

what was taking place in Essex was only a symptom of what was going on in all parts of England, and a stage was now reached when the question must receive and demand the attention of Parliament. Vast areas of land have gone out of cultivation, and more and more was being added day after day. Employment is ceasing, and labourers are being driven into the towns. Farmers are becoming bankrupt, landlords are being ruined, and rates remain unpaid. There was one cause and one remedy. The cause was the progressive fall in prices, and till Parliament could make up its mind to arrest a further fall there was nothing more to be done. The condition of English agriculture, as described during this debate in the House of Commons, is most deplorable. Few in this country could have thought things were so bad in what a few years ago might be considered the Garden of England, and the whole subject is one which Parliament must attend to speedily.

#### FUNERAL OF HEAD-CONSTABLE MICHAEL BUTLER, NEWCASTLE-WEST.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

The interment of Head-Constable Michael Butler, whose death occurred on Monday last somewhat unexpectedly took place yesterday at Churchtown Cemetery, and the funeral was very large and thoroughly representative, people of all classes joining in paying their last tribute of respect to the memory of a man who was greatly esteemed for his courtesy and uprightness. About six years ago he took charge of Newcastle station and district, as Head Constable, and the men who were placed in duty under him during that period, speak of him in terms of the highest praise, and his death caused a feeling of the deepest sorrow in their hearts, and his memory will not be easily forgotten by them. Although comparatively a young man, only 47 years of age, he had 27 years service, and was about retiring on pension, his paper and the necessary forms being actually filled up for transmission to Dublin. He leaves a widow to mourn his early and unexpected demise. Over 60 men of the Constabulary, under the command of District-Inspector J Webster, Rathkeale, marched behind the hearse with slow and solemn military tread, amongst whom were—Head-Constables William O'Connor, Abbeyvale; Joseph Molloy, Rathkeale; John O'Flaherty, Tournafulla; and Sergeants Monney, Knockaderry; Molloy, Killybeg; Falvey, Glenduff; Kilbride, Kilmeeedy; McGowan, Bromcolloner; Doherty, Feenagh; Hatch, Ardagh; McDonald, McGovern, and Wilson, Newcastle; Cooke, Strand. The heavy oak coffin was strown with floral wreaths presented by "the men of Newcastle station," Mr. Dr. Ambrose, Mrs. Fennessy, "the little Moylana," Mary, Bridget, and Sarah Tracy, Joe Tracy, Kate Griffin, Rose Moylan, &c.

of the services of our experienced teachers, and to make use of the frames provided at the school. Mrs Rice, New street, and Miss Dunne, Lace School, 112 George street, will be happy to give further information on this subject.

I need hardly add that a visit to the school and depot at 112 George street from any of our Limerick friends or their visitors would always be most welcome.

I remain, yours faithfully,  
FLORENCE VEEH O'BRIEN.

#### LIMERICK MARKET TRUSTEES.

A special meeting of the Market Trustees was held yesterday—The Mayor (Mr B O'Donnell) presiding. Also present—Mr Denis F McNamara, Mr T McMahon-Cregan, J P; James Gilligan, Mr W L Stokes, Mr William M Nolan, Alderman P Riordan, Mr J F Power.

Mr John Hardiman, Secretary, was also in attendance.

#### PIG STYES IN THE MARKET.

In connection with request of Veterinary Department to concrete or pave the Markets, a discussion took place, and finally the following resolution proposed by Mr J F Power, and seconded by Mr James Gilligan, was carried:—"That the secretary be requested to communicate with the Veterinary Department, and inform them that the Trustees will carry out their wishes. It will be necessary for the Trustees to get into communication with their mortgagees, which will delay the beginning of the work some little time. Meantime the Trustees will proceed with the work of concreting the styes. That Mr Corbett be requested to give an estimate of the cost of concreting the pig market and styes, and report to the next meeting. That at next meeting, on receipt of Mr Corbett's report, the mortgagees be communicated with, and a full report of the whole matter, including the estimated outlay, be printed and circulated amongst the mortgagees, and a meeting of the same be called to consider the matter."

Adjourned.

The 25th Field Battery Royal Artillery leaves Glenbeigh for the Curragh on the 20th instant, joining the forces under Major-General Lord Ralph Drury Kerr, C.B, on the 23rd instant, the stages being Tralee, Listowel, Newcastle, Limerick, Nenagh, Roscrea, Maryborough, Curragh.

SALE OF A FARM—Mr John Browne, auctioneer, O'Brien's Bridge, has disposed of the farm of Eynich to Colonel Spaight, Derrycastle.

RATHKEALE HORSE FAIR.—This fair, which was held on Tuesday, was a marked success, the supply being large and of good quality, and demand brisk. Prices paid for good class horses averaged from £70 to £120.

EXTRAORDINARY VALUE IN SHIRTS—C Cornelle, Thomas-street, is now showing a special line, selling at 2s 6d each, with the new Zepher cloth in fronts and cuffs, in a variety of colors, blue and pink stripes, checks, &c. The colors are guaranteed fast, the bodies and sleeves are made of white calico. The shirts are perfect in cut, style, and finish, and a large variety of patterns to select from. Special line in gents' 2 button imitation deer skin gloves (Fownes') at 2s 6d. Also 2-button driving at 2s 6d.