

of the Land Acts Inquiry Campbell, Q.C., open the case, then proceeded to hear the side. Mr. Bodkin, Q.C., for consideration, spoke next, and on of his speech he was followed by Mr. Long, M.P., for the National J. Chanoy, M.P., for the Independent, and Dr. Todd, who appeared on behalf of the tenants. In dealing with "occupation," Mr. Bodkin was asked by the President the meaning of "occupation" as he was an Englishman, and what it conveyed. In reply Mr. Bodkin said that the tenant who had been for a long time in undisturbed possession of the land had a right of possession and working the land which was first a usage and was recognised by law to hold the land for the statutes, but the right to pay a lower rent than would be fairly coming tenant. "A lower rent than the present?" asked the President, to which Mr. Bodkin replied, "No; a lower rent to an incoming tenant." That, the President said, is the result of the law, and at a definition of the interest, Mr. Bodkin replied that he could not give a single definition the result of which the statute recognised. The President of the Commission was acquainted with much of the law of the Land Acts will be regarded as a guarantee of the impartiality of the Commission. As he approaches the Inquiry, the Commission put forward by Mr. Campbell was endorsed by Mr. Bodkin. He said that he was in accord with Mr. Campbell as to the absurdity of the system of valuation, though they were not a remedy. There was no question that the appeal on value by the Commission was an absolute farce, and his conclusion that the Head Commissioners regarded it as a farce. But there was no reason to complain than that the tenants, for the total increase rather than a decrease fixed by the Sub-Commissioners, was to abolish completely the question of value. On Dr. Todd's suggestion that Judge Bewley showed of the Court of Appeal in the fourth Court below, Mr. Bodkin he had said more strongly.

ALLEGED WIFE BEATING.—A woman named Bridget Williams, residing in Back Clare-street, was treated in Barrington's Hospital this morning for wounds about the face, head, and hands, which she alleged she sustained as the result of a severe beating from her husband. She was detained in the institution.

THE SHANNON HOTEL, CASTLECONNELL.—The following are now staying at the above hotel:—Mr G W Greenhill, Col. E H Morrison, Major Morgan, Mr G L Bland, Mr G J Bland, Mrs Bland, His Honor Judge Shand, Mrs Shand, Mr H Hodges. The departures include:—The Messrs. Lewis, the Misses Lewis, Mr J Neville, Mr P Neville.

THE DAIRY SHOW—MILKING COMPETITION.—The result of the analysis of the milking competition at the Dairy Show is published in our fourth page. The first prize and Moore's Challenge Cup were won by Mr J DeCourcay, Mount Catherine; the second prize by Mr Robert Gibson, Mulgrave street, and the third by Mr Richard Keays, Caherconlish.

THE BALLYUNION DROWNING ACCIDENT.—The body of the late Richard Dowling, who was drowned while bathing at Ballyunion on the 18th inst was recovered yesterday. The funeral, which takes place to-morrow at Abbeyfeale, is sure to be largely attended, as deceased was very well connected, and a popular young man in the neighbourhood.—*Con.*

ASSAULTING A POLICEMAN.—Joseph Hayes was brought up in custody at the Police Court this morning, before Mr Hickson, R.M., charged by Constable McDonnell, Thomond, with drunkenness, and with having assaulted the constable while under arrest. The accused was ordered to be imprisoned for a month, and further, in default of finding bail, was sentenced to an additional two months. There were a few cases of drunkenness also disposed of, the usual fines being imposed.

THE ALDERMANSHIP OF THE MARKET WARD.—The Mayor has fixed Wednesday, the 8th October, for the election of Alderman for the Market Ward, to fill the vacancy created through the resignation of Alderman Riordan, who has been elected to the position of Gas Manager. Next Monday will be the last day for receiving nominations. The only candidate up to the present is Mr Jeremiah Anglim, T.C., and it is not expected that there will be any opposition.

CYCLING UP THE "COBSCREW."—Both on Saturday and Sunday last, in presence of a large party of ladies and gentlemen, a Limerick cyclist climbed up this famous hill at Ballyvaughan with comparative ease. Amongst those who were present were—Mr Morris, M.P., Waterford, and Mrs Morris, Miss Browning, Mr and Mrs Woodhouse, Limerick; Miss Torpy, Cork; Miss Gorham, Clifden; Mr J. J. Cleary, junr., Lisdoonvarna; &c. The machine was a "Shannon" light roadster, fitted with the Appleby twin-roller chain and Plessis tyres.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—September 26th, 15th Sunday after Trinity.—Mattins, 11.30; Chants, Webbe in F, Woodward in D, Goss in D; Service, Barnby in E, Hymn, No. 476; Communion. Service, Barnby in E; Preacher, The Dean. Evensong.—Chants, Battisill in C, Foster in E; Service, Barnby in E; Anthem, "In that day," Is. 26 and 33, v 2 & 5, Elvey. Hymn, No. 579; Preacher, Rev W E Bewley, M.A. Weekday Services at 11 a.m. and

arrangements to be altered. Mr Wakely, solicitor, asked for liberty to file a statement on behalf of the Incorporated Law Society, and was allowed to do so. Mr Commissioner Fitzgerald was the first news, and his evidence occupied the day.

THE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.—The weekly meeting of the Ratepayers' Association was held on Thursday evening. Mr Long presided. There were also present—Mr D Lynch, J Corbett, T M'Grath, Thomas B P Cavanagh, D Cremins, P Boland, John O'neill, and P T Dunne, secretary.

A resolution was passed urging that the Corporation should only elect to the vacant place on the Gas Committee a member who is a consumer of gas, and who would thus have direct sympathy with the interest of the consumers.

The action of many members of the Corporation in absenting themselves from the Gas and Committee meetings was discussed, and the following resolution was passed:—"That we again call the attention of the burgesses to the irregular attendance of some members of the Corporation at the Council and Committee meetings, and we particularly direct the attention of the burgesses to the fact that the special meeting of the Council summoned to consider the proposed Municipal Bill, of so much importance to the city, could not be held owing to the non-attendance of a sufficient number of members to form a quorum of eighteen out of the forty members of the Council attending, notwithstanding that a notice was sent to every member requesting attendance. That the committee of the Ratepayers' Association, in view of the coming election having directed the secretary to obtain a return of the attendances of the retiring members of the Council, so as to ascertain their attendance at meetings of the Council and the discharge of their duties for which they were elected, and that the secretary has been obstructed in obtaining the information which should be open to the burgesses, we hereby require the Town Clerk to furnish the fullest information on these matters or on what grounds he refuses to do so."

In reference to this resolution, it was pointed out that there is a standing order of the Corporation giving the executive of the Ratepayers' Association access to all books and documents bearing on municipal matters, but notwithstanding that order, the committee have been prevented from obtaining the desired information, the attendances given by the retiring members.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE FUND OF THE ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY.—The Inspector-General (Sir Andrew K.C.B.) has recently received a cheque for a large amount voted to above fund from the proceeds of the R.I.C. Depot Cycling Club, held at Ball's Bridge on the 2nd ult. (Bank Holiday). In addition to devoting this large sum to the charitable objects of the fund, from which orphans and aged widows and daughter late members of the force are at present assisted, the club are also in a position to forward a substantial balance towards the fund of 1898. Sir Andrew Reid, during the past week, received for the same benevolent purpose through County Inspector Thomas Haughey a cheque for £30, being the sum voted to the Jubilee Fund from the profits of the R.I.C. Depot Cycling Club, held at Limerick. The county Inspector, when forwarding the cheque, stated that the committee had also voted an equal amount to charities in Limerick.

DEATH OF JUDGE WARREN.