

SCHOOLS.

Levels in which the children are Taught.

Some facts relating to education in the county are found in Section I of the Seventy-first Report of the National Education in Ireland as issued yesterday.

The condition of school buildings is complained of by several of the officials who make up the Report. Thus, in Sligo, the present, practically stopped, worthless houses, so often referred to in the Reports, continue in use. It is pointed out to repeat the disadvantages and prolonged existence of these

They are unwholesome and act injuriously on the children as the body, and they are the best and most elevating are tolerated because a kind of artificiality too rapidly the seeds of decay, which must lurk in such schools, the equipment in these schools is the buildings."

TOOLS IN CABINS.

Some houses are merely thatched and not heated and ventilated, with poor lighting without any premises, or out-

The Portarlington circuit says that in a school, the out-offices of a very unsatisfactory condition, criticised by the teacher as "good." In answer to an explanation, the teacher says they are no worse now than when they were appointed here ten years ago. "In my course," he added, "if a decent school they are neither good nor

COUNTY CLARE.

There exists a hedge school that has been in existence for, perhaps, a century or more. "This institution last year," an official said, "and I was much interested, surprised, to find upwards of thirty pupils assembled under the roof of a building giving a rudimentary education. It, I should have imagined, had long since been given up. It is a pity that this survival of the old system has held its ground so long. The Government of the National School system

is generally used for heating the districts provided by the pupils. It is a two sods, not always large, and is being. The custom is an old one and is carried out in a fairly

DEATH OF DISTRICT INSPECTOR CUSACK (RATHKEALE I.F.)

The death occurred at his residence at Rathkeale this morning of Mr. Francis Cusack, District Inspector, R.I.C., after an illness of brief duration. The sad intelligence was received at William street Police Barracks to-day by telegraph, and there being no account there of Mr. Cusack being indisposed for any time, the melancholy news was received with very deep regret by the men, to many of whom the deceased gentleman was intimately known. County Inspector Hayes, who was early apprised of the news, took the first possible opportunity of tendering his condolence to the relatives of the deceased. In Rathkeale, where Mr. Cusack had been located for the past five years, his demise was heard of with extreme regret. He was of a genial and affable disposition, and both in the force and outside it he made numerous friends. His career in his calling was one unbroken series of successes. He joined the Constabulary in the early seventies as a Constable, and rising rapidly attained the rank of District Inspector about twelve years ago while stationed at Tralee. On his promotion he was transferred to Killenaule where he served up to the time of his removal to Rathkeale. In South Tipperary, as in West Limerick, the deceased officer's many good traits endeared him to a number of friends, who all deplore his untimely death. District Inspector Cusack's early life as a member of the Force commenced in Limerick City a quarter of a century ago.

DIED FROM STARVATION.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

At Tottenham to-day Walter Joseph Gammon, an Edmonton Socialist, was committed for trial charged with the manslaughter of his child, aged four months, whom the coroner's jury found died from starvation, owing to the father's wilful neglect. It was alleged that the accused refused to obtain parish relief because of the disfranchisement.

MINERS' FEDERATION.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

The Miners' Federation at Blackpool to-day agreed to the principle of legislatively reducing the hours of labour to eight per day, from bank to bank, and strongly protested against the Government's delay in the matter of old age pensions.

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