terrible deed;" he could hardly speak above his breath and replied "I don't know; it has been brooding over me a long time since I came from Egypt;" he saw him again the same evening and asked him if there was anything he wished to say for his wife; he said "tell her she has been a very kind wife to me; I hope to meet her in Heaven."

This concluded the evidence, and the jury returned the following verdict—"That deceased James Milne, Sergeant in the 2nd Black Watch, committed suicide on the 18th instant in the New Barracks, Limerick, whilst labouring under temporary insanity."

The remains were interred yesterday afternoon with full military honours at the Military Cemetery, King's Island. A beautiful wreath, sent by his comrades, was placed on the coffin, which rested on a gun carriage. The band of the regiment played a funeral march en route. In addition to the non-commissioned officers of the corps and the company to which deceased belonged, the Sergeants of the 10th Hussars and Staff of the 5th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers joined in the cortege, which was a very impressive spectacle. Rev Dr Ballard officiated at the grave, and delivered a very touching address. The deceased's wife and her young family were taken off with the regiment en route to Glasgow to-day.

The export from Melbourne of mutton raised in the Riverina country is occupying increased attention, and shipments are now being made monthly. Graziers are successfully producing crossbreds suitable to the English markets.—Bender.

A meeting of Irish Unionist members of Parliament was held on Thursday, at which it was resolved to ask the Lord Lieutenant to withhold his sanction from the new rule of the National Education Board. At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, on Thursday, a similar resolution was passed.

The weekly meeting of this Board was held to-day. Mr P. J. O'Brien, M.P., (Chairman), presiding. Also present—Messrs Anthony Parker, J.P., Thomas Bourke, V.C.; Thomas O'Brien, D.V.C.; James O'Meara, Thomas O'Donovan, John Healy, Edward Butler, James Gleeson, Thomas Clerihan, John McKeogh.

Admitted, 13; discharged, 2; died, 3; remaining, 228; average cost, 8s 8½d; in infirmary, 4s 4½d. Number in infirmary, 106; in fever hospital, 1. Amount of outdoor relief for week, £30 12s 6d, being £1 6s 10d less than for the corresponding week last year. Number on outdoor relief, 667.

THE LABOURERS ACTS.

There was a lengthened discussion concerning the very large number of representations sent in by agricultural labourers for additional house accommodation. It was stated by some of the guardians, after they had looked through the representation forms, that a good many of them had the signatures of persons as assenting rate-payers whose sanction had neither been obtained nor asked for.

Mr Healy said he knew in his electoral division of Birdhill two poor struggling farmers, one of whom had a small holding of eighteen acres, and the other twenty acres. These two farmers had some little difference with their labourers, and the latter went right off, and had representation papers sent in seeking to have cottages built on the two small holdings, while there were several large farmers in the district upon whose holdings no sites had been chosen.

Chairman—It is incumbent on the guardians to consider every representation paper sent in, but of course they may either sanction or reject them as they think fit.

Mr Healy—I did not understand that there would be anything done last Thursday regarding the representation papers or I would have been here, and I do not think I will be able to attend on this day week when there will be a full meeting to finally consider the matter.

Chairman—If you are unable to attend personally on that day it would be well you should send in a letter setting forth your views on the representations from your division.

Mr Bourke—The parties who sent in some of these representations are of the opinion that the guardians will come forward here and swear before the Local Government Board that the houses are necessary. It would be monstrous, Mr Bourke added, for any guardian to swear to what he should know to be false.

Mr Healy—In some divisions there are farmers on whose holdings no cottages were built under the old scheme, and as we built all the houses we were able to afford, I do not think it is fair to have our divisions put to the expense of another scheme.

The further consideration of the matter was deferred until next Thursday.

FINANCIAL. The Clerk stated in answer to the Chairman, that no reply had been received from the Board of Works to the guardians application for a supplemental loan of £1,500 sanctioned some time ago for the purposes of the water works.

The Clerk was instructed to wire from that meeting asking to have the loan issued immediately.

Mr Bourke—It is too bad that, instead of having money to our credit, we are more than £1,000 in debt because of the delay in remitting this loan. Where did the money come from to complete the water works?

Clerk—Out of the ordinary rate.

Chairman—There was so much paid out of the ordinary rate that a stay of a week had to be put on the last cheque issued to the contractor.

There was a letter from the Army Service Department, Limerick, in reference to the subject of the proposed supply of water for the Nenagh Military Barracks. The communication stated that as the supply should necessarily vary since the barracks would not be permanently occupied, the military authorities considered the more satisfactory way of supplying the quantity of water that would be required would be by meter, and the guardians were asked to state what they would charge per 1,000 gallons. In the case of meters supplied by water companies, it was added, a small rent was paid, but it was suggested that a meter might be supplied by the Royal Engineering Department.

The Guardians were also of opinion that it would be more satisfactory to have the water supplied by meter, and the clerk was ordered to write to Fermoy and other places to ascertain what the military authorities are paying for their water supply.

The Board adjourned.

The Independent states that Mr Gladstone's recent interview with Mr Justin McCarthy was to ascertain if the Irish Party would sit on the Opposition side.

It is not often that a member of the R.I.C. falls in for such a windfall as that which Constable Phair, of Killybegh, Co. Down, finds he has lately become the possessor of £100,000 which had been left him by a relative who has just died in Australia.

The marriage of Miss Maria Delalle to the Marquis De Casa Arguiding, of Madrid, was solemnised at St Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on Thursday. The ceremony was witnessed by five thousand invited guests. Miss Delalle is a cousin to the Duchess of Manchester and Lady Lister Kaye.

IMPORTANT TO LADIES.—Madam Worth's Celebrated Guinnea Corsets (black 26s) may be

Mr Dunning read four previous within the past 12 months.

Chairman—You are constantly up duct. You could get eighteen months you did, but under the circumstances you one month for being drunk and and one month for the assaults. You off very light.

This finished the business.

MILTOWN-MALBAY PETTY-S.

THURSDAY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT KILRUS

The usual fortnightly Petty Session on Thursday. Messrs A. M. H. (Chairman), and W. G. Kenny, were presiding.

BREACHES OF THE LICENSING District Inspector Hughes prosecuted a publican named Conlan for a breach of the Act, by having parties on his premises at 11 o'clock.

Sergeant Allingham, sworn, stated duty on the night of the 10th inst. in Conlan's house, he searched the found three men at the bar; it minutes to 11 o'clock. The publican explanation.

Conlan admitted the charge, and, second conviction, was fined £1, and on the premises 2s 6d each.

Patrick M'Mahon, licensed public prosecuted for the same offence January.

Sergeant Allingham deposed that in question, at half past ten o'clock, M'Mahon's house a girl named Ha bar, and in the act of receiving some some whiskey with which she was asking for an explanation, he was in publican's sister, who was behind the whiskey was for a sick child.

Mr Hilliard, solicitor for the defence that the Bench could not inflict a whiskey being for a sick child, and lican could not have refused to supply the whiskey for a sick child.

Evidence of a corroborative nature given by the girl Halloran, who drink, and also by Mrs Halloran, w the child—who was a nephew of he had been ailing for some time and g that night.

The magistrates decided to dismiss

INJURING RAILWAY PROPE The South Clare Railway Company a man named Martin Halloran, of damaging their property on the 30th

Mr Healy, solicitor, who appeared pany, having cited the Act under brought the prosecution, requested inflict a penalty that would deter pec mitting this conduct, and show th could not be damaging railway p impunity.

Mr Comerford stated he was sta Kilnury station on the date in qu the defendant on the platform; h train from Kilruss; he was under of drink; he saw the fireman shove the engine, so as he would not ge the train left he came to the office c to burst it in, and afterwards wen the kitchen door; he took up a s berately flung it through the wind of the damaged glass was 1s and 6d

The Chairman said Malloran's co tremely bad on this occasion, and fined 1s for drunkenness, 1s 6d com 10s 6d costs.

Mr Kenny said this conduct 1 down.

A number of assault cases by Quilty on each other having been c both parties being bound to the p adjourned.

SIR DAVID HARREL.

The Dublin Gazette of last night following notice from the Office of Castle, under date, 19th January - Excellency the Lord Lieutenant confer the honour of Knighthood Harrel, Esq., C.B., Under Secretary Lieutenant.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND RAILWAY DIVIDEND

The Directors of the Great Western Railway, at their meet decided upon recommending the dividend for the half year ended 3 1892, at the rate of 4 per cent p the Consolidated Stock of the com balance of about £26,700 subject

A BIG SHIPMENT

"Twenty-one teams loaded Hamlin Organs, 176 instruments pretty good profession. Many cit this display early yesterday morn the Mason & Hamlin caravan pass streets to the Cannard Dock, where carries this enormous number of to Liverpool for Messrs Metzler & agents of the Company. This i single shipment of Organs ever this country."—From the Boston Saturday, December 31st, 1892.

The revised Prices for 1893 Iron-Framed Plantage 26 per ce