

RAILWAYS WHICH WOULD BE WORSE THAN ANTI-
tion. He acknowledged the point that the
County Councils should have an opportunity of
pressing their opinions, and this would be
carefully considered before the second reading
came on.
The deputation then withdrew.

ARE GRAND JURY AND THE RAILWAY QUESTION.

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

Ennis, Tuesday.

At the sitting of the Grand Jury after luncheon,
The Foreman introduced the question of
the amalgamation of the Waterford and Limerick
railway by reading a letter from Lord Monteagle.
Major Wilson Lynch proposed a resolution de-
claring it most desirable in the interests of
the county that portion of the line north of Ennis
should be in the hands of the Midland Company,
and that greater facilities then given must neces-
sarily benefit farmers, graziers, cattle
dealers and traders of the county and
requesting the Midland Company to use the best
efforts, to use all efforts, to acquire their portion
referred to giving the Waterford and Limerick
shareholders the same advantages as if amalga-
mated with the Great Southern Company.

Mr Macnamara spoke against the line being
divided, and favoured amalgamation.

Mr Phelps, B.L., handed in petitions signed by
hundreds of ratepayers in support of the Great
Southern Company.

Colonel O'Callaghan-Westropp commented on
the absence of officials of either company, and
said they should get definite pledge.

Mr Macnamara proposed that the amendment
ready on the County Books in favour of the
purchase by the Great Southern Railway, should
stand.

On a poll, 8 voted for the amendment and 8
against, two jurors not voting.

Mr. Scott suggested they should drop the
matter and not give an opinion one way or the
other.

The matter was then let drop.

BISHOP O'DWYER AND LORD DUNRAVEN.

The *Independent* of yesterday, referring to the
Bishop's recent letter observes:—

The Most Rev Dr. O'Dwyer now declares that
he does not care whether members of his flock
come from Lord Dunraven or not. This is a climb-
down from the attitude taken up in the Bishop's
letter to Lord Monteagle in which the message to
Lord Dunraven through Dean Flanagan is thus
quoted by his Lordship—"If Protestant bigotry
is allowed to wrong us, I shall put it to the
Catholics of this county whether in honour or
self-respect they can support the followers of the
Unionist Government, and you may tell Dunraven
that I said 'that in face of such an appeal it
would be impossible for Catholics to support
him.'" Dean Flanagan conveyed a much stronger
message than this, but has since withdrawn it in
terms which read very curiously side by side with
the original letter to Lord Dunraven, a copy of
which we have still in our possession.

The Bishop and Dean have settled the matter
between them; but neither has settled with Lord
Dunraven yet. We are not champoining Lord
Dunraven, nor has our effective action in this
matter anything to do with the support of his
mandate. Our sole purpose has been to secure
freedom of election from all outside sources and
to defend the civil rights of citizens which Dr.
O'Dwyer essayed to invade. As to Lord Dun-
raven, we do not see what option he had, if he did
not retire forthwith, except to tell the public about
the message sent to him from the Bishop of
Limerick. That message was not a privileged
one, and the part quoted taken as correct was of

known distribution given out of the surplus
to their worthy employees.

Mr Hanly seconded the vote of thanks, which
was passed unanimously.

Mr Tidmarsh desired to return them his most
sincere thanks. As he said on former occasions,
and as his predecessor, the late Mr Clery, so
often said, great thanks were due to their
managing director, who continued to give his
entire attention to the business: no man could
do more than he had done. He (chairman)
agreed with Mr Hartigan in his remarks about
the staff. They had, and always have had, a
respectable and efficient body of men, and he
believed they paid them as well as any establish-
ment in the country. They were well taken care
of, and the domestic arrangements of the house
were never better. He might add that the
directors were introducing some improvements in
the porches and show windows which would add
considerably to the attractiveness of the front of
the house. These improvements would be com-
pleted before Easter (hear, hear).

The proceedings then terminated.

DEATH OF MR. PATRICK HARTIGAN, J.P., RATHKEALE.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Patrick
Hartigan, J.P., Clonlough, Rathkeale, which took
place at his residence early yesterday morning.
The deceased gentleman had been in failing
health for some time past, and his death, at the
advanced age of 76 years, was not unexpected.
He was for many years an *ex-officio* guardian of
Rathkeale union, and was held in the highest
esteem by the people, to whom he became
endeared by his honest, benevolent
and genial disposition. The greatest regret is felt
at the death of such an esteemed county resident,
and the utmost sympathy is expressed for his
family in their bereavement.

At the Rathkeale Petty Sessions yesterday, Dr.
Thomas Hayes, who presided with the Hon. Mr.
Ffrench, R.M., announced the adjournment of the
business as a mark of respect to the memory of
their lamented colleague. Mr Hartigan was one
of the oldest magistrates in the district, and he
was well known throughout the county, and
universally respected. In fact, his name was a
household word, and he was remarkable for his
great kindness of disposition and his unbounded
hospitality. He (Dr. Hayes) need not say how
much he regretted Mr Hartigan's death, and that
regret would be shared by the entire community.
It was only a fitting tribute to adjourn the pro-
ceedings as a mark of respect to their deceased
friend.

SAD FATALITY NEAR THE CITY.

Yesterday Mr Coroner DeCourcy held an in-
quest at Janesborough, in reference to the death
of Michael Griffin, which took place on Sunday
under singularly sad circumstances. The deceased
who was about 43 years of age and unmarried,
was employed as a labourer at Mr John Barry's
farm at Janesborough. On Sunday afternoon,
about four o'clock, he sat down to dinner with
some other labourers who were employed with
him. During the meal he rose from the table
and began walking about the floor, at the same
time pointing to his throat and back. His
companions, Wm. Madigan and Michael Ryan,
went to his assistance, and gave him a drink of
water, but he died soon afterwards, without having
spoken. Dr Laird was sent for in the meantime,
but on arrival found that life was extinct. He
made a *post mortem* examination, and found a
piece of meat about two inches long in the wind-
pipe, and which he believed caused suffocation.
Evidence in proof of these facts was given, and
the jury returned a verdict that death was due to
suffocation, which occurred accidentally.

should appear on that side of
Why that £100 should be in
balance he did not know.

Mr Kenny—I have no other
Mr Croker—Then I take
explanation.

Mr O'Donnell—If it were
side it would make us look at

Mr Croker—You are in
account appear £100 worse
piling up a balance in your
account for which there is no

The Chairman considers
good thing if shareholders
ask would furnish them befor-
tary, because it was hardly
tions on him without some

Mr Croker said directors
be prepared to answer any
shareholder at the annual
why the shareholders came

Mr Kenny pointed out as
had been three levies of court
the County Council elections

Mr Coll asked an explan-
under the heading of sundries
item of £7 10s for car hire.

Mr Kenny read the diffi-
served that if Mr Coll had a
meeting he would be in
information.

The Chairman—Yes; the
investigated by the directors.

Mr Kenny—Mr Coll ought
I may say that I did not in-
hire expenses. I always use

Mr Toomey—Is there any
Mr Coll's question? because
should be? The shareholders
anxiety to the time when t
turn for their money. Of
more to me than to any o
holders.

The Chairman—There is
objection to answering any
Coll, as a director, should ki
fore he came here to-day (h

Mr O'Dea agreed with the

Mr Coll—I merely want t
put in possession of the
amount of £37 for sundries

Mr Bourke said all the ite
expenditure, and as regards
thought the directors ought
cross-hackling one another.
was fair of the directors w
trouble of attending the me
statements. It was a ve
ceeding, and he hoped they
it.

The Chairman then rose
move the adoption of the re-
as he was sure they all did
were not in a position to de-
he thought he could show
affairs was due to circum-
could not combat. In the
as usual, with most unfavo-
three of the four days of
exceptionally inclement. A
he would read for them the
Sport, which were as follow-
ings certainly cannot be said
with the weather deities, and
the city by the Shannon
found rain falling in torrent
been raining heavily all the
continued throughout the
little signs of abating on
and in fact may be said to h
initial afternoon's card ha
Then the second day was litt
respondent of *Sport* rema
some improvement in the
day, as after a few v