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Major H H Maxwell has been appointed to the 2nd Battalion of the Black Watch at Edinburgh, instead of to the 1st Battalion in Mauritius, as previously ordered.

Captain W E Bunbury, Indian Staff Corps, has been appointed a Deputy-Assistant-Adjutant-General, Bengal, vice Major W du G Gray, S S C, who has resigned the post.

APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR TO THE LATE REV DAVID WILSON, D.D.—The Rev R H Semple, M.A., Cantab, of Downpatrick, has been chosen Minister of the Presbyterian Church, Glentworth street. Mr Semple is expected to take up his duties on Wednesday next, 20th inst.

THE LATE EARL OF BESSBOROUGH. The late Earl of Bessborough, whose death was published in our last issue, is thus described in Bourke's Peerage:—"Bessborough, Earl of (John-George-Brabazon Ponsonby), Viscount Duncannon, of the Fort of Duncannon, Co. Waterford, and Baron Bessborough, of Bessborough, Co. Kilkenny, in the peerage of Ireland; Baron Ponsonby, of Syonby, and Baron Duncannon, of Bessborough, in the peerage of the United Kingdom, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the Co. Carlow; Lord Steward of the Household, b. 14 Oct, 1809; m. 1st, 8 Sept, 1836, Lady Frances Lambton, dau. of John-George, 1st Earl of Durham, which lady d. 18 Dec following; he m. 2ndly, 4 Oct, 1849, Lady Caroline-Amelia Gordon-Leunox, eldest dau. of Charles, 5th Duke of Richmond. His lordship was formerly Master of H.M. Staghounds."

The deceased Earl sat in the House of Lords as a Baron of the United Kingdom. He is succeeded in the title by his brother, who is a clergyman, and who was born in 1820. The next heir to the title is the Hon Mr Ponsonby; the secretary to the present Speaker, and the son of the new Lord Bessborough. Mr Ponsonby has acted as Mr Peel's secretary since his appointment in 1854, and in that capacity has always been very popular with the members of the House of Commons. Now that he is the direct heir to an earldom, he would probably resign the secretaryship but for the fact that he will vacate office in any case when the Speaker retires in the course of the next few weeks.

The Earl of Bessborough was up to the time of his death, and has been for very many years, a director of the Waterford and Limerick Railway, and was for some time Chairman of the Midland Great Western of England, which he represented on our local Board. It is not likely, therefore, that a Limerick gentleman will be appointed to fill the vacancy, which might be absorbed by the appointment of one of the present Directors to represent the English Company.

THE LATE MR. STANNARD M'ADAM.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

The funeral of the late Mr Stannard M'Adam will take place from his residence, Upper Mallow street, to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock.

At a special meeting of the Committee of the Limerick Amateur Athletic and Bicycle Club, held last evening, the following were present—Mr Andrew Murray (in the chair); Rev F R Carr, Messrs J P Gaffney, B Plummer, W Woodhouse, J F Egan, W Smith, R Parsons, A J Egan, L R Switzer, R Nash, solr; J McNamara, and A J Eskins. It was unanimously resolved—"That a vote of condolence and deepest sympathy be tendered to the bereaved mother and sister of our late fellow-clubman and Treasurer, Mr Stannard M'Adam, expressing the irreparable loss the Club and all its members have sustained by the death of a fellow-worker and sincere friend." The Chairman spoke in feeling terms of the deceased, and his remarks were endorsed by those present. It was also arranged that the members of the Club assemble at 9.20 on Friday morning in order to march in a body at the funeral.

THE COUNTY MAGISTRATES AND THE LATE MR M'ADAM.

At the County Petty Sessions to-day, the magistrates paid a tribute to the memory of the late Mr Stannard M'Adam, who was Clerk to the Court.

Mr Hickson, R M, said the magistrates were unanimous in agreeing to adjourn the court after the custody cases were disposed of, owing to the lamented death of their Clerk, Mr M'Adam.

Mr Wm F O'Grady—I wish to express my very deep regret at the lamented death of our late Clerk, Mr M'Adam, and beg to offer my sincerest sympathy to his family in their sad and heavy affliction, and to our brother magistrate, Mr Brown, in his great sorrow.

Mr Spillane—I believe I am the oldest magistrate on the bench at the present moment, and as one who had the pleasure of warmly supporting Mr M'Adam at his election, I feel bound to add my tribute of respect to his memory. Mr M'Adam was a zealous and courteous officer, and I heartily tender my sincere sympathy to his bereaved family in the loss they have sustained.

Mr Vincent Nash—I quite concur in all that has been said, and I think it would not be right to let this, the first day on which a court has been held since the death of Mr M'Adam, pass without paying a tribute of respect to his memory, and conveying to his family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy with them in their sad bereavement. For some time past I had many opportunities of seeing and knowing what Mr M'Adam was, and I know and feel I am only expressing the opinion of all the magistrates who are in the habit of attending this court, when I say that we have lost a most valuable official—a gentleman who not only discharged his duties—the responsible duties of clerk to this court—ably and well, but with a high order of intelligence and judgment. In his private life he was also a man of exceptionally good and worthy qualities; he was a most affectionate and devoted son, a good brother, and a true and sincere friend. Personally I feel Mr M'Adam's death deeply. I cannot trust myself to speak further, but I shall merely again express my deep and sincere sympathy with his family in their sad affliction.

Mr Hastings said, next to the magistrates, there was no body of gentlemen better qualified to speak of the late Mr M'Adam than the solicitors practising in the court. In the death of Mr M'Adam they had lost a courteous, efficient, and most intelligent officer, and he gave the legal profession every assistance in the discharge of their duties. Not alone would his death be a loss to them; but it was also a public loss.

Mr Hall, solicitor, desired to add his expression of regret at the loss which the Court had sustained in the death of Mr M'Adam, because in addition to his being a great loss to his family, he was also a loss to the Bench, as the late Mr M'Adam was always ready to offer every information in his power, and his services were rendered in the most quiet and unostentatious manner.

The Mayor also expressed his concurrence in the sympathetic terms which had been used in reference to Mr M'Adam's death.

Mr Hetreed, District Inspector, on behalf of himself and the police, expressed their deep regret at the early death of Mr M'Adam. He believed that the least said on such occasions the better their sorrow would be expressed, as Mr M'Adam's loss was only too well realised throughout the city.

The court, having disposed of the custody cases, of which there were three, adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Mr M'Adam's memory.

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS—THIS DAY.

Before Mr Hickson, R M, in the chair; the Mayor (Mr Wm M Nolan), Mr W F O'Grady, Mr Wm Spillane, D L, and Mr Vincent Nash.

RATHKEALE UNION. (FROM OUR REPORTER).

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Guardians of the Rathkeale Union was held yesterday, Mr R J Piggott, Chairman, presided. Also present—Messrs D McDonnell, Wm Smith, W O'Neill, John Magner, Patrick Madigan, John B Hewson, J P M Naughton, M F Fitzgibbon, Thomas Lynch, J Sheehy, D Ryan, D McCoy, and J Liston. Dr Hayer, Medical Officer; Mr Fitzgibbon, Clerk; and Mr Harrigan, Engineer, were in attendance.

STATE OF THE HOUSE. Remaining on previous Saturday, 259; admitted, 39; died, 0; discharged, 35; remaining on last Saturday, 263.

FINANCE. Received during week, £29 10s 2d; paid, £9 15s 6d; balance in bank to favour of union, £1,217 6s 11d; outstanding rates, £6,220 16s 8d; general average post of an inmate, 2s 2d; do in infirmary, 3s 7d.

PROPOSED NEW WATER SUPPLY. The following letter was read:—

Rathkeale, March 12th, 1895. "MR CHAIRMAN, AND GENTLEMEN,—Some members of your Board and of the Town Commissioners, with many ratepayers and others, assembled together at the Courthouse on Saturday, the 19th inst, and deliberated and took council, as your Board suggested, on the project of a gravitation water supply for the town of Rathkeale. I entered fully into all the phases which the question has passed through—the present imperfect supply, deficient in quantity and defective in quality, and the impossibility of procuring a local supply free from pollution. I pointed out that Mr Horan's estimate of £2,560 for completing the works, with £128 for the engineer's fees, and £140 for compensation, in all £2,828, might be relied on, as Mr Horan's word is as good as his bond, and he was proposing to get a contract and two solvent sureties to execute the work within his specification. I also put before them an estimate of the revenue which the water supply would bring to meet the interest on the loan for the works, and which I calculated at £136 9s, £4 10s the full annual interest on the loan for 30 years. I understand the amount likely to be derived from town houses, which I set down as only 20 houses at £2 each, the amount estimated from all houses being £151 10s Od. On inquiry I find that Mitchelstown, a town in population and in other respects like Rathkeale, has already during the progress of its water works asked for over 320 connexions for its inhabitant householders, and if Rathkeale would appreciate the convenience and advantage of a water supply in the same ratio the new project would be rather a source of revenue than of taxation.

"I also stated that excluding all source of income the taxation for the loan would only entail 3d in the £ in the Rathkeale Electoral Division, and that if the area of taxation were extended to the dispensary district, it would only amount to 2m in the £, which estimate of taxation in my belief would never be required to be levied, as the water was sure to pay its way. I am fully satisfied that the people, now that they have in some manner realised the question in all its aspects, and that the 'boogie' of unlimited taxation is laid aside, are only too willing, after some questions are cleared up, to co-operate in every way with the Sanitary Authority to have the scheme accomplished.—"I am, Mr Chairman and gentlemen, your obedient servant, "THOMAS HAYER, M D, Officer of Health."

Mr Fitzgibbon said that he thought the ratepayers had enough to pay already without adding this extensive increase to the rates.

Dr Hayer replied that in his opinion the project would not add to the rates, but would pay its own way.

After some further discussion, it was decided to postpone the question until next Board day.

The Clerk read a reply from Mr Fitzsimons thanking the Board for their vote of condolence on the death of his brother.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Local Government Board wrote:—"SIR—With reference to the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Rathkeale Union, on the 27th ult, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to point out that the proposal to fix the salary to be allowed for the office of midwife of the Rathkeale Dispensary District, at £30 per annum, should be considered by the guardians, after giving the usual 14 days' notice of their intention to do so, in accordance with the requirements of Article 12 of the General Regulations."

It was decided to act as the Local Government Board requested.

POOR LAW VACANCIES.

The Clerk announced that there were three vacancies for guardians in the Rathkeale Union. The following gentlemen had sent in their names as candidates for the divisions:—Ballyline, Mr Joseph Sheehy, and Mr Marcus Ken-

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The Vice-Chief original motions chequer Division Mr Seymour John Condon, J Smyth & Power, remitted for trial for the County brought by the farmer, residing Limerick, for all Council read and stated that he and that he die and the charge less, and was b John Pierce Br who's employ ment was issued by Evans for £1, Feb, the day of have been com about the cou some acquaint houses the Rev discharging son way did she co an attack on the charge was suggestion of J long conversati see or speak to tion, and he did sault her as all consent. It wa day in questio he gave her 5s t and that he pro that any such following day the police, and have to prosecu of his house. from the p opened to h since admitted the plaintiff to hidden there was done by ar tier letter she ings, as her kee and using it for She did not inte she found herse to get her thro she would expe had endeavour make an inform refused to de se w r tten a lctio effect that as th tive, his opinio not think he w further in the what to think o he did. It was truth in her st were not satisfi duty to look dubiously, an the spur of woman any He trusted the tively the prod Mr Lane Sm. behalf of the pl admitted that t means, but cor rape it should b He read the pl that she was in and that her h said it was absc day in questio country, and it bring this char Evans, and as s she at once rep her. On the d down a field, a fence and spoke about his field, and belie she went across her—"You are time looking af on to describe t the defendant "Oh my goodn not to say anyt she would, and me." She said the outrage, an "would do nothi and told her to and if she was was untrue thi up her case, a was in consequ to him. Counsel also House of Rath-