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Of the total amount received during the past 12 months £61,930,319 was paid into the Exchequer, and £4,889,961 paid to Local Taxation accounts. In the corresponding period of 1893 9,060,531 was paid into the Exchequer, and 920,613 to Local Taxation Accounts.

### THE GRAPPLER PNEUMATIC TYRE COMPANY.

The first annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Grappler Pneumatic Tyre Company was held on Saturday at the Hotel Metropole, Dublin. The financial report submitted by the retary showed that since the company was started the balance to debit of profit and loss amounted to £9,948. The chairman (Mr H V Jackson) explained that the balance against the company had been incurred in establishing the business, which now gave promise of being a success. He spoke in very commendatory terms of the quality of the Grappler tyre, which, he believed, was second to none in the market. Measures had been established in the principal towns in the kingdom and on the Continent, and the purpose of developing the business he suggested that £5,000 debentures should be issued, of which the directors were prepared to take £1,000. A long discussion followed, the shareholders demanding that the directors' report and the balance sheet should be printed and circulated before any business was transacted. Actually the meeting was adjourned for a night in order that this might be done.

### MR. GLADSTONE'S SENIORS.

Venerable as Mr Gladstone is he is not by any means the oldest member of Parliament. In the House of Lords there are half a dozen peers, one of whom have reached 90 years, and in the House of Commons there are at least two members who must pass away before Mr Gladstone can be hailed as father of that assembly. No member, however, can at all compare in physical and mental vigour with the ex-Premier. Mr Gladstone stoops to a painful degree, although he moves over the ground at a good pace, and Sir Charles Holden, who is also Mr Gladstone's senior, is unable to rest in the division lobby. Mr Gladstone, however, having now shaken off the eye troubles which he has lately had, is as old and hearty as ever, walks perfectly upright, and with a surprisingly firm step.

### THE LIGHT RAILWAY SCHEMES.

The *Daily News* says—With the prospect of a great potato famine in some of the Western districts of Ireland, it is gratifying to learn that satisfactory progress is being made in the construction of light railways in one or more of the distressed districts. To-day the Galway and Enniskerry Railway will be opened by the Midland and Western Co. for both goods and passenger traffic. Oughterard will be for the first time put in communication with Dublin and the East. The Galway to Oughterard is, roundly speaking, 100 miles, but thirty miles have yet to be passed through the very heart of the wild and ancient Connemara country before Clifden is reached. This part of the route is, however, in a good state, and will, it is hoped, be completed in many months have elapsed. For the pre-

pay, late Hampshire Regiment, on the 30th; and Lieutenant Colonel C W S Lowndes, half pay, late Highland Light Infantry, on the 31st. The Lieutenant Colonels whose period of regimental service will expire are—Brevet Colonel H T T Sandes, Royal Artillery, on the 4th; Lieutenant Colonel E H Hanning-Lee, commanding 2nd Life Guards, on the 12th; the Earl of Erroll, commanding the Royal Horse Guards on the 18th; and Brevet Colonel W H Rathbone, Royal Engineers, on the 24th.

*Announcements of Births, Marriages and Deaths, not exceeding 5 lines (which must in all cases be duly authenticated), are charged 2s 6d each. For every additional line 6d.*

#### BIRTHS.

Roberts—Dec. 28, at Glenthorpe, St Nicholas road, Upper Tooting, London, S W, the wife of Lionel Roberts of a son.  
Branigan—December 25, at No 11 Sienna terrace, Drogheda, the wife of Joseph Branigan of a daughter.  
O'Connell—December 30, at Bank House, Cahir, the wife of S C O'Connell of a daughter.

#### MARRIAGES.

Butler and Brown—December 27, at the Parish Church, Slane, County Meath, by the Rev J W Brady, Rector, assisted by the Rev Canon Keene and Rev J W Harrison, Robert, eldest son of the late W J Butler, Bantry, County Cork, to Mary Elizabeth Emily, only daughter of Mr Robert Brown, Slane.  
Pettipiece and Smyth—December 26, at St George's Church, Dublin, by the Rev T E Crozier, Thomas W Pettipiece, Cathedral Schools, Londonderry, to Kate, eldest daughter of the late James Smyth, M G W Railway, Kilmainham road.

#### DEATHS.

Corbett—December 27th, at Sunnyside, Rath-Cormack, William Corbett, Esq, aged 90 years, formerly of Castleconnell, County Limerick.  
Smith—December 24, at her residence, Edenderry, Elizabeth, sister of Humphry Smith, J.P., Mountmellick, much regretted.  
Byrne—December 30, at 3 Westbury terrace, Brighton road, Rathgar County Dublin, Mary Byrne, daughter of the late Felix Byrne, Suncroft, County Kildare, after a short illness (cardiac syncope).  
Grattan—December 31, at 41 Mountjoy square, Dublin, William Henry Colley-Grattan, aged 44 years.  
Higgins—December 30, at the R I Constabulary Barracks, Longwood, County Meath, Frances Elizabeth, dearly beloved daughter of T and F Higgins, R I C, aged 5 months.  
Gregg—December 31, at 78 High street, Kilkenny, Mrs Maryanne Gregg, aged 68 years.

#### LOCAL RAILWAY TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.

Waterford and Limerick Railway System Traffic Receipts, 26th week ending 28th Dec, 1894, 297 mile open, including 104 miles of joint lines worked by the Company.

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#### WEST CLARE RAILWAY (LIMITED).

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