

CASTLE WARD.

AN UPROARIOUS GATHERING.

A meeting of the electors of the Castle Ward convened on the requisition of Mr. Thomas Donnellan, B.C., was held at the Courthouse on Sunday evening. There was a large gathering of electors of the Ward. It was evident from the beginning that the selections would not be unanimous, nor the proceedings harmonious, as a dissentient element soon made its presence felt. Amongst those present were—Messrs Thomas Donnellan, J. Vaughan, James Hassett and James Connery, who are the outgoing Councillors; E. J. Long, D. Donovan, J. Kennedy, J. Gilligan, D. Williams.

The Courthouse was crowded, and Mr Donnellan who with a number of others occupied the magistrates' bench, rose amid much cheering, and proposed Mr. David Williams take the chair. Mr. Long seconded the motion, which met with considerable opposition, and cries of "we don't want an old soldier in the chair," "we want Donnellan." Mr Long proposed that Mr Donnellan take the chair, and a counter proposition having been made that Mr Vaughan take the chair a show of hands was taken, and amidst a scene of much confusion, Mr Donnellan declared that the proposition that he should preside was carried. He then took the chair amidst much cheering, and briefly explained the objects of the meeting.

Mr. James Hassett proposed that the former Councillors again go forward, but the proposal met with disfavour.

Mr P. Hassett remarked that the proper course would be to ask the Government to send down paid officials to do the work of the Corporation (hear, hear). The old members had done nothing (applause).

Several names were proposed and seconded, amongst them being Mr. Donnellan, whose name was favourably received, Mr Eugene J. Long, Mr John Kennedy, Mr John Slattery, Mr Daniel Donovan (who declined to go forward), Mr P. Dooley, and Mr Dineen. The names of Mr Connery and Mr Vaughan were also proposed and seconded, but they declined to be nominated by that meeting.

Mr Vaughan attempted to make a speech, but could not be heard owing to the interruptions, and after a scene of much confusion Mr Donnellan declared that the following gentlemen had been selected by the majority of the meeting—T. Donnellan, E. J. Long, Patrick Dooley, John Slattery, Mary street.

Mr Donnellan then declared the meeting adjourned, and he had no sooner vacated the chair than it was taken possession of by Mr. Vaughan, who proceeded to make a speech to a considerable number who had remained in court.

An individual in court had asked if Mr Donnellan had answered the challenge of Mr. Dalton.

Mr Vaughan said they had nothing to do with that question.

Mr J. Hassett, B.C., also spoke, remarking that the Councillors whom Mr Donnellan's following tried to pass over had proved that they were unpurchasable.

Mr Connery also spoke, and after some debate of an irrelevant character, the following were named by this meeting as candidates, and signed the usual pledges—J. Vaughan, B.C., J. Hassett, B.C., James Connery, and J. Dineen (new candidate).

Some speech-making followed, and the meeting broke up.

SHANNON WARD.

A public meeting of electors was held in Mr Kelly's yard, Thomas street, for the purpose of selecting candidates. There was a pretty large attendance.

Alderman O'Mara was moved to the chair, and said the Corporation had become a pandemonium. Members ground their own axes and there had

occurred in the Corporation during the past three years in which the Newtown ward had a great interest.

A Voice: Yes. Ye knocked down houses and sold the bricks (laughter).

The discussion again turned on Mr. Prendergast's candidature, and the Chairman once more stated that the meeting had been called to support the four candidates selected.

A voice cried out, "Are the electors of the ward to be ignored."

The Chairman repeated his ruling, which was received with cries of "Quite right."

A Voice cried out "Clerical dictation," which observation was received with hisses and cries of shame. A Voice—That fellow must be a rank coward. Another Voice—That fellow is a Dalyite, whoever he is. A Voice—Daly is a man—(cheers for Daly and hisses). A female voice outside the building shouted "Everytime for Daly" in vigorous style.

Finally a committee of the Pork Butchers and St. John's Temperance Society was appointed in support of the four candidates selected for the Councillorship, viz., Messrs. Donnelly, Gough, Cusack, and Sheehan, and the meeting dispersed.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A MADMAN'S ACT.

A report has reached Pallaskenry that a farmer named James O'Rourke, residing at Ardlahan, about two miles away, had made a most determined attempt at self destruction by gashing his throat severely with a hay knife. The unfortunate man was immediately attended by Dr. Hannigan, Pallaskenry, who dressed his wounds, but slight hopes are entertained of his recovery. The same individual made a similar attempt on his life about twelve months ago, particulars of which were reported in the *Limerick Chronicle*. Since that time up to a short time ago, he has been an occupant of the Limerick Lunatic Asylum.

THE LATE MR. JOHN CUSSEN.

The funeral of Mr. John Cussen, Kilcolman house, Rathkeale, took place on Sunday. Deceased was one of the last surviving members of a good old Limerick stock. Kindest of the kind, and one whose motto was ever to do good. His liberal purse was even open to assist his fellow man, in life he was loved, and in death deeply lamented. The clergy present were—The Very Rev. M. O'Donnell, P.P., V.F., Rev. J. O'Shaughnessy, P.P., Rev. J. Ryan, P.P., Rev. M. McCoy, C.C., Rev. S. Culhane, C.C., Rev. J. Murphy, C.C., Rev. J. Connolly, C.C., Rev. J. Foley, C.C., Knockaderry.

The chief mourners were—Messrs Robert Cussen, solr., Joe, James, and Michael (sons), Mr. H. Sheehy (grandson), John M. Donovan, C. Donovan, Joe Sheehy, D.C., and there was a very large and representative gathering of the general public.

THE ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT AT THE FRONT.

GENEROUS TRIBUTE TO ITS HEROISM.

The 1st Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment which was stationed in this garrison some few years ago, has been in South Africa during the greater portion of the war and has acquitted itself with conspicuous heroism. No better proof of this can be pointed to than Colonel Park's Farewell to the gallant corps, which is contained in the following extract from Regimental Orders kindly forwarded to us by a correspondent:—

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It is

LIMERICK DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Limerick Council (No. 1) was held on Saturday in Dispensary, Mr. William Nunan, J.P. (presiding). Also present—P. Fitzgerald, T. Lane, P. Mulcahy, D. Clancy, J. N. P. J. McGrath, C. McNamara, Mark O'Devane, J. Butler, R. Leonard, W. Ni Moloney, P. Hassett, D. Kelly, D. Conry, Ryan (Knockatan), Michael Hayes (Michael Hayes (Gallinabour), P. Mulqu Ryan (Annagh), P. J. McGrath, J. B. B. J.P., J. Naughton, T. Brennan, T. B. J.P., Joseph Cahill, John Lynch, Wm. D. O'Brien, Maurice Gleeson, John G. Humphreys, J. F. McDonagh.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS.

A circular from the Home Office, V stated that the Act which was passed in Session of Parliament to amend and of the existing Factory and Workshop Act made considerable changes in the duties authorities with regard to factories, and work places, the Secretary of thought it would be useful if the local authorities a memorandum showing what their duties would in future be, attention to the alterations and addition the new Act. Two copies of the memorandum were accordingly enclosed.

ALLEGED MALICIOUS INJURY.

The Assistant Clerk announced the receipt of notice from Edmund Fitzgerald of his to apply for £52 10s compensation for a containing about 15 tons, wantonly maliciously set fire to and wholly destroyed Caherelly on 18th December.

The matter was referred to Mr Ryan to the Board.

UNFIT FOR HABITATION.

The Local Government Board forward of the schedule to the Inspector's report to the houses proved to be unfit for habitation at the local inquiry recently held Improvement Scheme made by the Council the Labourers' Acts.

The matter was referred to the engine solicitor to take action.

GRAVEYARDS.

Mr. Barrington proposed a resolution was adopted, directing Mr. O'Malley, to define the duties of caretakers of grave that they be paid on his certificate.

This was agreed to.

REPAIRS OF COTTAGES.

There was only one tender for the repairs in Abington, Castleconnell and G. —Mr. Sheehan, who tendered at 7s 6d for two years.

Mr. O'Malley said the price was what the Council had agreed on—viz three years.

The Chairman said they had 380 cottages in 1 district, and the repairs for 2½ years £1,658.

Mr. O'Malley: Some of the houses are