

It is on the right side towards America and Canada. It is a very good sign that improvement is being maintained, and that, in the concluding words of the Secretary's statement, the port is more than holding its own. Might not some efforts be now made to get a naval training vessel on the waters of the Lower Shannon, even if one of the large guardships, such as used formerly be at Foynes, is for the present out of the question.

Her Majesty the Queen yesterday received a deputation at Windsor Castle from the 1st battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers, and presented to the members the Challenge Cup of the Army Rifle Association won by the battalion last year.

The Commission of Assize for the city and county will be opened to-morrow at 11 o'clock, by the Lord Chief Baron and Mr Justice O'Brien, respectively. The judges will arrive in town from Ennis at ten to-morrow morning.

Lieutenant R S Hamilton, Royal Artillery, having completed a nine months course of study at Woolwich and Enfield, has been appointed an assistant Inspector on the Ordnance Staff, and stationed at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The *London Gazette* announces that Lieutenant E E Harman, Limerick City Artillery Militia, resigns his commission. Mr Donald Florence McCarthy Morrogh is gazetted a Second Lieutenant of the 3rd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers.

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH.**—To-morrow, at 11.30, Litany and Lecture. Rev A H T Benson, Rector of Castleconnell.

**ACCIDENT TO DISTRICT INSPECTOR HETREED.**—While District Inspector Hetreed was out driving a day or two since his horse took fright, and Mr Hetreed was thrown out and sustained a severe sprain of the ankle, but fortunately is not seriously injured.

**LITERARY CLASS PROTESTANT YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.**—There will be a public meeting of the above class on to-morrow (Friday) evening, when a Lecture will be delivered on "Intemperance," by Mr Robert Gibson, who has just returned from Gothenberg. This very interesting subject is certain to be treated in a masterly manner by the well known and most popular lecturer. The chair will be taken by the Rev F E Carr, B A, at 8 o'clock.

**THE LATE FATHER HANRAHAN, O.S.A.**—The funeral obsequies of the late Rev Fr. Hanrahan, O.S.A, took place to-day in the Augustinian Chapel, George street, with which the deceased had been connected for some twenty years. There was a large congregation at the Requiem High Mass, at which the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer presided, and at the conclusion the funeral cortege left for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. There was a very large attendance of the R. C. clergy; the Mayor and Corporation were present in State, and the general public were largely represented.

team proved themselves superior points, the score being—Y, Catholic Commercial, 110, in the parallel bar and rope taken by J S Lemass of very clever gymnast, and warmly applauded. His cot C Dalgarno came next with Hewson scored highest for the 35 points. The total score Commercial, 392; Young Men's 3 natural to expect that the suffer defeat at the hands of as the Commercial, but judgment made by the Young Men it is evident that with a little some of the more difficult exercises able to accomplish much more instructor, Sergeant Mahony, devotion for the state of proficiency brought his men. Certainly their performances was most profitable following are the teams and the various exercises:—  
Dublin—E M'Phillips, J P "S North," C Dalgarno, J Lemass.

Limerick—S Jordan, E Eya Reid, W Cromer, M Hewson, A Hewson.

Catholic Club—Horizontal bar 110; parallel bars, 91½; rope, 11  
P Y M A—Horizontal bar, 115; parallel bar, 71½; rope, 94.

The band of the Royal Irish contributed largely to the success of and under the direction of Mr a most enjoyable programme at the performances.

The Committee of the L P Y Class beg to tender their thanks of the Catholic Institute Gym also the other gentlemen who stewards at the competition on Also to the public who so gave them by their attendance.

#### LIMERICK PROTESTANT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting this Society was held in the P Hall on Tuesday, 3rd inst; Very Limerick, Chairman.

A memorial on behalf of two for first time. Special Report the Locations and from the Training School were considered.

It was reported that the Annual Society was preached in Tr Sunday last; that those in John's, and St Munchin's will Sunday next, and that in St Pat 15th.

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**WATERPROOF COATS, Umbrella ladies' and gentlemen's stout** Cornelle, Thomas street, is still lots of the above at further reduced clear before arrival of spring goods of ladies' and gentlemen's silk or stock soiled), selling very cheap

Lord Edmund Talbot, M P, late Parliamentary Private Secretary St John Brodrick, M P, Under Sec