

... always been acknowledged, that Ireland had always a separate entity for taxation (hear, hear). A fuller report of Mr Saunders' speech is held over.

The City High Sheriff (Mr J P Gaffney) supported the resolution.

Mr Wm Spillane, J P, D L, in supporting the resolution, said—My Lord Dunraven, my lords and gentlemen, the committee who have organized this representative and influential meeting have done me the honor to ask me to support a resolution which has been so ably introduced and spoken to by those who have last addressed you. I beg to assure them that I value very highly this privilege, and I shall best mark my appreciation of their kindness towards me, and at the same time best consult your feelings by confining the observations I purpose making within very narrow limits. I don't know how any of those present have carefully studied the report of the Financial Relations Committee, but this I do know that every one of you must be convinced that for a long period—a very long period of years—that have passed since the Act of Union established a co-partnership between England and Ireland—Ireland has been subjected by England to a system of dealing which in the commercial world persons learned in the law are wont to style "legal fraud." These experts go on to say that this legal fraud may be—nay, often is—innocent and free from blame, provided always that the fraud exists without the knowledge of the partners. The moment it reaches their knowledge it becomes criminal, if persisted in. I am not aware, nor probably is anyone listening to me, if during all these years England knew the wrong—the financial wrong—she was inflicting upon Ireland. If she did not, she is so far free from blame, but the report of the Committee in the hands of the Government of to-day has cleared away all doubts on the point, and if the wrong further persevered in, England can be no longer held innocent (hear, hear). Injustice has been done in the past—justice must be done in the future (applause). Between man and man where these legal frauds are discovered, the stronger who feels aggrieved seeks redress in the Civil Court—there it is not always very quick and very inexpensive, but when it is complete and effective, he gets what is his due. Unhappily, Ireland cannot cite England to appear in the Civil Court of London or Dublin, to answer the charge she now makes, but she can, if necessary, summon her before the bar of public opinion, which is in our time the most powerful tribunal in any civilized country (hear, hear). But before bringing this extreme course, she will first appeal to that love of justice which appears to be the inheritance, and certainly is the boast of every true Briton. Our past experience has taught us that, although every legitimate demand of Ireland has not been granted, not one has ever conceded that was not asked for and asked for repeatedly. Nor must we be astonished to find once more a deaf ear be for some time given to the present petition. Political aspirations have been put aside. Religious demands have been conceded, merely on the pretext that they were the wishes of a small number, but now this financial demand is supported by the whole thinking population of this island, and although an appeal from the north or south, the east or west of our country might be ignored, the universal demand of the four provinces combined cannot be so easily refused, and this appeal for financial redress has been persistently urged on Parliament through the agency of the committee we are now about

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.]

HURST PARK RACES—THIS DAY.

Kingston Hurdle—Crowglen, 1; Spring Grass, 2; Castana, 3. 8 ran
Coombe Steeplechase—Silver Mask, 1; Elinor, 2; Ben Bolt, 3. 5 ran
Old Year Steeplechase—Goldwasher, 1; Prince Edward, 2; Cestus, 3. 7 ran
Hurst Park Hurdle—Barbara, 1; Dissenter, 2; Kohannason, 3. 9 ran
Priory Steeplechase—Argonant, 1; Surplice, 2; Jumbo, 3. 4 ran
Maiden Hurdle—Athelaithe, 1; Ronehurst, 2; Merry Caalisie, 3. 14 ran

STARTING PRICES

11 to 8 agst Crowglen
Evens Mask
10 to 1 agst Goldwasher
6 to 4 agst Barbara
7 to 4 agst Argonant
6 to 5 agst Athelaithe

Announcement 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.

Westropp—On Christmas Eve, at Mellon, the wife of Montiford Westropp of a daughter.
Taylor—December 27, at the residence of her father, 3 Lower Pembroke street, Dublin, the wife of Alfred E Taylor, M D, Gillingham, Suffolk, of a son.
Seymour—December 26, at Aughtree, Longford, the wife of Charles Seymour, B E, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

Hadden and Edward—November 26, 1896, at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Bermuda, by the Rev Andrew Burrows, D D, Henry John Hadden, to May, eldest daughter of William Wales Edward.

DEATHS.

Massy—On December 25th, at his residence, Mount Prospect, Curriglass, Co. Cork, George Eyre Massy, late Colonel of the 5th Fusiliers, and youngest son of Eyre Massy, of Glenville, deeply regretted.
Keays—At Richmond Hospital, Dublin, on the 19th instant, Christopher Keays, Gurthavere, Nenagh, in his 50th year.
Semple—On Monday, December 28, at 1 Woodbine Terrace, Duncairn street, Belfast, suddenly after brief illness, Minnie, youngest daughter of the late Hugh Semple, and sister of the Rev R. H. Semple, of Limerick.
Kenny—On Monday, 28th December, instant, at the residence of her brother-in-law, 80 George street, Anna Maria Kenny, relict of the late William Kenny, J P, Cragleigh, Co. Clare.—R.I.P. Funeral on Wednesday at 10 o'clock for Mount St Lawrence.

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