J F Good, of Cherry Park, Whitehouse, Newcastle, is expected to arrive at Holly Hill, where he will spend months. The servants, carriages, and already arrived.

SANITATION—On Thursday evening a held by Mr H B Harris, J P, Major Jameson, M P for West the Gort Liska Hotel and him a numerously signed memorial Local Government Board to carry out works and drainage schemes at Ballinch.

SALE OF A CLARE ESTATE—Negotiations in progress between Mrs Brodie, Mr their tenants in the Spanidhill and tricts, for the purchase by the latter of rings under the Land Acts. The terms are purchase on the judicial rents with allowances. Messrs Rotrell and Sons solicitors for the landlords.

ACCIDENT TO A CHILD—This evening, O'Neill, aged eight months, was brought Croton's Hospital for treatment of wounds a fall into a quarry. It was found child was suffering from concussion of to which it succumbed in about an admission. It appears that the child, parents reside in Boherbuoy, was given in a grown-up girl, who, when walking carry, accidentally let the child fall from

GOOD AND DRUGS ACT—At Newcastle City Sessions Acting, Sergeant O'Brien and Mrs Liston, shopkeeper, Ardagh, for coffee contrary to the statute. On 14th visited her shop, asked for a ½lb of coffee handed a tin which, on analysis by Sir C proved to be adulterated with 75 per chicory. In answer to Mr Hogan he , from where he was in the shop, see the chicory and coffee" on the canister. me looked very close he could not see the chicory" on the dark blue label. A fine and 4s 5d costs was imposed.

ST'S CATHEDRAL.—17th Sunday after Harvest Thanksgiving Services; Early ion, 8 a m; Morning Prayer, 10.30 a m; Monk in A; Special Psalms, 65 and 67, rd in D; Service, Garrett in D; Hymn, Ante-Communion Service, Garrett in D; , Rev T F Abbott, B D, V C. Evening 3.30 p m; Processional Hymn, No 429; Psalm, 147, Aldrich in G; Service, Stainer athem, "Great is the Lord," Psalm 114, and 15 to 17 (Sydenham); Preacher, v the Dean, D D; Hymn after Sermon, Offertories in aid of the funds of the Protestant Orphan Society. Fruit, and vegetables for the hospitals. Early ion of the Holy Communion on the first of the month at 8.0 a m. Litany on day and Friday.

METHODIST CHURCH.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY.

ial and musical meeting was held in con with the above Society on Thursday n George street Methodist Church The object was twofold. To the newly arrived Wesleyan , and to introduce them to their comrades members of the Endeavour Society, and say good-bye to Miss Meta Christy, the of the Church choir, who is going to or a time with her brother, Dr Christy, ion. A generous friend provided tea and which were distributed to a goodly company p m. After a hymn was sung and prayer the Chairman, Rev J G Green, made a marks, in which he expressed a hearty e to the military brethren and friends, who esent, and hoped on a future occasion them would be able to come and enjoy a our with them. The musical programme ried and well arranged, and every item to be greatly enjoyed by the audience. orte solos were given by Miss Alton and Sproule; Readings by Mr Lauder and Mr Solos were sung by Master Humphries, Dodgson, Mrs Martin, Miss Meta Christy, W Trousdell, whose fine voice was heard at advantage. Mr J Boyd played the animents. Mr G F Hare's violin solo harmed all present. A pleasing incident e presentation by Rev William Mears, on of a few friends, to Miss Meta Christy of a ful dressing case. In doing so Mr Mears d to her great readiness to help in the gatherings, and the excellent taste shown selections and rendering of the pieces The Chairman also expressed their ion to Miss Christy for her efficient service Choir of the Church and as a Missionary tor. Mr Christy briefly replied on behalf daughter. The audience after manifesting hearty thanks to all the friends who had part, on the motion of the Chairman, in singing the National Anthem, and a nt meeting was closed with the Benediction.

THE TAILORS' STRIKE.

learn that the negotiations for a settlement tailors' strike have ended unsatisfactorily. atters stand at present there appears to be ope of an immediate termination to the te. Last night a further conference was at Cruise's Hotel, at which the Mayor, Mr nane, Mr M'Carron, Derry, Mr Hollings, hester and the merchants, attended. The edings lasted for a considerable time. in proposals, it is stated, were on behalf of the tailors, modi their previous demands, and which s expected, would meet the views of the hants. On behalf of the merchants a revised of wages was submitted for the acceptance e men, but the conditions were regarded as y no improvement on their former terms, consequently the proposal was not pted. Mr McCarron and Mr Hollings spoke me length, urging that fair consideration

ARTILLERY RACE AT THE NEW BARRACKS.

Last night the staff sergeants and sergeants of the 9th Field Battery Royal Artillery concluded their celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the Battle of Tel-el-Kebir by a ball, which was held in the Gymnasium, New Barracks. Yesterday the Battery held sports at the King's Island in honour of the occasion, which were a great success. Numerous invitations to the dance had been sent out, with the generosity which always characterises the military, and a very large assembly of civilian friends shared the evening's enjoyment. The company also included the officers and non-commissioned officers of the Cheshire Regiment, and 17th Lancers. The Gymnasium, which makes an ideal ball room, was decorated with flags and bunting, while mottoes recalling memories of the great battle, in which the gallant corps took so honoured and conspicuous a part, were interspersed here and there. The entire surroundings were brilliant, the varied coloured uniforms of the military and the handsome dresses of the fair sex forming an animated and picturesque scene. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock and was kept up until the usual hours this morning. The supper tents adjoined the gymnasium, and were got up on an elaborate scale. The catering was in the hands of Mr R M'Mahon, and was done in his usual excellent style. The entire arrangements were carried out in the most perfect manner, and reflect the utmost credit on those responsible. Sergeant-Major Davis, President of the Committee, and Quartermaster-Sergeant Webb, Secretary, must be congratulated on the unqualified success of the celebration.

L Y M A GYMNASTIC CLASS.

The eleventh annual general meeting of this Class was held in the rooms, 97 George street, on Thursday evening.

Mr Jackson Harris, President of the Class, occupied the chair and there was a large attendance of members and friends.

The Secretary read several letters of apology for non-attendance.

The next business was the consideration of the annual report which dealt fully with the work done by the Class during the session '97-8, which was the largest working session in the annals of the Class. The financial statement read by Mr A J Creswell, Hon Treasurer, showed the very satisfactory result of a cash balance to the credit of the Class on the session's working.

The Rev W E Bentley proposed the adoption of the report and financial statement and congratulated the Class and its officers on the very high state of efficiency to which they have brought it and expressed the hope that the coming session would be even still more successful.

Mr W F Pike seconded the adoption of the reports, which having been spoken to by several other members present, were passed.

The next business was the election of president, and Mr E G Fitt proposed the re-election of Mr Harris who so very worthily filled the onerous office during the last season.

Mr A B Hamilton seconded this, which was passed unanimously, and Mr Harris suitably replied.

Mr A B Hamilton proposed, and Rev T F Abbott seconded, and it was agreed to that Messrs E G Fitt, W L Stokes, J P; Rev F R Carr, G Belshaw, W F Pike, A J Eakins and C Downey, be re-elected vice presidents.

Mr A J Eakins proposed, and Mr C Downey seconded the re-election of Messrs Sandy Jordan and Tom Myles as hon secs. Passed.

Mr Jordan proposed, and Mr E J Creswell, retiring hon treasurer, seconded the election of Mr Edwin Bell as hon treasurer, which was passed.

A hearty vote of congratulation to Mr A B Hamilton on his promotion, was proposed by Mr A J Eakins and passed with acclamation, and though sorry to lose such an old and valuable member of the class they could but rejoice at his well deserved advancement.

The committee elected were Messrs E M Ryan, W X Cromer, S K Rycroft, E J Creswell, J Healy, W Griffiths and F Parker.

The President announced that the usual medals would be offered for most improvement and best attendance. Also that a competition amongst the members would be held at the close of the season for which four gold medals would be given. The season opens on Tuesday, 4th October, and it is hoped there will be a very large attendance of members on that night.

PRESENTATION TO CANON STANISTREET.

A Killaloe correspondent writes—The Rev Canon and Mrs Stanistreet have been the recipients of some very handsome and valuable drawing room furniture presented to them by the parishioners of Killaloe on the occasion of their marriage which took place in Belfast last month. Mrs Stanistreet (Miss Jean Aileen Chapman) is a daughter of Mr H O Chapman, Lynn Lodge, Belfast. The spontaneous manner in which all the parishioners contributed towards the souvenir of the happy occasion testifies to the deservedly high esteem in which the Rev gentleman is held by his flock. Mr and Mrs Stanistreet have just returned from their honeymoon and settled down in the beautiful rectory, and very sincere are the wishes of all the parishioners that they may enjoy long life and happiness.

ACCIDENT TO THE SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

Yesterday, while Mr Dunbar P Barton, Q C, M P, Solicitor-General for Ireland, was riding down Capel street, Dublin, a farmer's cart suddenly turned into that thoroughfare from Abbey street, and, colliding with the Solicitor-General's horse, the learned gentleman was thrown from his saddle, but, fortunately, escaped serious injury.

MAJOR-GENERAL FRYER.

Major-General Fryer, C B, resigned the command of the Cork District yesterday, to be succeeded by Major-General M'Calmont. There was a grand review of the troops of Cork and Ballincollig garrisons held in Cork Park. After a grand march past Major-General Fryer delivered a brief address, and expressed his regret at severing his connection with the district. He thanked the officers for their cordial co-operation with him during the time he held the office.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT DENVIR CITIZEN.

The *Denvir Sunday Post* of September 4th announces the death of a prominent citizen, County Commissioner Arthur C Harris, which has been heard of with great sorrow in a wide district of country. "Commissioner Harris" says the *Post*, "made an enviable record as a man and a county officer. He was fearless, intelligent, and faithful. While differing in many things with the other members of the board of Commissioners, all of them respected his character, and gave his opinions weight." The late Mr Harris, who was brother of a highly esteemed Clare gentleman, Mr H B Harris, J P, was 62 years of age, and from an early age his life has been spent in America. His business career has been a most successful and varied one. Between 1871 and 1880 he was in commercial life at Golden, Trinidad and Alamosa, and was Mayor of the latter place in 1876. He came to Denvir in 1880, and was actively engaged in business up to 1892. Mr Harris took a very intelligent interest in public affairs, and in 1893 was appointed a member of the Board of Public Works, where he showed remarkable aptitude and grasp in all matters relating to the well-being of the community. He was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe county in 1896, and we read, "The most remarkable feature of Mr Harris was untiring energy in fully informing himself on the business matters that came before him." He also held other public offices, and, says our Denvir contemporary, "He was fearless in his positions concerning public matters, and would fight against the heaviest odds it it was found necessary to do so." We need hardly say that his brother, Mr H B Harris, possesses the same excellent qualities.

SALES UNDER THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS.

The sale by Captain Clancy of his Ballygullen property, near Kilmeedy, in this county, has been concluded. The case of one of the farms is rather interesting. A tenant named Michael Guiry held 53 acres, the valuation being £67 10s, and the rent £118. In 1895 he owed two years rent, including the hanging gale, and proceedings being taken against him the farm was put up for sale in Limerick, and bought in by the landlord for £126. Subsequently the tenant was evicted, and the farm remained derelict for two years. In April last negociations were opened, which ultimately concluded by fixing the rent at £83, and the place was bought under the Land Purchase Act at 17 years' purchase. The rent now is £56. The other tenants are Mr S O'Regan, 40 acres, old rent £103, judicial £63, present purchase rent £42; T Regan, a farm the same extent and same terms; Wm Cahill, 53 acres, old rent £120, bought at £90, present rent £61 Jeremiah Sullivan, judicial rent £44, purchase rent £27; Mrs Gilburn, judicial rent £80, present rent £53.

THE SHANNON POWER SYNDICATE AGAIN TO THE FRONT.

INTERVIEW WITH MR FULLER.

Very little has been heard for some time past of the Shannon Development Scheme. The Fishery Conservators being strongly of opinion that the proposed works would mean serious injuries to the fisheries, have offered to them strenuous opposition, and with a view to ascertaining definitely how their interests may be affected, have again and again asked for detailed plans of the undertaking. These have not been forthcoming, though from board meeting to board meeting they were looked for, but in vain. A tracing from the ordnance sheet is all that has been furnished them, but as there is now no doubt that a number of "elaborate plans" are in existence, the probability is that the required information will be furnished to the conservators without delay. At all events the general subject has been so much in the background for some months past that the public had more or less begun to lose sight of it, but the interest in it is now revived by an interview which a representative of the *Daily Express* has just had in Dublin with Mr H J Fuller, C E, the engineer of the syndicate. The interview is a very lengthened one, in which Mr Fuller largely travels over old ground, but at the same time introduces some new features, which are of importance. We regret that pressure on our space prevents our re-producing the interview to any great extent.

In answer to the Press representative, Mr Fuller stated that the syndicate had been practically formed by himself. The directors are Lord Lurgan, Colonel Sir Gerald Dease, D L, Mr Vere Ward Brown, Sir Henry Grattan Bellew, Bart, and Mr Richard W Booth; while the shareholders include many of the most representative people in the country. Mr Fuller then entered into the details of the scheme, the basis of the works being, as already well known, Doonass, where it is proposed to cut a power canal parallel with the river, the intake being at a point above Doonass rapids. This canal will discharge into the generating station, which will be situated near Landscape House, whence the utilised water returns to the river below the rapids. The power which the syndicate proposes to generate is 10,000 electrical horse power, which will be transmitted to the company's factory sites, these being "located in a very favourable position for manufacturers, on the banks of the Grand Canal, about a mile from the city of Limerick." The power house will, said Mr Fuller, be the largest thing of its kind in the United Kingdom; and he then produced "a number of elaborate plans, which, by request, he proceeded to describe in as non-technical a fashion as possible." Mr Fuller then explained the engineering details of the power station, pointing out, from the elaborate and costly character of the machinery, that the company have not hesitated to spend their money "in order to avoid as far as possible any diminution of the volume of the river." Coming, then, to the effect of the works on the fisheries, the interviewer observes:—

"I understand the people interested in the fishing of the Shannon are apprehensive that the projected works will interfere with their interests?"

"Yes," said Mr Fuller; "a good many people down there have been found to think such foolish things. But I think it ought to be clear to the ordinary intelligence that the only fisheries which could be affected are those which lie between the intake and the outlet of my company's power canal; and I don't suppose I could give you a better proof our belief that these fisheries will not be prejudicially affected than to tell you that we have purchased the most valuable of the whole of them—namely, Doonass Fishery, in connection with which a proposition will shortly be laid before the public, from which I think both they and the most ardent fishermen will gather that the conditions of sport on the Shannon are about to be very much improved."

Then the subject turns on the city of Limerick.

"Your project is likely to benefit especially the city of Limerick, then, or is it the intention to create a manufacturing centre at Doonass?

"That would altogether depend, as Sir Robert Kane wrote 50 years ago, on whether the city of Limerick chose to avail itself of the key which will be placed in its hand. Already the Corporation of that city has received several offers of the introduction of electric tramways which have been rendered financially possible there, simply owing to the fact that wide awake men know what cheap power can do for them. As to whether an industrial community will spring up near Castleconnell or Doonass, I have only to say that, apart from the fact that experience shows that industry follows power, we are prepared to offer every facility to such development. We have, as I told you, excellent sites for factories which we shall let at a moderate rental. We will supply these sites with unlimited power at reasonable rates, giving each manufacturer current of the potential most suited to his particular operations."

THE PROPOSED ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

The Shannon company are not promoting the scheme of Electric Tramways in Limerick, but Mr Fuller is engineer to another company called the Limerick Electric Tramway Co., which has just made successful application to the Corporation for the laying down of a very comprehensive system of lines in that city." Mr Fuller states that all other competitors have withdrawn. The details of the scheme remain to be settled, but he added "We do not anticipate that there will be any difficulty in arranging all the points with the Committee to which the Corporation leaves the matter." As to the success of the tramway he observed that several people had approached him with a view to being allowed to find the whole of the money necessary to build the lines.

Reverting to the Shannon Power Company, Mr Fuller stated that a Company will be floated with sufficient capital to carry out the work and the various other enterprises associated with it, amongst them "is the acquisition of some 20,000 tons of coal at present lying idle in Ireland, and another is the acquisition and development of a huge store of iron which has been admitted over and over again to be equal to any in the Three Kingdoms. These will be part and parcel of the business of the Shannon Power Company."

"Are these conveniently situated?"

"Yes; higher up the river, whence we can have water carriage down to the sites of our factories—or rather not 'our factories,' but those factories whose establishment we hope to make possible."

THE FISHERY INTERESTS.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CASE.

Having regard to the interest attached to the interview, the leading points of which are summarised above, we have to-day made inquiries from gentlemen of authority and long experience in all matters relating to the Shannon fisheries. We learn that the opposition of the fisheries to the Shannon Development Scheme is a very real opposition as time will tell. Those interested have, as a matter of fact, already taken definite steps to oppose the scheme, and as recently as last week had an engineer and a fishery expert, both of the greatest eminence and experience, down to inspect the site of the power station. The statement is altogether controverted that the only fisheries that could be affected are those which lie between the intake and outlet of the power channel, and it is emphatically asserted that the scheme would have a very injurious effect on the fisheries and hatcheries on a very considerable portion of the Shannon. Comparison had been made by Mr Fuller as regards Niagara and the Shannon, but we were pointed out the fact that in two very important essentials, the Shannon differs from Niagara, one being that the Shannon has not got the fall, and the other that the volume of water necessary for such a huge scheme is not to be had here. The fishery interests, so far as we are in a position to judge, view the project with no ordinary alarm, and it would be idle to deny that the opposition to it will be vigorous and persistent as it has been from the start. We had the complaint repeated as to the detailed plans not having been forwarded to the Conservators but as we touched on this point at the outset there is no necessity for elaborating it any further, more than to observe that no doubt the company will see it to be their interest to forward them without delay.

ACCIDENT TO LORD FERMOY.

We regret to learn that while riding at a cub hunt at Rockbarton yesterday morning, Lord Fermoy was struck on the forehead by an overhanging branch of a tree in one of the plantations and badly cut. His lordship returned quickly to Rockbarton House, and a groom was sent to Bruff for Dr Reardon, who was very soon in attendance, while Dr McNamara was wired for from Kilmallock. Both doctors were with his lordship during the day and several stitches were put in the forehead. We are glad to be able to say that there is no serious injury to the head, and that his lordship is doing well under the circumstances.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT ON THE ENNIS LINE.

TWO BOYS RUN DOWN BY A TRAIN.

DEATH OF ONE OF THE VICTIMS.

A very tragic occurrence resulting in one death, took place on the Ennis line yesterday morning about half-past ten o'clock. Two young fellows named John and Joseph Smith of Mungret Street had unfortunately for themselves been playing truant from school, and went for a walk in the direction of Singland. They got on to the railway track at the canal and apparently walked on to Singland bridge. Here their attention, it is supposed was attracted to a horse which had shied on the thoroughfare below, when the train came on them unawares with the result that the poor boys, who may have attempted to cross the line, were knocked down either by the engine or one of the carriages. Joseph Smith, aged 13, was terribly injured, having sustained a compound fracture of the skull, and his right foot terribly lacerated. The other boy, who is two years his senior, also received shocking injuries. They were found by some people of the locality, who had Father Carroll (St Patrick's) and Dr Holmes immediately on the scene. Dr Holmes did everything possible for the boys, bandaged their wounds, and had them conveyed to Barrington's Hospital, where Joseph Smith succumbed to his injuries at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. The other boy is progressing favourably. The full details of the tragic occurrence, so far as they can be ascertained, will be found in the report of the inquest. Neither the driver, stoker, nor guard of the train heard anything to indicate that an accident had occurred. The usual lookout was kept, and the engine whistled, as is the custom, at a certain point of the line above Singland. No cries were heard, and the officials were in ignorance of the sad affair until they were informed by telegraph at some stations further on.

THE INQUEST.

To-day, at Mr Synan's publichouse, Mungret st, an inquest was held by Mr Coroner DeCourcy into the circumstances of the death of the young lad, Joseph Smith, of Mungret street, who died at Barrington's Hospital yesterday, as the result of injuries received from a passing train at Singland Bridge on yesterday.

The following jury was empannelled— John Nash, foreman; Cornelius Quilligan, Owen McCarthy, John Downey, Anthony J Monelly, Patrick Carey, William Merritt, Patrick Bourke, Michael Campbell, Patrick McInerney, Thomas Hannon, John Hickey.

Mr Hetreed, D I, with Head Constable Fitzgerald, conducted the inquiry.

Mr Sullivan, solicitor, represented the railway company.

The next of kin of deceased were not represented.

Richard Smith, carpenter, gave evidence of identification of the remains which were those of his son Joseph, aged thirteen years; he last saw him alive at half-past eight yesterday morning; the boy got his books and left for school; witness was uncle to the other boy John Smith, who was hurt on the same occasion; his boy went to St John's school and the other boy went to another school.

William Taylor stated that he was working in a field yesterday morning about half a mile from the bridge at Singland when the train passed at half past ten; he was working at the Limerick side of the bridge; he heard the train whistle above Singland gates and down in the hollow.

James Howlett stated he was working at the telegraph post on the railway yesterday morning; he was about half a mile from the bridge; he heard the train whistle, but did not hear it whistle afterwards; the train was going at the ordinary rate.

Mrs Rahilly was examined and stated she lived in one of a row of houses near the bridge; she did not see nor hear the train pass, but a child named Lalor living next door, called her and said there was somebody injured on the track; she ran up quickly and saw one boy on the middle of the track and another on the side; one was unconscious; the other little fellow was able to cry out, and said "Oh ma'am come to me"; the deceased boy was on the Ennis side near the end of the bridge, his head resting on the boards in the in the middle of the track; the other boy was near the rail at the end of the bridge; they were very near each other, the rail only dividing them; there was no right of way or passage across the rail at this point.

A Juror—Did you hear the whistle?

Witness—No, I did'nt mind.

Mr Campbell—Is there a broken down fence there?

Witness—Oh there is, but the wall is just the same as everything else. They go up and down there.

Patrick Lalor, Rhebogue, stated that about 20 minutes to ten he saw the two boys going up the railway from the canal bridge (Limerick side) to the Singland bridge; about twenty or twenty minutes later he heard that two boys were killed on the railway.

Mr Campbell—Were these the same boys that you saw at the canal?

Witness—Yes; they had the books.

Dr Holmes stated that he examined the two boys at the bridge; one was unconscious suffering from shock, and the other in great pain suffering from a fracture of the thigh; he immediately sent for the ambulance, and had them removed to Barrington's Hospital; the deceased boy had two compound fractures of the skull, and his right foot was very much crushed and the toes of the other removed; in his opinion death resulted from shock, caused by the compound fractures to the skull and the injury to his foot, and he was of opinion that the same would result from a railway accident.

Dr McGrath, resident surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, stated that the boys were brought to the hospital on yesterday; he heard Dr Holmes' evidence, and agreed with it; the boy Joseph Smith died at seven minutes past three.

Mr Hetreed—Did any of the boys make any statement?

Dr M'Grath—The boy who died was unconscious throughout, and the other was so shocked that you could hardly rely on any statement he might have made on yesterday.

Sergeant Downey stated he saw the train passing over the bridge, being then about half a mile distant; it did not strike him that the train was going at any unusual rate.

Mr Hetreed—When you stand on the bridge there is a curve. What distance from the bridge would the driver have a view of the bridge?

Sergeant Downey—He would have a view of the bridge on the left side about a hundred and fifty yards.

Mr Bourke—If they were looking through the windows in front could they see?

Sergeant Downey—Yes, on the left side.

John Smith, brother of the deceased, with the Coroner's permission, asked Sergeant Downey whether dancing was carried on at the bridge by night?

Mr Hetreed—This has nothing to do with the case. This accident occurred at ten o'clock in the morning.

Smith then inquired whether there was anything to hinder youngsters from climbing up to the bridge?

The Coroner—Are there fences, or are they broken down?

Sergeant Downey—There is a fence but anybody could cross over it.

The Coroner—Is it a high embankment?

Sergeant Downey—Yes, the elevation is pretty high over the ground.

Patrick McDonnell, Stationmaster, Longpavement, stated the train was driven by Michael Malone, the guard being John Kelly; no report was made to him of any accident.

Mr Hetreed—If any accident occurred would it be their duty to report it to you?

Witness—Yes.

Mr Hetreed stated the engine driver was present, but as he could not examine him, it would be for the man himself to decide whether he would give evidence.

Mr Sullivan—The Superintendent and the driver is here, and both will give evidence, but I will examine the overseer first, to show that there was no right of way over the bridge, or on the line, at that particular place.

Richard Power overseer of the line on behalf of the Waterford and Limerick Company, stated in reply to Mr Sullivan that there was no right of way over Singland Bridge; it is part of his duty to warn off trespassers, and he had often done so, especially about the bridge; it was his instructions that they should be prosecuted; the fences were good.

Smith again cross examined this witness who stated that notices cautioning trespassers were put up at the Singland Cross, but the boards were broken as fast as they were put up.

Michael Malone, driver of the engine, stated he was driving for the company over 30 years. He drove the train on yesterday, passing Singland bridge about half-past ten; he was travelling at the usual rate when he passed the bridge; he kept a look out and there could be nothing on that portion of the line without his seeing it, because they had to watch the signal coming towards the crossing after passing the bridge; this crossing is beyond Singland, and is known as the bishop's crossing.

Mr Hetreed—If you struck a body seven or eight stone in weight would it make any shock to the engine that you would feel?

Witness—I don't think it would. I don't think the engine struck them at all. The first we heard about the occurrence was when we reached Athenry. The inspector of police and superintendent then examined the engine, and there was no sign of blood or any other marks on it. At Singland we did not hear any scream, if we did we would have stopped.

Lawrence Smith, stoker on the engine, stated he whistled at the same place before coming to Singland bridge. They then kept their eye out for the next crossing. They saw nobody on the bridge.

Mr Sullivan—There is, as a matter of fact, no evidence that there were persons on the bridge.

Mr Hetreed—Except the evidence of Doctor Holmes, that the boys were found there.

Mr Sullivan—It is quite possible that they were climbing up and pulled in by the auction of the train.

Mr Campbell inquired from the witness whether they had a good view of the line?

Witness—Yes, a fair view enough.

Mr Sullivan—Would it not be a reasonable explanation that these young fellows climbed up from the Ennis side and ran across?

Witness—Yes.

This closed the evidence.

Mr Sullivan, addressing the jury, stated that he desired on behalf of the Company to express deep regret for the unfortunate occurrence, which was one of those accidents that inevitably occur, no matter what a railway company does to prevent them. They had done everything by notices and warnings, and as the overseer had said, they were continually warning people not to trespass on the line, so that it was even necessary to order prosecutions to protect people from causing injury to themselves. There was not, he thought, any evidence of negligence by the Engine-driver or stoker, who had volunteered to give evidence. They had sworn that nobody could be on the centre of the line at the time without being seen. It would, he submitted, be unfair to put any stigma on the character of those men, who had onerous and dangerous duties to perform, and on whose judgment and good conduct the safety of the travelling public depended.

Smith (again interposing) stated they did not wish to bring anything against the company or the men.

The jury, after a short deliberation, returned a verdict that Joseph Smith died on the 30th September; that his death resulted from injuries caused by a railway train, and that same was accidental.

THE FATAL FACTION FIGHT IN WEST CLARE.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

Dr Sexton, coroner, held an inquest at Craggaknock, on Thursday, touching the death of Michael McNamara, aged 38 years, who succumbed from injuries received in a faction fight on Tuesday night.

Mary McNamara, wife of deceased deposed that on Tuesday her late husband went to the Miltown races; he was then in good health; she next saw him at 4 o'clock on the 28th inst, he was lying on pillows at Killeen's, suffering from injuries to the head; he has six children.

William Killeen deposed—I live at Craggaknock, about twenty yards from the railway station; I was standing at my own door when the last train from Miltown passed on Tuesday night; it was before ten o'clock; it was a bright moonlight night; when the train came in I heard some shouting; I went around in company with James Egan, and from what I saw, I expected a quarrel; we went to make peace; I saw deceased standing on the public road; I saw Martin Egan passing me from the train, and he had blood on his face; I said it was a shame for friends to be falling out, but he made no reply; Martin Egan went up to the deceased and struck him on the left side of the head with what he had in his hand; I was less than three yards away; I believe it was a stone, deceased was knocked down by the blow; I only saw him get one blow; there were ten or fifteen persons in the crowd; I took deceased to my house, where he remained until he died.

Dr J K Healy deposed—I made a post mortem examination on the body of Michael McNamara, deceased this morning; I just saw him at 9 30 on the 28th inst, and he was then unconscious. I examined him and found him suffering from a depressed fracture and a cut in the ear, both on the left side of the head; he was spitting up blood; from the post mortem examination I have made I believe the cause of his death was depressed fracture of the skull; in my opinion the blow caused the injury which resulted in deceased's death; the wound was such as would be caused by a blunt instrument.

The jury returned the following verdict—We find that Michael McNamara, of Braggaknock, aged 38 years, died on the 29th September, 1898, at Braggaknock, from a depressed fracture of the left side of the skull caused by Martin Egan, Cloonagamare, on the night of the 27th September, 1898. We can't say whether it was intentional or otherwise.

SURCHARGE PROCEEDINGS AT NEWCASTLE WEST.

At Newcastle West Petty Sessions yesterday, before the Hon J Ffrench, R M, presiding; J M Dickson, R M, and James Hogan, a number of cases were listed for hearing in which guardians have been surcharged by the auditor, Mr W E Ellis, for signing cheques for various amounts, being the expenses or payments for the Newcastle members of the Glin school board attending meetings held in Limerick contrary to the directions of the Local Government Board. The cases excited considerable local interest, the court being crowded in every part. They came on last court day but, the magistrates, who are ex-officio guardians, not adjudicating, were adjourned for the attendance of a second magistrate. Mr Curling and Mr Barry now retired from the bench.

Mr John Condon, solicitor, represented Mr Ellis, and Mr Robert Cussen, solicitor, appeared for the guardians (Messrs G L Sheehy, J P; E Mulcahy, chairman; James Kennedy, V C; C L Curtin, M Kelly, M J Moloney, John Downey and Michael Leonard.

At the outset of the proceedings,

Mr Roche, C P S, read the following from Mr R Cussen who then retired from the case:—"Take notice that I hereby caution you against taking any further steps on foot of these summonses, and take further notice that I will make such use of this notice in any proceedings for the purpose of quashing any order or decree pronounced on foot of same, and for rendering the complainant liable to costs as may be advisable or necessary."

Mr Condon, solicitor, pointed out the Acts of Parliament under which he proceeded, and said that all that was necessary was to prove Mr Ellis's certificate, and compliance with the law should follow. The magistrates position was simply ministerial, and he asked for decrees for the amount, with full costs, in each case.

Mr John Byrnes, Clerk of Union, examined, produced the books in which the auditor directed the surcharges, and attested to his signature.

Mr Condon said Mr Byrne was between the devil and the deep sea, between the auditor and the guardians (laughter). It might be right he should explain that those surcharges were for various amounts of the expenses allowed for attending Glin School Board meetings, but when they were held in Limerick instead of Glin the Local Government Board wrote refusing to sanction payment, and in face of this letter the payments were afterwards made.

Mr Hogan asked why the Clerk in Glin should send notices to attend those meetings?

Mr Condon said he could not give any reason. It was probably some of the humours of Glin (laughter). In one case where Mr Sheehy had signed, it was for rebate in cottage rents, but the others were guardians signing cheques for their own expenses—jolly trips to Limerick (laughter). Guardians volunteered to do this work gratis last year, but they were ridiculed and voted out by the other gentlemen (laughter).

Mr Hogan—But these men give their valuable time and intelligence attending those meetings—to the work of the Glin school.

Mr Condon said they all knew that, and they deserved the gratitude of the country (laughter). He asked for the fullest costs.

The bench gave decrees as follows—Messrs Kennedy, Downey, and Kelly, £2 10s, costs 20s; Mulcahy, Leonard, and Sheehy, £1 4s, costs 10s; Mulcahy, Kennedy, and Moloney, £1 5s, costs 12s 6d; Mulcahy, Kennedy, and Curtin, £2 10, costs 20s.

A meeting took place at Dudley yesterday, of the Black Country Coal Trade Board in reference to the wages question. The workmen argued that they were entitled to an increase of 5 per cent, but in advance of 2½ per cent was agreed to.

"SHANNON" CYCLES.—Owing to our being now able to Execute all our own Stove-Enameling and Gold and Colour Lining on the Premises, we are in a position to supply Ladies' or Gentlem n's Shannons" (standard sizes) from Stock or "To Measure" in from 7 to 10 days. COLE, NELSON AND CO., LTD., 38 and 39, Patrick Street, Limerick May 2]

LATEST NEWS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.]

LIMERICK CHRONICLE OFFICE,
SATURDAY EVENING, 7 P.M.

OUTRAGES IN CHINA.

ATTACK ON A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH LEGATION AT PEKIN.

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES MALTREATED

Reuter's Agency learns that Sir Claude MacDonald, British Minister telegraphs to the Foreign Office that Mr Mortimer, a member of the British Legation at Pekin, while walking in the streets with a lady was attacked by a Chinese mob who threw stones and mud at them. Later in the day some American missionaries were similarly attacked, as was also the Chinese Secretary of the American Legation who had a rib broken. It is stated there is a dangerous feeling abroad in Pekin. The attention of the Chinese Government has been called to the outrage.

DREYFUS IN DEVIL'S ISLAND.

Paris, Saturday.

A letter published to-day says Dreyfus knows nothing of what is going on in France. He is still in Devil's Island and is in very good health.

DEATH OF MADAME CARNOT.

Madame Carnot, widow of the late President of France, is dead.

THE SURRENDER OF SANTIAGO.

Madrid, Friday.

General Toral appeared to-day before the Supreme Military Court in connection with his surrender of Santiago.

CRETE.

RUSSIA TO CLEAR OUT TURKISH TROOPS.

St Petersburg, Saturday.

The Russian Government is firmly resolved to use armed force if necessary to compel the Turkish troops to evacuate Crete.

A BIG COLLIERY STRIKE.

3,500 HAND SOUT.

Two thousand five hundred men of the Bwllfa and Mantinelyn non-associated colliery, struck work to-day against a reduction of wages to associated collieries. 1,000 men and boys at Dukinfield mines, Ashton under Lyne to-day struck work against the proposed reduction of wages.

THE LATE QUEEN OF DENMARK.

Colonel the Earl of Stafford, Senior Equerry to the Queen, will represent her Majesty at the Queen of Denmark's funeral.

The Duke of York's present arrangements for the journey have been cancelled.

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL OF THE ARMY.

It was announced at the War Office to-day that Lieutenant General Sir G White will assume the duties of Quartermaster-General to the Forces on October 15th, in succession to Sir Evelyn Wood.

ESCAPE OF A PRISONER FROM PENTONVILLE PRISON.

A prisoner named George Smith, undergoing fifteen months hard labour, escaped during the night from Pentonville Prison.

CHURCHMEN AND NON-CONFORMIST CONFERENCE AT BRADFORD.

A joint conference of Churchmen and Nonconformists was held to-day in Bradford to consider paths to Christian union. Archdeacon Wilson presided, and addresses were delivered by him ano other Anglican clergymen, and by representative ministers of the leading dissenting denominations. All were agreed that they should refrain from emphasising difficulties, and should show brotherhood and co-operation in working against infidelity and indifferentism. It was resolved that the conference be repeated annually.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY FROM A LADY.

At Windsor to-day, George Hilliers, 23, painter, was committed for trial on charge of highway robbery, with violence. Miss Violet Clement, daughter of Major Clement, stated that the prisoner struck her while she was on Ascot Heath, and demanded money. Constable Goddard spoke of finding Miss Clement's purse on Hilliers when he arrested him.

TRAP UPSET.—OCCUPANTS DROWNED.

The driver and a gentleman have been drowned near Ballycastle through the upsetting of their trap, caused by the horses swerving on coming to an inundation.

AN OLD INHABITANT OF TEAMORE.

Residing at the Cove end of the Donersile Walk, Tramore, is an old man named Laurence Cooney, who states that he remembers as well as yesterday the eventful night that the *Seahorse* drifted into Tramore Bay and foundered there. He says he was then 14 years of age. The vessel was wrecked 83 years ago, so that he is 97 years of age. He is still in possession of all his faculties, and on Saturday last walked with a stick from his residence to the railway terminus, which is nearly a mile, and journeyed by train to Waterford to transact some domestic business.

FASHIONBLE MARRIAGE.

On Wednesday Miss Elizabeth Louise Critchley, sister of Mrs Joseph Pike, was married to Mr Edward Asheton Critchley, late captain of the 4th Hussars at Glanmire Church, Cork, by the Rev Canon Archdall. The ceremony was as quiet as possible, owing to the recent death of Mr Pike's brother-in-law, Mr Arthur Pike Pease, M P. The bride wore white satin, embroidered with pearls, silver tulle veil, and wreath of orange blossoms.

LIMEIRCK STOCK AND SHARE LIST.

THIS DAY'S PRICES.

Consols, 109⅞.

Nationals, 20¾; Munsters, 5 5-16; Hibernians, 6⅜; Provincials, 30⅜.

Guinness, Ord, 57¼; Dublin Distillers, Ord, 14¾, Prefs, 44½; Bristols, 43¾ x d,

Great Northern, Ord, 177½; Great Southern, Ord, 140¾; Midland Great Western, Ord, 110¾; x d; Waterford and Limerick, Ord, 30½; Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford, Ord, 25.

Coats, 63¾; Canocks, x d; Burke's, Ord, 49-16; Matterson's, Pref, 6¼; Stewart's, Pref, 6; W and C McDonnell, Pref, 5½; Denny's, Pref, 14½; Dublin