

new Act they had power to con-
ates. The Corporation had nominally
of 6s. 2d. in the £, but that did not
like what appeared in the schedule
to admit that they were putting off
He had gone into calculations, and
the figures as given by Alderman
ery shrewd business man who stated
remained over as a debt by the
That £5,700 would require a little
6d. rate, and if they added that
2d. it came to 7s. 8d.
provement Rate alone. They had
ted that the defunct or old Cor-
which he (the speaker) had been
left a debt of £1,400 or £1,500. The
ould have put into the hands of the
ment as to how he arrived at that
He (Mr. Hall) emphatically denied
the assertion, and he called on Mr.
rove that he was wrong. The rate of
to £19,498. As regards the General
ite, they gave notice of 1s., but they
6d., which came to £4,986, making a
484 out of the City of Limerick. He
id the man who spent the money over
the poor hard-working, in-
people—small shopkeepers in the
n, Irishtown, Boherbuoy, and other
; hear). How these people paid these
ates he did not know. Then look at
the streets; they were reeking with
quid mud; and yet money was being
the year 1885 the Improvement rate
L, and the General Purposes 1s. 2d.,
total of 5s. 4d. In 1890 the Improve-
was 4s. and the General Purposes 1s. 2d.
In 1895 the total was 5s. 8d., and in
two rates were 7s. 4d.—viz.,
nd 1s. 7d. They were told that
principal and interest on the
s loan were paid off, gas would be
cheaper, and that they would have an
assist in reducing the rates. The
ought to go to reduce the rates had
dered, and the Corporation were not
y what they owed this half year. If
ot bankruptcy he did not know what
ey got a debtor's summons they would
nkrup in 24 hours. He then referred
st of street cleansing and repairing,
t in 1875 it was £3,600; in 1885 it was
d in 1900 it was about £9,000—he had
cact figures with him with regard to
r. He asked them were the
better kept now. He be-
ore was more than £5,700 due by
ation. Proceeding, he said the question
What were they to do? They must try
lass of men who would not be easily
ed. He remembered when in the old
n that he advocated that a number of
s should be elected, because it was a
ake to suppose that the workingman
2s. or 2s. 6d. a week rent was not a rate-
r, hear). But they ought also to have
umber of shrewd, intelligent men in the
amber. He would like to see more of
ratepayers, like Mr. Goodbody, Mr.
Matterson, and Mr. Russell. There were
hem in the old Corporation, and he
somewhere about 1849 it was a mixed
as he would like to see it now. He
to see all classes coming together, for
neutral platform. It was high time
should be done for the city, and if not
1 regret it.
J. Long, in seconding the resolution,
he position of the present Corporation
arent to the whole city that very little
king on the subject was required. He
f the whole citizens recognised that the
f the Corporation was a very bad one.
s many of the labour members who were
egrity, and anxious to do good for the
out they were led away by people who
influence over them. With the labour
tives he would like to see in the Council
men of intelligence and education
manage the finances of the city, and who
ve sympathy with the workingmen.
d recognised that the workers were the
d would be the power of the future.
nd, therefore, join with the workingmen
at their legitimate claims, and then
I have more confidence in what he
the better class of citizens. The wards

THE KING.

The King held an investiture at St. James's Palace this afternoon, when he bestowed the insignia of a number of recently conferred military honors. His Majesty, who was accompanied by Prince Charles of Denmark wore the uniform of Field Marshal, and bestowed the Victoria Cross on Sergeant H. Hampton, 2nd King's Regiment, and Private C. Kennedy, Highland Eight Infantry, for valour displayed in South Africa.

DEATH OF SIR FRANCIS DE WINTON

Sir Francis De Winton, late controller of the Duke of Cornwall's Household, died in Wales last night. The immediate cause of death was heart failure. The Prince and Princess of Wales have sent Lady De Winton a message of sympathy.

THE LATE MR. JOHN W. DOWNEY.

Probate of the will dated January 26th, 1897, of Mr. John Wilson Downey, of Eldon Terrace, Waterford, late manager of the Waterford Steamship Company, who died on the 22nd August last, has been granted to his step-brother, Mr. Chas. Downey, of Limerick; and Wm. Keppel, of Rathrush, Carlow; and Mr. Saml. D. Budd, of Ennis, Clare, Bank Manager, and the testator, whose personal estate has been valued at £4,861 Os. 8d., bequeathed to his sister, Eliza Jane Parker, £50, and to his wife, Mrs. Florence Downey, his household effects, his life insurance policies with the Star Office for £500, and left to her all the residue of his property.

DEATH OF MRS. J. HARDIMAN.

The death took place unexpectedly on Saturday morning of Mrs. J. Hardiman, wife of the popular Sec. and Receiver of the Limerick Markets Trustees. The deceased suffered from weak action of the heart, and during the previous night medical aid had to be called in. The patient was attended by Dr. Malone, but she passed away within a brief time. The greatest sympathy is felt for the husband of the deceased. The funeral took place on Monday morning.

The chief mourners were—Mr. John Hardiman husband; Mr. J. Hardiman, solicitor (Charleville), son; and Master H. Hardiman, grandson of the deceased. The clergy present were—Father Oregan (Adm., St. Michael's), Father Kelly, S.J., Father Dandon, O.S.A., and Father Duhib, O.P. Amongst the general public were—Messrs. James F. Barry (City High Sheriff), A. Hall, J.P., Wm. M. Beauchamp, solicitor (Clerk of the Crown and Peace), C. H. Fitt (sub-Sheriff), J. Guinane, J.P., J. J. F. Brown, C.E., George Ryan, C.E., John Ryan, solicitor, J. S. Gaffney, solicitor, Wm. B. Fitt, J. Anglim, P. Herbert, F. M. Fitt, solicitor, Robert McNamara, solicitor, M. Cusack, Martin McGuire, Wm. E. Counihan, solicitor, William Lloyd, B. Barrington, solicitor, H. Blackall, solicitor, A. Blood-Smyth, solicitor, Michael Reardon, F. E. Kearney, solicitor, E. Leahy, James Dundon, D. F. McNamara, S. Dowling, J.P.; S. Hastings, solicitor; Dr. Malone, Ald. O'Mara, J. A. Doyle, solicitor P. O'Sullivan, solicitor; J. H. Roche, J.P.; P. E. Bourke, J.P.; Austin Hall, M. McGuire, J. Boyd, Secretary Harbour Board; W. Ebrill, T. Evans, M. O'Toole, Hugh Coyle, J. Dowling, B. M'Gann, D. Thompson, George Hara, John Egan, T. H. M'Keru, Z. Ledger, John O'Donnell, J. O'Connor, W. Delaney.

Wreaths were sent by numerous friends. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs Todd and Co.

A pleasant pastime for winter evenings is the making of Lantern Slides from your negatives taken during the summer. All the accessories and

Mr. Lynch said that such questions would in the first instance be much better dealt with by a committee having an appointed chairman. He continued to say that it was time that some effort should be made to establish their Technical Schools and Free Library on a sound working basis, and with this view the Committee "must take off their coats" (hear, hear). That Committee were unable to show any progress during their three years of office, and it was only when something "special" was to be done that the members could be got together. They knew what he meant (laughter).

Mr. Kenny: They only come when there is a "job" to be done.

Mr. Whelan said the workingmen members could not attend, as the hour did not suit.

Mr. Lynch said if they could not attend the meeting they could attend the classes, and see the students at work. As practical tradesmen themselves, they could see that the pupils were getting proper instructions, and make useful suggestions, and encourage both teacher and pupil. He happened to be a delegate at the Congress of Engineers, and he was surprised at the amount of skill and knowledge displayed by tradesmen on matters concerning the working of public departments. Some of these men were connected with public bodies, and it was owing to their application to the business relating to their duties that they were able to deal effectively with public affairs. The prosperity of this city depended upon the success of the Technical Schools and Free Library, and the sooner they realised the fact the better.

The Mayor: I am sorry you did not make that speech two and a half years ago (laughter).

Mr. Lynch: I mentioned the matter often enough.

The Mayor said he thoroughly endorsed what Mr. Lynch had said, and he believed the inaction of the members was due to thoughtlessness. He thought the proposal to erect a new building combining the Free Library and Technical Classes could be carried out, as he had the best authority for saying that the offer of Mr. Carnegie could be availed of by their including a museum, for which they could levy a rate, and thus realise the funds necessary for the utilization of the gift.

The matter was referred to the Collection Committee of the Free Library, with Mr. Lynch, C.E., additional.

The other business was unimportant.

TO-DAY'S SPORTING.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.]

HAYDOCK PARK RACES.

Maiden Hurdle: Merrion, 1; Charlie, 2; Lady of Lyons, 3. Thirteen ran.
County Selling: Blondin, 1; Starch, 2; Lady Nyvics, 3. Four ran.
Garswood Handicap: King David, 1; Winkfields Dower, 2; Outpost, 3. Seven ran.
Selling Hurdle: Cutler, 1; Marie S, 2; Manx Penny, 3. Eight ran.
Makerfield Handicap: Free Love, 1; Maudlin, 2; Hugath Lath, 3. Three ran.
Wigan Steeplechase: Sunny Shower beat Greek Lass. Two ran.

LIMERICK STOCK AND SHARE LIST. THIS DAY'S PRICES.

Cousols, 93½.
Nationals, 225-16; Munsters, 515-16 xd; Hibernians, 5 15-16; Provincials, 31½.
Guinness, Ord 55½ xd; Dublin Distillers, Ord, 10s; Prefs., 2; Bristol's, Great Northern, Ord., 162; Great Southern, Ord., 103½; Midland Great Western, Ord, 83; Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford, Ord., 15.
Cbats, def, 76s 3d, xd; Burkes, Ord, 4½; Matterson's, Pref, 5½; Denny's, Pref, 12½; Cannocks, 613-16.
Dublin Trams, 11 8-16; Fish Oil, 2s 0d; Valentine, 3s; Wireless, 3½, 3½.
Components, 7s 0d; Duntlops, Def, 3s 4½d; Ord, 7s 6d; Osmonds, 1s 0d.
Atchisons, 78½; Denvers, 43½; Eries, 39½; Louisville, 107½; Missouries, 25½; Norfolks, 56½; Ontarios, 32½; Southern Pacifics, 50½; Southern, 33; Steel Trust, 41½ xd; Unions, 101½.