

COUNTY COURT.—THIS DAY.

A YOUNG GIRL INDICTED FOR MURDER.

The criminal business of the County Limerick Spring Assizes was resumed this morning by Mr Justice O'Brien.

Mary O'Connor, a domestic servant, aged about 25, was indicted for the murder of her infant child, aged eleven months.

Sir Edward Sullivan, B.L. and Mr Edmund Barry, B.L. (instructed by Mr William Leahy, Crown Solicitor), prosecuted for the Crown; and Mr Cullinan, B.L. (instructed by Mr James H Moran, solr), was assigned by his lordship for the defence.

Sir Ed Sullivan having opened the case,

Kate Synnott, examined by Mr Barry deposed, she lives at present in Limerick; in the month of June last year she was an inmate of the Limerick Workhouse; she remembered the prisoner coming to the Workhouse, but could not tell when; she was about four months in the Workhouse when she left; when she came to the Workhouse she had no child with her; the child was born in the Workhouse.

His Lordship—Do you know that yourself?

Witness—Yes; the child was eleven months when it was found; she left the Workhouse some time after the child was born, and afterwards returned again; when she came back the second time she remained only a couple of months.

His Lordship—When she came back had she the child?

Witness—Yes; she went out on a Saturday in June; while in the Workhouse she was an inmate of the same ward as witness, who was acquainted with the child; when leaving she told witness she was going to get a situation, which she said she was sure of getting; she took the child with her; on the following Wednesday witness was at Mungret at an inquest, where she saw the child dead, and which was the prisoner's child that had been in the Workhouse; she identified the clothes, and remarked to counsel that the poor girl had been very kind to the child while with her.

Cross-examined by Mr Cullinan—She thought it was in '94, but could not say that the prisoner went to the workhouse first; she went out after the child being born.

His Lordship—How long did she remain after the child being born?

Witness—About a fortnight.

Cross-examination continued—She remained out perhaps a fortnight, and went in again about five months.

His Lordship said the workhouse books would give these dates.

Cross-examination continued—When she saw the child she knew it: there was nothing uncommon about the clothes, which might be the clothes of any other child; the girl was kind, tender, and affectionate to the child.

At the request of the court, the witness identified the clothes (produced) again as those worn by the child in the workhouse.

Annie O'Brien, examined by Sir Edward Sullivan, stated she was in the workhouse last June, and had seen Mary O'Connor there, but could not say in what month she left; she had a baby with her; she next saw the child at the inquest, and identified the body as Mary O'Connor's child; the clothes produced were those the child wore.

Cross-examined by Mr Cullinan—The clothes were on the child when dead.

Dr Mulcahy, and Dr Graham deposed that they came to the conclusion that death was caused by drowning.

Other evidence having been given.

Mr Cullinan addressed the jury.

The jury acquitted the prisoner, and the verdict was received with applause in court.

APPEAL COURT.

(Before the Chief Baron.)

(respondent). This was an appeal brought by Mrs E Mori special bailiff, Bush, against a decision of the County Court Judge Monahan, awarding J Margaret O'Brien £25 damages for illegal sale of some cattle under color of a decree against son of the plaintiff in a matrimonial case.

Mr P Lynch, B.L. (instructed by Mr J Molloy, solicitor), appeared for the respondent. Mr Edmund Barry B.L. (instructed by Mr J O'Monahan, solicitor), appeared for the appellants. After hearing evidence his lordship gave decision confirming the decree of the County Court but reduced the amount to £24, and gave £7 costs.

THE KERRY SPRING ASSIZES.

The Grand Jury for the County Kerry will swear in at Tralee on Monday next. There is still the present assizes an unusual amount of important business to be transacted by the Grand Jury, including the application in reference the guarantee for the proposed railway at Water villa, and the question regarding the capitalisation of the Dingle Railway guarantee. Malicious Injuries Claims are not so many last year, the principal claim on the list being one by Head Constable Deehan of Castlesheep who seeks £1,200 for injuries he sustained while on duty. The criminal business will not be heavy. The list of Appeals is exceptionally heavy, there being no fewer than 115 listed for hearing. The Commission will be opened at 10 o'clock on Thursday, 12th, the Judges being Lord Chief Baron and Mr Justice O'Brien.

POOR LAW CONTROVERSY.

NEWCASTLE WEST UNION.

In Abbeyfeale division the sitting Guardian Mr Michael J Molloy, is opposed by Mr W. O'Connor, formerly a vice-chairman of the Board.

Dromstrana, until recently represented by the late Mr D W Barnett, is to be contested by Mr Wm O'Sullivan (who resigns the representation of Port division), and Mr John D Leahy.

In Danganbeg the sitting Guardian, Mr J. Duddy is opposed by Mr John Finlay, Mallow.

Mr Cornelius Herrett is nominated for Port division of Mr W O'Sullivan, who is continuing Dromstrana division.

Mr John Guiry has been nominated by Mr J P Colbane, the late Guardian, who has resigned representation of Broadford division.

KILKEEL UNION.

With five exceptions, the sitting guardians have been returned unopposed.

Kilkeel (two seats)—Messrs Patrick H Brady, John Corry, and William Doherty. The first two mentioned are the outgoing guardians.

Cloonsdrum (one seat)—Messrs Michael Ryan, Francis Corry. The latter is the outgoing guardian.

Doonbeg (one seat)—Messrs Michael Griffin, Michael McNamara, and Francis Griffin. The latter is the outgoing guardian.

Kilnarry (one seat)—Messrs J J Morrissey and Mortimer Murray. The latter is the outgoing guardian.

Bahona (one seat)—Messrs John Dick, Michael Studdart Gibson, and Michael Roddeman. The latter is the outgoing guardian.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

The County Limerick Hounds (Mr J P Charters') will meet as follows:

March.  
Monday, 9th ..... Ahalya  
Tuesday, 10th ..... Beest Pike  
Friday, 13th ..... Robbers'  
To finish the season.  
Hour—11.30 o'clock.

Colonel White's Harriers will meet as follows:  
March

Saturday, 14th ..... Tiermore  
Monday, 16th ..... Beest Pike

his outrage was also attributed to estate trouble. The police are engaged in pursuing inquiries into  
CASTLECONNELL.  
ather and showers of hail, rain, anglers had an unfavourable and The water has, however, and as this will undoubtedly run of salmon and an im- t, they will be repaid for the he past week. On Doonasa- , Bart, killed one salmon, 32lbs., on, 27lbs, on March 3rd; one 5th. On the same water, Capt salmon, 25 and 37lbs, on 6th. n water, Mr E Horn, killed one March 4th.

CULLINAN'S CLAIM.  
on delivered judgment this ace to a traverse of a present- the Corporation acting as the awarding £50 compensation to is for serious personal injury the execution of his duty n riot. The constable had he now proposed to traverse. on the ground that the amount olent. When the matter came s argued (as reported in our ounsel for the Corporation that r to traverse the presentment nsufficiency of amount. His that he was bound to hear the Mr Browne (for the Corpora- ld be prepared on Monday to

SANITARY BOARD.  
meeting of this Board was be City Dispensary, Mr E M e chair. Also present—Mr T W Nunan, Mr J McNamara, fr Michael Donoghue, Mr D urke, Mr Michael Laffan, Mr fr T Dndon, Mr J O'Connor, mars, Mr Patk Skehan, Mr J ator; Mr J O'Brien, Assistant O'Malley, Engineer, were in

LABOURERS ACT.  
d from the Local Government farch, stating that they have the petitions of the Board of nderick Union praying for a e confirming an improvement e Labourers (Ireland) Acts, ade in respect of 32 electoral Union; and stating that their rke, would hold a local inquiry the board-room of the Limerick at 11.30 o'clock on Thursday,

rnment Board wrote under date owlding receipt of the guar- the 15th inst, requesting the the issue of the loans required for the purpose of the Improve- der the Labourers Acts, autho- al Order of the 5th March, Government Board pointed out plication for these loans were ans on the 1st November, 1894. ns were not submitted to the th December last. The docu- s examined, and having been in certain particulars were ndment on the 20th December, sent back to the office till the s the loans were sanctioned, by 7th inst, the guardians must themselves wholly responsible h has occurred, and that if they instructions of the Board these