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nan at the meeting of the Munster r Bank yesterday was able to con- he shareholders on the most pros- year which the Bank has enjoyed reconstruction thirteen years ago. had the usual good fortune of the led it during the half year under compared with the corresponding e previous year, but he was able to he balance sheet compared favour- any balance sheet that had been issued. The directors' report for ar ending 31st December, 1898, the profits of the bank, after de- enses and providing for interest on bate on bills, and bad and doubtful nted to £15,903 16s 7d; to these e added the undivided profits from ccount, £4,101 9s 4d, making to- um of £20,005 5s 11d. The result directors proposed to pay a divi- e half year at the rate of 10 per num, free of income tax, which will ,000, to pay a bonus for the half e rate of 2 per cent per annum, ransfer to reserve fund £3,000; to luction of premises account £1,500 to next account £3,505 5s 11d; 5 5s 11d. The reserve fund now 200,000. The deposits at the bank t a sum a little over three millions r. The bills and advances show, considerable diminution as com- the figures of the corresponding This has been satisfactorily ex- he Chairman as being due to the e of the last harvest. The yield so deficient that the customers to the bank for assistance to an xtent, and the loans were, there- lly high. The superiority of the led the loans to be paid siderably reduced, and hence the figures [under the heading of

DEATH OF CAPTAIN FUDGE.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Henry Fudge, retired sea captain, which took place yesterday afternoon under painfully sudden circumstances. Captain Fudge was having some exercise on a bicycle, which he rode up and down the roadway near his residence in Henry-street. He seems to have become exhausted, and slipped off the machine, without however sustaining any bodily injury. He walked into his own house and rested on an arm-chair for a short time, after which he proceeded up stairs, and soon after one of the household was startled to find him lying on the floor. Dr Holmes was immediately sent for, but it was found that Mr Fudge was beyond all human aid. The deceased, who was in his 73rd year, was an old and respected citizen, his kindly, generous, and courteous manner winning for him hosts of friends. He spent fifty years of his life at sea, and his career was an event ul one. He had been connected with various vessels, the property of old Limerick firms, and was in the Mediterranean at the time of the Crimean War, some of these vessels having been chartered by the Government for taking out supplies. Captain Fudge's brother, Mr. R. Fudge, was in command of the ship, in which he himself served. The deceased was for many years a Captain in the Limerick Steamship Company's service, and he retired into private life some four or five years ago, since which time he has constantly resided here. He was a most interesting conversationalist and a sincere friend, and his very sudden demise is deplored by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. The funeral is to take place on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

CHESHIRE REGIMENT.

The appointment of second in command of the 2nd Battalion Cheshire Regiment, now quartered at Limerick, which would have been filled by Colonel Lewis had he not been appointed one of the new Military Governors of the Soudan, will now probably be given to Major Graham, at present Assistant Adjutant-General at Secunderabad. In this case Major Graham would have to give up his Staff appointment. Captain Shawe-Taylor, who has completed his term as Aide-de-Camp to General Sir John Davis at Portsmouth, has also been posted to the Limerick Battalion.

LIMERICK FIELD CLUB.

On Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Limerick Field Club a very interesting lecture was given by Mr P. J. Lynch, C.E, M.R.I.A, on "A Ramble through some of the Ancient Monuments of Kerry with a Photographer," illustrated with lantern slides. There was a large audience, who listened with great attention to Mr Lynch's description of the very many objects of antiquarian interest to be found in "the kingdom."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

LIMERICK FISHERY BO

The monthly meeting of this Bo to-day in the County Courthouse sittart, J P, presiding. Also pres Leslie, J P, Dr Costello, Mr P Whately Ellis, Mr Pegum, J P, Colonel O'Donnell, J P, Mr C Heato Mc Blood-Smyth, solicitor; Capta Spaight.

Mr E H P Hosford, Secretary, Hall, Inspector, were in attendance.

A discussion arose as to the advis tinuing the services of bailiffs at Mc and Corofin. The Board decided t former place, as the Local Assoc butes £20 a year to the funds of the

Mr Armstrong supported the ap a bailiff at Corofin. There was o bailiff in the division, and he poi the services of the second man we necessary.

The Chairman said that as they c £450 in debt they ought to think continuing bailiffs now.

In answer to the Board, the Insp did not look on the place as sufficien to send a man there.

The Secretary said the Inspector the bailiffs in every division to the extent.

After considerable discussion, Ca proposed, and Mr Ellis seconded, t be kept on at 5s a week.

This was agreed to.

THE BOARD OF WORKS AND THE I

The following letter was read:—

"Office of Public Work
30th January, 1

"SIR,—With reference to your let inst asking this board to make an tribution to the funds of the C Inland Fisheries, out of the rents tenant of the eel weirs on the Sl directed by the Commissioners of I to refer you to their letter of the 28 stating that it will be found that contribution is already made for t payments from their tenant. I am you that the Board are obliged to decision then arrived at—I a obedient servant,

"H. WILLIAMS,

Mr Blood-Smyth—I understood contribution made. They mean the I suppose.

Chairman—They pay the 10 per are a public spirited lot. The Go supposed to be trying to do all th tend to do it for the inland fisheries the Board of Works are not ado good way of starting it.

Mr Blood-Smyth suggested that again communicate with the Board the subject.

Chairman—They only hold these the good of the public.

Mr Blood-Smyth said that Mr E point out to the Board of Works t no contribution from them, exce