

THE SHANNON HOTEL, CASTLECONNELL.—Departures—Mr and Mrs W C Jones, Mr and Mrs J Henderson, Mr A W Cox. Amongst other visitors during the week were several of the excursionists from Wales, who expressed their admiration of the scenery of Castleconnell.

CO LIMERICK MAN'S DEATH IN AUSTRALIA.—Captain Henry Wyndham O'Grady a native of Limerick, Ireland, died recently at Freemantle, Western Australia. He emigrated to that country with his parents in 1852, and followed the sea for many years. He commanded several vessels trading between Singapore, Calcutta, and other East Indian ports.

THE ALLEGED MOONLIGHTING IN WEST LIMERICK.—Acting Sergeant Boyston and Constables Egan and Hussey have been specially promoted Sergeant, and Acting Sergeants respectively in consequence of the activity and intelligence they displayed in connection with alleged moonlighting outrages near Newcastle West.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—An inquest was held yesterday, at Thomondgate, by Mr Coroner DeCourcy touching the death of a little boy named John Dynan, aged four years, who died on the previous day as the result of burns caused by accidentally falling into the fire during his mother's temporary absence. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

LIMERICK QUARTER SESSIONS.—The Easter Quarter Sessions for the Division of Limerick will open on Tuesday, before his Honor County Court Judge Adams, Q C. The business is not as heavy as usual. There is only one criminal case, a charge of robbery from the county, while the city is nil. The civil business consists of ejectments, 31, of which 8 are defended; county entries 227, defences 36; city entries 192, defences 50; and land cases 23.

FISHING AT CASTLECONNELL.—On Doonass, Mr G C Williams killed on 21st 1 salmon 10lbs; on 23rd 1 salmon, 20lbs. On Prospect, Major C Hayes Newington killed on 21st 1 salmon 23½lbs. On Newgarden, Mr W C Jones killed on 18th 1 salmon 30lbs. On the same water, Mr J Henderson killed on 19th 1 salmon 18½lbs; on 20th 1 salmon 21lbs; on 21st 1 salmon 22lbs. On the Castle Fishery, Mr G W Greenhill killed on 18th 1 salmon 11lbs; on 22nd 1 salmon 16lbs; on 23rd 1 salmon 22lbs.

Mr James Payn, the well-known novelist, died at his London residence yesterday afternoon after a long illness in his 63th year.

addition are—Surgeon Major General Thompson C B; Surgeon Colonels Townsend, Davis, and Saunders, Brigade Surgeon Lieutenant Colonels Twayne, King, and Murphy; Surgeon Lieutenant Colonels Bourke, Hamilton, Surgeon Majors Merris, Whitehead, Bector, Thearer, Briggs, Croker, Grainger, Briggs, and Willis; Surgeons Captain Morgan, Gerrard, Witchwell, and Telby.

THE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

The usual meeting of the Committee of the Ratepayers' Association was held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening. Mr James H Roche presided, and there were present—Messrs Peter McGuire, T C; John O'Donnell, T C; D Cramin, James Wallace, M Waters, and P T Dunn, secretary. A number of matters were considered, including the proposed loan for the payment of the markets' debt, and the suggestion of the Corporation to seek a provisional order for establishing an electrical supply, of which the Committee strongly disapprove, because of the increased efficiency of the gas works owing to recent improvements and enlargements, and which, it is considered, may enable the price of gas to be reduced so as to compete with any public electrical supply that may be introduced into the city. It was decided to hold public meetings of the Association in future on the last Thursday of each month. The first of these meetings is to take place next Thursday evening, and the Press is to attend.

EXTRA GREAT MUNSTER FAIR.

The success of the cattle and sheep fair yesterday was, for a tentative effort, a distinct advance on the horse fair of the previous day, and would have been more so had it been better advertised. The supply was large, but buyers were not numerous, and, in addition to the reason above stated, it is thought that Tulla and Roscrea fairs clashed with Limerick. However, a good deal of business was done, particularly in young stock. Best beef sold at 50s per cwt; medium 45s, and inferior 40s; mutton 6d to 7½d per lb, and fat sheep from 50s to 56s on foot. Three year olds fetched from £11 10s to £14; two year olds £9 to £11, but some highly finished lots realised fancy prices. Yearlings, 25 to 29. Milch cows and springers were to be had at various prices, from £10 to £16. The official return of horses and cattle at the fair is as follows:—Horses 157, cattle 1,581; sheep 566, pigs and bonhams 98. At the first of the quarterly fairs, held in July, 1887, the number of cattle in the fair was 1,154, with 981 sheep, so that the present return shows that the new venture is likely to succeed, and that even as it is, it has proved itself to be a great convenience to farmers.