

SATURDAY and Sunday were both very busy days, in view of the near approach of the 6th of April. On Saturday Lord Dunraven delivered an able and statesmanlike address at Croom, where he met with a most cordial and enthusiastic reception. He pointed out to the electors the very important duties that would devolve upon the County Councils shortly to be elected, and the urgent necessity for having the most capable business-men in the community elected to those Councils, to which the transactions of so much important county business will be entrusted for a period of three years. These three years will assuredly make or mar the administration of local affairs. Large sums of money will be spent, and it is of the utmost importance that that money be spent wisely, judiciously, and economically, and it is only by a system of careful finance that rates will be kept down and, at the same time, funds provided for carrying into effect those enactments for the amelioration of the condition of the labourers which are of the first importance. It is plain to be seen that politics or religion or social distinction have no place whatever in a purely business-matter, and what is wanted is the best intelligence of all sections to carry out the new system of government for the good of all. The appearance of Mr Davitt on the scene to inform the people as to whom they should elect, and the principles that in his opinion should guide them, shows that that able tactician is not quite sure of the result. His reception at Charleville, where he went to oppose Mr Sanders on Saturday, was not satisfying. He arrived at Croom on Sunday to oppose Lord Dunraven, and by the efforts of the police was able to get a hearing. It was but right that he and every man should be afforded an opportunity of addressing the electorate, for it is a free country, and Mr Davitt could not do Lord Dunraven any harm. His opposition to Lord Dunraven was not on personal but on political grounds. Mr Davitt knew that Lord Dunraven was one of the best friends that the working classes of Ireland and England ever had: he worked for the welfare of the Irish labourer long before County Councils were ever dreamed of, and his labours on behalf of the poorest and most helpless classes in the large English towns have been productive of most valuable results. If Mr Davitt desired to see a prosperous and contented tenantry, and labourers well and comfortably housed, he had only to go to Adare and look around him. Mr Davitt's opposition to Lord Dunraven, Lord Montagu, and

to see, thoroughly approved of the attitude taken up by Mr Rolleston in the interest of peace and order, and unanimously refused to sign any provisional licenses for the day in question. Their action will meet with entire approval, and we feel certain will be generally followed by Petty Sessions Courts throughout the country should applications of this description come before them. It is well that the thing should be nipped in the bud, as it has been effectually done at Kilrush.

Mr S B. Quin presided at the Police Court this morning. Three sailors who were charged with drunkenness were discharged.

The recruits of the 5th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers will assemble on Monday next for preliminary drill. The annual training of the regiment will take place at Kilworth, the old hands assembling on the 5th June.

The Town Clerk, as Hon Secretary of the Technical Education Committee, has received from the Science and Art Department a cheque for £199 8s 4d in aid of Technical Instruction given in the local schools during the year '97-98.

WANTON ACTS.—Several gates belonging to some of the neighbouring farmers at Ballinawere, it is stated, maliciously torn up from the ground a few nights ago. Some cabbage recently sown, was also pulled out of the ground. A glass-house the property of a Ballina resident was also injured. The police are pursuing inquiries into the matter.

DEATH OF A CO. LIMERICK CENTENARIAN.—A Ballingarry correspondent writes:—Mr Timothy Hartnett, a most respectable farmer, has just died in the townland of Anylin, having at his demise attained the wonderful age of 110 years. During his long life he was never known to be one week in ill-health. He was a man of no ordinary intelligence, and highly respected by his neighbours. His funeral bore ample testimony to the esteem in which he was held.

RESIGNATION OF POOR LAW OFFICERS.—It is announced that Mr T. Murphy, clerk of the Tulla Union, is about retiring after the long service of 44 years. Mr. Baker, the master, who has been connected with the union for even a longer period, is also resigning. Both are excellent officers, and their retirement will be a great loss to the institution. At the last meeting of the Guardians the following minute was made—"The clerk of the union and the master of the workhouse have to-day signified their intention to resign their offices at the first meeting of the new Board. They have served the union long and faithfully, and we would urge upon the Local Government Board the justice of granting to them the fullest superannuation allowance the law will permit."

IMPENDING RESIGNATION OF THE CITY SURVEYOR.

We understand that Mr W E Corbett, C E City Surveyor has written to the Mayor stating in effect that he is unable to attend night meetings owing to the state of his health, and asking that his length of service he brought under the notice of the Town Council with a view to the pension to which he is entitled being

Mr John F. Po Mitchell, having the 27th December with him, and ad be perfectly sober age.

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Mr Patrick Ke P. Hall), for the Mr Doyle were Health Act, v particular differ made them ins and that they h of entry, but of executed. He c which Chief B Sanitary Autho privies into wat v. Worrall Rura showing that p sufficiency was c that if the orde should be quash ad regards Sec.

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