

son's honour. His sister and those of his brothers now in London joined him at the party, which numbered about thirty juvenile guests. The Queen and the Empress Marie gave up their usual afternoon drive in order to join the young folks at tea and help them to enjoy themselves.

THE ANNUAL COST OF A BATTLESHIP.

Mr. E. Robertson, has informed Mr. Harold Cox, the Liberal member for Preston, in an "unstarred" question, that "the annual cost in full commission of the undermentioned classes of vessels, taking interest at 3 per cent and allowing for interest, depreciation of capital, wages of officers and crew, and a proportionate charge of pensions, repairs, and renewals, and other necessary items, and also assuming a life of twenty years, in the case of the battleships and ten years in the case of the torpedo boat destroyers and first class torpedo boats respectively, is as follows:—First class battleship, £231,500; torpedo boat destroyer, £17,500; first class torpedo boat, £6,100.

JUDGE ADAMS' ILLNESS.

Limerick people will read with the deepest regret the following announcement from the London correspondent of the Dublin "Evening Telegraph":—"I regret to state that Judge Adams is lying very seriously ill in London from complications following an operation. The report this (Wednesday) morning is that the patient is in a very grave condition."

We earnestly trust we shall ere long hear satisfactory news regarding the condition of our highly esteemed County Court Judge.

Slight Improvement.

We are very pleased to learn that a telegram has been received in town to-day, stating:—"Slight improvement this morning. A good night."

RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION AT ADARE.

Lord Dunraven Elected President.

At a largely attended meeting at Adare, Mr. Peter Fitzgerald presiding, it was decided to establish a branch of the County Limerick Ratepayers Association to be known as the Adare Branch. Lord Dunraven was appointed President, Mr. Fitzgerald, Vice-President, Mr. Thomas Hogan, Treasurer, and Mr. Denis Toomey and Mr. Patrick Bugler, Hon. Secretaries.

The following Committee was also elected—Messrs. T. Butler, D.C.; M. Collins, J. Lane, C. Mills, T. Naughton, D.C.; T. McNamara, J. Benson, D.C.; Patrick Fitzgerald, J. Naughton, D.C.; F. Barkman, P. Sheahan.

OFFICER'S GALLANTRY.

Attempted Rescue From Drowning.

We have (says the "Clonmel Chronicle") received the following interesting notice, and feel sure that the forthcoming presentation will be looked forward to with a pleased interest. The circumstances under which the officers referred to displayed such gallant heroism and humanity are, no doubt, fresh in the recollection of our readers:—"A special parade of the troops in Clonmel will be held on 23rd inst. at the 10th anniversary of the death of a certain Provisional Officer of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the districts of Dimerick and Nass, and the County of Westmeath and King's County came before the Examiner. The Bill was unopposed, and proof of compliance with the Standing Orders having been given, it was sent for a second reading.

FISHERY APPEAL.

At the Mullingar Quarter Sessions, held on the 30th March, the appeal of the Limerick Board of Conservators in the case against Denis Darby, who was prosecuted at Castlepollard Petty Sessions on the 9th January last for a breach of the Fishery Laws and dismissed, was heard, and the County Court Judge reversed the decision of the Magistrates fining Darby £5 and two guineas costs.

COUNTY LIMERICK SUICIDE.

A Remarkable Case.

About 2 o'clock on Tuesday, Michael Ryan, a labourer, aged 67 years, living between Grange and Fedamore, was found drowned in the river Comogue. It appears that the son of his employer's herdsman came to Ryan's house about 9 o'clock in the morning, and was told that he had left about 8 a.m. to drown a dog. The young man proceeded to the river and after some time he found a bundle of clothes on the bank, and on further search the body of Michael Ryan was discovered lying face downwards in the water, both legs being tied with a rope to a stake. An inquest was held yesterday when the jury found a verdict that deceased met his death by drowning while temporarily insane.

SAD SHOOTING ACCIDENT NEAR ENNIS.

Town Clerk the Victim.

A shocking shooting accident occurred near Ennis on Tuesday evening, as the result of which Mr. M. J. Carmody, the popular young Town Clerk of Ennis, has lost his right arm. Approaching dusk he was rabbit shooting on the lands of a friend at Fountain, about a mile from the town, and passing through some thick cover he pulled his fowling piece after him, holding it by the muzzle, the trigger apparently catching in the bush, one of the barrels was discharged, and the contents striking him above the right wrist, tore upwards, shattering the forearm. He was at once brought to the County Infirmary, and yesterday it became necessary to amputate the arm from above the elbow. General sympathy is expressed with the young gentleman, who was just two years in office as Town Clerk.

COUNTY GAELIC BOARD MULCTED.

At the Quarter Sessions yesterday, before Acting County Court Judge Law-Smith, K.O., the Limerick County Gaelic Board were sued by the late secretary, Mr. Patrick J. Hayes, for £7 lls. 8s., out of pocket expenses in carrying on the business of the Board.

The plaintiff stated that the money was due on foot of disbursements for postage, attending Munster Council Conferences, and so forth. He had been connected with the Association for the last twenty years, fourteen of which he occupied the position of Honorary Secretary. During that term he never received a penny for his services.

The defence was that the plaintiff gave an

Mr. John Redmond—May I ask the gentleman if it is a fact that the Athlone Herald were resign their offices by the Government?

Mr. Birrell—I shall require question.

Mr. MacNeill—May I ask the man why, inasmuch as the rum has referred have been public proceedings had not been inist libel (hear, hear).

Mr. Birrell—That is a very p ask. Legal advice has been subject, and action has been tak with that advice.

Mr. MacNeill—Inaction.

LIMERICK FI BOARD

The monthly meeting of the Conservators was held to-day Courthouse. Mr. Spencer S. presided. Other members pres B. Smith, solr.; Mr. R. R. Balli Pegum, Mr. Anthony Mackey, and Mr. P. McInerney.

Mr. E. H. Poe Hosford, Secre Hall, Inspector, were in attend The minutes of last meeting w

DESTRUCTION BY P.

A conversation took place in destruction of pike, and the sug Mr. Mackey to have arrange prevent the damage done by salmon industry.

The Chairman said the entrie with regard to the action taken confusing. He understood the determined, but the minutes otherwise.

Mr. Smith understood that Mr gestion was not adopted.

Mr. Mackey said he believed adopted.

Mr. Hosford said the principl the pike and sending them markets for sale was adopted main river, but not as to the difficulty was to give effect t suggestion and they did not see l carry it out.

Mr. Mackey said the destructi pike in the Shannon was enor would be no expense in what he

Mr. McInerney thought the not be practicable. Let them cat they might only get 2s 8d fo weight of pike. He did not thi feasible. Let them appoint men bumba and Killaloe, to receive th lb and guaranteeing more if it we the English markets to which the

Mr. Hosford, after some discou on the 20th February, a meeting he made the following minute ings:—"The meeting accepted of the Committee as regards the pike in the main river, but inas were only a few members prese sidered advisable to adjourn to carry out the arrangements."

Mr. Mackey said the Board n course they pleased now. The him as little harm, or less than any other person. It appare matters of importance were settl and not at that Board.

The Chairman—I don't think right to say that.

Mr. Mackey—I am not pe should speak out his mind, and he always did.

The Chairman—The Board c