

DEATH OF MR. J. J. CLEARY, J.P.

We record with very sincere regret the demise of a highly respected citizen, Mr. J. J. Cleary, J.P., which took place on Sunday last at the Eagle Hotel, Lisdoonvarna, after a brief illness, and as the result of an acute attack of bronchitis. Mr. Cleary, who was in the 69th year of his age, was born in Kildare. Most of his life had, however, been spent in Limerick, where he was a prominent figure both in commercial and public life. For very many years he was proprietor of Cruise's Royal Hotel, and on the establishment passing into the hands of the present proprietor, Mr. James Flynn, he purchased the Eagle Hotel, Lisdoonvarna, which he conducted up to the time of his demise. Mr. Cleary, or, as he was better known, Alderman Cleary, was one of the few surviving members of the old Corporation, with which he was identified from the sixties. He enjoyed the rather uncommon distinction of being elected Mayor three years in succession, viz: 1872-'73-'74, and on each occasion unanimously. His term of office included many important and historic events in local annals. The Earl and Countess Spencer visited Limerick in 1872 and were presented with an address by the Corporation. In the following year the gravestone was opened by Earl Spencer, then Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and in the same year a very large company of citizens were invited by the Mayor to accompany the Earl and Countess to Scattery in connection with the ancient custom of "throwing the dart." In 1873 Mayor Cleary, attended a banquet of the Lord Mayor of London, and also presented an address to the Duke of Abercorn at the Viceregal lodge. For a long period Mr. Cleary was an Alderman of the Abbey Ward, and when the Local Government Act came into force, he again sought the suffrages of that constituency, but was defeated. Since then Mr. Cleary had practically retired from public life. During his time he was connected with every public board in Limerick, and was also a magistrate for the city. He was a most upright, kindly and charitable gentleman, and his removal from amongst us by the hand of death is much regretted by a wide circle of friends, who deeply sympathise with his family in their great sorrow. The remains arrived in town this morning from Lisdoonvarna, and conveyed to Kildare for interment in the family burial place.

IMPORTANT RATES CASE

At the Quarter Sessions yesterday before Judge Adams, the Corporation sued Mr. Vincent Nash to recover £10 4s. 2d., being amount of Improvement Rate and General Purposes Rate due out premises belonging to Mr. John Byrnes, the rent of which was received by Messrs Nash and Sons as agents. Mr. C. F. Doyle (instructed by Mr. John Dundon) appeared for the Corporation. Mr. P. Kelly, B.L. (instructed by Mr. J. P. Hall) for the defendant. Mr. Doyle referred his Honor to several sections of the Limerick Improvement Act, the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, and the Local Government Act '98 bearing on the subject. Counsel pointed out that the only question that could arise was whether section 54 of the Local Government Act interfered in any way with the law as it stood before the passing of that Act, and he contended that the special resolution passed by the Corporation in reference to that section operated to maintain the liability of the owner in the case let under a monthly tenancy as the house in question admittedly was. Mr. Kelly contended that the special resolution passed by the Corporation had only reference to a rate made exclusively under the local Act, and that the rate in question arose under the joint operation of the Limerick Improvement Clauses Act. His Honor held that the rate in question arose solely under the local Act, and gave a decree for the amount.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

To-morrow the polling for the election of County and District Councillors will take place conjointly at the various polling booths throughout the County. Mr. Mitchell, Returning Officer, was busily engaged yesterday, and to-day in sending out the ballot boxes and completing all the necessary arrangements. There are twelve county contests, and there are all told from the various Unions—69 Rural District contests, nine of these being in the Limerick Union. The County Council votes will be counted in the County Courthouse on Thursday and the results declared during that day. The District Council results will be declared in the respective Unions. As regards the city representatives on the Poor Law Board—three from each ward under the recent Order—contests will take place in four wards. These are as follows—Castle Ward, where the candidates are, Messrs Thomas Donnellan, B.C.; Patrick Dooley, B.C.; James Hassett, B.C.; William McNamara and John Slattery. Customhouse—Messrs Patrick Bourke, William Frost, Michael Joyce (Alderman), M.P.; and John Kirby. Market—Messrs Robert Frost, Cornelius A. Griffin, Richard Lunn, Patrick McDonnell (Alderman). Shannon—Messrs John Kelly, Jas. Laylor, Stephen O'Mara (Alderman), and Thomas Savage, Mr. Wm. Nolan, Town Clerk, is Deputy Returning Officer. The results will be declared to-morrow night.

THE JASON—H.M.S. "Jason" has left the Shannon to assist with the sister ship "Kipjack" in protecting the trawlers round the coast during

conveyed mails and passengers to West Limerick and Kerry. That was only what might be expected. He was in favour of the amalgamation himself unfortunately, but now he saw that all the pledges they had made before the Parliamentary Committee for the South if they got possession of the W. and L. line had been shamefully violated. The Company could have gone, if they thought they were wrongly treated, to the Irish members of Parliament of all political opinions, and to the Government presided over by Lord Cadogan and Mr. Wyndham, two men, who apart from their political opinions, had the interests of the country greatly at heart. But for the Company to strike this cruel blow at the city and county of Limerick and Kerry, and throw the whole business affairs of the two counties into confusion and disarray, inflicting unspeakable inconvenience on the public, was worthy of the G. S. and W. R. in their new management, rattling down to heavy loss, and he knew not what to the end. He could not await his Sessions till the professional gentlemen came in at two o'clock.

Mr. Leahy, Crown Solicitor—We shall have to camp at Newcastle. (laughter). The subject then dropped.

NEWCASTLE WEST TRAIN SERVICE.

At a specially convened meeting of the Fairs and Markets Association the proposed change in the train service—particularly the withdrawal of the mid-day train arriving about 11.30 a.m.—was strongly disapproved, and the Government condemned for causing such utter dislocation of the mail service, through the chess-parring economies practised by the Post Office Department. Mr. Michael O'Shaughnessy, Chairman, presided, and there was a full attendance. The following resolution was passed unanimously:—Proposed by Mr. John McDonnell, T.C. and seconded by Mr. Wm. Phelan:—"That we view with serious concern the abandonment of the mid-day mail service arriving here about 11.30 a.m., which deprives us of cross-channel correspondence, and the means of replying by 2 p.m. which we previously enjoyed, and the non-arrival of a train at that hour causes dislocation of the passenger traffic also being the most convenient and suitable service along the route between Limerick and Tralee; as we are one of the principal market towns along the route, and being deprived of this mid-day train, which admirably suited the hours for buyers and sellers at our markets, we protest in the strongest manner against its being cut off, and the niggardly conduct of the Post Office Department, for a paltry saving, to deprive the commercial people of this extensive district between Limerick and Tralee of the business advantages enjoyed through the accelerated mail service; and that as our markets will be seriously affected, if not immediately ruined, by this altered train service, and that as we are now driven back to the pre-railway means of postal delivery, we earnestly and urgently ask for a restoration of the train and mail services in force up to the 1st June. That copies be sent to Mr. P. J. O'Shaughnessy, M.P.; Dr. Robert Ambrose, M.P.; Michael Joyce, M.P.; the Postmaster-General, and the Chief Secretary."

LIMERICK DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

KILFINANE. The examination of the Sunday School children of this parish was held on the 30th of May. The examination was conducted by the Rev. Canon John Luther. The Rev. F. Read was also present. FIRST CLASS (Junior Division). First Rank—Jack Steep, Wm Naylor, Agnes Schimmacher. Second Rank—John Sherwood, James Sherwood. FIRST CLASS (Senior Division). First Rank—David Spence, William Sherwood, Anne Cole. SECOND CLASS. First Rank—Joseph Fitzelle, Sam Sherwood. Second Rank—Nanny Schimmacher, Joseph Naylor. THIRD CLASS (Junior Division). First Rank—Lottie Naylor, Michael Sherwood. THIRD CLASS (Senior Division). First Rank—Agnes Fitzelle. FIFTH CLASS. First Rank—John Steep.

KILFLYNN PARISH.

These examinations were held on May 29th. Rev. F. G. Read (Rector of Kilfinane) examined. Present—Rev. Canon Luther (Rector of Kilflynn), Mrs. and the Misses Luther. Twenty-five children presented themselves for examination. FIRST CLASS—(Junior Division). First Rank—Robert Hogg, Annie Young, Annie Bateman, Percy Trench, Richard Mee, Willie Young. Second Rank—Willie Steep. FIRST CLASS—(Senior Division). First Rank—Arthur Fryett, Andrew Hogg, Isabella Bateman, John Steep. SECOND CLASS. First Rank—Samuel Tyndall, Christopher Jeffares, Lena Mee, Fanny Jeffares, Edward Allen. Second Rank—Kate Steep. THIRD CLASS—(Senior Division). First Rank—Samuel Steep, George Legeer. FOURTH CLASS. First Rank—Frank Winters, William Alton. FIFTH CLASS. First Rank—Rosie Winters. SIXTH CLASS. First Rank—Edwin Winters, George Ginnelly.

PRESENTATION TO A POST OFFICE OFFICIAL.—The Postal and Telegraph staffs of Waterford have presented Mr. James Cullen, formerly engineer of the Waterford Telegraph district, with a beautiful marble six-pillar clock as a token of their regard and esteem, on the occasion of his transfer to the Tipperary district. The presentation was

mentioned the woman's name to him. I told him that the woman left the Workhouse on the 20th of February; that she went to Rathkeale and returned again, and was re-admitted on the 22nd of February; that I went to the doctor previous to her leaving and asked him to detain her until her misconduct was investigated, and the guilty parties found out. I told him, none of the officers although hearing the rumour (at least being told by me), mentioned the matter to the Board. (She could not be re-admitted without being medically examined; if she were medically examined on the 22nd of February, why was not her condition entered or brought under the notice of the Board) when she had repeated applications for her discharge before the Board during the month of March, and again on May, as she had herself sent to Glin early in March; she could not leave the house without a Board's order. I told Father O'Shea that certain Guardians supported her application on the 1st of May, and that last she would be let out I had written to the *Munster News and Leader* calling attention to the matter, but those papers did not publish my letter. On Friday, 9th of May, I again met Father O'Shea, and in the course of conversation he said "With a reference to what you were speaking to me about on Wednesday I was speaking to one of the nurses—"Miss Devany (I think I said Miss Davern)—perhaps?" Father O'Shea said, "Yes, Miss Davern, to be sure. While speaking to her, the woman referred to passed by, and after some remarks I said, 'Who is mentioned?' The nurse said, 'Oh, don't ask me any more, Father, now.' Those are the exact words; let Father O'Shea deny them if he wishes. I did not mean to mention Father O'Shea's name, but when I wrote to the Croom Board of Guardians, on the 15th inst., informing them of this woman's condition, and demanding that she should be detained until her misconduct was properly investigated, a Guardian asked me what authority had I for stating that the report was true. I then said, 'I have it from Father O'Shea, and he has called for a sworn inquiry, and the morning after, the hall porter sealed the walls and fled by the first train, bag and baggage. He has not been seen or heard from since. Now let the public form their own opinion as to the rest, and why the teapot-storm was raised on Thursday last by Messrs. Lyons and Co. in the Board-room. If Mr. Lyons thinks he can hoodwink me and the public, as he has hoodwinked the people of Croom for so many years, he is making a great mistake. Let the Croom Board of Guardians and their well-paid officers do their duty in connection with this case, as I have done mine at all events. Let those of that Board who are more anxious to fling mud at the baker than to purify the horrible atmosphere of their institution do it, but I will lift the veil and tear off the masks, for truth, honour, and justice must prevail, even in Croom, in spite of all attempts to cloak the present scandal as many of a similar and more disgraceful class were cloaked in the same institution heretofore. Apologising for troubling you. I am, sir, yours truly, P. J. RYAN, Baker. Croom, 31st May, 1902.

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WHO'S BROWN?

The puzzle which has been staring us from the hoardings for the last week was solved last night before a big audience by a most capable company of artists at the Theatre Royal, and in the solving of it the audience were given a two-and-a-half hours innocent hearty enjoyment, equal to anything we have seen at the Royal. Rippling laughter and enthusiastic applause was the order of the evening, and the one was evoked spontaneously, the other was richly deserved. "Who's Brown?" is a three act comedy, not of excessively farcical nature, but brimful of real comedy. There are some comedies in which the fun is so fast and furious that towards the end compelled laughter becomes tiresome. "Who's Brown?" is not one of these. There is, so to speak, breathing room for anticipation and conjecture, and when the exposed does come, it is so brimful of fun, born of unexpected—though perfectly natural situations—that it is thoroughly enjoyable. We don't like to give the plot away. Nor would it be fair. Suffice it to say, that the head remains from home for a night. As a fact he is hoisted in the air with a female companion on the great wheel at Earlscourt which refuses to revolve. His wife declines to believe such a story. He invents one of having spent the night with his friend John Brown, a mythical personage as he thinks. A friend consents to become the John Brown, the wife is convinced, and the pair are reconciled. But there is a real John Brown, and when he turns up together with his wife, it does really become a question of "Who's Brown." How it is all put right our readers who enjoy innocent, honest fun, sparkling with word play which is really clever, and good acting, should go to-night or to-morrow, and see and hear for themselves. We venture to say they will not be disappointed. The company is a very capable one. Miss Nita Faydon as "Mrs. Tempest" is excellent, whether in the outraged, injured and indignant, or the convinced, repentant, and forgiving wife. The various phases of character are excellently given. Mr. Charles Fawcett as "John Brown" is a fine personation of a friend in need, not over scrupulous as to his "tarradiddles" in fact he proves like his friend Mr. Standley Wade as "Jack Tempest," a splendid liar, as well as capable actor, and adds considerably by his ready invention and adaptability to the exigencies of the moment to the comical situations in which he has involved others. The "Martha" of Miss Annie Goward was capital, whether in the defiant or penitent mood. The servant "Wigson," played by Mr. J. Harold, was a fine conception, as was also the "Mrs. Fuller" of Miss Elizabeth Delaport, while Miss Nina Westerleigh gave an excellent rendering of the part of "Mary." The only persons who are not likely to be pleased with "Who's Brown?" are our city undertakers, for if it be true that

"Care to our coffin adds a nail, no doubt, And every laugh, so merry, draws one out," those present last night were likely to get quite a "new lease of life."

As far as the Boer prisoners are concerned, they will, before being allowed to return to South Africa, have to take the oath of allegiance to King Edward VII.

The Lord Mayor of London's St. Vincent Relief Fund now amounts to £50,000. A further donation of £5,000, making £55,000, was remitted to the Governor of the Windward Islands.

Samuel Thompson, a vintner in the employment of the firm of Messrs Ferguson and MacRae, of Belfast, has become heir or co-heir to a fortune of £75,000, said to have been left to him by some relatives in America.

The Marchioness of Northampton died on Sunday at Castle Ashby, Northampton. The deceased lady was the daughter of the second Baron Ashburton, and was married to the Marquess in 1884.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of District Councillor Peter Walters, of Sligo, on a charge of passing counterfeit coin. A warrant was also issued for the arrest of his nephew, Michael McGloin.

The Repatriation Department of the Transvaal Rand Board has issued a notice calling on refugees in Pretoria from outside districts desirous of returning to their homes on the termination of hostilities to register themselves.

A suggestion has emanated from the Chamber of Mines at Bulluwayo, that the birthday (July 5) of the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes should be made a public holiday in the colony, and that the day be known as "Rhodesia Day."

It is reported that several persons were found still alive in the cellars of certain houses in St. Pierre, but when, seventy-two hours after the eruption, water and food were offered them, none had sufficient strength to rally.

At least 45,000 troops, exclusive of the new police force, will be maintained in South Africa, and garrison towns will be made at all the big centres for infantry, whilst cavalry depots will be spread throughout the Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

Patrick Blanche, carpenter, aged 22 years, of 17 East Square, Inchicore, and who originally came from 27 Francis street, Balbricken, Co. Waterford, was killed at Inchicore yesterday morning by a returning excursion train from Killaloe.

His Majesty's Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of Ireland appointing Major Charles Keon O'Hara, to be his Majesty's Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Sligo, in room of Colonel the Right Honourable Edward Henry Cooper, deceased.

In Carlisle Cathedral, on Saturday, the Bishop of Carlisle deprived the Rev. James Anderson, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Whitehaven, who was found guilty, on May 23rd, of indecency and drunkenness, of all preferments he now holds in the Church of England.

The sea serpent appeared! A number of Tenby fishermen, says the Exchange Telegraph Company assert that while trawling in the Channel some miles below Tenby they saw a monster fish, 200ft. long, with four fins as large as sails. Its general appearance was that of a sea serpent.

THE LATE MR. RICHARD SMITH.

The remains of the late Mr. Richard Smith, father of Mr. W. B. Smith, of Patrick street, were removed on Thursday from the residence at Briska, Clarina, for interment in his family burial ground at Killeedy. Deceased, who had reached his 79th year, was a gentleman widely known and highly respected in the city and county, and his funeral was attended by a large concourse of sympathisers. The chief mourners were: Messrs George Smith, Burton Smith, William B. Smith, Richard Smith, sons; J. B. Waugh, Michael Hanly, Edwin Smith, sons-in-law; Joe Smith, T. Smith, E. Collopy, nephews; James Smith, Mantulla, grandson; J. Smith, junior, Adare; J. Smith, Wm. Smith, E. Smith, Briska. Amongst the general public were—Messrs John Coughlin, Briska; Michael Doolan, John Doolan, William Drew, T. E. Mass, Hewson, William Holliday (managing director Messrs Boyd & Co.), Master Holliday, John Wilson, T. Foley, Arthur M'Niece, P. O'Connor, Michael O'Brien, M. Griffin (Shannon Rowing Club), R. Normoyle, D. Enright, P. O'Grady, — Hamilton (Cannock & Co.), H. W. Long (M'Birney & Co.), John Kelly, Patrick Street; James Houlahan, James Purcell, Con. Shanahan, William Hourigan, J. Bresnahan, — Pigott, J. Shine, George Drew; — Ware, Joseph Smith, Wickham Street; Joseph Smith, Deegerty; Robert Smith, Rossmangher; J. Smith, Patrick Street; R. Keating, J. Burke, W. Burke, M. O'Neill, — Moorhead, James C. Collopy, B. Corneille (Rour), J. Corneille (Beechmount), R. Hanna, B. Hanna, W. Nelson, Rev. Mr. Cole, Rev. Mr. Gentleman, — Humphreys, George Walsh, M. Kenny, Cornelius O'Halloran, James Sheehy (Court), J. Costelloe, — Costelloe, John Downey, D. O'Connell, — Mills, J. Buckley, P. Casey, John Casey, James Treby, Wm. Coughlan, — Cliffe, — Miller, — Atkinson, Patrick Lawlor, M. Heffernan, L. Doolan, Nel Evans, John Hourigan, — Scanlan, John Kelly (Briska), J. Kelly (Briskamore), John O'Connor, J. Naughton, P. Meade, John Meade, James Smyth (Patrick-street), Dr. O'Brien, John Burns, Michael Burns, Michael O'Brien (Churchfield), Thomas McMahon, James Dundon (Loughmore), Matthew Lyons. Wreaths were sent by members of the family: Mrs. Abbott, Vermont; the Shannon Rowing Club, etc. Carriages were sent by Lord Clarina, J. C. Cooper (Cooper Hill), Massy Hewson, J. Wilson, P. Switzer, E. Smyth, Mr. Atkinson, J. Kelly, &c. Rev. Mr. Abbott, Rector, officiated in the church and at the grave.

CAUTION—How to test the purity of COCOAS.—It treated with alkali and chemicals, such cocoas will have a medicinal scent when the tin is opened, and it will be a darker colour when