

Kendal O'Brien, M.P., to call on the Commissioners and see whether they would advance money for the purchase of the village holdings, most of which have land attached, and some of which were extensive. It was hoped no time would be lost in dealing with the matter, as most of the agricultural holders have signed the agreements.

## LIMERICK POLICE FOR BELFAST.

The very serious turn which the trade dispute in Belfast has taken within the past few days has made the authorities apprehensive of much graver results, and accordingly the police force is being augmented from day to day in that disturbed city. During the past day or two orders have been issued to the County Inspector's Office at William street for the services of seven men to proceed to Belfast forthwith. The men selected for transfer are all men of ten or twelve years service, and include the following from the city and county:—Constables Roe, Kilfinane; McGovern, Caherdavin; Fraser, Boherbuoy; Walker, Adare; Milton, William street; Wallace, Abbeyfeale, and Scott, Doon.

## CITY POLICE COURT

The proceedings at the City Police Court this morning were more protracted than is usually the case. Mr. Hickson, R.M., who presided, investigated charges against six individuals at the suit of the police. Edward Hassett was fined 5s. or seven days for drunkenness last night; Patrick Dwyer for a like offence was fined 2s. 6d.; Patrick Bourke was ordered to pay 10s. 6d., with the alternative of fourteen days for drunkenness; and Patrick Gavin 40s. or a month under the same head. Thomas Mangan, who came to town early yesterday to purchase some clothes, and got drunk last night, was discharged. An old offender named Mary Murray was sent to prison for a month for sleeping in the open in Broad street.

## A HUGE PARIS FIRE.

### Caused by Children at Play.

Some children playing with matches yesterday set fire to the dry grass adjoining a subterranean reservoir through which paraffin is conveyed from barges on the Seine to the reservoirs of the large oil depot of Desmanais Freres at Iury-sur-Seine. A huge conflagration ensued at the depot, and it took the entire Fire Brigade of Paris and environs several hours to get the flames under control. A number of small houses in the neighbourhood were destroyed, and five persons, including one fireman, were injured.

## DEATH OF MR. J. COPELAND.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Copeland, ex-head Constable, R.I.C., which took place at his residence, in this city on Saturday after some ten days illness. Mr. Copeland spent the most of his service in this county—at New-pallas, Abbeyfeale, and elsewhere, and had an intimate experience of the land agitation. He was an active and upright officer, and retired from the force many years back on the full pension of his rank. The funeral took place yesterday at St. Munchin's Church, Rev. Mr. Waller officiating. A large number of friends were present.

of the Isere. I lived with another man for some years ago, when unhappily for me. I came to live with Sir Vere Gould and my aunt. Now the English friends that I had have forgotten me in my misfortune. They do not write to me. But there are others in England with great names that I cannot mention, who are interesting themselves in me. Here are five letters. I am invited on all sides to come to England to get rid of my sad thoughts."

## DEATH OF MR. HUGH A. EARLS.

We record with very sincere regret the death, which occurred suddenly on Saturday in Dublin, of Mr. Hugh A. Earls, late of Limerick. Mr. Earls had been for some thirty years an official of Messrs. Matterson and Sons, and for a considerable portion of that time filled the important position of managing director. He retired some years back owing to ill-health, but occasionally paid visits to the old city, where he was gladly welcomed by a wide circle of friends, who admired him for his sterling qualities of head and heart. His demise has been heard of with unfeigned regret in Limerick, and deep sympathy is expressed with his widow and family in their keen sorrow. The funeral took place this morning from 77 Strand Road, Sandymount.

## ST. MICHAEL'S NEW TEMPERANCE HALL

The contract for the erection of a new Temperance Hall for the members of the St. Michael's Temperance Society, has been secured by Messrs J. Ryan and Sons, the enterprising firm of builders, Thomas street. The proposed structure will occupy the site on which the old premises stand, at the junction of Lower Cecil street and Henry street, and judging by the designs, will be a decided improvement to both thoroughfares. The building is to be three storeys, equipped with all the latest improvements which make for the comfort and advantage of the large number which embrace the roll of membership of the society. It is also the intention in connection with the contract to build three residential shops with commodious living rooms, which, with the main hall, should make a very ornate frontage. The architect is Mr. Bryan E. F. Sheehy, George street, and the quantities surveyor Mr. James Mackey, Dublin.

## SEAL IN LAHINCH BAY.

On Saturday evening about six o'clock, when the tide, a very high one, was nearly at its fullest, in Lahinch Bay a large sized seal was observed slowly swimming and diving along the front where bathers generally assemble. He was within twenty feet of the shore line, and after going a considerable distance he was seen to turn out into the bay in the direction of Lisconnor, where he was lost to sight in the white capped breakers which were pouring in in immense volume. It was reported last spring that two seals had been seen in the rocks, some distance beyond Moy, and perhaps the one seen on Saturday is one of the pair.

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