

the last few days (says our correspondent) experiencing some of the old March or in West Clare—hard, dry, and bracing. Anything but the soaking, drizzly welcome; for since Christmas it has been fully severe spell of weather, with a net of much sickness and a good many deaths in the country and town.

Ennis District Council have decided to call on Tipperary County Council to reinstate their original resolution in favour of 20 per cent. extra in butter, instead of 16 per cent., to which they committed themselves at their last meeting.

The tramp nuisance in Tuam has become so unbearable that the business people have come to a mutual understanding to absolutely refuse to employ them in future.

At St. Mary's Church, Clonmel, on Sunday evening, Dr. Jese's setting of "St. Patrick's Aspiration" was sung.

Something interesting about "Stamina and Supply" will be found on page 1 to-day. Saturday was the birthday of Princess Patricia Connaught, who was born on March 17, 1885, youngest child of her parents.

COUNCIL BUSINESS FOR FRIDAY

Among the matters for discussion at the Council meeting on Friday next, at 7.30, are the following:—

To present Mr. O'Halloran with the Boylston Humane Society's certificate.

To consider the advertising contracts, the terms of which contain the stipulations that no migration advertisements be taken by the newspapers, that the paper be printed on Irish paper, and that the name of the supplying mill be prominently advertised in the imprint of the newspapers.

To receive the report of the Shop Hours Act Committee, and take action with reference to it.

Application of Mr. John Dandon for increase of salary.

To consider the report of the auditor of the gas accounts, those of the Union and District Asylum.

There are several notices of motion, relative to consolidating the municipal debts, rescinding the estimate for the slip at Barrington's pier; that the new hackney car license resolution be rescinded; proposed increase of Mayor's salary; the dealing with the old library premises; that Council meetings be held at 4 o'clock; that no paid Corporate official attend any public function without a special order of the Council; that the minimum water charge of 10s outside the borough be rescinded; and that the election of all officers of the Council be in future by ballot.

WATER SUPPLY TO THE ENNIS COURTHOUSE

At the meeting of the Ennis Urban Council yesterday, Mr. Lannane in the chair, Mr. O'Moloney, referring to the dispute about the water rent for the Ennis Courthouse, and to the interview between the Ennis Council deputation and that of the Clare County Council, said he was glad to inform the Council that the difficulty had now been satisfactorily settled.

The Courthouse rent, which had been increased from £10 to £50, was left at £30 as agreed to by the deputations from the two Councils, and the Infirmary rent was left at the old figure, £12.

JUST A LINE

Mr. G. C. Williams, fishing on Doonass waters, killed a salmon 44 lbs, the largest this

the Registrar-General

Clonmel. A resolution strongly condemning the practice of hotel and restaurant keepers in buying frozen meat, has been passed by the South of Ireland Cattle Traders. The matter is to be brought before the Industrial Association and the Development Association.

Mr. Charles J. Sawyer, a well known London bookseller, was the possessor of Lady Anne Hamilton's "Secret History of the Court of England" a work worth £1,000, which he kept in a small cabinet in his shop. By some accident it must have been knocked over into the case where a miscellaneous lot of books were exhibited for sale. "All these at sixpence." From this lot it was purchased by some lucky book hunter, and now Mr. Sawyer is offering a reward of £15 for its return.

A Lloyd's message to-day says the steamer Sima, previously reported with part of her cargo on fire, left Port Said early this morning.

Mr. Hickson, R.M., attended at the police court to-day. There was no case for hearing.

DEATH OF MR JOHN GUBBINS.

We deeply regret to receive the news by telegram this afternoon of the death of that well known sportsman and racehorse owner, Mr. John R. Gubbins, of Bruce. Probably no sportsman was better known in the Three Kingdoms than the deceased gentleman, whose long and debilitating illness was watched with the keenest interest, and whose death will be regretted wherever the sport of Kings is known. Mr. Gubbins was a fine Irish gentleman whose princely mansion at Bruce, was ever hospitably open to all who took an interest in the beautiful animals in his stables. He was a kindly hearted generous man, one incident tending to show that he was not ungrateful of the animals that had done so much for him, even when past work, being the care he took of the aged dam of the great winner "Galtee More" one of the objects of interest, among many, to all who visited the stud. Mr. Gubbins was born in 1833, and was the fourth son of the late Mr. Joseph Gubbins, of Kilfrush, and Maria, daughter of Thomas Wise, Cork. He married Edith, the daughter of C. B. Legg, in 1889, and his wife died in 1896. In the year 1886 he was High Sheriff of County Limerick. He was a fine, fearless, and successful rider. Among his many successes he won the Downshire Plate, riding Mr. J. D. Whyte's Fairyland in 1870, the Weller Cup at the Down Royal meeting in 1883, the Derby and the Leger in one year (1897) as well as the Two Thousand Guineas in the same year with the world-famous horse, "Galtee More," which was afterwards sold to a foreign Government for a sum of over £20,000. He also won the Derby with Ardpatrick in 1902. The news of his death at the comparatively early age of 66 will come as a great shock to his numerous friends, and especially to those whom he was on intimate terms. The funeral takes place on Thursday from Bruce House for Kilfrush, the family burial place.

JAP AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO-DAY.)

The Japanese Ambassador left Waterloo at 3.55 this afternoon for Southampton, where he embarks on the Prinz Heinrich for Japan.

Vicomte Hayashi was accompanied by his son and by the Financial Secretary of the Japanese Consulate in London. An enormous crowd assembled to witness his departure and bid him farewell. Those present included Sir Edward Grey and Lord and Lady Lansdowne. His Excellency told a Press representative that he fully intended to return to England.

HEAVY PENALTIES FOR

previously ordered in writing. "I would draw special attention to 12, 13, 14, 15 and 24, of the Public Book compliance, which will tend to the possibility of such gross irregularities as has been my duty to report."

"Monthly instalments are paid to for scavenging without any certificate Town Surveyor, or other responsible person, the work has been satisfactorily performed, and other cases were mere waste paper imperfections and irregularities in nature."

"No time books are kept for the direct employment of the Council, considerable time an illiterate person went through the faces of certificates mark a pay sheet he was unable to write. The Council appear to have no in granting sick pay, and in several cases came under my notice as to find no entry on the minute book. In certain cases men who were not subsequently ascertained, paid certificates, were entered in the having worked full time. I struck accounts an item of 13s., which was of sick pay to an employe on a full certificate."

Urging the necessity of a audit to carefully examine accounts be the auditor says:—"The necessary supervision of the weekly accounts apparent when it is said that an expended annually out of public money which ought to be materially vouchers for this large sum appear I am not, however, responsible for of the time books, or the reason employment in any case."

"I must decline all responsibility correctness of the water rent rental is kept; the account press not closed, and I was unable to amount for collection."

"During the period under review, the property of the carried out. The estimate for £6 or £7, the actual cost £114. £86 for cleaning the river, expenditure of £124. A statement submitted to the Council that larger weight of broken stone than were actually carted, do have been the subject of any action, although involving a large sum."

"In addition to the arrears reported I have disallowed two and £29 3s 4d, respectively, by of a rate raised for purposes Instruction, which was paid to the. The Urban Council had hand over their funds to be ad county authority."

A considerable discussion ensued of which some of the members opinion that the state of the the oversight of former auditor had been carefully gone into to existed such a condition.

Some members were also former boards for want of proper This was repudiated by the Eventually the Chairman of the report be published.

ST. PATRICK'S WHERE

The Eton boys were granted honour of the day.

The day was a general holiday most of the public houses were

Many of the hotels and public large midland towns of Eng