

### PROSPERITY OF CANADA.

During the last twelve years (1896-1908) there has been a remarkable expansion in the foreign trade of Canada—namely, from £47,800,000 in 1896 to £100,000,000 in 1908. The total trade of Canada with Great Britain in the same period has risen from £19,100,000 to £44,100,000. The exports of Canadian produce to England have risen from £1,000 to upwards of £25,200,000. The railways have carried 63,865,183 tons of freight, as against 24,500,000 tons in 1896, and the country added no less than six thousand miles to its railway system. The amounts deposited in banks have risen from £49,005,828 to £25,246, and the public debt per capita has risen from £10.16 to £1.

### SHARK IN GALWAY BAY.

A crew of fishermen, while out fishing for herrings in Galway Bay, in drawing their nets up found that entangled in the meshes was a large fish about nine feet in length. It was found to be a shark of what is known as the 'spinous' family, a rare visitor on the coast, the last of the kind taken here being about twenty years ago. The fishermen say there are numbers of them at present in the bay, and that they are the cause of keeping the small fish from coming in.

### THE KING AND CROQUET.

For a man of 67 years of age the King's keenness for things in general, and particularly on games, is amazing. Croquet (says "The Bystander") is a particular favourite with him. He plays the game every day, and cannot stop playing when once he begins. It shows his youthfulness of spirit that he is never really put out if his side doesn't win. It is the same way with yachting—his keenness is extraordinary and whenever a race is on, and wherever he may be, he has wires sent him to acquaint him with its progress the while. Whilst he eats his luncheon and dinner, his Majesty is continually opening telegrams which inform him of some sporting win or loss.

### NEXT YEAR AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

While Mr. Taft, the new President of the United States, gives himself to golf after the fatigues of the recent campaign, Mrs. Taft finds recreation, or at least a Paris contemporary says so, in discussing with her intimate friends her future plans at the White House. She is a lady of great culture, charming manners, and is 36 years of age. It is predicted that her hospitality will be extended for the most part to members of the learned, artistic, and social world. In entertaining she will have the assistance of her daughter, Miss Helen Taft, a delightful girl of 16, who has just left school.

### SIGHT RESTORED AFTER 36 YEARS.

Miss Alice Hollis, of Port Huron, Michigan, who had been blind for thirty-six years, has had her sight restored by Dr. Pagenstecher, of Wiesbaden. "I am no happier now," she declares, "for I never

Miss Russell and Miss Gaffry, were excellently rendered and received with applause. A distinct novelty was introduced by the banjo and piano duet, Miss Fogerty and Mr. H. Fogerty. It deserved the encore it received. Captain Elsner, R.A.M.C., sang the "Vicar's Song" ("Sorcerer"), and also another with fine effect. Mr. R. Gullen's song, "The King's Mirelrel," we do not recollect having heard before in Limerick, the descriptive harp-like accompaniment being well suited to the words. We would have liked Mr. Gullen to sing again. Mr. Trousdale's song "The Muleteer" gave him full scope for his fine bass. Like Mr. Gullen a second song would have been acceptable. Rev. Precentor Adderley sang "The Devout Lover," and the "Romney Lass." The giving of that well-known and popular quartette "Sweet and Low," was a happy thought. It was one of the prettiest items on the programme. The humorous element was in the capable hands of Captain Knapp, who once again proved his versatility. Not only was his performance humorous, but it was also clever. Mr. Wingfield Yates, though evidently suffering from a heavy cold, greatly amused the audience by his song "If the world were ruled by girls." Mr. C. Caffry conducted, and played the accompaniments with excellent effect.

The Manager and teachers desire to return thanks to all who assisted at the concert or in the arranging of it.

### DEATH OF REV. EDMOND TREACY, P.P.

The death occurred on Sunday night of the Rev. Edmond Treacy, P.P., of Askeaton. The rev. gentleman had been in failing health for some time, and his death was not unexpected. He was pastor of Askeaton for seventeen years, and prior to that he ministered in Stonehall, where, as in Askeaton, he was held in the utmost esteem by all creeds and classes. The interment will take place to-morrow afternoon at the Office and High Mass in the Parish Church.

### ENTERTAINMENTS AT KILRUSH.

The Kilrush Dramatic Society are expected to make their first appearance this season during the first week in January, when a popular comedy and a stirring Irish drama will be presented to the public.

Arrangements are about being entered upon for the holding of some concerts during the coming months and as these fixtures are the most popular feature of enjoyment in our winter evenings, it goes without saying that the people are looking forward to them with the greatest and most pleasurable anticipation—Con.

### OLD AGE PENSION ACT.

A meeting of the Glentworth Ward sub-Committee was held in the Carnegie Free Library on Monday night, Alderman Prendergast presiding. Also present—Councillors Prendergast and Slatrery. 14 claims were passed and 8 adjourned. Next meeting on Monday 30th inst.; same place.

### Shannon Ward.

The fourth meeting of the Shannon Ward sub-Committee was held yesterday evening at

We are very glad to learn that the dispute existing between Garryowen Football Club is settled within the next few prominent citizens outside taking themselves with this object that the whole matter was arranged before Saturday

### MALICIOUS INJURY IN CLARE

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

The following list represents compensation for malicious injuries to property in the Clare County Council last:—Constable Franklin injury to bicycle at Doolin, £7; similar claim; Constable similar claim; Mr. W. driving thirteen bullocks, John Barron, £8; rick of kyle; Michael McNamara yearling bullock at Coolree, £20; for rick of hay burned for burning of house, furn roadmore; Michael Tierne house, furniture, etc., at C Dillon, £75; burning of ty Clonroadmore; George Bl old mare found drowned driving eight head of cattle; Marcus Keane, £53; burnt Mountshannon; John Mc down walls and gates, at H. Ball, £10; driving ten Fergus; Dr. A. Greene, £ cattle at Fort Fergus; M 29 cattle and 31 sheep at O'Loughlen, £25; driving iron gate at Killuran; re Brew, £14, 400 yards of st Glencolumbkille; Edw driving of 13 cattle at G Griffin, £70; driving of 11 sheep, at Cornfield.

### SERIOUS CHANCE

At a special Court at in the chair, a young was charged with having his father in the throat. appeared that the pai when there were some i place, after which the having a cut in his thr. The medical evidence a wound 4 1/2 inches long caused by a sharp inst was in danger for abou Accused was sent for bail being accepted.

### PROTESTANT

The treasurer of th desires to acknowledge following subscribers Hesford, 5s; Mrs. R. 10s; Capt. Vanderkies