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lands. Years back, Mr Moon, of the London and North Western Railway Company, said that 'the sea and canals did more to bring down the railway rates than any competition among railways themselves.' With this destined cheapening of the cost of transport ought to come, almost as a matter of course, greater ease in competing with the flood of things 'made in Germany,' France, Belgium, and elsewhere, and which now vex our home industries. The working men who met en masse in the Manchester Free Trads Hall, on the 13th of November, 1882, and unanimously supported the scheme of the canal, were perhaps even more enlightened than they knew. Like as not, the Ship Canal more than ought else will introduce the trade revival which has so long been expected and has so long withheld itself."

A new Post Office has been built at Newpallas, a couple of hundred yards above the railway station.

Mr J B Irwin, R.M., attended at the Police Court this morning, but there was no business for disposal.

We are requested to state that in consequence of a family bereavement there will be no club day at the golf ground on Thursday next.

The Times of Natal announces that Mr Percy E Driver, late of Killee, has been admitted as an attorney of the Supreme Court in that Colony.

The Newpallas Petty Sessions were held to-day before Col Tynte, R.M. (in the chair), Col De Burgh, Mr Vere Hunt, Dr Gubbins, Mr Gubbins, and Mr Lloyd. There was a good deal of business for disposal, but nothing of special interest.

A Bible Class for members of the Church of Ireland is held every Thursday evening in the Diocesan Council Room, 97 George-street, at 8 o'clock. President for this month—Ven the Archdeacon. Subjects: Portions from S. John's Gospel, and "How we got our Bible."

SPORT AT WOODLAWN.—At Woodlawn last week Lord Ashtown's shooting party bagged 501 pheasants, 21 woodcock, 20 rabbits, and 3 various, total, 545 head. The party included his lordship, Lord Massy, Hon W O Trench, Messrs J S Taylor, F S Taylor, W H Pense, P B Bernard, E W Fowler, E C Villiers, and Dr Fletcher. At the first shoot in November eight guns bagged 443 head of game.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.—The average annual death-rate represented by the deaths registered for week ending 2rd December in the sixteen principal Town Districts of Ireland was 30.8 per 1,000 of the population. The deaths registered in each of the past 4 weeks in the several towns, alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1,000:—Armagh, 56.1; Belfast, 33.3; Cork, 42.2; Drogheda, 52.7; Dublin, 30.1; Dundalk, 12.6; Galway, 22.7; Kilkenny, 14.2; Limerick, 19.6; Lisburn, 21.3; Londonderry, 28.3; Lurgan, 27.4; Newry, 20.1; Sligo, 15.2; Waterford, 40.0; Wexford, 40.6. The deaths from the principal zymotic diseases in the 16 districts registered during last week were equal to an annual rate of 3.0 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0.0 in 9 of the districts to 14.0 in Armagh; the 8 deaths from all causes registered in that district comprising 1 from measles and 1 from whooping cough.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Mr Kennedy Miller's Irish Combination commenced an engagement of six nights on Monday, when Mr J W Whitbread's Irish drama, *The Nationalist* (in four acts), was produced before a good house, the pit and gallery being crowded, while there was a fair audience in the stalls. Mr James O'Brien, an Irish comedian of marked ability, performed the role of "Denny O'Hea" excellently, and he was ably seconded by Miss Kate O'Brien as "Peggy." Both artistes being old Limerick favourites, were repeatedly applauded. The most amusing representation was that of Patrick O'Flynn,

FUNERAL OF THE REV. CHANCELLOR MACLAUGHLIN.  
(FROM OUR REPORTER.)

Newpallas, Tuesday.  
The funeral of the Rev Alexander MacLaughlin, Chancellor of the Diocese of Cashel, who died at Doon Rectory on Saturday last from acute bronchitis, took place to-day. The rev gentleman, though in delicate health for some time back, had been but a few days seriously ill and passed away to the intense sorrow of his respected family, and to the great regret of the people of the surrounding districts without distinction of class and creed. This was fully evidenced this morning at the funeral which was one of the largest seen here for a considerable period. The rev gentleman's very many immediate friends were present, while the country people from the districts of Doon, Cappamore, Abington, and Hospital, attended in very large numbers to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of a gentleman of whom nothing but the highest words of praise are expressed, and whose loss will be felt by many. The cortege was fully half a mile in length. The rev gentleman had spent the greater portion of his ministry in the United Diocese of Cashel and Emly. From 1860 to 1872, he was Rector of Abington, and from the latter date to the time of his death was Incumbent of Doon Parish. He was in his 70th year. The funeral left the Rectory at 9.30 this morning for Newpallas station, whence the remains were conveyed by the twelve o'clock train to Dublin. To-morrow morning they will be removed from Kingsbridge terminus for interment at Mount Jerome Cemetery. Subjoined is a pretty full list of those present to-day:—

The chief mourners were—Dr F P MacLaughlin, Edward D MacLaughlin, Dr Cecil M MacLaughlin, Albert MacLaughlin, Arthur MacLaughlin, sons; The Right Hon Samuel Walker, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, son-in-law; Mr Cecil Walker, grandson; Colonel B J Barton, nephew; Rev T T Gray, F.T.C.D., nephew; Mr A E Gray, grand-nephew.

The clergy present were—The Very Rev G P White, Dean of Cashel, Rev Maurice Day, Newport, county Tipperary; Rev Anthony Topp, acting for Rev W F Seymour, Abington; Rev J F Lynch, Cahircorlish; Rev J D Forde, Cullen; Rev John White Bell, Cappamore; Rev George White, Diocesan Curate. Amongst the general public who were present or sent carriages (and in most cases attended personally) were—Colonel DeBurgh, Sunvale, Pallasgreen; Mr Vere Hunt, Cahircorlish; Mr R Scott, Doon; Mr A Hewitt, Mr Jas M Mahon, Woodville; Mr T Lloyd, J P, Newpallas; Mr Samuel Winter and Mr Samuel John Winter, Cahircorlish; Rev W F Seymour, Mr Hewson, Limerick Junction; Rev Father English, C.C., Cappamore; Mr Thomas Keyes, Cappamore; Mr George Keyes, Drouken; Mr Willington, Castlegarde; Mr Hugh Scott, Kilbeg; Dr Keyes, Ross, Cappamore; Mr Charles Ryan, Ballymakeough, Newport; Mrs Willington, Castlegarde; Mr E Welde, Cappamore; Mrs Newport White, Kilmoylan, Doon; Dr Gubbins, Hospital; Captain O'Grady, High Park, Messrs J Humphries, C.P.S.; Mark O'Brien, auctioneer, Cappamore; Denis Hayes, R.O., Cappamore; John Curran; John Cunningham, Doon; Michael O'Connell, Castlegarde; Laurence M'Grath, Wm Ryan Cook, Cappamore; J M Namara, Pallas; Rayburn, Doon; Michael Ryan, Newpallas; John Keyes, Cappamore; William and John Keyes, Abington; James Cunningham, Doon; Richard Keyes, Cahircorlish; James Curran, Hospital; John Maddon, Cappamore; Patrick Ryan, Killura Cottage; Lyons, Herbertstown; John Wheeler, Killurah; Edward Ryan, Cappamore; R Wheeler, do; Jas Bennett, do; R J O'Kennedy, J P, Portnard; John Moloney and Denis Ryan, Cappamore; James Walsh, Bilboa; David Pearson, Coogo; James Devane, Dromelagher; T Ryan, Tower Hill; John Blackwell, Drumsilly; John Mally, Pallasbeg; Thomas Looney, do; Wm Crowe, Cooga; John O'Grady, Castlegarde; Wm Crowe, Drumsilly; Pat Ryan, Ballycashown; John Hayes, P.L.G., Cappamore.

Amongst those who sent wreaths were—The Lord Chancellor, and Mrs Walker, the family of the deceased gentleman; Mrs Seymour, Abington; Mrs White, Kilmoylan, Doon; Mrs Willington, Castlegarde, and the servants of Pembroke House, Dublin.

LIMERICK CORPORATION

THE ROXBORO SCHOOL—THE WANT OF SEWERAGE IN THE LOCALITY.

At the Corporation yesterday, after the installation of Mayor, a communication was read from the Educational Endowment Commissioners, announcing that they had fixed the 15th January for taking additional evidence as to value regarding the Limerick Diocesan School (Roxboro).

Mr Connolly said that he had received a copy of that communication on behalf of the Board of the Lunatic Asylum, whom he represented. He wrote to Mr. Heancamp, who was solicitor for the Rev Mr Gregg, as to what time they could visit the school for the purpose of ascertaining the valuation. Mr Beauchamp told him there was a lot of sickness in the school at present, and that it would be unwise to go there, and Dr Myles said he could let no one visit it at present. He (Mr Connolly) wrote to the Commissioners asking to have the date fixed postponed to the end of the month, when Mr Corbett and Mr Browne, C.E's, could visit the premises.

Alderman Riordan—Referring to the sickness there, what are the Sanitary Authorities doing? Has anything been done?

Mayor—They have made reports on the matter, but there was no report made until this alarm of typhoid occurred. Then they visited the school, Mr Gregg having given them permission to do so.

Alderman Riordan—The Protestant Dean reported at a meeting of the Asylum Board some time ago that it was in an unsanitary condition.

The Mayor—I regret to say that there is not only sickness there, but I believe there are one or two deaths in the locality from typhoid. That is owing to the want of proper sewerage, and the sanitary accommodation is very bad.

Alderman Riordan—Why were not the sanitary laws enforced there as well as in other places?

Mr Connolly—There is an enormous difficulty, owing to the peculiar character of the roadway, as well as the railway interfering, in carrying out a system of sewerage there at all.

Mayor—The nearest sewerage there is the Cork road.

Mr Counihan—Were the Sanitary Officers prevented from going into the school?

Mayor—They were at first, but they were admitted afterwards. The doctor of the district visited it—Dr Holmes.

The matter then dropped, no action being taken.

LEAMY'S SCHOOL.

Alderman Dundon said they had all seen in the papers lately that a petition had been presented by the Governors of Leamy's School for the purpose of having the recent decision of the Privy Council in the scheme of the Endowed Schools Commissioners as regards Leamy's School put before the House of Parliament, and he supposed to some extent reviewed. He thought that was an action on the part of these gentlemen which, with great respect to them, was extremely ill-advised, especially when the fact was considered that the Scheme had been promulgated by the Endowed Schools Commissioners, and had received the provisional sanction of the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council as the result of years of inquiry, in which the matter had been thrashed out from every point of view. It was also the action of a body which certainly could not be considered to be appointed as against the interests of their Protestant fellow-countrymen in Ireland, and at the meeting when this scheme was passed, a considerable majority of the Privy Council consisted of Protestants. It had been a matter of notoriety in the city of Limerick that for a great number of years the Catholics had endeavoured by every means in their power to promote feelings of kindness and friendship between themselves and their Protestant fellow-citizens, and from that point of view alone it was very much to be regretted that any action should be taken which would tend to produce any exasperation of feeling between Catholics and Protestants in Limerick. Nothing had been done from which exception ought to be taken to this scheme, because the scheme meant nothing but to put forward and place on a proper basis the rights, not only of the Catholics, but of the Protestants of Limerick, especially of the poor. Therefore, he thought it a very ill-advised proceeding that a petition of this character should be presented, and the Corporation being the representatives of the citizens of Limerick should take action and show the House of Lords what were the feelings of the