

ROYAL VISIT TO THE SHANNON.

The Grand Canal Company are granting special facilities for yachts to visit the Shannon for the 1st-September during the Royal visit. Steam Launches will be allowed through the Canal free, and for craft requiring haulage special terms are being granted.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO KILLARNEY.

At a largely attended town's meeting at Killarney yesterday, the parish priest presiding, it was unanimously decided to decorate and illuminate the town upon the occasion of the Duke and Duchess of York's visit. A public subscription was opened for the purpose. The Town Commissioners approved a draft form of address to their Royal Highnesses.

THE MAILS.

The English mails were late to-day, and it was past two before the delivery took place. Such a state of things is most awkward to the business community, not to speak of the dislocation caused in the postal arrangements of Clare and Kerry.

THE GAS MANAGERSHIP.

A committee of the whole House of the Corporation met yesterday in the Town Hall to consider and adopt a case for counsel to advise the Corporation as to whether they or the Gas Committee have the power of electing a gas manager. Alderman Kenna, J. P., presided, and the other members present were—Alderman Ryan, Messrs W O'Connell, T.C.; D Nelson, T.C.; M Donnelly, T.C.; Michael McDonnell, T.C.; R Nash, solicitor, T.C. Mr W M Nolan, Town Clerk; Mr John Dundon, Law Agent; and Mr Alfred B Baker, Secretary Gas Committee were in attendance. The Law Agent read a draft of the case for counsel as prepared by him; and also a letter from Mr J S Gaffney, T.C., solicitor, giving the opinion of Alderman Hall, J P., and himself in reference thereto. After some discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"Resolved—That having read the draft case prepared by Mr Dundon in reference to the appointment of Gas Manager, and Mr Gaffney's letter to him of the 12th August, that we instruct the Law Agent to embody in the case the suggestions made in Mr Gaffney's letter on behalf of Alderman Hall and himself, and that when so embodied, same be forthwith placed in the hands of counsel, viz—the Attorney-General, and Solicitor-General for Ireland, separately, and apart from each other." It is understood that the Gas Committee are also taking the opinion of counsel on their own behalf.

CAVALRY RETURN TO LIMERICK.

The cavalry quarters at the New Barracks, which have been vacant since the 14th Hussars left a few months ago, are about to be re-occupied by a detachment of the 8th (Royal Irish) Hussars having arrived to-day. Viscount-Capt. Garnock (in the absence of Major Duff) was in command, with Lieutenants Lambert and O'Brien. They left the Curragh on Wednesday, and travelled via Maryborough, Roscrea, and N-nagh, which they left this morning and reached Limerick at mid-day. The Quartermaster Sergeant is Sergeant-Major Whittle, and Sergeant-Stritch is in charge of the troop. The present lot after the review on

ELIC SPORTS.

The annual Gaelic Sports will be held on Sunday, 22nd instant, in the Market Field, and promise to be a great success, judging by the number of entries that have been already received, and it goes without saying that very many others will have been sent in before the closing day, Wednesday 18th. An excellent programme will be submitted, and will include the five miles championship between O'Neill, Adams, and Phibbs, Cork. The cycling events will, as usual, be a most attractive feature of the day, and we learn that several crack riders will figure on the track. Nothing is being left undone by the executive to make the meeting thoroughly enjoyable and successful from every point of view, and given fine weather this result is assured.

LIMERICK RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Committee of the Ratepayers' Association was held in the Town Hall on Thurs-

THE DEATH OF A FEVER PATIENT IN BATHKEALE WORKHOUSE.

SWORN INQUIRY.

On Thursday Mr Edmund Bourke, Local Government Board Inspector, held a sworn inquiry at the Rathkeale Workhouse, into the circumstances of the escape from the fever hospital, and death, of a patient named Denis Windle, which took place about a month ago. In connection with the occurrence, law proceedings have been instituted against the guardians at the instance of the deceased's father.

At the opening of the inquiry, the Inspector informed Mr McDonnell, solicitor, who was in attendance, that in view of the fact that he had served notice of law proceedings against the guardians he could not allow him to question the witnesses.

Mr McDonnell desired to know if notice of the inquiry had been served on the deceased boy's father.

The Inspector—No. The inquiry is not with reference to the man himself. It is purely in connection with the workhouse management.

Hanora Conway, assistant nurse in the fever hospital, was then examined. She stated that on the night in question the deceased got very cross at intervals, and eventually he got out of bed; she tried to keep him in the ward, but he knocked her down and got away; he eventually went into the next room, but when she went to look for him there she could not find him; she then called Mrs Hanly, and he was found in the yard.

In reply to the Inspector, witness stated that she did not tell the Master that the deceased boy had jumped out of the window, nor did she make such a statement to the nurse.

Dr Hayes—The Master will tell you that she did state so.

The witness positively denied having made such a statement to anyone.

Mrs Hanly, night nurse in the general hospital, gave evidence of having been called on the night in question and informed by the last witness that Windle had escaped from the fever hospital; she heard a man's voice, but could not tell from whence it proceeded; the boy may have gone downstairs while they were searching in the wards; one of the windows on the ground floor was open, and the boy may have got into the yard by going through it.

Mrs Kate Sheahan, assistant nurse in the fever hospital, stated that on the night in question she was awoken by the screams of Hanora Conway, who was shouting that the boy Windle had killed her, and that he had escaped; she (witness) dressed herself, and with the others proceeded to search for the boy in the wards and rooms; they did not find him, but when they were returning a woman screamed out that the boy was in the yard and that he had got through the window; the woman alluded to the window above her.

The Master, Mr Hassett, was then examined. He stated that about half-past one on the morning in question he was called by Mrs Hanly and Mrs Wall, the lunatic keeper; they told him that a man had got through the window of the fever hospital; at this time the boy was in bed in the fever ward; witness examined the window and the place where he probably would have fallen, but failed to discover any signs that would indicate that a person had fallen from the window.

Mrs Hanly was called by the Inspector, who pointed out the discrepancy between her testimony and that of the Master; he asked her had she any idea of how the man got out, and she said "no." Mrs Hanly now admitted that when she reported the occurrence to the Master she thought he might have got through the window in the fever ward.

Dr Hayes, Medical Officer of the Workhouse, was then examined. He considered that the staff of nurses in the fever hospital was sufficient on the occasion; the nuns acted as nurses, and one of them was there at ten o'clock to carry out his instructions; it was his own belief that the girl Conway was asleep when the boy escaped, and he did not believe that she was thrown down stairs, as there was not a mark on her; when he examined the window in the fever ward he at once saw that it would be impossible for the boy to have got through it.

In reply to the Inspector, Dr Hayes said he had not been asked to give his opinion as to whether these assistant nurses were competent persons; he would not do so unless asked by the guardians or Local Government Board; he did not want to be offensive towards the nuns by giving his opinion without being asked about persons whom they selected; he considered that

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

PURCHASE OF THE LISMORE LINE.

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT) Dublin, Saturday Evening.

To-day the one hundred and seventh half-yearly general meeting of the proprietors of the Great Southern and Western Railway was held at the Offices, Kingsbridge Terminus. Mr Joshua J Pim, Chairman, presided.

The Secretary submitted the report for the past half-year, which showed a profit of £169,112 and recommended a dividend of 5½ per cent on the Ordinary Stock.

The Chairman in moving the adoption of the report said

THE MILK TRAFFIC

had increased to Kingsbridge by 37,063 gallons, but there was a falling off of 80,600 gallons to Limerick, and 24,910 to Mallow, owing to creameries being opened at other stations.

FIG TRAFFIC.

There was a large increase in the number of pigs, due to the enhanced price given for them, while the dispute between the bacon curers of Waterford and Limerick and the buyers, which originated last year, caused largely increased numbers of pigs to be sent to England from Dublin and Cork.

THE LISMORE LINE.

Since their report went to the printer they had all seen in the public Press that Mr Hanbury, Secretary to the Treasury, had accepted the tender of the Great Western and the Great Southern and Western Railways for the purchase of the Waterford and Dungarvan line (hear, hear). It would, of course, take some time before details could be arranged, but when they were completed they would have all the particulars laid before them at the Wharcliffe meeting. It was the intention of the Companies to develop a traffic between the system of the Great Western and the South of Ireland via Waterford and Milford, and he expected it would be a great source of income, not only to both Companies, but to the South of Ireland (hear, hear).

Mr Robertson seconded the motion. Mr R B Williams, Mallow, having expressed regret at the death of Mr Colville, said that most of the shareholders would agree that the report was on the whole a most satisfactory one. In goods, minerals, and live stock, there was an increase of £7,672, which showed that Mr Croker, the Goods Manager of this Company, was the right man in the right place.

Sir John Harley Scott said the country had awaited with great anxiety to hear a pronouncement with regard to the recent arrangement by which that company entered into an agreement with the Great Western of England to purchase the Lismore and Dungarvan Railway. He believed the public would agree with the shareholders that the very best had been done for the South of Ireland (hear, hear). It was far better that the line should have fallen into the hands of a wealthy company like the Great Southern and Western than that it should be dependent upon a company whose resources they were not aware of. The result of the purchase would be the opening up of the great county of Wexford. At the request of several people in Cork and residents of Clibyne and Ballycotton he had promised to ask the Chairman of the Company if it passed the Privy Council to construct a railway from the Middleton Station to Ballycotton. The projected line would prove a valuable feeder to the Great Southern.

Mr Nicholas Synott was anxious to know whether it was the intention of the directors to make any through communication between Waterford and Wexford, or whether they intended to carry on the cross-Channel traffic as now between Waterford and Milford.

Mr Olgive said that in the South they felt that, owing to the purchase by that company of the Dungarvan and Lismore line, trade between the South of Ireland generally and the Waterford Coast would be opened up. There had been several schemes with regard to Middleton and Ballycotton, and he did not think they opened

MIDLAND GREAT

At the half-yearly Railway Company, h man, in reviewing the year, said that the amount to about a decrease taking place. On the other hand, increase of £2,620. with the Board of W proposed to be from Achill Sound a distance of to connect with a Reference was made tion at Kingstown for the Midland ay that he believed the make the Midland of the requisite faciliti of 4 per cent. was d of the company. M a resolution authori £1,000 in obtaining the "suitability of atlantic packet stati resolution out of orc such a proposal sh with the provisions

OBSEQUIES

The dead body of Castillo lay at his skirts of the city. five o'clock last even to view the remains. Within those hours all classes of the bier, which is placed is almost invisible wreaths. As the gr its unceasing stea most impressive sta acutely painful, as o by the coffin wr emotion. The cot Angrolillo meets judges appointed to decided there is no tion to this course, think will prove so been disposed to ass ever, that this will from proceeding beyond question th chief considerations procedure. Angrol anxious to end the s

The obsequies of Castillo which took mposing description private mansion of 4.30 this afternoon, magnificent vehicle. of San Isidro, which tant from the reside formed up behind whole force solemn on reaching the ou the hearse walked. deceased statesman Presidents of two the Archbishop the representatives The pall bearers we Sagasta, Field Mars Golden Fleeces, a D History, of which S an Admiral and a two Houses of th mourners were rang of political, literar together with a bod every parish in Mad procession included, and the concourse forms was one rare these deputations. military contingent portions nothing les spectators, crowding to its utmost capac mausoleum, cannot several hundreds of passed through the a track, carpeted th leaves, frequent dei emotion were made.