

THE GREAT MURSTEE

The new departure of holding the h the Fair Green, instead of on the Limerick, to the danger, not to sp great inconvenience, of the public, most successful. Buyers and sellers, most cheerfully, complied with the Corporation, as proved by the fact that hundreds of horses brought into it yesterday and to-day, but one solitary before the Mayor, who fined a farmer penalty, for exposing a horse for a wallis street. It may be remarked fullest precast ones had been taken the public of the change which came tion yesterday for the first time. It tised in various newspapers; men wear were sent round the city by the Cor informing incomers that the green wa the fendezvous, and then a public issued by order of the Mayor anno any one showing a horse for sale on was liable to a fine of 40s or 14 day ment. As already stated, these steps attended with the most satisfacto There was no friction of any kind, and promptly took their animals to the gr there was a nominal charge for admi learn that on yesterday, which was the opening day, more money was te gates on account of horses than there the whole of the past year. This sho advantage the transfer of the fair alone to the Commissioners, but payers of the county, who at the pr and for years back, have had to pe sum each year towards the mainten fair. With increased receipts this ta no doubt, soon disappear, and whi payers of the county will thus be reli of the city are relieved also of the carried in repairing the torn up street Muinster Fair had passed by. The of the change have really never been and the only opposition to it from some people who considered the likely to be injured by removing to another end of the city altogether. A it will be admitted that first and fi opinion of buyers and sellers on thi worth considering. We took the making a wide inquiry on that point failed to meet a single pers Fair Green who did not say change was not alone judicious, bu One gentleman stated that he lu horses, and believed that if the huddled together on the sties ts he have been successful. The reason On the Green there is ample room fo horse—a buyer can see the points of at a glance, the horses are concent the eyes of the owners, who are ena their hands on them without diffie addition there is the great advantage did field at the back of

DEATH OF THE REV. CANON WELDON, M.A.

We regret to learn of the death of the Rev Canon Weldon, formerly Rector of Kilfergus, which occurred on the 21st instant, at his residence, Garnavilla, Glin. Some years ago the Rev Canon Weldon was compelled to resign his living owing to a serious attack of paralysis, which rendered him unable to discharge his parochial duties. He recovered sufficiently to be able to move about, but owing to the long illness his strength gave way. He was ordained in 1850 for the curacy of Bruff. He was appointed Vicar of Kilmoylag in 1853, to which the vicarage of Kilfergus was subsequently added. In 1878 the Prebendary of St Munchin's in the Cathedral of St Mary was conferred upon him. All his ministerial life has, therefore, been spent in the Diocese of Limerick, and almost all of it in the parish which he held till recently. Canon Weldon was a man of literary tastes, and had read widely. He had also travelled a good deal, and his acquaintance with art was by no means limited. Canon Weldon was of a very retiring disposition, but his friends were able to appreciate his worth.

DEATH OF MR JOHN HILL, C.E.

We regret to announce the death of Mr John Hill, C.E, late County Surveyor of Clare, which occurred at his residence, Bindon-street, Ennis, yesterday morning. Mr Hill had been in failing health for some time, but he was only confined to his bed since Friday last. The immediate cause of death was, we believe, pleurisy. Mr Hill, who was born in the County Meath eighty-one years ago, was one of the oldest county officials in Ireland, and his connection with Clare was an unusually long and varied one. He was first appointed chief Surveyor of Clare in the year 1845, this being his first official appointment. He remained in office for about ten years, and then went to the King's County to fill a similar position. After twelve years' service there he renewed his connection with Clare in May, 1867, and was county Surveyor there until his retirement at the Spring Assizes, 1893. The deceased gentleman occupied a high position in his profession, and the Grand Jury marked their appreciation of his worth and their estimation of the value of his services to the county during his singularly long term of office, by voting him unanimously the maximum superannuation of £400 a year, which, however, he was fated not to long enjoy. Mr Hill was one of the leading Masons in Ireland. He was one of the first members of Dunboyne Lodge (60), and for years Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Munster. In the Clare Protestant Orphan Society he took a great interest. Municipal affairs had always his best attention, and he was a useful member of Ennis Town Commissioners. The funeral will leave Bindon-street at one o'clock sharp on Saturday for Drumcliffe Cemetery.

DEATH OF SIR GERALD PORTAL.

upon the owners of the property. Tenants have in no way diminished been fortunate enough to be the those kindly feelings are shown ly by those who are my tenants those who were my tenants and ently purchased their holdings. opportunity of showing me kind- re are no happier days to me than nt amongst my tenants." At movement is proceeding but slowly e Act of 1891, because under that gal expenses connected with the phase of land are of so heavy a at they to a great extent impede of land, while another reason is l delays are so great that they ig alike both to landlord and consequently are also a deterrent er of the land." The first and r of a Unionist Minister for Ire- e to take steps to facilitate the and on terms satisfactory to both parties. Supplementing the dual ownership, his lordship be the duty of a Unionist Go- educate the farmers to make the resources of their land, which up nt moment they do not do, so as with the foreign market, so as to old their own with the foreign which at the present moment is a out of the market." To carry et he suggested the creation of ural Department in Ireland, to be delegated everything con- the agricultural industry of Ire- board should have the power to g the farmers a wide knowledge improvements that are taking place e science, and to advance money ise of carrying out reproductive s. It should be the duty of the attention to the improvement in of horses and cattle, to advance industry, to improve the trade in eggs, and to resuscitate our coast e speech deserves to be carefully d Londonderry claims that the of this line of policy would bring