

to remuneration paid by the Post not only the cause of great inconvenience to the public, but an intolerable one to the shareholders. The Chairman's report will be read with surprise. "We said," said the Chairman, "that were it the obligations imposed on us with the time of running trains for conveyance of the mails, a time-table should be published which would be more convenient to the public, reduce the train mileage, and save expenditure by obviating the necessity of night-work. Speaking generally, (he continued) may mention we receive about 8d per ton per mile, as against 1s 5d to the Midland and Great Northern Railway, 1s 10d to the Great Eastern and Western, 1s 10d to the Dublin and Great Northern, and 1s 11d to the Great Northern, taking an instance of the other side of the water, 3s 4d to the Highland Railway. This is only approximate and from a rough basis at our disposal. If we were paid on the same basis as some other railways we should feel confident, be in a position to pay a substantial dividend to our ordinary shareholders." These figures present a most striking contrast, even leaving out the un-recompensed Highland Railway. The Great Eastern and Limerick line and the Great Northern and Western cross one another's paths, and we find the payment to the latter is nearly three times that to the former. The public would like to be informed what action the Post Office authorities have taken towards the railway companies in regard to account for this marked and unequal difference of treatment, which cannot be accounted for by diversity of country, or any other striking dissimilarity between the districts served by each. We are surprised that the Chairman spoke strongly on this subject and announced that the directors should take some decided step should be taken to bring the Post Office into paying the line companies what they were justly entitled to. As to the question of a dividend to the ordinary shareholders, though the line has undoubtedly improved, the Chairman thought it would be better to declare a paltry dividend, and that it was better to wait till the financial position was fully established.

Meehan, dentist, has returned to town.

Edmund Irwin has left town for a fortnight.

and Mrs Heston-Armstrong and Mr W H

Christian Brothers' Schools have been re-opened for the session, and classes are being formed not only for next intermediate examinations but also for Civil Service and other pursuits. Along with the numerous successes which have been gained by the pupils in the intermediate examinations we observe that the Civil Service has not escaped attention, ten young men having gained appointments during recent years, and two more have captured clerkships even on the London County Council. Typewriting, shorthand, and book-keeping are amongst the subjects taught, as well as freehand, scale, geometrical and model drawing. It is unnecessary to mention that the religious instruction of the pupils is carefully attended to.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR JOHN HOLMES.

The funeral of the late Mr John Holmes, Athlunkard, whose death occurred on Wednesday last at the advanced age of 96 years, took place yesterday, the remains being interred in the family burying ground at Parteen. The deceased was an extensive agriculturist, and well known and greatly respected in the district in which he resided. He was father of Dr Holmes, the Crescent, and Mr Robert Holmes, F L G. The funeral was of large proportions, comprising many of the gentry of the county and leading citizens, and afforded ample proof of the wide-spread regard in which the deceased's family are held amongst all classes.

THE LAND COMMISSION AND THE LIMERICK MARKET TRUSTEES.

Notice has been received by the Town Clerk, directed to the Limerick Market Trustees by Mr W Alexander, solicitor for the Irish Land Commission, pointing out the Trustees have failed to comply with the requirements of the Land Commission, with respect to the accommodation for weighing cattle, and adding that if the defects complained of are not remedied within a prescribed period, the Land Commission will be obliged to enforce the final provisions of the acts, and compel the Trustees to comply with the requirements of the statute. The matter will come before the Trustees at their next meeting.

ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management was held yesterday in the Chamber of Commerce. Rev Dr Hallinan, P P, St Mary's, presided. There were also present—Rev Fr O'Donnell, St Michael's; Rev Fr Lee, St John's; Rev Fr O'Connor, Dr O'Shaughnessy, Mr James Quin, Mr Wm Lloyd, and Mr Thomas McSwiney, Secretary.

It was reported that the balance due to the bank was £500, and that there are 89 patients in the hospital of which 31 are free.

THE LATE MR W. SPILLANE, D.L.

The following letter was read:—

"27 George street, Limerick,

"August 14th, 1897.

"DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly convey my most sincere thanks to your board for the copy of the resolution passed by them, and the vote of sympathy with me in the loss of my dear husband. It is the greatest consolation to me in my affliction to feel that he was so much valued by the many boards of the city of which he was a member and that they have expressed such kind sentiments regarding his memory. Thanking you also for your personal sympathy.

and specification (with the exception in the detailed reports), and an engineer has reported that the design pointed out in February last has proved good. There is one cottage in the electoral division, on Lord Clonagh which is still unauthorised, but there will be no difficulty in written consent from the owners of the holding on which it has been erected.

The matter referred to in the report was referred to the solicitor, Mr H. J. O'Connell.

The Local Government Board has recommended the Board to issue to the Guardians the following instalments of the loans under the Act:—Abingdon, £20; Ballycummin, £40; Ballyvarra, £45; Cratloe, £30; Doon West, £10; Suburb, £100; Mount Ievers, £55;—total, £400.

The Board also requested the Guardians to consider whether the erection of the six cottages in the following divisions:—Ballyvarra (1), Mount Ievers (3), Patrickstown (1), and Killokenedy (1), it was pointed out that the sum of the first instalments, must be paid in case of each of the electoral divisions more and Killokenedy, where the erection of cottages has been authorized have been abandoned.

Mr James Coffey, solicitor, advised the Board that the cottage in the Patrickstown division at Ballyvilligne, and he stated that the Board should not proceed with the erection of the cottage should not be proceeded with as another cottage is available.

Mr Dundon, the guardian of the district, he could not decide on the matter, and he was requested to report on the matter at the next meeting.

The question as regards the cottage in the other division was referred to the guardians of the district.

Tenders were received from various contractors for the erection of cottages under the Act. The total number to be erected in the district is 12. The consideration of the tenders was postponed to the Board meeting on Wednesday next at the Board meeting.

Mr McInerney thought an agreement should be made to have the cottages completed by the end of the winter, and he suggested that a clause should be inserted in the agreements imposing a penalty of £10 per week upon every contractor who does not complete a cottage within a specified period.

Mr Guinane explained that the Board should take protection against delay provided for in the Act.

Mr McInerney said that was a matter which should be decided by the Board, and that the erection of the cottages could not be delayed.

A resolution as suggested by Mr Guinane was adopted, and recommended to the Board.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE WITH MR O'MALLEY.

Mr McInerney referred to the death of Mr O'Malley in the district, sustained by Mr O'Malley in the district. He was sure the entire Board would sympathize with Mr O'Malley, who was a most upright officer. He begged to express his sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

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The resolution was unanimously adopted on the proposition of Mr McInerney, and adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr O'Malley.