

ment that only the very best men should be appointed. It is a rule that might well apply to all appointments. If it did we should not hear so much in this country of "favouritism," or see such fierce fights whenever an appointment, from a crossing sweeper upwards, is to be made. It is to be hoped the mover will bring the matter on again when there is a fuller board, especially as if competitive examinations were the rule there would be no bar to what Mr. McInerney pointed out "that it was only fair when a man's credentials and qualifications were up to the mark, that the friends of that man should support him." They would have the guarantee that the "qualifications were up to the mark," and so could support a candidate without any fear of the criticism which is now some times urged against the way public appointments are engineered.

RATEPAYERS MUST PAY.

The Ennis Guardians yesterday discussed the question whether when a member gave notice of a motion, the terms of which had to be printed and posted, and then failed to follow it up, the member should not be called on to pay the costs incurred. Several Guardians considered the idea a good one, and one member (Mr. Keane) added "Some of these Guardians are not paying rates, or taxes, and it is a terrible thing to say that the expense of such motions should be put on the ratepayers." So it is; but whose fault is it? Ratepayers must expect to pay as long as they will persist in electing irresponsible individuals to office, and Ennis is not alone in electing men whose contributions to the sinews of war are in inverse ratio to their spending capabilities. It used to be an axiom that taxation and representation went together, but the Local Government Act changed all that, and the real taxpayers are the most poorly represented, and it must be added, the most indifferent as to who "represent" them, and how it is done.

EMIGRATION—STILL THEY GO.

Despite all that has been said and done, and is being said, the flower of the country seem bent on leaving for other shores. "Yesterday," says our West Clare correspondent, "a big crowd of young people" left for America. "A big crowd" is significant and saddening enough, "of young people" is more so. And to show that the departing ones are by no means "wastrels" of the country, our correspondent adds—Amongst the young men who left is Michael Adams, blacksmith, who had the distinction of receiving the Testimonial in Vellum of the Royal Humane Society for rescuing three lads who were in a drifting boat on the Shannon two years ago, by swimming a long distance till he reached the swiftly receding craft. Thus it is the ability, the bone and sinew, and the pluck of the country leave it, and other lands are enriched by our losses. Oh the pity of it!

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR. T. G. STAPOOLE-MAHON, D.L.

It is with sincere regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Thomas G. Stapoole Mahon, D.L., which occurred yesterday morning at his residence, Corbally, Quin. He had been in failing health for a considerable time, and he had been under treatment in London. Something over a month ago he returned home, and it was then seen that the illness from which he suffered had made most serious inroads upon his vigorous constitution. He sank gradually, and the end came in the small hours of Wednesday morning. Mr. Mahon was one of the best known of the gentry in the county. He was for a long time a member of the Grand Jury, and for a number of years past invariably its foreman. While that body had charge of the financial affairs of the county, his early legal training and his business acumen were of the greatest assistance in their deliberations. He always took a deep interest in the working of Diocesan affairs. At the passing of the Local Government Act he was one of those selected from the Grand Jury for the first period of office of the new Council, and his views were received with respect by his new colleagues. Mr. Mahon, who was only 58 years, was married in 1886 to a sister of the present Lord Inchiquin, and leaves a son and two daughters. The funeral arrangements had not been decided on when we went to Press.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN M'SWINEY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John McSwiney, of Ballyhanrahan, Patricks well, after an illness of some duration. The deceased belonged to a much respected family, and was extremely popular with all classes. To his sorrowing family and friends we tender our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement. Funeral will leave for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery on Friday 12th inst.

MALICIOUS INJURIES.

CLAIMS AT KILRUSH.

The following malicious turf burning cases were adjudicated upon by his Honor Judge Carton at Kilrush Quarter Sessions yesterday:— James Cleary claimed £2, and was awarded £2 15s. Michael Melligan claimed £10, and was awarded £5. Mr. Grace claimed £24 for 120 loads of turf burnt, and was awarded £12 15s. Bridget Kelly was awarded £3 5s for turf burnt. Patrick McNamara was allowed £3 10s, and Henry Cunningham, Kildysart, was allowed £7 5s for turf burnt. All these burnings took place at Shanacoole on the 15th May, "spite" being alleged in each instance. The fixing of the area of taxation was reserved.

THE USE OF THE KNIFE.

ANOTHER CLARE STABBING CASE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
At a special court at the County Courthouse, on Tuesday, before Mr. A. Newton-Brady, R.M., Martin Fahy was charged in custody charged with stabbing Michael Nestor, of Gort-american, in the Crusheen district on September 30th.

revolution.
The Countess of Munster, King William IV., died at Br night.

The ratings given to the mare are "not agreeing with his" McInerney has given notice to instead be granted.

At Lodz yesterday, five sentenced to death by a field shot.—Reuter.

Telegrams from Rotterdam of cholera, both of which ended few hours.

Ennis Guardians yesterday discussing for nurses, that application of Mercy.

Mr. J. Parker, ex-Mayor of and a well-known Bucks Archdeacon yesterday morning, aged 75

The great Trappist abbey at Bourg, has been destroyed by fire amounting to 150,000 francs.

A sum of £1 19s. has been Ennis Union Auditor for out-not destitute.

A hardman named Joyce Mr. Cowan, an auctioneer, of Mayo, has been gored to death.

By the casting vote of the I City Council decided to make at the entrance examination teachers' schools.

Elizabeth Taylor was commuted Watford yesterday on a charge her husband by introducing his food.

A notice of motion to dispose of a new labourers cottage through at Ennis District Council one was present to move it, and wrote strongly in favour of the

The steamer Skulda was sunk in the Firth of Forth by the steamer in the Firth of Forth. The mate was drowned, but escaped in their boat.

Inspector General Evelyn Po Hospital, Chatham, died on Thursday heart disease. He served with in the Zulu War and in Egypt.

There will be a presentation Swaine, Rector of Valencia, at St. curate of St. Michael's, at St. at 8 o'clock to-night.

Attendant Johanna Kenn from the Clare Lunatic Asylum has been promoted as first-class Anne Donohue to the position attendant.

It is announced that Mr. R.I.C., has been transferred district in Tipperary. He where he has been stationed with the good wishes of all community.

Rev. Michael Sheehan, P. pointed member of the Educational room of the late Monsignor M. The band of the Royal Irish large attendance at the exhibition. They played excellently an arranged programme of music, of the fine string band of the greatly admired.

Under the presidency of the influential meeting was held Mansion House, London, with furthering the proposal to erect the metropolis a memorial George Williams as a citizen founder of the Young Men's Association.

Three Natal natives were