

On the occasion, and a struggle for the result, what might be an illegal or other circumstances might be held liable under these circumstances.

It pointed to the evidence of Mr Hosford. Mr Swin said that Mr Hosford was the legal owner of the books, but an humble member of the board had just as much right to the books as the highest member had.

Barrington—I hope the Bench will read the Record of Conservators a lecture that will help them to conduct their proceedings a little better in the future.

Mr Swin gave evidence that he had the books to Mr Place, and that immediately a rush was made at Mr Place by Mr Swin. Mr Place swore that he was not going to let them away.

Barrington objected to any further reference to the evidence.

Mr Swin said—The points of the case as they come before the majority of the bench present are that the Act of Parliament is perfectly silent in the manner in which the chairman of the Board of Conservators should be elected, but it is the practice of the Limerick Board to elect a chairman by the majority of the votes at an annual meeting of the board each year. That is the practice, I think it was stated—

Mr Swin—For the last three years.

Mr Swin—And according to the usage of all public companies or societies one would expect that such a resolution would remain in force until rescinded by a majority at a subsequent general meeting regularly convened on the subject of motion properly given. Now it appears from the evidence of the magistrates that it was a most unusual and one calculated to lead to great bitterness and ill-feeling, for Mr Mackay to come on and endeavour to carry the chairmanship by a coup, and I must say it appears to me that it was less justifiable owing to the fact that the existing chairman, Alderman Counihan, a man of high character and intelligence, who was entitled to be treated with the respect due to the courtesy of public life, was present.

Barrington—As a matter of fact, Mr Mackay, who is here to go into evidence, would show that he had taken Alderman Counihan what he was going to do.

Mr Swin denied this.

Mr Swin—However, we have nothing to do with the manners or good taste of Mr Mackay or any other member of the board, but we have to do with the state of the law as we find it. The jurisdiction of the chairmanship is one which the magistrates have no authority to decide, as the proceedings are strictly confined to what is provided by the statute relating to the subject. It is of opinion that the point is one for a court, and we have, therefore, come to the conclusion that we must treat this part of the case as entirely outside our jurisdiction. It is evident that the whole of this squabble is out of the possession of the books, and as I have already stated, one conservator has equally as much right to the books—to the inspection and removal of the books—as any other conservator.

There was, what has been very factiously called, a football match. I don't know whether it was like an ordinary football match, or whether it was under the Rugby rules, but it was a good deal of hauling and dragging.

Mr Swin—It was under the Union rules.

Mr Swin—It does not appear that a blow was struck or that any one received a scratch. There was some rough handling which is always liable in a case of the kind, but there is nothing to show that any more force or violence was used at one side or the other than as necessary to retain or recover possession of the books. There is an old legal maxim *in iniuria non curat lex*—the law does not care itself about trifles. I am sure all the cases that have come up here—Mr Place, Mr Swin, and Mr Vansittart, swore what they said to be true. I am sure that Mr Place, who he stated he was in fear, he believed he was in some danger, but I don't think that the

(Chairman), 10 Day, and 10 Day, and the Record Court of the County Courthouse, to-day, for the purpose of hearing applications for the fixing of fair rents.

James F' Sheehy, tenant; Earl of Dunraven, landlord.

Mr H Blackall, solicitor, appeared for the tenant, and Mr Wm M Beauchamp, solicitor, for the landlord.

The holding is situate at Kildimo, near Palleskenry, and contains 35a 1r 2p; rent, £55 15s 4d; Poor Law valuation, £44 10s.

Mr James Sheehy, son of the tenant, was examined, and stated that this farm was to a certain extent an accommodation one.

Mr Michael O'Mara, land valuer, said he valued the holding at £38 5s 4d; the carrying power was nine cows; it was a well cared for and well managed farm.

A number of other applications were also heard, but the cases were of the ordinary character, and possessed no point of public interest. The solicitors engaged were Messrs Wm M Beauchamp, H Blackall, J P Gaffney, F Blood-Smyth, W H Fogerty, J Dundon, and J Cosgrave, Rathkeale.

THE PARLIAMENTARY REVISION.

The revision of the Parliamentary Voters Lists for the city was opened to-day in the County Courthouse by his Honor, Judge Adams. The following officers attended—Mr John Ellard, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; Major Kenny, Assistant do; Mr Robert MacDonnell, Town Clerk; Mr Andrew Killeen, do; Mr H J Guinane, Clerk of the Union; Mr M Lane, Mr Cooke, and Mr Brennan, rate collectors.

His Honor was occupied in going over the list of rated occupiers, striking out double entries and official objections.

Mr Hastings attended for the Federation party, and Mr Coffey for the Parnellites.

It was arranged that the court would sit at 12 o'clock to-morrow for non-contentious business in the city, and at 12 o'clock on Monday for contentious business, including claims and objections, and on Monday evening, and any subsequent evening as might be required.

Between objections and claims the total for consideration is 6,325.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

To-day an inquest was held at Barrington's Hospital by Mr Coroner DeCoursey touching the death of a little boy named John Thomas Kennedy, aged four years, the son of a labourer in Roxboro. The injuries were sustained by the child on the evening of the 11th inst. Mr O'Grady Delmege, and Captain Murray, of the 14th Hussars, were driving down Roxboro at an ordinary pace, and some children, who had been around a float that was drawn up at the entrance to the railway, ran across the road, and one of them without being seen got under Mr Delmege's car, with the result that he was struck on the head by the axle. The child was immediately taken to Barrington's Hospital, where it died on yesterday, death in the opinion of Dr Shanahan arising from tetanus, which supervened on the fracture to the head. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and added a rider that no blame attached to anyone. Mr Hetreed, District Inspector, conducted the inquiry, and Mr Fitt, solicitor, attended on behalf of Mr Delmege.

A MERCHANT'S COMPLAINT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.
Limerick, 19th September, 1894.

DEAR SIR—Will you again call attention to the G S & W Railway Company's style of dealing business to or from Limerick. On Friday last a case of tins required here urgently to be packed with creamery butter, and shipped on Saturday to catch a steamer in Liverpool for the East, was handed to the G S & W in Cork. I was advised on Saturday that it had arrived, and sent over twice specially for it, but failed to get it, and did

Chairman—Look here now, I must ask keep order.

Mr Mackay—I beg your pardon. You are to interrupt the meeting. The Clerk is in the minutes. Remember this is the Clerk's right to Mr Mahony).

Chairman (to Mr Hosford)—This is the first time this incident created a titter round the table and there was a good deal of noise and interruption, during which Mr Mackay remarks don't mind what you gentlemen will do but can't do anything but what is legal.

Mr Coleman—I proposed Mr A Mackay to the chair. Of course I have not the slightest objection that Mr Counihan should be proposed, and of course you will be put in the chair by a majority.

Mr Mackay—Hear, hear.

Chairman—I won't have the proposition.

Mr Mackay—I don't mind what you think look upon you as having nothing whatever to do with the meeting.

Chairman—I am not addressing you, sir.

Mr Mackay—Mr Counihan you will pardon me. As chairman of this meeting (laughter), you are not entitled to address the meeting. What is before it are the minutes, and you are not entitled to disturb the meeting by referring to matters that are not before it.

Chairman—If Mr Mackay continues to do this meeting—

Mr Mackay—If you continue to disturb the meeting (laughter).

Chairman—I'll ask you to adjourn to another room, in which you won't admit Mr Mackay.

Mr Mackay (ironically)—Take any seat you like. The more illegally you take the seat the better.

The Chairman—I shall say further to the person now addressing the meeting—

Mr Mackay—You have no right what to express an opinion on this matter. You did so illegally the last day.

Chairman—I am a Conservator.

Mr Mackay—As a Conservator you are supposed to be a legal adviser. No Conservator has a right to stand up in this room to address the law to people who have legal advisers as him. The speaker described Mr Counihan as taking the chair as one of us and illegality?

Chairman—Are you done?

Mr Mackay—I am not done, so long as I attempt to disturb the meeting. I am not to prevent disturbance. Do you ask me as to do here—

Chairman—I don't recognise you as a man.

Mr Mackay—Well, I don't recognise you (laughter).

Chairman (warmly)—I wish to call attention to the fact that Mr Mackay is to-day, as was the case last day, the aggressor.

Mr Mackay (loudly)—Mr Mackay doesn't know for what you state.

Mr Mahony (to the Chairman)—What have you to address the meeting?

Chairman—Ah, sit down, sir. Look here, Mr Mackay, I wish to tell you there is a matter settling this business.

Mr Mackay—By your not coming here.

Chairman—No, but in the Superior Court.

Mr Mackay—I am prepared to support the position. We will never submit to you, Chairman, or any other permanent Chairman of this room, and that matter will come before the Superior Courts in the case of Mr Hosford and Mr George Finch, who accused a man of perjury.

At this point there was considerable confusion, and the chairman with a view to settling the matter called on Mr Hosford to read the minutes.

Mr Mackay—I call on Mr Mahony, the secretary, to read the minutes.

Here a most laughable scene occurred. Mr Hosford stood up with his minute book; Mr P Mahony with one or two sheets of paper in his hand, and both parties went away with wonderful perseverance and tenacity despite the din which prevailed.