

If hour on the day of the election to quotations were fluctuating, so that elected guardians might better know deal with their votes." The business to have been active there during the year, and the corruption and disclosed is astonishing. A fact mentioned that at a certain election no sixteen guardians received £30 each votes. As elections have been brisk too much to suppose that some of the guardians found the sale of votes quite on to their usual means of making a deal. It is to be hoped that the sentence Saturday will put some check on this trade. What has been disclosed at can be only a small part of what was done all over the district during this previous years. The parties seem to all shame, but they now learned that unable to reach the guilty parties, those as well as those who are bribed. The district will shortly be afforded opportunity of clearing out of office all who have been associated with questionnaires, and putting men in their places of some character for honesty, intellectual business capacity. The finances of the district are in just such a condition as to be expected from the insight that has been afforded of the characters of the guardians. Whilst Mr Justice Kenny was passing in Cork the weekly meeting of the committee was being held when it was announced that the amount of money being dishonoured cheques was about £10,000 whilst salaries and other liabilities amounted to the amount up to £2,500. To bring the district to a crisis a letter was read from the contractor, stating there was £700 due to the district as the treasurer would not honour the contractors' cheques or grant an overdraft to the district could not supply bread any longer unless it was allowed advances on the contract. Mr E Bourke, Local Government Inspector, said this was a most serious matter and the guardians could not allow it to continue. If the bread supply was cut off from the inmates would follow—that no other person could be found to supply bread, and it was quite possible that deaths would be the result. There were no bread to be fed. It was stated, as affording relief to the situation, that the contractor would continue to supply bread to the district until the end of the month, so that immediate danger of starvation would be warded off a little longer.

Mr Fitzgerald, Mr Stephen Regan, Mr Fitzgerald proposed the following resolution:— "The justices presiding at Glin Petty Sessions on this day, having heard of the transfer to the district of Newcastle West of the Hon John French, R.M., are unwilling to allow him to depart without bearing testimony to the judicious, able, and impartial manner in which he discharged his duties during the lengthened period he was attached to this district. His relations with his brother magistrates were always of the most cordial and harmonious character, and he carried away with him their best wishes for his future happiness and prosperity." It was adopted unanimously. The magistrates directed that the resolution be entered on the court minute book, and that a copy be forwarded to the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle.

DEATH OF MAJOR AUBREY O'BRIEN, CURRAGH CHASE.

We regret to learn of the death of Major Aubrey O'Brien, which occurred suddenly on Sunday, at his residence, Curragh Chase, County Limerick. Major O'Brien, who was brother to Mr R Vere O'Brien, Ballyalla, was for some years Adjutant of the Clare Militia, and his demise will be deeply regretted by many Clare friends. He was Resident Magistrate in the West of Ireland, but retired from the magistracy about six months ago on going to live at Curragh Chase. Major O'Brien was married to a daughter of General Wynne, Royal Engineers, by whom he had two children, but one only survives, a son who is at present a barrister in London.

DROWNING ACCIDENT AT THE DOCKS.

Last night, about eleven o'clock, three sailors were proceeding to their vessel, the ss Falka (Captain Charles Thornchrist), moored to the Floating Dock, when one of them, Frank Jacobson, a Swede, tripped over a rope, or in some other way fell into the water. His comrades, two men named Murray, both jumped into the dock to his rescue. Jacobson sank in a few minutes, and one of the others swam to the anchor at the bow of the Falka, where he clung for some time. Attracted by the cries of some parties at the place, Mr Thomas Waters and Mr Thomas Brinn ran to the spot, and the former seeing one of the Murrays in the water, plunged in to his assistance. A rope was thrown by Mr Brinn, who sustained himself and the rescued man, who was in an exhausted condition, until a boat was brought from the upper end of the Dock. The other man on the anchor was then brought off. To-day drags were employed for the recovery of the drowned man Jacobson by the crew of the Falka and the men of the elevator Garryowen, and the body was found at half past three this afternoon. Sergeant McAree has communicated with the coroner, and an inquest will be held. The courageous action of Mr Waters, who has already distinguished himself in life saving efforts under difficult circumstances, will, no doubt, receive proper recognition from the Royal Humane Society.

MOONLIGHTING IN KERRY.

THREE ARRESTS.

On Sunday night a daring moonlight raid was perpetrated at Kilfinane, near Castlemaine, about seven miles from Tralee. A party, armed and disguised visited the house of Charles Neill, farmer, and demanded a gun, which was surrendered. They then proceeded to the house

representing the Corporation, feel that in the dissent from the other municipalities in Ireland, they are not warrantable of the order as originally made on November last.

THE RAILWAY AMALGAMATION.

To-day, a further conference of Amalgamation was held at the instance, between Mr Colhoun, Treasurer of the Great Southern and Western Railway, and the several Committees representing the Harbour Board, Chamber of Traders' Association. The proceedings, it was decided, to be an official report later on to the public, while in view of this decision publishing an *ex parte* statement would be misleading and unsatisfactory. It was noted by the Great Southern and Western Railway that lodged on the 21st inst. So far as the charge of Limerick are concerned the charge of the matter will be well met by the opposition when the bill is introduced by the select committee of the House of Commons.

SLIGO AND RAILWAY AMALGAMATION.

The Sligo Harbour Committee meeting last week to consider the Railway Amalgamation and decided that the Midland Great Western Railway as being the best fitted and most economical line in the interests of Sligo, will only be given provided that the railway gives guarantees to be required by Act of Parliament or order in Council, that the rates at Sligo shall not be increased and that preference be shown to other ports of the Great Western system.

THE EXPIRATION OF THE NIGHT WATCH SYSTEM.

On Saturday last Mr W. J. O'Connell, Inspector-General, arrived in Sligo. It is surmised that his visit was in connection with the situation which will arise from the expiration of the Night Watch. In accordance with a resolution of the Town Council, passed at the meeting of the Corporation, when the subject was again brought forward, Mr Donohoe, in notice of motion to have the resolution rescinded, but the disbandment shall have taken place at any meeting can be held. Even if a meeting were held before the new year, it is not likely that the majority would in any way be expected that as the result of the visit the police authorities will take a definite course as regards the night watch in the city in future.

NEW VETERINARY INFIRMARY IN GLENTWATER.

Mr T M Ryan, V S, has recently opened a new Veterinary Infirmary in Glentworth premises of which were formerly occupied by E C Winter, V S. The establishment is completely overhauled, and all necessary to make a first class infirmary have been supplied, including stables and forge, which are equipped with modern appliances. Mr Ryan is a doctor under the Disease of Animals Act, and is comparatively young in his profession.