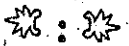


do with alacrity. The result is that Canada, for instance, is "still negotiating these commercial treaties with foreign countries which they might and would have made with us if we had been ready to grasp the hand that was held out to us." This is the result of an antiquated fiscal policy to which the present Government seems irrevocably committed, spite of the unmistakable progress of Tariff Reform. The subject is again very opportunely brought to the forefront just now by the Unionist Party, for, though a good many months have still to run before the next meeting of the Imperial Conference, the British public cannot begin too soon to interest itself in the vastly important gathering of the representative Ministers of our great Dominions which is to take place in the capital of the Empire in the summer of next year. The actual date is not yet fixed; but the Coronation of King George is to take place in June, and when we have said that a precedent already exists for the holding of the Imperial Conference in close connection with such an event, we have said all that needs to be said at present. Some time early in next summer, then, the discussions upon which the Campbell-Bannerman Government banged, barred, and bolted the door are to be renewed. To say what manner of Government is destined next year to receive our colonial visitors would be to enter too far into the realm of prophecy. But we need no extraordinary powers to forecast that a very different reception awaits them, in any case, at the hands of the British public from that which was possible on the last occasion. The great Empire-making policy which they come with one voice to advocate is now "understanded of the people" as it was not four years ago, and there need be no fear as to the reception of the Conference and the practical reasons that it will convey to the nation on matters connected with international trade and commerce.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Irish Live Stock Imports.

The live stock imported from Ireland last week was six thousand, or about 12 per cent. less than the corresponding week last year, but shows an increase of three thousand on the previous week. During the eight and a half months of the present year there has been a decline of 110,000 in the number of animals exported from Ireland. The decrease is mainly in the exports of sheep, which reached low water this year, and probably their lowest last week. The number of sheep exported since the 1st of January is 117,000 less than in the same period of last year. There is an increase of 30,000 in the cattle export, and a decrease of 10,000 in swine.



Improved Quayage.

The block-paving of that portion of the quay...

DR. MACLAGAN'S RECREATIONS.

Riding was a favourite diversion of Archbishop Maclagan, and in addition to this he was a good whip, and frequently drove a pair; while another recreation he indulged in the winter, when opportunity offered, was curling on the ice. He had also a great love of birds and animals. It is not generally known that his grace was an artist, and painted cleverly in water-colours. The inhabitants of Keswick at one time became quite accustomed to the sight of the Archbishop seated sketching on the private land stage of the beautiful estate of Fawe Park which borders the Derwent-water, and was rented by Dr. Maclagan for his holidays.

SCARIFF UNION MEDICAL ELECTION.

Sworn Inquiry to be Held.

Sir Acheson McCullagh has fixed Wednesday next for the holding at Killaloe of a sworn Local Government Board inquiry respecting allegations made on behalf of Dr. H. McKeogh in connection with the recent election of a medical officer for the Annickaraga district, at which Dr. Holmes was appointed. The Guardians at their last meeting protested against the inquiry declared that they would not permit the rates to be made liable for any portion of the expenses, and protested against Killaloe being chosen as the scene of the investigation, suggesting as an alternative Scariff or Tomgraney. Mr. James O'Brien dissented.

DEATH OF MRS. CLARKE.

The death occurred at her residence, Beverley, South Circular Road, to-day, of Mrs. Mary Clarke, wife of Mr. John Clarke, of Messrs Todd and Co. The deceased lady was in the prime of life and had only been ailing a day or two. She was of a cheerful and kindly disposition, and her premature demise has been learned with unfeigned regret in the city. The funeral will take place on Monday morning from St. Michael's R.C. Church after Office and High Mass at nine o'clock.

KILRUSH TOLLS AND CUSTOMS.

The question of the tolls and customs of the fairs and markets of Kilrush is causing some uneasiness to the Urban Council, as the landlord, Captain A. M. Vandeleur, who hitherto gave the entire revenue for the use of the locality, is now (says the *Kilrush Herald*) pressing the body corporate, who acted as collectors, for a rental of £40 a year exclusive of rates. At Monday's meeting further correspondence from the agent, Mr. R. R. Studdert, J.P., was read, in which he stated his intention of enforcing the demand or otherwise taking over the tolls. Several of the members favoured out-right purchase, but ultimately the legal adviser, Mr. D. R. Hilliard, solicitor, was instructed to enter into friendly negotiations. The net profit revenue, it was stated, only amounted to £10 per annum.

BEECHAM OPERA.

Mr. Joseph O'Mara, says the *Independent*, will appear at Covent Garden during the first week of...

extremely critical.

LIMERICK CATHOLIC INSTITUTION.

There was a large audience of the Limerick Catholic Li Thursday night to hear the session: The speaker was the S.J., and the subject chosen, the Chinese, Personal Experiences thrown on the screen by C.C., St. Munchin's College, b illustrate the various matters lecturer in his attractive d O'Shea, C.C., President of the the chair, and introduced Fat dealt with the history of China its population, life in the provincial centres, missionary l and customs of the Chinese, so at variance with European met thought. At the close, Fathe the thanks of the meeting to the acknowledged the compliment, terminated.

SCHOOLS OF MUS.

The Commandant, School of will inspect units as under: Depot, Leinster Regiment, Birr 1st Battalion Royal Highlander September, 2nd Battalion St. Land Buttevant; 28th September, 2nd Land Light Infantry, Cork; Depot, Royal Munster Fusilie September, Depot, Royal Irish mel; 30th September, 1st Ba Regiment, Fermoy.

CO. LIMERICK CRICKET TENNIS CLUB.

Tuesday next, Club Day, tea Mrs. Cleeve, Beechlawn. By ki Colonel Rose and Officers the be Watch will perform. A return Married v. Single—will be played

DUBLIN AND ALL IRELAND WORK GUILD.

Mrs. J. B. Barrington, Vice-P Limerick, will be very grateful if of the above guild will kindly sen tions and subscriptions to the Barrington street, before October

TAX BURDENS ON

Mr. W. Long's Decl
We are officially authorised to the *Standard* that Mr. Walter L to offer the greater part of his W for sale by auction in May next written to his tenants, Mr. Long s "You will shortly receive noti holding. I wish, however, to assu does not mean that I have any oaf tation with you as a tenant, or terminate your occupation of you that in my deliberate opinion the of the Government in relation to la compels all of us who are...