

Walsh. Archbishop Lord seconded the motion of the Lord of the county, and showed that a name was not wanting on this platform were seated side by side on other occasions are found diverse views on political and economic. The President of the Dublin Commerce and the President of the Association of Physicians were amongst the speakers in view of the approaching Session of the House of Commons, and the probability—indeed it is a certainty—that a discussion on the subject will be raised by an amendment to the Budget. It is all-important that a meeting should be held in every county in the present moment shows the importance of union, and the great importance of the subject known clearly and distinctly to the people of this city and county. It is to be expected that there is no difference of opinion on the subject of over-taxation at Irishmen believe the financial policy of Great Britain presses upon them with an injustice, and that the poorer classes are paying far more than the portion which should be expected from her. The Government in Ireland, based on the evidence and the report of a Royal Commission, will be made known to the people, and—the justice or the injustice of it apart—it would be very serious for the Treasury officials to be able to say that the matter was considered of so much importance in Ireland that some cities should not consider it worth holding a meeting about. Limerick is to be represented at the large, representative, and important meeting of to-day expresses the opinion of the people of this city and county. For the first time in its history the County of Limerick goes back, though perhaps it is only a few years, to its proud independence of the Government of a Royal Commission and the Government of the rest of Ireland. But if Irish opinion on this question is not making any headway in the County of Clare, it is not so in other parts of the country. The English people are generally being educated on this question. The subject was first discussed, the finding of the Royal Commission was sneered at as negligible, because it was said it was not in connexion with the Home Bill. It is now thought that the opinion of such a master of statistics as Sir John Lubbock, and of such experienced officials as Mr Farrer and Mr Welby, cannot be so easily dismissed. The report has also been published on the ground that it assumed Ireland a separate taxable entity, and that the Irish complaint must fall to the Government, the assumption of Ireland being a separate taxable entity cannot be maintained. But the Act of Union and the whole

of Broad street, was yesterday received into Barrington's Hospital, suffering from scalds sustained by falling into some hot water. A jockey named Edward Fitzgibbon, from Ballynee, was admitted to the hospital on Saturday night for a dislocation of the collar-bone, caused by falling off his horse at the Greenpark Races on St Stephen's Day.

ACCIDENT AT THE RAILWAY—On Saturday night a number of goods wagons were being shunted on a siding near the Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Company's stores, when one of them got derailed, and was drawn along a distance of some hundred yards, when it came in contact with two iron pillars supporting Roxboro' Bridge. Before the engine driver saw the wagon was derailed, and had time to bring the train of wagons to a stop the two pillars were knocked right away from the bridge. Fortunately, the mishap did not occur on the main line, which would cause a block for some time.

STARTLING OCCURRENCE IN THE CITY.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DROWNED.

A sad fatality occurred in the city this morning, under peculiarly painful circumstances. The victims are a man named John Liddy and his wife, who occupied a house in Flag Lane, off John-street. About half-past twelve o'clock this morning they were quarreling in the vicinity of Baal's Bridge, and the unfortunate woman, in a fit of frenzy divesting herself of her shawl, jumped into the river. The husband, evidently with the view of rescuing his wife, plunged into the water, with the result that in a few moments the two were beyond help. The occurrence was reported to the John street police, and Constables Clancy and Bell promptly visited the scene. The shawl which the unfortunate woman had worn was found on the bank of the river. The parties had been married for some years, and had three in family. He had been connected with the navy, and had only recently returned. The ill-fated couple were only about twenty-seven years of age.

APPROACHING FASHIONABLE WEDDINGS.

For the matrimonial early season in 1897 (the period preceding Lent), nearly 200 fashionable marriages have been arranged, the majority of which are likely to take place before the 3rd of March, when Lent commences. The list includes:—

- One Irish peer—the Earl of Kingston.
- Four sons of peers—Hon Francis Egerton (Earl of Ellesmere); Hon Arthur de Moleyns (Baron Ventry); Hon Francis Agar (the late Earl of Normanton); Hon Gilbert Johnstone (Baron Derwent), and Lord Charles Cavendish-Bentinck (half-brother of the Duke of Portland); and one foreign Viscount (Viscount Leon de Janze).
- Three baronets—Sir Ernest William Robinson Major Sir Henry Johnson, and Sir Gilbert King; and Mr Francis Hanson (son of Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart, M.P).
- One member of Parliament—Mr Coningsby Disraeli (Cheshire).
- Four daughters of peers—Lady Sybil McDonnell (the Earl of Antrim); the Hon Gertrude Piennes (Baron Saye and Sele); the Hon Margaret Trefusis (Baron Clinton); the Hon Margaret Brand (Viscount Hampden); and Lady Margaret Herbert of Styche (sister of the Earl of Powis); also Baroness Anna Elizabeth de Nyevette, and Millo Clara de Bassano (second daughter of the Marquis and Marquise de Bassaro).
- Two daughters of baronets—Miss Ethel (Sir Henry Wiggin); Miss M Joan Pryse

begin, the Court-house was crowded to its limit, the body of the building, as well as galleries, being fully occupied, and the various speeches were listened to with the greatest interest. Applause was continuous, and with the utmost enthusiasm and unanimity characterizing the proceedings from start to finish. One of the galleries was reserved for ladies, and amongst those present were—The Ladies Wyndham Quidley, Mrs Bannatyne, Mrs J Vanderkiste, Mrs Vanderkiste, Misses Doyle, &c.

The Earl of Dunraven entered the hall shortly after one, and with him on the bench were the Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, the Mayor, the City High Sheriff (Mr J P Gaffney), Colonel Hon Lionel Butler Massey (County High Sheriff), Mr F A O'Keefe, M.P., and Mr Thomas Louisa, M.P. It would be impossible to give anything like a full list of the general assemblage, amongst whom were:—Lord Fermoy, Lord Massy, Mr J B Hewson, Mr F Bannatyne, D.L.; Captain Verschoyle, Knight of Glin, Mr R Coplen-Langford, J.P., Mr Pater Griffin, C.C.; Mr Peter Fitzgerald, J.P., Mr M D Saunders, Very Rev Dr Shanahan, Major General Lloyd, The Ven Archdeacon Hamilton, Major Butler Creagh, Mr William Hunt, Sir David Roche, Bart; Mr J G Baillie, J.P.; Mr J O'G Delmas, D.L.; Mr P E Bourke, J.P.; Mr Ievers, J.P.; Mr J A Place, Mr Gaffney, solr; Mr Pegum, Mr R L Brown, Mr G L Sheehy, J.P.; Alderman Kenna, Mr Brophy, Mr J Guinane, J.P.; Dr O'Neill, Rev Hallinan, P.P., Mr C F Doyle, B.L., Rev J Hudson, Mr J F Power, Mr T D Clifford, J.P., Mr Gaffney, J.P., Mr F G M Kennedy, J.P., Mr J Frost, J.P., the Very Rev Fr Murphy (President of St Munchin's College); Mr A W Shaw, J.P., James Shine, J.P., Mr Grady F Conyers (Limerick), Mr Edward F Conyers, do., Mr Barrington, solr., Very Rev Fr Hanrahan, O.S.A., Mr William Spillane, J.P., D.L., Archibald Murray, Mr R Hanna, Howley, B.L., Mr T Mitchell, J.P., Mr J Dunne, solr., Mr Smith (Adare), Mr Fogarty, Mr John Daly, Mr George Taylor, J.P.; Mr J Spillane, Mr Ralph Nash, solicitor; Mr J Cleave, Mr Wm Leahy, solicitor; Mr Leon M Spain, T.C.; Mr Wm Nunan, P.L.G.; J. M'Inerney, Chairman Limerick Union; L H O'Brien, Adare; Mr Donagh O'Brien, George Fogarty, Mr T H Cleave, J.P.; Mr Counihan, solr.; Mr Jeremiah Anglim, T.C.; F Vaughan, Traffic Manager; Mr H Black solicitor; Mr E G Fitt, Mr S M'Carthy, Pigott, Chairman Rathkeale Board of Guardians; Mr George Ryan, C.E.; Mr Wm Holliday A Blood-Smyth, solicitor; Mr G Gloster, Hall, junior; Mr J Cosgrave, solicitor; Mr Clune, J.P.; Mr T D Atkinson, J.P.; Rev Mulcahy, P.P.; Mr W Lloyd, Alderman Rioran; Mr Fitzgerald, C.C.; Mr A C Laffan, J.P. Shanahan.

Mr Wm M Nolan and Mr R Fogarty, acted as secretaries to the meeting.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by the County High Sheriff, the Earl of Dunraven moved to the chair.

The Earl of Dunraven, who was received with loud applause, said the meeting had been convened in pursuance of a very largely and influential signed requisition to him that a meeting of the County and City of Limerick should be held to consider the report of the Royal Commission that inquired into the financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland. That requisition was very numerously signed, and very representatively signed, the names including the representative men, both in the city and county (hear, hear), and in the position which the Chairman had the honour to hold in connexion with the county and city, he felt it to be his duty to give the most prompt effect in his power to the important requisition that was before him (hear, hear, and applause). After some