

learn (says the *Post* London correspondent) in an influential correspondent in Paris that the French military authorities have just accepted for their purposes a new rifle, which, if it justify all that is claimed for it, should prove far and away the most effective weapon in existence. The tests to be carried out at Chalons early next month under the most secret and rigorous conditions, but which has become known to prove that the reports at the Ministry for War are prepared to give a unanimous verdict in favour of the adoption of the rifle on the two grounds, if on no others, of the wonderful rapidity of fire and its extreme lightness, while it is also claimed for it that in general mechanism it is as simple as the old chassepot.

LIFE AND WORK OF A GAME GUN.

The keen game-shot of the present day fires a much greater number of shots in a shooting season than his predecessors were wont to do in the days of muzzle-loaders (says *Country Life*). Breech-loaders have made loading so easy, and game-birds have become so plentiful, that gunners, because they have no fear of incurring the delay and exertion of re-loading, do not hesitate in taking every reasonable chance that offers. The game of to-day, therefore, has, in the hands of a good sportsman, a large amount of work to do, compared with the limited amount of wear and tear of a gun in use 50 years ago. So largely has the amount of shooting by a crack game-shot during a single season increased that only a very substantial and carefully-built gun can stand it for many years.

KING AND JAPAN-BRITISH EXHIBITION.

Splendid progress has recently been made in the arrangements of the British Fine Art section at the forthcoming Japan-British Exhibition, and much gratification has been afforded by the receipt of a letter from the Lord Chamberlain's office, stating that the King will be graciously pleased to send a loan of pictures. The Queen has also promised to lend a portrait of the two Japanese dogs presented to her by the Emperor of Japan. Another Royal contribution will be found in the department allotted to the ancient guild of Fanmakers. With their exhibits will be included examples from her Majesty's private collection. The Queen has also taken an interest in the arrangement of works of art executed by pupils of the Royal Sandringham schools, which are to be displayed in another part of the exhibition.

ALLEGED MALICIOUS INJURY.

Mrs. Mary Hartigan, of Ballynantymore, has given notice of intention to lodge a claim for £200 compensation in respect to the burning of two thatched houses on the night of the 4th or morning of the 5th instant.

the Bishop of Down read a letter from the Primate who said if a revision were judged necessary he would not meet it with a bare universal refusal. He hoped, however, the great body of Church people would feel that after the Scriptures the Prayer Book was their most precious asset. He felt sure people would never approve of violent hands being laid upon it to the encouragement of erroneous rubrics.

Bishop Crozier said the work of the Committee was proceeding exactly on lines suggested by the Primate.

CHURCH BUDGET.

Provost Traill introduced the Church Budget. The total assets of the Church had now for the first time exceeded nine millions. He denied the suggestion made in Ulster that the Representative Body was hoarding money and starving the Clergy. The Superannuation Fund had a continuously successful career. They provided for every case brought forward.

An amendment was proposed providing a £5 Glebe Grant.

Mr. Reid, supporting it, said the poorer clergy deserved sympathy.

The amendment was rejected.

PROTESTANT AID SOCIETY.

The Treasurer of the Protestant Aid Society desires to acknowledge having received the following subscription for Pound Day—"O.F.," £1.

SUDDEN DEATH OF OLD AGE PENSIONER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

An old age pensioner and occupier of a labourer's cottage named Michael Dillane died suddenly yesterday at Glin from heart seizure. Deceased, who was a most respectable and hard working man was employed in his garden when he became ill. His son and a neighbour assisted him to his house close by, where the poor man died shortly afterwards.

FANCY DRESS SKATING CARNIVAL.

At the Orphan Hall.

We desire to remind our readers of the Fancy Dress Skating Carnival, to be held in the Orphan Hall, Pery Square, next Saturday. A most varied, and in many respects, novel programme, which will attract a large number of competitors, has been prepared, and the entertainment will be open to the public, of whom a big attendance is expected. The splendid band of the Black Watch will perform in the afternoon, and also in the evening.

THE RINK.

Hockey Match.

On Thursday night the next Hockey Match for the Rink Hockey Challenge Cup will be played between Gallywags and Black Watch. Bully off at 9 p.m.

Teams:—Gallywags—I. C. Matterson, H. H. McCormac, A. Cleeve, A. Blood-Smythe, C. Cleeve.

stances of the case but to give full amount of the cheque.

On the application of the plaintiff allowed.

Other cases were heard and adjourned.

THE LAND

Novel Point at Limer Sessions.

At the Limerick Quarter Sessions before County Court Judge Le point under the Land Purchase Wm. O'Brien, at foot of an execution the Under-Sheriff of the County Benjamin K. Lucas, to recover a which he held for an order to p court would determine the leg defendant, under an execution cattle off a holding on the Lowe at Anglesboro', in this co one of 29 statute acres, had been of one Jeremiah McGrath, who gone to America. In support of

Mr. Holmes (instructed by said an agreement to purchase into and signed under the Land the sale was not completed, a Commission, who were the real case, claimed to be entitled to the landlord had on a judgment rent was due.

Mr. Phelps, counsel for (instructed by Mr. Kenny, so claimed was interest to be p until the sale was completed. lord could claim a year's rent, v like this, and the Land Commis entitled in the circumstances to

Mr. Holmes said the cattle se the landlord claimed the rent in of there being no completed sal

Mr. Phelps argued that t purchase having been signed and the Irish Land Commission clai in the interim, of 3½ per cent. was completed, the interest bei

A long legal argument follow ties being quoted, and his Hon plaintiff, deciding against the c Commission, as the holding vested.

His Honor, in giving his plaintiff the amount claimed, m missioners in this case asked f exercise the former right of the to prevent an execution credit on the ground that rent was d tion taken by the Irish Land ( extraordinary one, and was not 35th section provided that the collected and was recoverable of the holding, but the Land not be justified in succeeding in landlord would not be justified money as rent due, to hand it Commission; Counsel (Mr. F possible complications in the might require legislation, but t go into that question.

THE CHOPIN CE

Pianoforte Re

What promises to be a ve instructive Pianoforte Recital Athenæum Hall on Saturday, t the auspices of Messrs. P. Mc Mr. Charles R. Caffrey. This of Chopin's birth. Mr. Caffrey as a large drawn from t