

ance of mails by car. Mr. A. Chamberlain replied that the Postmaster-General had not been justified in agreeing to the increase demanded by the Railway Company, and therefore "there is no alternative but to forward by car those mails for which suitable trains will not be available. The best service practicable under the circumstances will be afforded." But it is quite evident that the "best service practicable," if it be a car service, will not satisfy the public, and unless the dispute is speedily settled we are likely to hear plenty about it in the House of Commons, and in Limerick and Kerry.

NEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

OUR STREETS.

The steam road roller is doing excellent work in our streets, but there are already indications that the softness of the material used, will not stand much of the wear and tear of traffic. What seems to be wanted is a harder kind of stone, granite for instance. The cost of conveyance under the present circumstances would, no doubt, be considerable, but why should not the Corporation, having gone one step onward in getting the roller, go another step and obtain a schooner by means of which the stone could be fetched from any distance. Then work might be found for the unemployed "rooted in the soil" men, for even stone breaking would be better than nothing. It is only *le premier pas qui coute*.

THE WEATHER.

The extremely cold and harsh weather of the past few weeks has certainly brought home the truth of the saying that "winter lingering, chills the lap of May." It is certainly very unusual at so advanced a period of the year, and, naturally, has had a very adverse effect on vegetation, with the result that farmers and graziers are complaining of the exceptional backwardness of growth and of the difficulty of maintaining their cattle on the food supplies at present available. However, a decided change for the better has set in during the present week. The grateful, refreshing, soft rains have done a lot of good for the country, which is now clothed in rich verdure, and delicate foliage and blossoms are every day becoming more in evidence. To-day was something like what May weather should be—bright and genial, and giving us hope that the harsh north-easterly winds have at last disappeared.

KILKEE'S SOLITARY GRANDEUR.

Solitude may have its charms, but its great disadvantages strike forcibly on the mind of the casual stroller on the rugged coast of Kilkee at the present time. Loneliness and desolation are its characteristics at present. Not a visitor on the Horseshoe Promenade, nor a child making merry on the splendid expanse of beach. It was not ever thus in the time of "merry May," but the weather prevalent at present would deter even the hardiest from venturing to our Atlantic swept shore, never perhaps so splendid in its grandeur as now, with the tumbling and tossing waves with thunderous sound beating on cliff and rock. Old ocean is in the happiest mood, roaring and crashing and rushing majestically into bay, and cleft and fissure in mighty volumes of deepest

against the law and do injustice to a poor creature. We have advised our correspondent to send his facts to the Local Government Board, who will be sure to make an investigation. Meanwhile, as the Guardians apparently know all about it, the officers are cognisant of it, and "all Croom is gossiping about it," it would be well for the Guardians to anticipate the L.G.B., and at their meeting next Thursday have the matter thrashed out.

THE ROYAL ARMS. SUMMONSES ISSUED.

We understand that Joseph Ryan, Borough Councillor; Joseph Fitzgerald, and John Egan have been served with summonses at the suit of the Crown, in connection with the disappearance of the Royal Arms from the Town Hall, and that the cases will be heard on Monday, at the City Courthouse.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY QUESTION.

Lord Salisbury's secretary has written to the Town Clerk acknowledging receipt of copy of resolution passed by the Borough Council in reference to the Catholic University question.

Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P., writes stating that the resolution would receive the careful consideration of his colleagues and himself.

DIED AT DINNER.

On Thursday Jas. Ryan aged 65, living at Kilmacat, after attending Mass in the village chapel at Pallaskenry, went into the licensed premises of James Smyth, where he was invited to take dinner by the publican. After partaking of some meat, Ryan was seen to fall back in his chair, and the publican thinking that the meat had caught in his throat, removed him to the yard, and Dr. Hannigan was immediately summoned, but the poor man only lingered a few moments, Rev M. Mulcahy, C.C., being just in time to administer to him the last rites of his Church. Dr. Hannigan attributed death to heart disease and not from choking as was supposed. Deceased was a sheep shearer and an honest and industrious man.

RAILWAY RATES.

The Railway and Canal Commissioners will open an inquiry in Dublin on Monday next with respect to the objections lodged by eighty-one public bodies, societies, and traders, to the proposal of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to increase certain rates on their system.

The Town Clerk has received from the Chief Secretary an acknowledgment of the receipt of a resolution adopted by the Limerick Borough Council in reference to Irish railway rates.

LIMERICK RACES.

We would like to draw attention to the carriage enclosure that the Directors have erected at Green Park. All carriages and traps attending the meeting can go inside this enclosure, which is joined on to the stand, free of charge—They will find it a very great advantage, as along with having a capital view particularly of "the finish," it is thoroughly protected from the outside public—and has a pass gate from it into the grand-stand.

THE CLARE CRIMES ACT CASES.

never drunk in all his life.

HYMN OF ST. PATRICK.—next issue an extended note brilliant cantata, "The Hy which had a most enthusias this week.

IRISH TERRIER JACK—Th which contains a wealth of lovers and dog fanciers, has, fine specimen of His Majesty Irish terrier "Jack."

NEWCASTLE MAY FAIR w demand was brisk, and pr tendency, springers being £13 to £16 10s; three year year old, £8 to £11, and yea

IRISH MAGISTRATES' CONF eagle appears amongst the magistrates who have signifi be present at the conference ence to the licensing questio

SHIPPING.—The sailing v San Francisco, is discharging tons of wheat for Messrs. B. The "Biskop Brun" has arri sadt, with a cargo of 1,750 Messrs. Spaight and Sons.

SHUT THAT GATE.—At Kill Shragh, a farmer, was fined costs, for neglecting to keep on to the West Clare line quently cautioned by Mr. Su and the Company's servants.

ARMY REMOUNTS.—The K.P., Commanding the County of London Imperial selected as a member of the consider the provision of b regiments of Imperial Yeoma

LADY GUARDIAN CANDIDATE of Dr. O'Brien, of Ennistyr Malbay, seeks re-election for t Electoral Division. Of the guardians there can be no sha the electors of Miltown-Ma this.

THE SHANNON HOTEL, C following are now staying at Mr G. C. Williams, Mr C. W Greenhill, Col. Townshend, M E. T. Ingham, Mrs Ingham, Mrs Ingham, Mr E. Booth, and Irish Land-Commission.

CLARE CANDIDATE FOR CO ford Maguire ex M.P. for Clare address the General Commit Division (Cornwall) Liberal view to his adoption as a car elections in opposition to Lawrence, the present membe

FISHING WITHOUT A LICEN Petty Sessions on Thursda Hosford, Secretary, Limeric vators, prosecuted two men Kennedy for having fished w out having paid licence dut fined £6, and the net forfeit

THE CO. LIMERICK LAWN GROUND.—On Monday next, Mrs. White, George-street. of Colonel Sir Henry Johnson of the K.O.Y.L.I., their Monday, 19th, being Whitst no tea, and the band will not

R.I.C. AT THE CORONATION H. E. W. Yeates, Tipper in charge of a detachment in last January, has been speci I.G., to take charge of contingent to be present at t next month. The adjutant contingent.

"THE MESSENGER BOY."—?