

EW DEPUTY LIEUTENANTS.

omas Enraght O'Brien, Lord Lieutenant of the county and city of Limerick, with the approval of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, has appointed Sir Charles B Barrington, Bart, of Limerick, a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Limerick. Mr O'Brien has also, with the approval of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, appointed Mr William Spillane, J P, George-street, a Deputy Lieutenant for the City of Limerick.

MAS AT BARRINGTON'S HOSPITAL.

Dr J. J. Mulcahy, the resident surgeon, had a busy day of it between Monday and Wednesday attending to cases received for treatment. No less than twenty-four cases were brought on Monday night, Christmas Eve, which attracted the doctor's attention till three o'clock the following morning. On Christmas Day there were seven cases, and last evening eleven. In all cases the sufferer appeared to be the victim of an inebriated drunken fracas.

ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT.

It is announced that Major Spyer, has been appointed to the command of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment in succession to the late Colonel Edge. Major Spyer has been 28 years an officer of the Royal Irish Regiment, and served in that corps in the Afghan War of 1880, the Nile Campaign of 1885. Major Guinness, who served in India with the 2nd Battalion, will be the second in command of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment.

DEATH OF A LIMERICK CAPTAIN.

A telegram has been received by the Harbour Commissioners (Mr Morgan Fitzmaurice) from Passage Waterford, announcing the death at sea of Captain Scullan, who was washed over board the steamer during the storm on last Friday night. Captain Scullan was making a homeward journey with a cargo of coal from Troon, Scotland, and was accompanied by Mr O'Connor, merchant, Upper William-street, Limerick, and according to the intelligence conveyed by the mate, Thomas Moran, they were overtaken by a terrible weather off the South Coast, and were unable to make shelter before the vessel was lost. Deep regret has been awakened amongst all who knew him for Captain Scullan's melancholy fate. The deceased captain was married to a niece of Mr Fitzmaurice, and his death has read sympathy is expressed with her in her bereavement. About five weeks ago the Captain left Passage Waterford for Troon, and had hoped to enjoy a Christmas in Limerick, when fate willed it otherwise.

STEPHEN'S DAY AS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.
SIR,—Kindly allow me, through the medium of your widely-circulating paper, to express on behalf of the disappointed employees my warmest thanks to the Mayor and Mr J. J. Enraght, for the steps they took to secure Stephen's Day as a general holiday, and which although not successful certainly came very near to being so. It would also be ungrateful if we did not express our appreciation of the Limerick Press, particularly the *Chronicle* for the assistance they have afforded.

Yours truly,

ONE FAR AWAY FROM HOME.

December 26th.

Lawn; Mrs Ieixeira, Bournemouth; Mrs Maguire, George-street; Mrs and Miss Kearney, George-street; Mr and Miss J Chaloner Smith, St Helens, Bray; Mr and Mrs J Catterson Smith, Bray; Miss Hastings, Glentworth-street; Mrs Doyle and family, George-street; Mr John Catterson Smith and Miss Catterson Smith, Bray; Miss Shepherd, Bournemouth; Col and Mrs Washington, C R E, Gravesend; Mrs Johnson, Bournemouth.

SAD DROWNING CASE AT KILRUSH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Kilrush, Monday.

A very painful case of drowning took place at Cappa Pier, Kilrush, on Saturday night, and caused much excitement in the town. The ill-fated person was a Limerick man, Mr John McSherry, aged 55 years, and was engaged in the construction of ranges, plumbing, and other kindred business. He came to Kilrush on Friday to erect a range for Mrs Poole, of Cappa, and worked on Friday night. He was through with the work at about five o'clock on Saturday evening, when he got paid by Mrs Poole the amount of the range, £5 10s. It would seem that he left soon after with the intention of making inquiries as to whether he could reach Limerick that night or early next morning. It would also appear that somewhere about nine o'clock he went down to the quay to make inquiries of the crew of a Limerick packet which lay astern of the steamer Shannon. Whether it was in trying to go on board the boat, or that he went off the pier (which, indeed, is in a most unprotected state at this point), will never be known, but soon after the crew of Messrs Russell's smack heard a shout and a splash in the water. They immediately procured a light, and a couple of the crew got into the water in a small boat, and at the same time the alarm was given to Captain Fitzmaurice and the crew of the steamer Shannon. The captain did not lose a moment's delay and was immediately astern in one of the small boats, and seeing Mr Sherry on the surface picked him up at once. The coastguards, too, were on the spot, and with Captain Fitzmaurice had recourse to the usual modes of restoring life, but to no purpose. Dr Counihan, of Kilrush, who arrived immediately after, pronounced life extinct. The body was taken to the mortuary at the infirmary soon after, and an inquest was held this morning. A respectable jury being empanelled, evidence in accordance with the foregoing facts was given by Captain Fitzmaurice, Master of the steamer, "Shannon," Dr Counihan, Coastguards, Miss Waters, Mrs Poole's servants, and others. Miss Waters stated when he left their house about 5 o'clock in the evening that the deceased was quite sober, so that there was no suggestion of drunkenness in the matter. Captain Fitzmaurice stated the deceased had received marks about the mouth, showing that he must have fallen on the steps of the slip at the pier when going down to the boat, or else against the smack itself in some way when trying to go on board. The following is the verdict of the jury:—"We find that John McSherry, aged 55 years, was accidentally drowned at Cappa on Saturday, the 22nd December, 1894."

Some friends of the deceased arrived from Limerick last night, and took away the remains after the inquest, by the steamer, to Limerick.

THE ESCAPE FROM ENNIS BRIDEWELL.

CAPTURE OF COUGHLAN.

At an early hour on Monday morning Michael Coughlan, who succeeded in effecting his escape from Ennis Bridewell on yesterday week, was

At the County Petty Sessions to-day J B Irwin, R M, and Mr Vincent Irvill were present. A man named William Browne was brought into custody with the attempted larceny of the property of the Limerick Race Club. District Inspector Hetreed prosecuted the prisoner who was undefended.

The circumstances of the case were detailed by District Inspector Hetreed that at the races on yesterday two men, Fitzgerald and Ferguson were in the line of the turnstiles collecting money. The prisoner tried to get into the grand stand paying, but admission was refused. He tried again stating he wanted to see the men on duty told him to go. He had been counting the receipts, and the prisoner grasped a bundle of notes to the value of £39 and was about to make off when he was seized by Ferguson, who immediately gave him into the hands of the police.

The prisoner—I didn't take the money, Mr Hetreed—There is no evidence against me. Mr Irwin—Where is he from? The prisoner—Near the Banagher. Mr Irwin asked what part of the offence he did the alleged offence. Mr Hetreed—At the turnstile of the grand stand.

James Fitzgerald stated he was in the Limerick Race Company with the prisoner to take the money of the grand stand. The prisoner presented himself to the officials but paid no money. The officials told him to go away, as no one was admitted. He came back in a short time, and asked to move off he grabbed a bundle and then made a motion to go away, when Ferguson caught him in the struggle he dropped the money. Subsequently Major Kenny, the secretary, found a £3 note, which apparently belonged to the prisoner.

The Prisoner—So far as I am concerned I never took the notes.

Mr Irwin—Was he under the influence of drink?

Mr Fitzgerald—I would say he was in a dazed looking.

Henry Ferguson gave corroborative evidence and added that the prisoner grasped the money with his left hand, while Fitzgerald had his hand on him to move him away.

Major Kenny, Secretary of the Race Club, deposed that about three o'clock he was attracted by a disturbance at the turnstile and when he went down he saw the prisoner, and the officials attempted to take the money from the prisoner searched and he had only a £3 note on him. Subsequently Major Kenny deposed when the prisoner was arrested he had the sign of drunkenness.

The Prisoner—I had no intent to take the money away.

Mr Irwin—Every man is subject to the consequences of his own act and he should be responsible for the money openly.

The Prisoner—I did not intend to take the money. Mr Irwin—Being drunk is no excuse for an offence of this sort, though it may be a motive for it. It is hard to think that his sober senses would attempt to do such a thing.

Major Kenny said the Race Club would wish to punish the accused, and that the prisoner should be protected. Had he (the prisoner) been caught at the turnstile he might have made some money, and he (Major Kenny) would have given every penny of it to the director of the race.

Mr Irwin asked the prisoner if he would now or have the case