

the leading Irish Banks, which published, indicate a state of general condition of things which is affording satisfaction. The banks appear to be prosperous, and reflect that of the country in spite of a good deal of trouble and anxiety and its Banks they have in view, taking a general view of the country. It is not expected that a dependence upon agriculture can be made—advancing by leaps and bounds and counterbalance periods of depression and disaster are rare and the youngest of our Banks is in Ireland, whose eighteenth century banking takes place on the footing of the present report being well maintained. The banks of the year have shown a decided improvement. There is also a general improvement in other departments of the country. The directors, after making provision for the reserve fund, which amounts to nearly seven-eighths of the total, and reducing the premises of the banks, are able to pay a dividend of 10 per cent.

The Provincial Bank add to the Reserve Fund, write £2,000 off the account, and are also able to pay the balance carried forward the same as that for last year. The bank carries over £3,887 to Rest. or Profit, which now stand at £10,000, with a balance to next account of £10,000 to pay a dividend of 4 per cent (making, with the previous dividend of the year), which absorbs the £60,000. The amount "available" in the National Bank the Provincial Bank, £42,287, the City Bank, £17,372.

The position of the Limerick Union is satisfactory just now. At yesterday's meeting of the Board of Guardians it was found there was a balance of £88 due to the Union in addition, a claim has been made on the Government Board for the contribution of the Union under the provisions of the "Animals Act." The fact which is the Treasurer of the Union has this sum until the account of the year is sufficiently in funds to enable the Board to be met in connection with the repairs of the house, and the Clerk is at present in suggesting the appointment to confer with the Manager

breadth, 32 ft; and depth, 24 ft 6 in. The vessel is to be fitted with machinery by the same firm, capable of propelling her at a speed of eleven to twelve knots. She will be engaged in the cattle trade.

**THE JARVEY CARS**—The jarvey car drivers yesterday appeared with their badges which have been issued to them by the Corporation. It is believed that the number of licensed cars in the city will be considerably reduced by the Committee of the Corporation by the time its investigations have concluded. The result will be that there will generally speaking be a much better class of car on the streets than there has hitherto been. The move made by the Corporation, although it ought to have been made long ago, has met with entire approval.

**THE LATE REV CANON LLOYD.**

Further information has been received regarding the late Rev Canon Lloyd, late Canon of Clondegad, whose unexpected demise was reported in our last issue. It seems that the Rev gentleman was about to commence afternoon service on Sunday in Broadford Church, when he was seized with an acute attack of apoplexy. Medical aid was immediately summoned, and two doctors were in attendance, but Canon Lloyd was so bad that they could not allow him to be removed from the building. A bed was made up for him in the church, and one of the doctors remained in attendance all the night, but he gradually sank, and he expired at 10 o'clock on Monday morning. The funeral took place yesterday at Broadford, and it was large and representative.

**FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR JAMES S. BENNETT, J.P.**

The funeral of the late Mr James S. Bennett, J.P., who died at his residence, Tullybrackey House, Bruff, after a prolonged illness, on Monday last, took place yesterday, the remains being interred in the family vault at Doonas. The cortege was very representative, and the large number of carriages and cars which followed the remains testified to the respect and esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held by the gentry for miles around, and by the general public. The chief mourners were—Mr James J Bennett and Mr Thomas Bennett (sons), and Mr George Bennett, Rathanny House (uncle).

Amongst those present or who sent carriages were—Mr George W Bennett, Miltown House; Mr Richard Bayly, J.P.; O'Grady, J.P.; Mr John V Bevan, J.P.; Dr P J MacNamara, J.P.; Dr Joseph Gubbins, J.P.; Mr P O'Shaughnessy, J.P.; the Rev John E Mills, Rector of Bruff and Tullybrackey; Captain Bennett, Mr Thomas Bennett, Ballymurphy; Mr E Morgan Westropp, Dr Westropp, Dr Beardon, the Rev Mr O'Malley, Rector of Doonas; Mr W Russell and Master Russell, Lemonfield; Colonel Finch, Mr John Lowndes, District Inspector; Mr Gloster, Mr G O'Brien, Mr J J Anthony, Manager Munster and Leinster Bank, Bruff; Mr D Hunt, Mr Michael J O'Shaughnessy, Mr A C Hinchy, C.P.S.; Mr George Harris, C.P.S.; Mr James Butler, Mr Michael Healy, Mr John Hayes, Mr Henry Ryan, Mr Thomas Collins, &c.

Mr Patrick Whelan, Bruff, carried out the funeral arrangements.

**THE SUICIDE IN CLARE LUNATIC ASYLUM.**

Mr Coroner Frost held an inquest in the board

a Durham constituency in Parliament.

**FOOTBALL**

**GARRYOWEN V. MR BENSON'S TEAM**

This match was played in the Market to-day before a very large number of spectators who had the pleasure of witnessing a very contested game. The result can hardly be regarded as a correct estimate of the qualities of Benson's team.

Egan kicked off for Garryowen, and a scrum ensued in which the visitors succeeded to have a decided advantage. After a short time however, the superiority of the home team became apparent, and the ball worked into the visitors' territory where they succeeded in scoring the first try, which resulted. The game still continued in the visitors' territory, with the exception of a few good kicks which occasionally sent the ball back again. At last Lynch got away, and the second try for Garryowen, off which he kicked a goal. After this there was so much fast play on both sides, and Peel secured the ball and passed to Crowe, who got over the line and the goal resulted, and shortly afterwards he was called. The second half witnessed a different state of things. The visitors appeared to be in very good training, and the ball almost constantly in their opponent's territory, and several times looked very like a goal. Eventually McMahon secured the only try for the visitors, which Murphy kicked, but failed to score a goal. Play continued in favour of the home team, but time was called without any further result—Garryowen, 1 goal, 2 tries, 11 points; Benson's team, 1 try, 3 points.

**EXTRA POLICE IN COUNTY LIM.**

At the County-at-Large Presentment to-day, before Lord Emly (Chairman), Maunsell, Mr W F O'Grady, Mr Geo L Nolan, and Mr John Nolan, J.P.'s, there being 12 payers present, the principal item on the agenda was for £1,716 10s 11d, to "The Pay General, being a moiety of expense of extra constabulary Force, during the half-year ending September, 1894—portion off certain taxes in the Barony of Glenquin—11 & 12 Vic and 14 & 15 Vic, c 85, s 3.

Mr George L Sheehy complained of the position of this tax on the ground of the agricultural depression, and also owing to the crime in the county, and also owing to the agricultural depression, and the heavy taxation of the county for poor law and other purposes. He proposed the following resolution:—"That taking into consideration the present peaceable state of the County of Limerick, and the almost entire absence of crime therein for a considerable time past, shown by the fact that since the appointment of his Honor, Judge Adams, as our County Judge, the criminal calendar has been a blank, we, the magistrates and cesspayers assembled on this 17th January, 1895, at the Present Sessions for the County-at-Large that considering the facts aforesaid the heavy taxation on the county, and its iniquity, bears some owing to the agricultural depression that exists, that the time has now come when it is expedient to further reduce the extra police force charged on the county, and thereby lessen the tax on the large item of £1,716 10s 11d charged for extra constabulary for the current half year. Mr Nolan seconded the resolution.

Lord Emly said that he was delighted to be able to agree with what Mr Sheehy had said about the almost entire absence of serious crime in the county of Limerick. Unfortunately it was true that the taxation on the county was very heavy. Agricultural depression