

The irresistible logic of facts has convinced Dutch people that if they are once a prosperous and progressive nation upon their present fiscal policy and free tariff. It is impossible for us to alter our isolated position as the world which does not protect its own markets, and the policy by Holland will doubtless hasten an up-to-date and wiser fiscal system.

RENT COMMENT.

State Railways in Australia.
 State-owned railway in the British colony opened in South Australia in 1856. The colony has over 1,900 miles of railway operating, and is an additional 237 miles authorised for construction. The lines have mostly been for developmental purposes, and it is estimated that the money has been wisely spent, and the opening of outlying districts has been greatly benefited. The system has been highly productive. It is satisfactory to find that although the railway revenue of South Australia last year was a record, the tendency is to decrease. From July 1 to August 13 of this year receipts have aggregated £215,000, an increase of £28,924 over receipts during the similar period of 1909.

and the Races.

Limerick Race Company are not always, so far as it is concerned, in luck as regards the weather. Up to-day they were decidedly so. For the first time, even in the middle of summer, with the most favourable conditions—a warm sunshine and a light breeze—than those which favoured the previous meeting. The pretty course was well kept, and there was probably what will be a record attendance of racing people and spectators. Sport was excellent, and the Directors are to be heartily congratulated on the success of the fixture in every respect. That Limerick is one of the most important and popular meetings in the country is without saying.

at Returns.

the more famous of the periodic comets, and has been observed somewhat unusually. This is known as Brooks' Second Comet, 1859, V., and is one of the most easily visible of comets, so called because its mem-

Lawrence Cemetery at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

THE COUNTESS OF DUNRAVEN.

The Countess of Dunraven passed a very good night on Tuesday, but there was no change in her ladyship's condition yesterday.

TO-DAY'S BULLETIN.

The Countess of Dunraven's illness remains unchanged.

DEATH OF MR. W. W. BAILEY.

We regret extremely to announce the death of Mr. William W. Bailey, Plassy, which took place on Tuesday evening at 114 Lower Baggot Street, after a short illness. The sad intelligence was received in Limerick with genuine regret, as during the deceased gentleman's residence at Plassy he was held, and deservedly so, in the highest esteem for his munificence and public spirit in promoting every good and philanthropic movement. He was an extensive employer of labour and his relations with his workmen were always of a most friendly character. Mr. Bailey was a well-known figure in the rubber world, being connected with the railway and rubber industry for many years. He was a director of the Highlands and Lowlands, the Selangor and other companies, and an acknowledged expert in plantation affairs. He was born in the King's County, where his father owned landed property, and in 1875 the subject of this obituary emigrated to Ceylon, where he was engaged in coffee and cocoa plantations, ultimately turning his attention to rubber, from which he amassed a large fortune. In 1906 he returned from the East, and purchased the estate at Plassy, where he engaged largely in horse-breeding, and also at Rathbane, which he acquired less than two years ago. He was very popular in the city and district, as was evinced in several ways, more especially when he was asked to allow himself to be nominated for Parliamentary honours, but he declined. Mr. Bailey was well known in Irish and English racing circles. His most notable success on the English turf was achieved by the aid of Bachelor's Double, who won the Royal Hunt Cup at last Ascot meeting. Previous to winning the big race alluded to the son of Trédemis—Lady Bawn had run second to Sir Martin for the Coronation Cup at Epsom, and was then purchased from Mr. J. Lowry by Mr. Bailey for 6,000 guineas, and ran in the latter gentleman's name and colours for the Hunt Cup. Mr. Bailey raced extensively in Ireland during the last few years, and on the Irish Turf he met with a considerable measure of success. His best year was 1908, during which he won twenty races of the value of £1,865, while last year his colours were to the fore in fourteen events. Mr. Bailey's premature demise at the age of 57 years is very deeply and widely regretted in Limerick and district, where his loss will be severely felt. The Fishery Board yesterday adjourned as a mark of respect to the deceased gentleman's memory, and a resolution of condolence with his relatives was also passed by the Limerick Board of Guardians.

The funeral takes place to-morrow from Ballycumber Station to Liss Church on the arrival of the 9.15 train from Dublin.

His Honor postponed the hearing of Sessions.

INJURY TO COWS.

Daniel O'Donoghue, Kilduff, County Wick, applied for £32 compensation for injury to two cows his property on the 19th July last.

Mr. H. Holmes (instructed by Mr. H. solr.), appeared for the applicant.

Mr. J. Gaffney, Crown Solicitor, appeared for Tipperary No. 2 District Council.

Applicant was examined, and attributed to a dispute about the boundary of holdings. One of the cows was killed on the head with a sharpened hammer, the other had some of its limbs broken, and destroyed.

On the evidence, his Honor said he was satisfied that the occurrence was not the result of an accident, and he would therefore refuse the claim.

COLT INJURED.

Thomas Hogan, Dooradoyle, County Wick, was the applicant in a claim for £80 compensation for malicious injury to a two-year-old colt driving the animal into a trench, where its legs were injured.

Mr. Holmes (instructed by Mr. Black) appeared for the applicant, and Mr. Gaffney (instructed by Mr. John Ryan, solr.), appeared for the Council.

Mr. Holmes said the applicant was a extensive breeder of horses in the county, and the present animal was an exceedingly valuable one, having shortly before this occurrence won the second prize at the show in Limerick. It appeared, was deliberately driven into a trench at the bottom of the field in which another were. The occurrence took place as a result of the action on the 18th of July by a number of youngsters who were home for their holidays.

A man named Kennedy, his wife and child, appeared in support of the applicant.

His Honor held that malice was proved, and dismissed the claim with costs.

CLAIMS FOR BURNING OF HAY.

John O'Connor, Corcamore, Clonmel, applied for £54 compensation for the alleged burning of 18 wrights of hay on the 18th June last.

Mr. J. Gaffney, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the applicant, and Mr. P. Kelly, and Mr. John Ryan, Solicitor for Limerick District Council.

The evidence went to show that there was no hostility in the district towards the applicant, and that the hay was burnt by a party which other people claimed to have no preference to.

His Honor gave a decree for six guineas. Timothy Kirby, Moohane, Tipperary, applied for a sum of £100 compensation for alleged malicious burning of a quantity of hay on the 18th June last.

Mr. L. O'B Kelly (instructed by Mr. Gaffney) appeared for the applicant.

Messrs. Comyn and Phelps (instructed by Mr. Power) appeared for the Council and opposed the claim.

Mr. Kirby said he bought his present Irish acres some 26 years ago. He accounted for it, but a cousin held the land, and the money. The man was sent out of the farm, and later on applied for trouble. His milk was stopped, and the tenants had refused to purchase if applicant was allowed to do so. He purchased if allowed. On the 26th