

MUNICIPAL ELECTION PETITION.

It has been arranged that the proceedings in reference to the Municipal Election petition in connection with the representation of the Custom House Ward on the Borough Council shall open on Monday next, 27th instant, at 2 o'clock p.m. The Commissioner to try the petition is Mr. John H. Pigott, K.C., and the petitioner is Mr. Patrick Bourke, Vice-Chairman of the Limerick Board of Guardians, and the respondent Mr. Daniel Hannan, sitting as one of the duly elected four Town Councillors for the Ward. There were eight candidates for the four seats, the Mayor and Mr. Daniel Griffin being elected at the head of the poll, and Messrs. McInerney, Daniel Hannan, and Patrick Bourke receiving each 238 votes for the third and fourth Town Councillorship. In the circumstances it was decided under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act to draw lots for the two seats and this was done with the result that Messrs. McInerney and Hannan were declared elected. Subsequently, Mr. Bourke lodged a petition against the return of Mr. Hannan, and the case will, as stated, come before Mr. Pigott for trial on Monday next. The petition deals with 23 objections in all, 12 on the part of the petitioner, and nine on the part of the respondent. The petitioner and respondent make the same objections to the same names in four cases. With the exception of four all the cases deal with alleged personation. Three of these four deal with alleged double voting, and the remaining objection refers to a vote alleged to be wrongly allowed by the Town Clerk as Returning Officer. Mr. K. J. Phelps (instructed by Mr. A. Blood-Smyth, solicitor), will represent the petitioner; and Mr. Philip J. O'Sullivan, solicitor, is acting for the respondent.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

The Limerick Battalion C.L.B. assembled at headquarters at 3 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day, for a route march. The following officers were present—Capt. C. O. Jones, Adjutant, (in command); Precentor Adderley, Assistant Battalion Chaplain; Assistant-Chaplains T. F. Abbott, and J. R. Colthurst, Captain Bell, Captain Bonhill, Lieut. A. Lee, Lieut. McCutcheon (Acting Captain), and Lieut. Castles.

Before starting, the Battalion sent the following telegram to the Lord Primate, who was being enthroned in Armagh Cathedral, at 3 o'clock on that day:—"The Lord Primate, Cathedral, Armagh—The Limerick Battalion Church Lads' Brigade assembled to-day tender to your Grace heartiest congratulations as 112th successor of St. Patrick, Adderley, correspondent." The following reply was received from his Grace:—"The Rev. Canon Adderley, Clifton Ville, Limerick—Very true thanks, John B., Armagh, Primate, The Palace, Armagh."

The Battalion returned from their route march about 6 o'clock. The band, under Mr. Barker, Bandmaster, added greatly to the enjoyment of the march. An excellent tea was then partaken of, which was presided over by Mrs. Adderley, Mrs. Abbott, Miss Orpen, Miss Langbridge, Miss Day, Miss Lee, Miss McCutcheon, Miss Bell, Miss Dowd, Miss K. Dowd, and Miss O'Brien.

Later on the Battalion marched to St. Mary's Cathedral, and attended Festival Evensong at 8 o'clock, when Sir Robert Stewart's Breastplate of St. Patrick was beautifully sung, and a very forcible and instructive sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Cashel and Waterford, dealing with the life and times of St. Patrick.

THE McCORMACK FUND.

We have received the following in support of the Fund started by the Countess of Limerick for the benefit of the widow and child of the late Frederick McCormack, second whip of the County Limerick Hunt, who lost his life in a plucky effort to ford the River Deel:—

	£	s	d
The Countess of Limerick, Lady Victoria Pery, and Miss Mollie Sidebotham ...	6	6	0
"One Who Feels and Sympathises" ...	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. Copley-Langford, Kill-coegriff ...	1	0	0
Captain and Mrs. Langford, The Abbey, Rathkeale ...	2	2	0
W. N. W. Gape, Ballysheedy House, Limerick ...	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur White, Attyfynn Officers Royal Engineers ...	5	0	0
Mr. Cecil Cleave ...	1	0	0
Mr. MacGillycuddy ...	1	0	0
Per the Countess of Limerick:—			
Miss White, Nantenan ...	1	0	0
Mrs. White Spanner, Miltown Park ...	2	0	0

FUNERAL OF MR. G. FURNELL.

Yesterday the remains of the late Mr. George Cantillon Furnell, whose death occurred at his residence, Ballycough, on Friday, were interred in Kilpeacon Cemetery. At half-past eleven the coffin was taken out and borne on the shoulders of the employees as far as the Ballycough entrance gate, where it was transferred to the hearse for the remainder of the journey. The cortege was of very large proportions, being fully representative, and was a striking tribute to the popularity and esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held in the city and county, and the deep sympathy which is felt with his family in their sorrow. On arriving at Kilpeacon the remains were taken into the Church, where the service was read by the Archdeacon of Limerick and the Rev. C. V. Atkinson, Rector, Kilpeacon.

The chief mourners were—Mr. Richard Furnell (brother), Messrs. Philip, Cecil, Percy and Richard Furnell (sons), Colonel Quirk, C.B., D.S.O., London (brother-in-law), Messrs. Thos. B. Bennett, Summerville; John Cantillon, and Thos. J. O'Brien (cousins).

Amongst the general public were—Messrs. Montford Gavin, F. G. M. Kennedy, J.P.; R. Gelston, C.F.; A. White, J.P.; Godfrey Gelston, John F. Power, W. McDonnell, J.P.; W. F. McDonnell, T. H. Brett (Manager Munster and Leitner Bank); R. Harris, J. R. Lynch, W. O'Connell, A. Blood Smyth, solicitor; E. D. Hunt, solicitor; Capt. Finch, J. Bennett, D.C.; T. W. W. Bennett, J.P., Co. C.; J. F. Power (Rathmore), Dr. F. Kennedy, J. O'G. Delmege, D.L.; Peter Fitzgerald, J.P.; A. Browning, D. R. Browning, Alderman P. McDonagh, T. D. Atkinson, D.L.; W. N. W. Gape, G. E. Farmer, G. Fosbery, Spencer Travers, C. Arthur, A. E. Bannatyne, J.P., J. N. Browning, M.D.; Captain D. Lyons, Captain Verschoyle, Sir Vincent Nash, D.L., J. H. Shine; J. Russell, Glenview; E. M. Russell, Milford; the Very Rev. Dean O'Brien, the Rev. Chancellor Hackett, Rev. J. T. Waller, junior; T. B. Bennett, G. C. Bennett, J. O'Dwyer, E. Leahy, solr.; the Rev. R. Kirby, P.P., Patrickswell; Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald, P.P., Donoughmore; W. B. Fitt, J. J. Shine, High Park; J. P. Rahilly, D.C., P. Fitzgerald, Rossbrien; E. Crawford, J. G. Kelly, J.P., Rev. Fr. Kennedy, P.P., Fedamore; P. Halvey, J. O'Brien, Friarstown; D. Punch, M. J. O'Brien, J. V. Turner, Manager National Bank; J. Quin, J. O'Grady, E. Morony, (Melville); M. Conside, H. V. Morony, B.E.; A. J. Barnett, J. Dempsey, T. W. Harding, J.P.; P. Carmody, Captain Harkness, G. E. Goodbody, E. Beecher, G. Toomey, M. Clarke, M. F. Kelly, T. O'B. Kelly, solr.; T. Ryan, V.S.; Dr. Hartigan, Croom; E. Morony, Ballingarry; J. McMahon, J.P.; W. Wilkinson, J. Kelly, Limerick; T. W. Browning, Captain G. Staopole, Major Sweetman, C. F. McNamara, J.P., Co. C.; P. Fitzgerald, Greenhills; John McCarthy, A. J. McNamara, E. Murphy, S. H. Power, V.S.; J. Grene-Barry, D.L.; J. P. Hogan, W. Parker, J. Birmingham, J. Burns, J. Quain, R. Cooper, J. Griffin, J. F. Green, T. Smith, J. Shine, F. Conyers, D. M. Fitzgerald, D. Ryan, D.C.; M. Hyland, D.C.; W. P. Pike, J. Hassett, E. Barrett, G. Quain, T. Hayes, M. Hayes, Martin Hartigan, J. Moloney, P. Hourigan, E. Dempsey, J. H. Hartnett, G. Nagle, P. O'Brien, J. Spillane, P. Barry, T. McCarthy, — Baggott, Caherelly; J. Peacocke, M. Hannon, etc.

Carriages were sent by Mrs. Hunt, Friarstown; Mr. W. McDonnell, Dr. Kennedy, Mrs. Vanderkist, Lord Emly, Mr. W. W. Gape, Mr. J. Grene-Barry, Mrs. Croker, Limerick; Mr. E. M. Russell, Milford; Mr. J. Russell, Glenview; Mr. J. F. Greene, Greenmount; Mr. R. Harris, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. O'Brien, South Hill; Mrs. Bennett, Ballymurphy; Mr. F. G. M. Kennedy, Mrs. Shine, Mr. R. Cooper, the Dean of Limerick, Mr. M. W. Gavin, Mr. A. White, Mr. W. F. McDonnell, Mr. J. O'G. Delmege, Mr. E. Beecher.

The wreaths laid on the grave were—"From his sorrowing wife and sons," Lea and Percy Furnell, Colonel and Mrs. Owen Quirk, Colonel and Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Durban Atkinson and Eileen, Captain and Mrs. Hackness, Mrs. Hunt, Friarstown House; Mrs. Harding and Daphne, Mr. and Mrs. Browning, Carass Court; Colonel and Mrs. Hunt, George street; Mr. R. Furnell, Mr. and Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. Leahy, Lickadool; Mr. and Mrs. Gape, Miss Maria Killooly, and Miss Halliday, Mount Earl; From all at Sandville; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur White, Attyfynn; Mr. John Cantillon, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Summerville; Captain Bennett, Rathanny; Mona, Jack, Eugenie, and Quennie; Mr. and Mrs. Travers, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Conyers, Misses Clara and Cynthia Vincent, the workmen and house servants at Ballycough.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs P. McCarthy and Sons. The grave was beautifully decorated with flowers and lined with moss.

SPORTING.

Lincoln Meeting.

Brookley Trial—Printer's Pic, 1; Vesta, 2; Buckie, 3. Also ran—Pipe of Port, Persuade, The Model, First Kiss, Lady Keen, Mine D'Or, Very Crooked, Godiva, Lady Frederick, Fire-arms. 7 to 2 agst winner.

Sudbrooke Felling—Tyne Lily, 1; Pride of Kitty, 2; Nctre Dame, 3. Also ran—MacDewry, Highlawn, Musical Ride, Cup o' Ale, Fig. Hestmore, Valossa, Vestal, Madrina, Cosetta, Lapageria, Proud Songstress.

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

Mercurio 1
Brandimintine 2
Spanish Prince 3
Also ran—Sifflet, Spanish Prince, Radis Rose, Mercurio, Eudorus, Helot, Dalnacrag, Rathlas, Placidus, Cinderello, New Castle II, Vigilance, Louvigny, Shampoo, Kaffir Chief, Chanteur, Long Set, Forerunner, White Owl, Santa Fina, Suncloud, Falaise II, Battle Axe, Irish Wedding, Ouali-Halfa, Donnez-Moi, Oversight, King of the Wavelets, Protestant Boy, Wise Mason, General Botha.

Placidus was the first to be mount, but Spanish Prince led the cantor to the post. After a long delay, for which Vigilance and Wise Mason were chiefly responsible, the barrier ascended to a fair start, but Wise Mason and Vigilance failed to strike off. Placidus, Cinderello, Protestant Boy, and Wise Owl commenced slowly. Brandimintine in the centre made play from Spanish Prince on the left, Chanteur also on the left, Mercurio on the extreme right, Long Set, Helot, Eudorus, Sifflet, Louvigny, Newcastle, Radis Rose, and Falaise, and in practically this order they raced for about five furlongs, when Chanteur, Helot, Newcastle, and Radis Rose were beaten. Mercurio then passed Spanish Prince, and joined Brandimintine a quarter of a mile from home, the pair racing level till inside the distance, when Mercurio shot to the front and won easily.

Betting—100 to 12 agst Mercurio, 66 to 1 Brandimintine, 10 to 1 Spanish Prince.

Lincoln Plate—Beau Bois, 1; St. Gilgen, 2; Mediator, 3. 18 ran. Betting—11 to 2 Beau Bois, 10 to 1 St. Gilgen, 2 to 1 Mediator.

Dowdington Plate—Flying Machine, 1; Reversion, 2; Seaton Delaval, 3. 8 ran. Betting—7 to 1 winner.

Kilmallock Meeting.

Revival Plate—Hunmanby, 1; Popping Queen, 2; Ardiglass, 3. Betting—5 to 1 agst winner.

Tallyho Plate—Big Foot, 1; Lady Katherine, 2; Fitzhenry, 2. Betting—5 to 2 agst winner.

Stewards Plate—Kirkbloom, 1; Onward, 2; Billy, McCormack, 3. Betting—20 to 1 agst winner.

Town Plate—Knight of Avon, 1; Sarsfield, 2; Longleaf, 3. Betting—6 to 4 agst the winner.

The Committee Plate—Sundowner, 1; Bette Still, 2; Glencorrig, 3. Betting—4 to 1 agst winner.

CO. LIMERICK HUNT RACES.

An interesting card awaits patrons of the County Limerick Hunt Races on Thursday at Creagh, a short distance from Fedamore. The entries this year for the four events total sixty, a handsome average, and the sport should reach a very good standard. The course embraces is about the finest stretch of hunting country in the county, and has been carefully laid out, and granted a continuance of the present weather visitors should experience an enjoyable afternoon with the members of the Hunt.

The following are the entries:—
2 p.m.—WELTER CUP—bk. g. Otto, aged; bk. g. The Crack, by Crackenthorp, 6 years; b. z. The Duke, b. g. Shamrock, Big Ben, ch. g. The Gift, aged; br. g. Don Ferdinand, 6 years; b. g. Lorcioor.

2.45 p.m.—THE BLACK WATCH REGIMENTAL CUP—b. g. Master Dick, br. g. The Crow, b. g. Syntase, b. m. Molly, br. m. The But. b. g. Guinea Pig II, b. g. Wind Mill b. g. Doctor, b. g. Pady, ch. g. Good as Gold, bl. m. Primrose, roan m. Mary, b. g. Caesar, ch. m. Red Cross, b. g. Carry On.

3.45 p.m.—THE O'GRADY DELMEGE CUP—b. g. Rathannon, aged; b. g. Call Boy, aged; ch. m. Maid of Tipperary, aged; Too Good, b. g. Hefty, 6 years; ch. m. Red Cross, 6 years; b. g. Popinjay, aged; b. g. Of Course, aged; br. m. Fitzpatrick, aged.

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