

and W. F. O'Curry, Esq., Pengarry Junction, Co. Wick. The Chairman said it required no more than to recommend the adoption of the resolution to the Board. The late Mr. O'Curry was a member in the representation of the Mountjoy electoral division, and if he had not acted in a manner that had met with the approval of the majority then he (the Chairman) was at fault. In a period of eleven years they were always in agreement in everything that appertained to the interests of the division. He was a good man, and there was not a single member of the Board who did not regret him, as well as the officials.

Mr. G. Frost seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

TAXATION OF IRELAND.

Treasury Claims a Decrease.

In reply to Mr. Ginnell, in the House of Commons, Mr. Hobhouse said the Financial Relations Commission made an estimate of the absolute taxable capacity of Ireland. The only aspect of the question dealt with was that of relative taxable capacity compared with Great Britain. On the basis of one-twentieth suggested in the majority report, the proper Irish contribution to the total revenue of 1908-9 would have been £7,073,000 as against an actual contribution of £9,250,000, or £2,177,000 less. The corresponding excess on the figures for 1895-96 was nearly £3,000,000.

Thus, on the basis of one-twentieth standard, the excessive taxation of Ireland instead of being increased by £2,500,000, as suggested by Mr. Ginnell, had actually been reduced by £750,000 in the 13 years period.

As to the suggestion that Ireland should get exemption and abatements under the provisions of the Act of Union, that part of the question touched upon a subject which was of far too controversial a nature for him to deal with in a reply to a Parliamentary question.

THE BRITISH WHEAT TRADE.

The British average price for home grown wheat again shows no change, the price standing to-day at 32s. 6d. per Imperial quarter of 480lb., on the very large sales for this period of 76,198 quarters last week. For a month now this British average has not varied by more than a penny, but an examination of the individual market averages leads to the conclusion that prices would be better were it not for the fact that at too many markets the grain being delivered by farmers is not only not in condition but very light. At markets where good corn is on offer prices are rising, and Mark Lane (32s. 1d) is 6d. higher on the week, and 11d. dearer than at the end of February. The Kentish and Berkshire markets are also up. Markets in Lincolnshire and the Fens, from which we are getting poor accounts of the wheat offered, are again down, Lincoln (31s) as much as 1s. 1d. on the week and 2s. since the middle of February. Quality for quality, wheat is advancing slightly at most markets, while anything of second quality make very good prices indeed.

Barley is again down, the British average of 23s. 6d. per Imperial quarter of 400lb. being 7d. lower than a week ago. Oats at 18s. per Imperial quarter of 312lb. are unchanged. For both of these cereals, seed qualities maintain their values, but light and out-of-condition samples are a drug.

FORTHCOMING ENNIS HORSE FAIR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

was not present at the police proceedings, being very ill.

Dickman presented the appearance in Court of a man of medium height and of good features, with dark curly hair and moustache. On the conclusion of the proceedings, as he turned to leave the Court, he passed his wife, and bending down, kissed her. Mrs. Dickman thereupon asked if she might be allowed to see him, to which the reply was given, "Oh, yes, you will see him."

Further reference was made to the inadvisability of sketches being made on the ground of unfairness to the accused.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. HANLY.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Hanly (formerly of Cannock and Co.), whose death occurred on Monday, took place yesterday. At half-past ten the cortege left the residence of the deceased, Sydenham Terrace, for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, and was of considerable proportions, and very representative.

The chief mourners were—Mr. Hanly (son), Mr. Ambrose Hall, and Mr. Dudley P. Joynt (sons-in-law.)

The clergy in attendance were:—Rev. J. O'Connor, Adm., St. Michael's, and the Rev. Fr. Hannon, C.U., do.

Among the general public were—Messrs. D. Tidmarsh, P. R. Toppin, Wm. Walsh, Jas. Quin, J.P., N. A. Brophy, W. Lloyd, P. Coyle, J. H. Roche, J.P., J. P. O'Mahony, M. Hayes, E. O'Connell, J. J. Delany, A. J. Barnett, Austen Hall, S. O'Connor, J. P. Bellens, S. McCarthy, M. Collins, M. Herriott, M. Gérahty, J. E. Chamney, R. Keatinge, T. G. O'Reilly, R. J. Ryan, P. O'Meally, B.C., R. Nash, solr., W. J. Halpin, P. J. O'Sullivan, solr., R. T. Hartigan, Denis O'Donovan, W. G. Peacocke, J. F. Corbett, T. Donovan, J. McNamara, D.C., P. Cronin, J. A. Bourke, E. Baker.

Fr. O'Connor officiated at the graveside.

EASTER CHARITIES IN BALLINGARRY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

In accordance with time-honoured custom the local committee having charge of the funds in connection with the Crone bequest, recently assembled for the good purpose of meeting out to the deserving poor people in and round Ballingarry, money and valuable domestic comforts to enable them to tide pleasantly over Easter. The distribution takes place this week in town. The committee consists of—Rev. J. Ryan, P.P., Rev. G. C. Phair, the Rectory; Dr. Molony, M.D., Messrs. T. D. Atkinson, D.L., J. McG. Bennett, W. W. Wilkinson, St. Oswald's, whose vigilance and sympathy in providing for the wants of the poor people are most creditable and praiseworthy. It must be remembered that the thoughtfulness and benevolence of the generous testator are not confined to Easter tide distribution, for on the approach of Christmas every year the poor of the parish are more extensively supplied from the same source. Associated with that of Mr. Crone the name of Mr. Jackson as another generous testator in the parish is perpetuated in loving memory.

MR. WILLIAM O'BRIEN'S NEW LEAGUE.

A Mitchelstown telegram says great interest is taken in the South of Ireland in the meeting to be held at Cork on the 31st March to inaugurate Mr.

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