

to take command of the imperial forces out being given time to pack a trunk, and had to set out in the clothes he stood in. Frederick is, from his long African career, acquainted with the details of the task before him, and he brings with him a thorough knowledge of the country, the Colonial forces which he is placed, and the resources of the foe he is preparing to conquer. But it is a long way from Downing-street to Buluwayo, there is not a moment to be lost. Though strategically surrounded by the enemy, it seems that telegraphic communication with Buluwayo has not been stopped yet. Up to the present, coaches have been allowed to run from Buluwayo to Mafeking, through a district swarming with the Matabele; but that cannot be expected to continue any longer, even under the protection of an armed escort. Telegrams of last Saturday announced sharp fighting within three miles of the town, when an Afrikander Corps patrol engaged a body of the enemy whilst looting, and killed several of them. The Buluwayo field force numbers 100 men, and is considered to be strong enough to keep back the enemy. But unfortunately the supply of food is running short, and the Kaffirs are seeking the protection of the town, and these additional mouths must be supplied. One telegram states that there is no food for only a week in the place. Whilst communications were kept open, the town could depend on external supplies being forwarded. The enemy were massed at the north-east and south, but once they closed in, the place will be isolated and dependent entirely on its own resources. One of the latest telegrams from Buluwayo says that the enemy's impis are near at hand, that the Kaffirs are getting impudent, that a native "god" has told the Kaffirs he will give the place into their hands, and that unless strong action is taken the Kaffirs may make aggressive movements. The last sentence throws a lurid light on a telegram from Colonel Bullmer, who is leading the Mafeking Volunteers to the relief of the threatened town. In a telegraphing on Saturday evening to the High Commissioner, he says that as the result of a consultation it was decided to send more important to push on their column than food waggons. The Mafeking force consists of two detachments of over two hundred and seventy men each, and an advance party had already secured an important pass on their route to the Capital. This almost hitherto unknown African town is the centre of great interest at the present time. Its inhabitants may be at any moment in deadly conflict with overpowering numbers who may

the Lord Bishop of Limerick has revised the arrangement previously made, and substituted the following:—The preliminary meeting of the Board to be held on the 12th of May; Education Sunday to be Whit-Sunday, the 24th of May, or Trinity Sunday, the 31st of May, or the following Sunday, June the 7th; Local Examinations in the different parishes or centres to be held between May 26th and June 9th; Local Examination returns to be in the hands of the secretary on or before the 9th of June; the Medal Examination to take place in the Protestant Orphan Hall at 10.30 on Friday, the 12th of June; the meeting of the Board to consider the returns of the examiners and to award the medals and book prizes, on Monday, the 15th of June, at The Palace, Henry-street.

DEATH OF MR JOHN JOHNSTONE.

We regret to record the death of Mr John Johnstone, Castlematrix, Rathkeale, which took place at his residence on Friday evening. The deceased gentleman, who was in the prime of life, had been in delicate health for some months back, and his death was not unexpected, but he has passed away to the deep regret of all who knew him, and who deeply sympathise with his family in this the second affliction which has befallen them within five weeks back. Mr Johnstone was a large employer of labour, and not alone in the district in which he lived but throughout the entire county he was highly respected and esteemed. This fact was amply proved by the very large and most representative gathering which accompanied his remains to their last resting place at Rathkeale Churchyard on yesterday. All class and creeds from the surrounding districts, as well as from the city, were represented. Amongst those present were—The five sons of the deceased—Mr Johnstone, V S, and Mr James Johnstone, brothers; Mr Stanley Johnstone, nephew; Rev Canon Wills, Father Moloney, P P, V G, and his curates; Mr T A Ferguson, and several of the staff of Messrs Bannatyne and Sons; Mr Archibald Murray, Mr Crawford, Mr Bradshaw, Mr A J Barnett, Mr J M'Ghie, Mr J Fife, Mr Ryan, (J P Evans and Co); Mr J Hannan, Mr J Kidd, Mr O'Toole, Messrs George Cullen and J Cullen, Newport; James M Mahon, C Cross, Manager Clyde Co; J Corneille, G Tesky, A Shire, W Wheeler, J Sparling, R W Switzer, W T Cope, James Bentley, Mr S E Lee, City Foundry; Mr Newman, Mr M'Auliffe, Mr Thomas O'Grady, Mr Stephen Tubridy, Mr M Reilly, Dr Hayes, senior and junior, Mr T S Deane, Manager National Bank, Rathkeale; Mr Lyons, V S; Mr Latchford, Mr Walker Casey, Dr Ambrose, Mr Frewin, solicitor; Mr Liston, solicitor, and numerous other residents of Rathkeale. The Rev Mr Harrison, Presbyterian Minister, acting for the Rev Mr Semple, officiated, and delivered an impressive address at the grave side. Numerous wreaths were placed on the coffin.

LIMERICK TROOPER IN THE MATABELE WAR.

In the *Daily Telegraph* of yesterday its special correspondent at Pretoria writes that a patrol of forty men, including twenty of Grey's Scouts, had a skirmish on the night of the 17th instant with an advance body of the enemy who were armed with assegais. The fighting lasted two and a half hours, and a number of the enemy were killed. The English lost two horses, and Trooper G. o. Hawker was slightly wounded in the leg. He is a brother of Mr A E Hawker of this city, and went out recently to South Africa.

LIMERICK PROTESTANT YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

and R Harvey (hon secretary at the time). The statement of accounts of the hon secretary showed a very satisfactory balance in hand, and out of this a resolution was voted to provide a suitable prize for the season. After some discussion it was decided to hold the annual regatta on July 1st after that date as possible, for the above circumstances. The re-election of the hon secretary and treasurer was carried by a vote of thanks was accorded to the hon secretary and treasurer for their kind and generosity towards the club, and was unanimously carried.

After the election of the committee the annual meeting was formally adopted. It was also decided to hold a regatta during the season if possible. Instructions were issued to the committee to have the club half-rate reduced if they were demanded by members. The meeting then dissolved by a vote of thanks to Lord Dunally for his kind and generous assistance.

ENNIS QUARTER SESSIONS.

His Honor Judge Kelly presided at the sessions yesterday.

ACTION AGAINST A SPECIAL AGENT. Messrs Hedderman and Hynes, Ennis, sought to recover a sum of money paid under protest in the name of Mr A R Martin, special agent, for money had and received from the defendant.

Mr H. Crowe, B.L (instructed by the plaintiff), appeared for the plaintiff. Mr J. B. Moloney, solr, appeared for the defendant.

In opening the case, Mr Moloney stated a peculiar action. An action by Mrs Collopy against Mr Molloy at the October sessions. The action—or, rather, a jury there was an appeal to the Justice O'Brien reversed the decision for £20 and costs, amounting to 5s 6d. Mr Hedderman was instructed by Mr Ed Hynes, and carried out the execution, and he seized the property of the defendant.

After some legal argument the case was dismissed. An action by one of the partners being the defendant and in which his Honor ruled that the action was perfectly legal, evidence was given in support of the decree.

After hearing the evidence the Justice dismissed the case, remarking that the action was one which never should have been brought.

EXCHEQUER DIVISION.

(Before Mr Justice Andrews and Mr Justice Murphy).

Irish Land Commission. This case came before the Lord Chief Justice yesterday. It was instituted by the Irish Land Commission against Mr Edward White, of Limerick, to recover £2 8s, the rent charge due by the plaintiff up to November 1st, 1900, charged upon and payable to the defendant, Cappanachud, county Limerick. The Court Judge of Limerick dismissed the plaintiff's appeal against the defendant's appeal against the Chief Justice, who reserved the case. The defendant holds the lands subject to a rent charge, with other lands, and the rent is never renewable. The tithes are never paid by the defendant, and the agent for the lessor up