

soon afterwards a gentleman emerged joining house, when the dog sprang greeted him. Her former owner had been in the neighbourhood making a

THE WEATHER.

As the severest day we have had this year Friday night's frost continued, but more following night, with the result that on the roofs of the houses were covered with frost, and the bareless trees as well. A day more uncomfortable. Yesterday, was much milder and clearer, and no longer the disappearance of "Jack Frost."

COALPIT AT THE DOOR.

A coal of good quality two feet thick has been laid under Briggate, one of the principal streets. It extends from the direction of the Central Hotel. Already about two tons have been excavated, and it is declared quite fit for purposes.

KNOWLEDGE FOR SIXTY-NINE YEARS.

Hedin, in his lecture at the Queen's Hall, lectures in Tibet, referred to the lamas and of allowing themselves to be enclosed in a cave as they would live in darkness for the rest of their lives. He heard of a man who was at the age of sixteen or seventeen years, and lived sixty nine years without any communication with the outside world whatever, his food being passed underground by a long

PENSIONER'S GRATITUDE.

As an appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Lloyd George in the matter of old age pensions, an elderly Mrs. Tilbury, of Holmer Green, has presented to Mr. Lloyd George a piece of Buckinghamshire china which she specially made for her. The Minister received a reply, in which Mrs. Lloyd George thanked her, and says that Mr. Lloyd George has received several similar gifts, but Mrs. Tilbury's is the only one which has given him more pleasure than any other. Mrs. Lloyd George concludes.

THE SYNAN ESTATE.

Mr. Inspector to the Estates Commission has been sitting last week at Fedamore, giving evidence regarding allotments available for distribution on the Synan Estate at Drogheda. There are 300 acres for distribution, and the number of applicants is very large, and the inquiry appears to be for the purpose of ascertaining who are the more deserving applicants in question.

husband and wife, for using threatening and abusive language towards him on January 24th and 25th, and the defendants were called on to show cause why they should not be bound to the peace.

Mr. J. J. Daly, LL.B, solicitor, appeared for the complainant, and the defendants were not professionally represented.

The presiding magistrates were Messrs. G. R. O'Connor, R.M., in the chair, W. T. Hogan, Dan O'Brien, and Dr. D. J. Keane.

Evidence having been heard, the defendants were bound to the peace for twelve months, themselves in £5 each, and two sureties each in £2 10s.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. MARTIN CLOHESY

The funeral of the late Mr. Martin Clohesy took place on Sunday afternoon from St. John's Cathedral (whither the remains had been removed on Friday night) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The cortege was of extremely large dimensions, and very representative.

The chief mourners were:—Martin, Denny, and Christopher Clohesy (sons), and there were six grandsons.

The clergy present included—Rev. A. Murphy, Adm., St. John's; Rev. M. Murphy, C.O., do.; Rev. J. S. Connolly, C.O., do.; Rev. T. J. McNamara, C.O., do.; Rev. Fr. Anthony, O.S.F.; Rev. Fr. Hennessy, O.S.A.

GALWAY BOG SLIDE.

The Pope's Munificent Gift.

Archbishop Walshe has addressed a letter to the Archbishop of Tuam, enclosing copy of the following letter received from Cardinal Merry Del Val, under date February 12th:—

"My Dear Lord Archbishop,

"I have received your Grace's letter of the 11th February, and have laid before the Holy Father your appeal on behalf of the sufferers by the recent disaster in the West of Ireland.

"His Holiness was much concerned on learning the distress caused by this accident. He desires me to convey to your Grace the expression of his heartfelt sympathy, and to ask you to send £1,000 to the Fund for the relief of the victims. This amount may be deducted from the remittance you have announced for the earthquake sufferers.

"I am,

"My dear Lord Archbishop,

"Your devoted servant in C.J.,

"R. CARD. MERRY DEL VAL"

ACCIDENT IN THE PARK.

A youth named Michael O'Shea was taken to Barrington's Hospital last evening in the Corporation ambulance, suffering from a fracture of the right thigh. O'Shea was playing in the People's Park at the time of the accident, and first aid was rendered by Fireman Sciascia.

The Local Government Board have granted £500 to Wolverhampton, to level rough hills, and £900 to East Ham for late work.

afflicted population. Assisted by the officers and men of the Naval and Military Stores in the city were utilized for the relief of the afflicted population. I am glad that my people have sympathy with the friendly Nation in this terrible calamity.

An International Conference sitting in London, will, I trust, reach an agreement on certain questions of Law. The conclusions arrived at before you that there may be a need of considering them when your Government may be necessary to ratify the International Court Convention.

The reception of the message from my Government for improving the administration has given me deep satisfaction. It should be laid before you dealing with the question to which your sanction is required. I have a strong desire that the steps to be taken to give effect to the policy announced in my message of last November to the people of India may be impartially considered, and advance the welfare of the people and communities in the dominions.

The work accomplished by the Closer Union, which concluded at Cape Town is the present month. The plan of a South African Commission submitted to the constituent Conference is the achievement of the first stage of the consolidation of that important Empire.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Estimates for the expenditure for the year will in due course be laid before you. Owing to various causes, including the recession which was made last year and an increase which has become necessary for the cost of my Navy, the expenditure of the year will be considerably in excess of that of the past year. In these circumstances it is necessary for the services of the Government for the ensuing year will require very serious consideration, and in consequence less will, I fear, be available for the consideration of other legislative measures.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN.

The Bills dealing with Land, and Housing and Town Planning, and to the discussion of which