

Manager—It would take ten or twelve before the revenue derived from them would the expenditure.

Mayor did not think it fair to ask the Corporation to bear the expense. The Corporation did so.

Barry—If the Corporation pay for these we will have no objection.

Secretary read the Section of the Gas Act on such expenditure, from which it appeared that it should be made after an agreement between the Gas Committee and the Corporation.

Moran—I am not sure that we could not be aided.

The matter was deferred, pending the decision of the Corporation, and the opinion of the Law Ser.

## CROSS-CHANNEL SERVICE.

Thursday at the half-yearly meeting of the Western Railway Company a number of objects of interest to Irish readers in connection with the Fishguard and Rosslare and Milford and Waterford routes were touched upon.

The Chairman, who occupied the chair, in proposing the adoption of the directors' report, said in paragraph 6 of the report it was stated that having been found necessary to replace the paddle steamers now running between Milford and Waterford it had been determined to provide two new twin-screw steamers for the route. The vessels would be constructed of a type as to be available for the traffic between Fishguard and Rosslare when that service came into operation. The present vessels had been running for a large number of years, and had given a very good service; but they required new engines, as it cost more to repair old vessels than to buy new ones. They had adopted the type of the "Eunifarraen," which ran between Cork and Milford, as they required a vessel to carry the joint traffic of cattle and passengers.

Mr. Beavis said he saw with regret the proposed expenditure on boats, as they got no net revenue from that source even when they were free from accidents, which, unfortunately they were not. It would be the cost of the new vessels, and it would require four new vessels, when the Fishguard and Rosslare route was established, or five if the Waterford and Milford route be discontinued? When the dividends were falling he regretted to see such large sums embarked on so unremunerative a venture (hear, hear.)

The Chairman said the cost of the new vessels would be about £70,000 each. They had not yet made a decision as to the Fishguard and Rosslare route, but they would probably have a rapid passenger service on it. They were replacing old worn out vessels by those which could in any way be placed on either service.

In answer to another question he said they had decided to the amount of £52,922 over the last year's disbursements. There were 317 claims for compensation, of which 271 had been settled, 14 not recognised, and 32 remained to be dealt with.

## A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

The extraordinary personal influence of Queen Victoria among remote tribes, among myriads of people who had never seen her face, and who could not pronounce a word of her language, was unparalleled in the history of the world. It is, indeed, a heavy burden which her son takes up, and the thoughts and prayers of his subjects will be with

Mr. Hickson—The wholesale destruction of property such as this is a very serious offence, and I cannot see how the magistrates can deal with a case of such an extensive character. We must return the cases for trial.

Mr. O'Sullivan—I have no objection, because we can prove that they got leave to take the timber.

Mr. Hickson—But the owner swears that she gave no such authority.

The case was adjourned to see if the defendants would make any terms towards compensation.

## ADA REHAN'S MOTHER DEAD.

The New York Evening Journal, of 16th January, announces the death of the mother of Ada Rehan, the famous actress, and the illness of Miss Rehan herself. It is to be hoped, however, that the talented lady whom Limerick is proud to claim as a native of this city, has since become fully convalescent. The Journal says:—

"Miss Ada Rehan appears to be pursued by misfortune in the shape of sickness and death.

"Ill with the grip at her home, No. 164, West Ninety-third street, she was greatly shocked by the news of the death of her aged mother, at No. 65, Coffey-street, Brooklyn. Closely following the sad tidings comes the announcement that her old nurse, Mary Burke, who has lived with Mrs. Crehan for forty-eight years, is dying.

"It appears that after the death of her mistress she had gone to her room to rest. A servant discovered her in an unconscious condition. A doctor was summoned and declared the old nurse was dying. Mary Burke is seventy-six years old and had been the nurse of all of Mrs. Crehan's children.

"Mrs. Crehan was seventy-seven years old, and was born in Limerick, Ireland. She came to this country in 1866 with her husband, Thomas, and eight children, of whom four are living, Ada Rehan, Mrs. Oliver Doud Byron, Miss Hattie Russell, and William Crehan. Another son, Arthur, died a year ago. Two grandchildren also are living, Arthur W. Byron, who is playing with John Drew, and Fulton Russell, with Ada Rehan's company. William Crehan is a theatrical manager.

"The Knickerbocker Theatre is closed on account of Miss Rehan's illness, and there will be no performance of "Sweet Nell of Old Drury" for several days.

"Miss Rehan is believed to be out of all danger, but is still weak, and it is doubtful if she will gain strength enough to be able to attend her mother's funeral."

## NATIONALISTS AND THE NEW REIGN.

At a meeting on Thursday of the Irish Nationalist Party a resolution was passed to the effect that they could take no part in the ceremonies connected with the opening of a new reign so long as Ireland was wasted and depopulated by emigration and overtaxation, and also in view of the continuance of the war in South Africa, to which the Irish members had never assented, but against which, on the contrary, they had throughout protested.

BETTER QUALITY  
LOWER PRICE } THAN ANY OTHER.

Mr. P. L. O'Sullivan  
weekly meeting of the Radians on Wednesday. Those present were—Messrs. J. W. Fitzgerald, M. Kennedy, Nolan, T. Foley, T. L. O'Shaughnessy, J. Houlihan, Cusack, Wm. Costelloe, J. Dr. Hayes, Mr. T. B. Mr. Hassett, Assistant Clerk.

### THE NURSING

The following letter was Government Board:

"SIR—The Local Government Board have had before them the Board of Guardians of R. 30th ult., proposing when treatment in the workhouse place the night nurse in employ one of the wards, to perform the duties of the firm, and the Local Government Board the Guardians will from the Medical Officer report upon the qualifications that are proposed as substitutes.

In reply, Dr. Hayes's report:—"I beg to state, in communication of the Local Government Board the wardswomen (paid), in the hospital, are intelligent long experience, have sufficient competence to take temporary until a properly qualified nurse. One of the paid attendants having been fully trained. It must be understood that the provision of wardswomen is or better arrangement can be made. Employment is purely a necessity in emergency only, as training is required when continuous is required by the admission or as substitutes for the night nurse.

It was ordered that Dr. Hayes be forwarded to the Local Government Board.

### MEDICAL

A letter was received from the Government Board acknowledging the Board of Guardians of R. 30th ultimo, proposing to Dr. John T. B. Hayes for officer of the workhouse in case, and the board desire the usual fee usually allowed in such cases they requested to be informed the reasons for departing from the present instance.

Dr. Hayes—The fees all with the scale of fees fixed by the board, namely, that £2 2s. 3s. by night. This was a that required my assistance in my son for three or four hours we were exhausted. That

Mr. Kennedy—A resolution was passed on the subject, but the board decided to allow

Dr. Hayes—No; it was by night. The fees were resolution passed by the

Chairman—The doctor An order was made referring to the resolution passed by the Government Board at £3 3s. by night, pointing out that the present was a severe one.

PAUPER BURIAL—STRONG  
Mr. Reidy complained the remains of a child was at all. The coffin was