the head rents paid on the Lord Limerick estate, and the best of these was worth five years' purchase more than this site.

By Mr. O'Sullivan—There was a greater demand for artizans' dwellings in that locality now than there was fifteen or twenty years ago.

The Arbitrator—The people living in the locality are anxious to get out of the slums?

Witness—Yes.

The Arbitrator—Do you consider this site in the markets for the purpose of building labourers houses is worth £350.

Witness—Yes, as a building site, but if you go into the sentimental side of it, it might be given for less.

Mr. John F. Power, Receiver over the Markets, stated in answer to Mr. Blackall, that the plot proposed to be acquired was used extensively for the purpose of the hay market. When this site was taken by the Corporation it would mean the greatest possible disadvantage to the Markets Trustees as they would have to make some provision for the carts during the time of the sale of hay.

The Arbitrator—Does it curtail your space at the Markets?

Witness—Yes.

The Arbitrator—What additional amount do you claim for inconvenience?

Witness—£50.

By Mr. Blackall—There was a demand at the present time for houses in that locality. The railway works were much larger now than ever.

The Arbitrator—Are the Markets improving or going down.

Witness—They are not improving, neither are they going down.

Replying to Mr. Dundon, the witness remarked that he did not instruct Mr. Ebriil to make any claim for disturbance. Witness took that upon himself. In his affidavit before the Court he stated that that place could be let for building, as the Trustees were deriving no profit from it.

With reference to the plot proposed to be acquired at Ballinacurra, Mr. Peacocke gave evidence that the frontage was 440 feet, which he valued at 1s. 6d. per foot, or £33 per annum. The value of this at sixteen years' purchase would be £528. It was proposed to build forty-two cottages on the plot.

A number of witnesses were examined, and the inquiry closed.

CONCERT AT CROOM.

A very enjoyable concert was held in the Croom Schools on Thursday night for the purpose of purchasing books for the parish library recently opened by the Rev. Father Curtin, P.P. The entertainment was liberally attended, and the programme, which was an admirably selected one, was beautifully rendered. It opened with an Irish chorus by the children which was agreeably given. Mr. R. Ambrose next sang "Roses" very tenderly, and was followed by Mrs. Jack Hartigan, whose rendition of "The Emigrant's Farewell" was greatly appreciated, and for an encore she contributed "Connemara." A club drill by Misses McMahon and Fitzgerald, Adare, was an item which evoked loud applause, as did an Irish Jig by the girls of the Croom school. Mr. George Fogerty, Limerick, contributed some comic songs which caused great merriment. Mr. Edmond Wickham Limerick, was a great success. His songs were "Someone," and "The Flying Dutchman." The other contributors were—Miss Madge Finnerty, Miss Grace Nugent, Miss Hartigan, Miss Byrne, Messrs. O'Connor, Rooney, Kirby, Corkery, Hogan, Fleming, and Byrnes.

At the close, Father Curtin thanked the performers for their services, and the audience for the support given the concert.

RAILWAY LABOURERS' WAGES.

Great North of Scotland, increase, £208.
Highland, increase, £417.
Great Eastern, increase, £3,100.
South-Eastern, increase, £1,223.

DEATH OF THE COUNTESS OF MACCLESFIELD.

Mary Francis, Countess of Macclesfield, died to-day, at Bletchington Park, Oxford, in her 91st year. She married in 1842, as his second wife, the sixth Earl of Macclesfield, who died in 1896.

DEATH OF MR. PATK. FITZGERALD, GREENHILLS.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Greenhills, the melancholy event taking place to-day at St. John's Hospital, from an acute attack of pneumonia, and after a comparatively brief illness. The deceased was a very popular member of the community, and a general favourite with all classes, his kindly, genial, manner winning him many friends. He was for a time a member of the Board of Guardians as representative of Roxboro' division, and took a National view in politics, but was always tolerant to the opinions of those who differed with him. The deceased, who was but 49 years of age, was a son of the late Mr. Ml. Fitzgerald, J.P., Loughill House, and nephew of the late Rev. D. Fitzgerald, P.P., St. Mary's, and the late Very Rev. Ml. Fitzgerald, D.D., do.

LABOURER SHOT AT KILLONAN.

The constabulary brought to Barrington's Hospital, early this morning, a labourer named James Sheehan, of Killonan, who was fired at and shot in the neck and face about 2 a.m. to-day. A number of grains of shot were extracted from Sheehan's neck, and in connection with the occurrence Cornelius McGrath, Killonan, was placed under arrest by the police. McGrath, it is stated, was in charge of the premises of Mr. John McCormack, a farmer, residing in Killonan district, who had gone to Monaleen to attend some social reunion, and hearing a noise about the premises, he got a gun which, it seems, was loaded with a charge of No. 8 shot. Sheehan entered the house, and McGrath discharged the weapon with, he states, the intention of frightening him off rather than of wounding him. Happily the injuries inflicted were not as serious in the circumstances as they might have been. Sheehan, for some reason, is said to have mistaken Mr. McCormack's house for the one where he was employed, and this partly accounts for the occurrence of the shooting. The accused was brought before Mr. P. J. Kelly, R.M., this evening at William Street Police Barracks and remanded. Bail was measured in £100 and two sureties of £50 each.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The children, to the number of about 450, of the employes of the firms of Messrs. Bannatyne's and Russell's were entertained on Saturday evening last, from 4 to 7 o'clock, on the invitation of the wives of the directors of the respective firms. One of the stores had been cleared out and converted into what seemed to be a regular banqueting hall, and had been tastefully and beautifully decorated with flags, evergreens, etc., by Mrs. Ellis Goodbody, Mrs. Gerald Goodbody, Mrs. James P. Goodbody, and Miss Audrey Goodbody, and when lit up with electric light and the [illegible] with cake and other good things

BUTTER—TO-DA

Cork Market—Firsts, 125s thirds, 108s; fourths, — s; supe mild, — s; choicest boxes, — s fresh A, 120s to — s; B, 110s.

Supply small; demand fair; w

SPORTING.

Manchester Mee

Paddock Handicap Steeplecha 1; Kiljoy, 2; Feretor, 3. Also Betting—11 to 10 on Ben Rua Kiljoy, 10 to 1 Feretor.

Juvenile Selling Hurdle Ra Mimbar, 2; Mancetter, 3. Also Codonia, Carwardine II. Betti Etrick, 5 to 1 agst Mimbar, Mancetter.

Manchester Handicap Steeple Forkhill, 2; Flaxen, 3. Also Hoar Abbey. Betting—6 to 4 on agst Forkhill, 4 to 1 agst Flaxen.

Peel Park Selling Hurdle Race Exclusive, 2; Bertillon, 3. Also r Mitral. Betting—4 to 1 agst A agst Exclusive, 10 to 1 agst Berti

Club Maiden Hurdle Race—Ja car, 2; Ilston, 3. Also ran—Pa Moorgate, Tully Glass, Car Duchesne. Betting—Evens J agst Hamilcar, 9 to 2 agst Ilston.

Castle Steeplechase—Cross Que Park, 2; Carrigrue, 3. Betting— Queston 2 to 1 agst Ashley P Carrigrue.

RUGBY FOOTB

IRELAND V. FRA

At Paris yesterday, in prese thousand spectators, Ireland wor national Rugby match of the sea France. The score was—Ireland two tries (11 points); France, tw The contest was the finest witne soil, the remarkable defence set u men in the second half being the versation. Throughout the bat waged strenuously from start to fi numerous minor casualties, an doctors on the ground had a busy Irish side there were four new ca French there were nine fresh honours. The visitors pack Halpin, of Carryowen, who ga display, and M. Gilligan, a club f as first substitute, but his ser required.

HOCKEY.

Mallow v. Kilmal

The above match was played at Year's Day, and after an exciting in a win for the visitors by 3 g V. Harris 1) to 2 (Smith and G. F

Kilmallock—Messrs. J. Liston, H. Bailey, Wm. Harris, G. Frizel G. Harris, L. M. Harris, J. Ed V. Harris.

Mallow—Messrs. E. Finn, Smith, —Lane, C. McCarthy, A Hunt, —Smith, G. Pierce, H. G.

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