

99 acres in the acreage under  
of 38,467 acres under oats;  
,053 acres under barley; a  
res under bere and rye, and  
333 acres under beans  
ving a net decrease of  
the extent under cereal  
er hand there is an increase  
under turnips, and 987 acres  
and mangel-wurzel. Strange  
there is the big decrease of  
re area producing the staple  
try—the potato. Cabbages  
4,805 acres; vetches and rape  
rots, parsnips and other green  
res, leaving a net decrease of  
he extent under green crops.  
rea which few people were  
he cultivation of flax, which  
stry in Ireland in years gone  
exception of Ulster, rapidly  
the country. The total  
1894 was 101,081 acres,  
ent year the area is given at  
erick county there were but  
flax last year, while this year  
Clare stands with four. In  
there are 219 acres—a return  
nd that of any other county  
Donnaught either. The total  
under crops and permanent  
all classes into account,  
912 for the present year, being  
2,083 acres, as compared with  
erick the figures are 165,398  
71,772 for the preceding year.  
t between 1894 and 1895  
en an increase throughout  
7,682 in the number of  
les. Cattle exhibit a decrease  
p a decrease of 190,325, and  
of 50,870. Of the 16,370,496  
rated in 1895, 1,001,818 were  
43 geese, 2,827,044 were ducks,  
were ordinary fowl. Coming  
and that in Clare the total  
ses is 19,830, being an increase  
pared with the previous year.  
of cattle for 1895, 171,275, and  
551; sheep, 118,036, as against  
94, while pigs number in the  
41,431, as against 46,082.  
ys a substantial increase. Turn-  
k, we see the total number of  
3, as compared with 18,180 for  
21,001, as against 219,791 for  
ep, 54,246, as against 56,591;

on to-morrow (Friday), at ten o'clock.

**ILLNESS OF MRS ALEXANDER.**

The serious illness of the gifted wife of Bishop Alexander has (the *Derry Standard* states) taken a turn for the better. Inquiries from her medical adviser, Sir William Miller, elicited the gratifying report that the change for the better still continued, and that the patient was progressing most favourably.

**MR SHANNON, R. M.**

We learn, says the *King's County Chronicle*, that our highly esteemed R M is likely to receive well-earned promotion and that he is about to succeed General Sir West Ridgway, in the governorship of the Kingdom of Man. There can be little doubt that Mr Shannon's capabilities, powers, and experience render him fully qualified to undertake the many delicate responsibilities of that funny little Isle, and its lively inhabitants.

**SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT.**

Mr DeCoursey, City Coroner, and a jury, held an inquest this evening at five o'clock in the City Courthouse, on the body of a woman named Henrietta Purden, of 21 Emmet Place, who was found drowned in the river between the Docks and Spillane's Tower, at half-past 12 o'clock yesterday.

Sergeant Flynn, of the Dock station, conducted the inquiry on behalf of the police.

Mrs Cronin, was the first witness examined. She identified the body of deceased, who was an old friend of hers, and stated that she (deceased) was rather eccentric, and often quarrelled with her sister; she never threatened to take her life nor showed any signs of suicidal inclinations.

Dr Shananon deposed that he examined the body of deceased about one o'clock yesterday afternoon; the body was still warm at the time, and she could not have been dead more than three hours; he saw no signs of violence on the body, and death was due to drowning.

Louis Nelson deposed that he was walking along the bank yesterday when he saw an object in the water which he found to be a woman; he pulled her out with his stick, and reported the matter to Sergeant Flynn.

After the Coroner had summed up, the jury returned a verdict to the effect that death was due to drowning, the same being accidental.

**ALLEGED LARCENY BY A RAILWAY CLERK.**

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Ennis, Tuesday.

A young lad named Patk Beatty, employed as a clerk in the goods store of the Waterford and Limerick Railway, at Ennis, has been arrested on a charge of larceny of various articles from packages passing through the store. It seems that as the result of certain inquiries by Mr King, the stationmaster, a deposition was made by the latter towards the end of last week. Beatty left the town on the same or following day, and, as it transpired, enlisted at Galway. He passed through here en route for Clonmel on Monday, and this coming to the ears of the authorities, the police were communicated with, with the result that he was arrested yesterday. He will be brought up during the day.

**COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS—THIS DAY.**  
(Before Mr Hickson, R.M.)

Patrick Grady, an inmate of the Limerick Workhouse, was charged at the suit of the Guardians with insubordination, by refusing to

clined to the belief that Mr O'Keefe won by a small majority. Between six and o'clock voting was tolerably brisk in some and the legal hour having expired, the boxes were sealed up and conveyed to the Courthouse by the presiding officer; with escort of police. Excitement ran high in town and in the vicinity of the Courthouse noisy crowd from the Englishtown had come and cheered frequently for Mr O'Keefe neither he nor Mr Nolan put in an appeal.

An analysis which has been made of the shows that something over two-thirds The total on the register is 5,407, and the number polled was 3,648. At the '92 election when Mr O'Keefe defeated Mr Pat O'Bri number on the register was 5,084, and the polled numbered 3,409. Consequently into account the fact that there is an increase of 323 on the register, the polling on this occasion is something like 84 less than at the previous election, allowing for the increased voting. The following table compiled last night shows the voting at the present election as compared that of 1892:—

Ward.	No on register	Polled	1895.
Castle	580	350	354
Custom House	400	296	296
Glentworth	516	342	342
Shannon	494	364	364
Dock	826	513	513
Abbey	571	405	405
Irishtown	780	530	530
Market	325	236	236
Freemen	21	4	4
Ballycummin	106	73	73
Ballysimon	169	103	103
Roxboro'	117	85	85
Ballyvarra	102	68	68
North Suburbs	109	76	76
South Suburbs	269	171	171
Patrickswell	12	9	9

The increase in the votes is in the city while there is believed to have been a decrease in the Liberties, which are Mr O'Keefe's hold, and the abstentions there, as the following table shows, are considerable. A meeting was held last night outside the Town Hall where there were a few stampedes owing to the throwing by a crowd of Federationists assembled on Matthew Bridge. The meeting was presided, and speeches were delivered by O'Kelly, M P, Mr Joseph Nolan, Mr W R M P, Mr J F Egan, Mr M A Manning, and

**DECLARATION OF THE**

MR. O'KEEFFE RETURNED

A NARROW MAJORITY.

**EXCITING SCENES.**

This morning, at 11 o'clock, the scrutiny of the votes commenced in the City Courthouse before the High Sheriff, whose assessors were Mr P Lynch, B L, and Mr J S Gaffney, Mr J H Moran, and Mr J Coffey, solicitors present on behalf of Mr Joseph Nolan, the Unionist candidate; and Mr Francis A O'Connell, the Federation candidate was his own co-assessor, and he was assisted by Mr Ralph O'Connell, solicitor. The Sub-Sheriff, Mr C H O'Connell, and several officials connected with the count were present. The scrutiny went on very quietly from start to finish, and at about a quarter