by the City Surveyor, who does not, however, agree that the Corporation will have the £2,000 available which Alderman Dillon considers, after certain deductions for new works, etc., are deducted, they will have. Mr. Peacocke also does not deem it advisable to cease steam rolling; but, all the same, he is in favour of the block-paving scheme, and in his report on Alderman Dillon's proposal, and which was read at the meeting of the Corporation Committees last night, the City Surveyor sets out his views thus:—"What can be done (re the block-paving scheme) is this: Assuming you will have £600 for new works next year—though of this I cannot be sure, as I do not yet know what you will be called on to provide for in the next estimate—to this add £100 deducted from money spent in repairs of paving, £200 deducted from repairs of flagging, and, say, £300 saved on maintenance of roads paved; total, £1,200. If you borrow the £13,900 already sanctioned for paving, with this sum you should be able to pay back the yearly instalment of principal and interest, and each succeeding year the payment would be easier, as the saving on the paved streets would increase." This communication means approval of the block-paving scheme outlined by Alderman Dillon, who is not, as he wrote, averse from having his scheme modified to meet the monetary position, and so there is every prospect of having practical measures taken without undue delay to remedy a pressing question of urgency. The meeting, too, last night were in favour of the proposal, and it was agreed that a deputation from the Borough Council should to-day wait on the managers of the local bank branches, and ascertain on what terms the required loan to set the work going could be obtained. There should be no difficulty in negotiating the loan, for the security to have the sum repaid is of the best to be had in financial circles, and one cannot but feel assured that there will not be any insuperable difficulty in a matter of such great interest to every class of the community. With the streets properly drained and paved, a trying grievance would be removed, and no one taxpayer would grumble over an expenditure which would in its immediate effect largely improve the appearance of the city, prove a lasting convenience and benefit to the citizens, and in the long run bring a substantial reduction in the present high rating of urban property.

CURRENT COMMENT.

China as a Republic

China has become a Republic, and never has the course of history been more violently diverted. In a few weeks, and after comparatively little fighting, a monarchy which has not only ruled for centuries over 400,000,000 people, but has been worshipped as divine, subsides into the mere part of a political machine. Yuan Shih-hai becomes the President of the new Republic; and we all wish him success in his tremendous position. But (asks a contemporary) is it not all too like a dream? Can we feel sure that those hundreds of millions have acquiesced? Time will tell.

Registrar General's Report

The average annual death-rate represented by the deaths registered last week as appertaining to the Dublin Registration Area and the twenty-one principal provincial Urban Districts of Ireland was 31·0 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which, for the purposes of these returns, is estimated at 1,149,495. The deaths registered during the past week, as appertaining to the several districts, alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1,000. In some instances, owing to deaths not having been registered within the week in which they occurred, the rates do not fairly represent the mortality:—Armagh, 20·6; Ballymena, 22·9; Belfast, 41·7; Clonmel, 30·4; Cork, 23·8; Drogheda, 33·6; Dublin Registration Area, 26·6; Dundalk, 27·8; Galway, 43·3; Kilkenny, 39·7; Limerick, 17·7; Lisburn, 25·7; Londonderry, 20·4; Lurgan, 38·7; Newry, 13·1; Newtownards, 34·3; Portadown, 31·3; Queenstown, 6·6; Sligo, 23·4; Tralee, 15·9; Waterford, 20·9; Wexford, 22·8. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered as appertaining to the 22 districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 2·1 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0·0 in 13 of the districts to 6·9 in Armagh, the three deaths from all causes for that district including one from whooping-cough. Among the 313 deaths from all causes for Belfast are one from enteric fever, 15 from whooping-cough, three from diphtheria, and one from diarrhœa or *enteritis* of a child under two years of age. Included in the 35 deaths for Cork are one from each of measles and whooping-cough, and one from diarrhœa or *enteritis* of a child under two years of age. One of the 13 deaths from all causes for Limerick is from enteric fever.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Some hounds of the East Galway Hunt while having a run through Lord Clanricarde's demesne were poisoned.

The salmon fishing on the Kerry and Limerick shores of the estuary is poor since the season commenced on the 1st inst.

At the meeting of the P.Y.M.A. Literary Class to-morrow evening a Paper will be read, entitled "That European Aggression in Africa is Undesirable," by Mr. J. C. Galbraith.

During excavations at Abbey-lane, Athlone, a large quantity of human remains have been found, and they are believed to be those of Irish soldiers who fought at the various sieges.

The death has occurred at Sutton Rectory Stalham, Norfolk, of the Rev. Wm. Craig, Rector of Sutton, son of the late Mr. Henry Griffith Craig, Passage West.

The death, due to pneumonia has caused much regret in Tipperary, of Mr. Jeremiah Kiely, U.D.C., a popular and prominent merchant in the town. Deceased had only reached the prime of life.

A verdict of "found drowned" has been returned by a Coroner's jury at Carteen, near Dunmarron, in the case of Margaret Keohan, an old age pensioner, whose body was discovered in a little pool adjoining her cottage.

What is certain to prove a very attractive entertainment will be given at the Dominican Hall this evening by the Limerick Battalion Church Lads' Brigade. A Brigade Chorus [illegible]

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.

The Magistrates presiding at the County Petty Sessions to-day were—Mr. P. J. Kelly, R.M., Mr. John G. Kelly, and Mr. S. B. Quin.

LICENSING CASES.

On the application of Mr. O'Donnell, solr, by letter, a number of licensing cases were adjourned to next Court day.

APPLICATION FOR WARRANT.

Patrick Ryan, farmer, from Kilmurry, attended with the object of applying for a warrant to arrest one, John Cosgrave, a labourer, on suspicion of having on the 5th inst. stolen two calves the property of the complainant.

The evidence went to show that the cattle were missed on the morning of the date mentioned. At first it was thought the animals had strayed, but subsequently it was ascertained that Mr. Theophilus Talbot, residing at Cloughfes, County Tipperary, had purchased the calves or yearlings at Nenagh fair from a seller answering the description of the accused for the sum of £10 13s. or two-thirds their value, £15. Mr Talbot was suspicious of the seller, who gave his name as Ryan, and he communicated with the police, who instituted inquiries, leading up to the present application. Sergeant West, in charge of Kilmurry Station, said Cosgrave lived in his district, and when the accused heard that the police were inquiring for him he absconded, leaving his wife and family after him. Cosgrave was a labourer, and there was no charge previously against him. Mr. Kelly thought there should be a deposition from Mr Talbot before a warrant to arrest could issue, but District Inspector Craig said he could have a description of the accused published in the *Hue and Cry*, and on that proceeding Cosgrave could be arrested by the police on a charge of larceny. Arrangements to effect the arrest of the accused were made.

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

The members of the Limerick Branch of the Irish Women's Franchise League, held a meeting at the Savings Bank, Glentworth street, on Tuesday night. Mrs. Allen presided, and one of the ladies read an interesting paper entitled "Why Women Want a Vote." She alluded to the agitations which had been been associated with the various reforms achieved, laying particular stress on the events which gave birth to the great Reform Act of 1832. In admirably reasoned language the writer of the paper made out a good case in favour of the vote for women, and trusted that the Government would soon rectify this constitutional wrong.

The contributors to the debate that followed were—Mrs. O'Donovan, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Morony, and at the close a vote of thanks was passed to the Essayist for her instructive address.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

Organ Recitals.

At the Organ Recital on Saturday afternoon next, Miss Violet Iredell will sing "O Rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn) and "Angels ever bright and fair" (Handel). Mr. F. Muspratt will play Overture in C (Hollins), Legendo in C (Dvorak), Scherzo (Guilmant), Largo and Allegro (Cuckoo and Nightingale Concerto) (Handel), and Toccata (5th Symphony) (Widor).

FIRST AID MOVEMENT.

Lecture To-night.

Dr. P. Pearse will lecture in the Agricultural Hall (by kind permission of Messrs. Ebrill Bros.) to-night to the members of the Pioneer Class. A good attendance is anticipated, as the lecture will be illustrated, and demonstrations in stretcher work given.

CANNOCK AND CO., LIMITED.

The Directors of this Company purpose paying a dividend for the half-year ended 31st, January, 1912, at the rate of nine per cent. per annum (making with the interim dividend paid 1st September last nine per cent for the year) free of income tax, carrying £1,109 to credit of building and fixtures account, and £9,454 forward.

DEATH OF MR. F. S. COLLIS-SANDES, D.L.

The death occurred on Tuesday, at his residence, Oak Park, Tralee, of a highly-esteemed gentleman, Mr. Falkiner Sandes Collis-Sandes, D.L. The deceased gentleman was the youngest son of the late Stephen Edward Collis, of Tierneales, Tarbert, County Kerry, and was born on the 15th October, 1844. He was a B.A. and a B.L., and early in life went to India, where for many years he held a high official position in the Probate Court. On the 8th July, 1879, by Royal Licence, he assumed the surname of Sandesin addition to Collis, and the arms of Sandes in compliance with the will of his uncle, Maurice Fitz-Gerald Sandes, Oak Park, whose property he inherited. He served as High Sheriff of Kerry in 1882, in which year he married the daughter of Colonel James Young, R.A., who predeceased him. He leaves one son and three daughters.

THE NATIONAL INSURANCE BILL.

At the meeting of the Corporation Committees last night, Alderman P. Dillon, *locum tenens* for the Mayor, presiding, communications were received from Mr. J. Houlihan, Secretary to the Irish Commissioners under the National Insurance Bill, and Mr. J. L. Graves, College Road, Cork, asking the Borough Council to arrange for a meeting of the Borough Council, with a view to an address being given explanatory of the provisions of the National Insurance Bill. It was agreed to hold the meeting on as early a date as possible.

RINK PALACE.

Mdlle. Margo.

The management of the Rink Palace have engaged this week Mdlle. Margo, who is described as the 20th century wonder. She will appear in a remarkable series of deceptions, including her glass jug mystery. Mdlle. Margo will make any drink called for, and will further invite members of the audience to test the quality for themselves. Mdlle. Margo has toured through France, Germany, Russia, and South America, and in Spain she had the honour of appearing before their Majesties the King and Queen, and Royal guests. She is also going on an Australian tour this year. Mdlle. Margo will also present her wonderful coin tumo mysteries, card tricks, etc. Mdlle. Margo's performance should certainly be seen.

REV. JAMES E. CULLEN.

We regret to record the death of the Rev. James E. Cullen, M.A., which occurred at Ballyheigue, County Kerry, on Sunday last. The Rev. Mr. Cullen, who was educated at Trinity College, was ordained in 1875, and priested the following year. His first appointment was as Curate of St. Peter's, Bandon, in 1875, and he was afterwards Rector of Ballybay, King's County, from 1878 to 1880, Rector of Clonmacnoise, 1881-1884, Incumbent of St. John's, Westport, New Zealand, 1885-1894, and Curate of Drishane, Co. Cork, 1894-1896. In the latter year he became Rector of Ballybeigue, County Kerry.

The rev. gentleman was very popular with all classes and creeds, and his death is greatly regretted in the district.

FUNERAL OF MR. F. ST. CLAIR HOBSON.

The remains of the late Mr. Frederick St. Clair Hobson, whose death took place at Lansahrone, Corbally, on Sunday, were laid to rest yesterday in the family burial place, St. Munchin's Cemetery. At twelve o'clock the coffin, which was of highly polished oak, was removed from the late residence of the deceased, and borne along the avenue to the hearse in waiting at the outer entrance. The funeral then formed up, and the route was by Corbally, Athlunkard Street, Bridge Street, Patrick Street, George Street, across Sarsfield Bridge, along the North Strand, and thence to the cemetery. The cortege was of very large dimensions, and as a tribute of respect many of the business houses were closed, and blinds were drawn. In the procession were several clergymen, the leading county representatives, the heads of city industrial firms, members of the legal and medical professions, and merchants, as well as those connected with various other interests. It was a striking and wholehearted demonstration of respect for the memory of a gentleman who was for such a long period connected with the county and city, and held in the highest esteem by all classes and creeds in the community. On arriving at St. Munchin's, the remains were received by the officiating clergy, Very Rev. the Dean, Rev. Canon Robertson (Rector of St. Munchin's), and the Rev. T. F. Abbott (Succentor, St. Mary's Cathedral). While the coffin was being borne up the nave, Beethoven's Funeral March was played on the organ, and at the conclusion, the beautiful and affecting hymn "Lead, kindly light" was sung. Canon Robertson, who conducted the first part of the service, then read the 90th Psalm, and Rev. Mr. Abbott read the Lesson.

At the close of this part of the service, the Dean delivered a touching address with reference to the deceased gentleman. Speaking with emotion, the Dean asked why were they assembled there that day in such large numbers. They might come there simply because it was the custom of persons to attend funerals, or they might come from higher motives, or because they wanted to show by their presence that they believed in the resurrection of the dead. But there was one reason why most of them were assembled in that church that day, and that was their affectionate esteem for the person who had been taken from their midst. There was a great saying in the Epistles, which referred to Faith, Hope, and Charity. Well, they had Faith that Christ would bring those who had gone to their rest into the circle of His home. St. Paul speaks of Charity. Now, he (the Dean) had the honour of knowing their dear departed friend for many years, and it had come to his knowledge over and over again that if there was one distinguishing point in his character which brought him at once into contact with our Lord Jesus Christ, it was that he was a good, charitable man. He had a true idea of life and would go out of his way to do a person a good turn or befriend him. He never failed to do a charitable act, or an act that would get a person out of trouble. The late Mr. Hobson was pre-eminently a kind, and a loving man. Personally he had always been kind to him (the Dean) and to many other people who felt deeply his loss.

The congregation then sang "Rock of Ages," and as the coffin was being taken out of the Church to the vault on the south side, the solemn strains of the dead march in saul issued from the organ. The Dean read the committal sentences.

The chief mourners were—A. O'B Hobson, (brother), F. G. M. Kennedy, and M. Westcropp, (brothers-in-law), F. Kennedy, (nephew), C. F. Caute, (nephew-in-law), T. G. O'Brien, and T. B. Bennett, (relatives.)

Amongst the general public were:—His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, W. Holliday, J.P. (City High Sheriff); J. B. Barrington, J.P., Co.C. (County High Sheriff); Rev. Canon Langbridge, Rev. Canon Atkinson, F. C. Cleeve, D.L., Dr. Kennedy, Rev. D. R. Shanahan, P.P., Rev. D. O'Driscoll, P.P., Sir Vincent Nash, D.L., The Knight of Glin, D.L., Sir Alexander W. Shaw, J.P., Rev. R. H. Semple, J. O'Grady Delmege, D.L., T. D. Atkinson, D.L., J. F. Power, J. J. Shine, High Park, Caherconlish; M. W. Gavin, J.P., Dr. Shanahan, T. W. Browning, T. Harding, J.P., Alderman P. McDonagh, A. E. Browning, E. D. Hunt, solr., T. H. Bruff, R. Nash, solr., W. M. Beauchamp, W. B. Fitt, E. Leahy, solr., P. Fitzgerald, J.P., W. Lloyd, S. Tubridy, C. H. Fitt, E. H. P. Hosford, J.P., E. Holliday, J. Weiply, S. Travers, L. Morley, B. K. Lucas (Sub-Sheriff); A. J. Barnett, M. White, J. T. C. Day, Rev. Precentor Adderley, Rev. H. A. H. Orpen, Adare; F. A. Johnston, W. W. Gape, R. Harris, Captain White, D.L., Rev. T. McNamara, C.C., Rev. R. O'Kennedy, P.P., Foilamore; E. G. Fitt, T. A. Ferguson, J. Quin, J.P., Dr. O'Neill, A. O'G. Lalor, J. W. C. Barry, G. H. Ryan, T. O'Grady, E. M. Russell, Milford; Colonel Gubbins, E. J. O'Riordan, V.S., Dr. Blood, J. S. Gaffney, Crown Solicitor; G. Caulfield, Captain McGillicuddy, R.M.F., Cecil Cleeve, R. Gelston, C.E., J. Egan, A. White, J.P., O. D. Coll, V.S., R. Ray, J. H. Shine, R. O'B. Studdert, M. D. Shaw, M. P. O'Shaughnessy, J.P., Co.C.; J. Ellis Goodbody, Colonel Milton-Henn, J. P. Goodbody, A. Murray, W. F. McDonnell, W. Gabbett, Sir Timothy O'Brien Bart., R. de Ros Rose, B. R. F. Sheehy, C.E., T. O'Brien, Dr. Laird, P. E. O'Donnell, solicitor, G. E. Goodbody, T. Ryan, V.S., N. Goodbody, J. R. Wallace, Rev. J. T. Waller, J. Flynn, R. Wallace, solr. G. R. Browning, G. White, Land-agent; A. J. Lee, R. D. O'Brien, J. R. Lynch, A. G. Fitt, M. Slade, T. H. Kenny, solr., S. O'Mara, H. Blackall, solr., A. E. Bannatyne, A. J. Dodds, solr., C. H. Armstrong, W. Barrington, C.E., J. Harty, C. Croker, D.L., Major Roche-Kelly, J.P., G. E. Farmer, Rev. Canon Archdall, D. Arthur, J. Lavertine, Captain Curling, J.P., Newcastle West; T. W. W. Bennett, J.P., Co.C., J. G. Kelly, J.P., J. Clune, J. McNamara, D.C., W. B. Smith, J. O'Brien, L. E. Clarke, Norris Russell, R. Twiss, J.P., J. Grene-Barry, D.L., J. G. Wilkinson, J. Stewart, F. Lavertine, A. Hall, E. Christy, R. R. Ballingall, J.P.; Captain Lyons, J. J. Howley, J. F. Green, J. O'Halloran, M. Griffin, G. Gelston, W. Gibeson, Fedamore, W. Thompson, J. Beckett, Captain Verschoyle, J.P.; W. M. Nolan, J.P.; J. Whelan, F. E. Kearney, LL.D.; P. J. O'Sullivan, solicitor; S. B. Quin, J.P., etc.

Carriages were sent by the following—The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Lady Cleeve, Mrs. O'Brien, South Hill; A. Murray, E. M. Russell, Milford, W. B. Fitt, F. E. Kearney, LL.D.; F. C. Cleeve, D.L.; Sir Vincent Nash, D.L.; Rev. H. A. H. Orpen, Adare; Mrs Gabbett, Caherline; Alderman McDonogh, Dr. Kennedy, J. W. Shine, Ballymacrease; Colonel Milton Henn, F. G. M. Kennedy, J.P.; Dr. Blood, Very Rev. Dean O'Brien, Capt. Lyons, Major Roche-Kelly, E. J. O'Riordan, V.S.; Sir Timothy O'Brien, Bart.; Mrs. Hunt, Friarstown; T. O'Grady, Blackwater; J. Hannon, Glenogra; Lord Clarina, T. Lane, Glenogra; Mrs. Reidy, Strabane; Mrs. Ievers, Belfield; J. N. Russell, B. K. Lucas, J. J. Howley, J. White, Lansoape; W. Lloyd, J. Ellis Goodbody, Mrs. Shine, Mrs. Furnell, M. W. Gavin, W. N. W. Gape, N. Russell, Glenview; J. F. Green, P. J. Shiels, A. Shier, W. Welsh, Bunard; C. Croker, D.L.; E. H. P. Hosford, W. Barrington, C.E.; J. H. Shine, S. O'Mara, Captain Westropp, T. D. Atkinson, D.L., J. Grene Barry, D.L., and T. Ryan, V.S.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Henihan and Co., Henry street.

The Rev. Chancellor Hackett, who is from home, and Mr. F. J. Kelly, R.M., were unavoidably absent from the funeral.

Captain W. E. Gataore was unavoidably absent from Mr. Hobson's funeral owing to military duties.

THE LATE SIR H. CONSIDINE.

A meeting of the Kilkenny City magistrates passed a resolution of regret and condolence in connection with the death of Sir Hefferson

STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

Home Rule—Welsh Disestablishment.

The King yesterday opened Parliament in person. His Majesty, accompanied by the Queen, drove from Buckingham Palace to the House of Lords in State, and received a cordial reception from the crowds lining the route. The splendid State coach in which Their Majesties rode was drawn by eight cream horses attended by servants in State liveries, and on each side rode a Royal Equerry. There were five other carriages in the procession conveying Maids of Honour, Masters of Horse, Mistresses of Robes, Ladies in Waiting, and the pages. A Sovereign's escort of the 1st Life Guards was in attendance on the State coach, and immediately behind followed a bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard in Tudor costumes.

Having taken his seat,

The King, through the Lord Great Chamberlain, commanded Black Rod (Sir Henry Stephenson) to let the Commons know that it was his pleasure that they attend him immediately in the House of Peers. The Royal message having been communicated, the Speaker, in his full dress robes, and accompanied by Ministers and members of the Lower House, presented himself at the Bar, and made obeisance to His Majesty.

The King's Speech.

The King then read the gracious Speech from the Throne as follows:—

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,—

My relations with foreign Powers continue to be friendly.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The state of war between Italy and Turkey, unfortunately, still exists. My Government are ready, whenever a favourable opportunity may present itself, to associate themselves with other Powers in any mediation that may help to bring hostilities to an end.

The situation in Persia continues to engage the serious attention of my Ministers, who are in constant communication with the Russian Government in regard to the best means of enabling the Persian Government to re-establish order and tranquility in the country. Papers will be laid as soon as possible before Parliament in connection with Persian affairs.

I trust that the crisis in China may soon be satisfactorily terminated by the establishment of a stable form of government, in conformity with the views of the Chinese people. My Government continue to observe an attitude of strict non-intervention, while taking all necessary steps to protect British life and property. I fully recognise that the leaders on both sides in China have shown every desire to safeguard the lives and interests of foreigners resident in the Empire. Papers regarding the affairs of China will be laid before you.

I am glad to be able to announce that at an International Conference, which sat recently at the Hague, and at which I was represented, an agreement was arrived at in regard to the regulation of the trade in opium and kindred drugs. A copy of the Convention, signed at The Hague on the 23rd January, will be presented to Parliament.

THE INDIAN DURBAR.

In my Indian Dominions the Durbar, which I held with the Queen-Empress at Delhi, in order to make known in person my succession to the Imperial Crown of India, has furnished me with overwhelming proof of the devotion of the Princes, nobles, and peoples of my Indian Empire to ourselves and of their loyalty to my rule. In the great cities of Calcutta and Bombay the spontaneous manifestations of an enthusiastic affection and loyalty with which we were received by all classes of citizens touched us most deeply. We were not less moved by the welcome which has been accorded to us on our return home, and by the sympathy shown to us by all my subjects in the personal sorrow which has overtaken my family.

I trust that the transfer of the seat of Government of India from Calcutta to the ancient capital, Delhi, and the creation in consequence of the transfer of a Governorship for the Presidency of Bengal, of a new Lieutenant-Governorship in Council for Behar, Chota, Nagpur, and Orissa, may be fruitful in promoting the prosperity of my Indian Empire. A Bill to provide for certain details required for the Constitution of the new Provinces will be laid before you.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS—The estimates for the expenditure of the coming year will in due course be laid before you.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

MY LORDS and GENTLEMEN—I view with great concern the prospect of disputes between employers and workmen, and I firmly trust that a reasonable spirit may prevail on both sides, and avoid developments that would seriously affect the trade of the country, and the welfare of my people.

A measure for the better government of Ireland will be submitted to you.

A bill will be laid before you to terminate the establishment of the Church in Wales, and to make provision for its temporalities.

Proposals will be brought forward for the amendment of the law with respect to the franchise and the registration of electors.

A bill will be introduced to give effect to the unanimous recommendation of the last Imperial Conference for the amendment and consolidation of the law relating to British nationality.

You will further be invited to consider proposals for dealing by legislation with certain social and industrial reforms.

Your labours upon these and all other matters I humbly commend to the blessing of Almighty God.

After its delivery their Majesties retired, and returned by the same route to Buckingham Palace.

In the House of Lords the Address in reply was agreed to after an important statement on Anglo-German relations had been made by the Marquis of Crewe.

In the House of Commons the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was moved by Sir Henry Verney, and seconded by Mr. W. C. G. Gladstone, each of whom was complimented by the leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Asquith, replying to Mr. Bonar Law, made a statement on foreign affairs on the same lines as that made in the Upper House.

The debate was adjourned on the motion of Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, and the House rose at 6.25.

CABINET CHANGES.

The following official announcement was issued on Tuesday.

The Earl Carrington, K.G., G.C.M.G., has tendered, and the King has been pleased to accept, his resignation of the office of Lord Privy Seal.

The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Marquis of Crewe, K.G., to be Lord Privy Seal, in the place of Lord Carrington.

Lord Pentland has tendered, and the King has been pleased to accept, his resignation of the office of Secretary for Scotland.

The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Right Hon. Thomas McKinnon Wood to be Secretary for Scotland, in the place of Lord Pentland.

The King has been pleased to confer the dignity of a Marquisate of the United Kingdom upon Earl Carrington, K.G., G.C.M.G.

The foregoing announcement means that Earl Carrington has relinquished office altogether; the Marquis of Crewe takes the office of Lord Privy Seal (which he formerly held), in addition to that of Secretary for India. It is understood

LIMERICK BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Lady Emly presided at the meeting of the Limerick Board of Guardians yesterday. The other members present were—Miss Barrington, Messrs. J. Cahill, R. Frost, J. Lawlor, J. Reidy, C. Quilligan, E. O'Dwyer, M. Sheehan, T. Bourke, P. Massett, T. Donnellan, T. Davis, J. Fitzgibbon, M. Gilligan, K. O'Brien, P. O'Halloran, J. P. Rahilly.

SANCTION.

The Local Government Board sanctioned the payment of £4 4s. to Dr. Humphreys for his services as temporary substitute for Dr. Brennan, Cooleyraxey dispensary district; £3 3s. to Dr. Roberts for acting for Dr. Brennan as a visiting doctor at the workhouse; and the employment of Mr. Brown, attendant in the boys' school, for a further twelve months at a salary of £13 a year.

MASTER SHOEMAKER RESIGNS.

John Considine, master shoemaker, wrote resigning his position, which he stated he had held for twenty-four years, and enclosed a medical certificate to the effect that he was no longer able to perform his duties. He asked the Guardians to take into consideration his long services when granting him a superannuation allowance.

After a discussion,

Mr. Bourke handed in notice of motion that he would move that day five weeks that Mr Considine be granted the full superannuation allowance to which he was entitled.

PROPOSED SANATORIUM.

Dr. McDonnell, R.M.O., reported that owing to the overcrowding of the general hospital it was necessary for him to open new wards in the fever hospital. He need not state that the cases were isolated from the fever patients.

In reply to Mr. Bourke,

Dr. McDonnell said that the increase was caused by the number of consumptive patients.

A discussion arose regarding the necessity of a Sanatorium.

Mr. Bourke said that in other districts in the county they were building sanatoriums and giving attention to the matter, and he thought that at the leading Board in Ireland they should recognise the fact that there was an increase in consumption and no longer delay in providing proper treatment for consumptives, especially as the Government was at present holding out facilities for the building of sanatoria. The money was given at a cheap rate, and they had other counties a long way before them in the matter. He proposed that a Committee be formed immediately, and that it should include a number of outsiders, as they had power to add to their numbers from outside, and were sure to get many volunteers. They had these powers under the Act of Parliament of 1890, and they never attempted to put them in force.

Miss Barrington said it would help them if they got the average number of beds occupied by consumptives during the past three years.

Mr. Bourke—We should form a Committee of two-thirds members of the Board, and one-third from outside.

Mr. Rahilly said that they could also furnish particulars in regard to the localities from which the patients came.

The Chairman remarked that some years ago the Bishop was anxious to start a consumptive hospital, but the project fell through.

Mr. Sheehan said he understood, and according to the Insurance Act when it came into force, the Government would grant funds to provide sanatoria.

The Clerk remarked that the Lord Lieutenant and some gentlemen outside had projected the building of a sanatorium. £3,000 or £4,000 had been provided, but Lord Lansdowne would not consent to have it built on his ground.

Consideration of the matter was adjourned.

Mr. Hassett handed in the following notice of motion—"Before this Board take any steps to establish a sanatorium we ask the Medical Officers of Health of the various districts for reports on the health of their districts as regards consumption."

INSURANCE ACT.

The National Insurance Health Commission wrote stating that they were in a position to send lecturers around to the various districts and asking the Board to co-operate with them in spreading information with regard to the Act, making suggestions with regard to the best means of holding meetings to explain the National Insurance Act, and of forming societies in the district.

A discussion having taking place, in which it was remarked that Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Redmond, organisers, were to lecture in the Town Hall to-night, it was agreed that the Board would do all in their power to spread information in regard to the matter.

The Board adjourned.

TRAGEDY IN AN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Teacher Killed.

A shocking story comes from the Trim Industrial School, in the County Meath. It is alleged that a teacher named John Kelly, aged 27, while passing a group of boys in the yard, was struck by a youth on the head with a scrubbing brush and knocked senseless. It is further alleged that other boys struck him while on the ground. His skull and jaw were severely smashed, and he was dead when taken to the neighbouring workhouse hospital. Eight boys are in custody in connection with the affair, which has created a sensation in the district. On Tuesday the boys were brought before Mr. Olphert, R.M., in Trim, and after evidence had been taken from two brothers, inmates of the school, who witnessed the attack on the teacher, the accused were remanded.

Accused Boys Sent for Trial.

The magisterial inquiry closed yesterday, when the eight boys arrested in connection with the occurrence were returned for trial to the Spring Assizes.

INCIDENT OF RAILWAY STRIKE.

Action Against G.S.W.R. Goods Manager at Limerick.

A special city jury was unable to agree to a verdict in the trial, before the Lord Chief Baron, of an action by John McNamara, R.I.C. pensioner, Limerick, against George Wilson, manager, goods department, G. S. & W. Railway Station, Limerick, for £500 damages for an alleged assault.

Plaintiff was employed during the railway strike as a special or private constable at Limerick station, and it was shown in evidence by Head Constable Healy and Sergeant M. Dolan that on Sunday, 1st October, Wilson pushed him twice outside the door; that plaintiff fell on the steps, and that he seemed to suffer afterwards from shock. Police Constable Collins said he heard Wilson remark to plaintiff: "Go away. Go out. I dismiss you."

For the defence, Railway Inspector O'Dwyer stated that M'Namara refused to take out a lady's trunk, that had been called for, and gave some insolence, with the result that Wilson told him his services were dispensed with and ordered him off the premises. At the exit door Wilson put his hand on plaintiff's shoulder and pushed him towards the door. When he got to the door M'Namara turned round and caught hold of the door, which was in two parts, by both hands. Wilson loosed his hold and pushed him through the doorway and closed the door. Plaintiff resisted being put out, but Wilson used no more force than was necessary to eject him. M'Namara fell when he was put out. Witness denied that Wilson went outside the door.

Inspector P. Cullinan described M'Namara's attitude towards Wilson as defiant, and added that defendant used no unnecessary violence.

M. John Moloney and Miss Kathleen Cahill

STOP PRESS

SPORTING.

Warwick Meeting

Coventry Selling Handicap—Dod Simon the Diver, 2; King Pepper, 3 Taiby, Myrmidon. Betting—20 Dodger II., 5 to 1 agst Simon the agst King Pepper.

Lammas Selling Hurdle—Miss Baltic, 2; Mrs Wiggs, 3. Also Iron, Beautiful Maud, Diamont. on Miss Nick, 5 to 2 agst S.S. Balti Mrs Wiggs.

Watergall Four-year-old Handica Duchesne, 2; Hardyburg, 3. Also Tagus, Worcester Belle, Nimbar, agst Etrick, evens agst Duchesne, Hardyburg.

Corinthian Hurdle Handicap — Iman, 2; King's Colour, 3. Also time, Nereus, Vertoi. Betting— Purrain, 7 to 2 agst Iman, 6 to 4 Colour.

Barford Steeplechase Handicap— 1; Kolo, 2; Vox, 3. Betting—5 t Heela, 15 to 8 agst Kolo, 6 to 1 agst

Leamington Handicap—Celerity, 2; Henry Prince, 3. Betting—3 to

HOCKEY.

Inter-Provincial Ma

The match between Munster a will take place in the County Ground Road, at 3 o'clock on Saturday next

This is the first visit of Connaught and judging by the form Lein Leinster in Dublin, when they drew an exciting match may be looked fo

Munster team—Goal, Warner Fitzmaurice (U.C.), Dalton (C.L.) (L.P.Y.M.A), Cleeve (Limerick C (U.C.); forwards, Popham (U.C.), Dunn (L.P.Y.M.A), O'Keeffe (Cl (U.C.)

Referee—E. W. Angley (V.P.I.H

BERLIN AND MR. ASQUITH

Berlin, Thursday.—In official ci Asquith's speech is greeted with e tion, and full concurrence is exp British Premier's statement of German position. With regard begun by Lord Haldane, the need emphasized by official personages.

SUDDEN DEATH AT LABOU INQUIRY

At Kilmallock.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

Kilmallock

During the progress of th Inquiry Act here to-day a respec named Laurence McCarthy, resid mile of the town, had a violent atta in a swoon. On being removed he landing. Dr. Cleary and Fr. Higgin promptly on the scene but the sufferer human aid. The inquiry was adjo hours.

INSURANCE ACT AND THE I

Views of the Great W Chairman.

Viscount Churchill, at the half ye of the Great Western Railway Com feared the Insurance Act would cost an additional fifty thousand pounds was a conservative estimate to strikes had cost the company one hund pounds.

OPERATIONS IN ENNIS HOSPITAL.

A protracted discussion took place ing of the Ennis Board of Guardians arising out of the report of the m which had reference to the question in the Union Hospital. Mr. E. Shan and the note on the Medical Officer's to the effect that in view of the genera at the Board on the subject of opera submitted the facts to the Local Board for their instruction, and a observations.

The Clerk read a copy of the lett mitted by the medical officer to Government Board as follows—"A m employment having a Relieving Offi sion ticket, and suffering from burn herself for admission to the Ennis Hospital for operation. Please let m have I power to refuse her admission, can the Guardians by passing a resol on me to refuse admission to oper espower me to refuse admission to ho The girl waits in the probationary get reply." The reply was that if an admission ticket she should be adm Workhouse by the Master, and t Officer should then act in accordance 5 of the Workhouse rules, and if upon the Board's General Order of the 4th

The Chairman observed that when t not urgent it should be sent to the In

The Medical Officer (Dr. Coghlan) matter for the girl.

The Chairman—It is one of those cr are always discussing.

The Medical Officer—Yes. It is a c of this nature, and that is the reason I Local Government Board for instructi

Mr. King proposed, and the Chairman that the patient be sent to the Infirm operated upon.

As an amendment Mr. Kennedy pro Mr. Meade seconded, that the Board by the Medical Officer.

A general discussion ensued, and eve action was taken.

LADY AVIATOR'S EXPERIE

To-morrow Night's Lectu

At the Athenæum to-morrow eve o'clock, Miss Gertrude Bacon, the w aeronaut, lectures on "Flying Machines, and Airships." Her lecture will be in part a record of personal experience adventures. The subject of aviation is at the present age of such rapid and m development of air navigation should absorbing interest. But in addition attractiveness of the subject, the lectu doubly interesting by reason of the fa which will consist of photographic pictures, some unique in the [illegible]