

IRELAND.

A meeting of representatives of Irish County Borough Councils and Urban District Councils was held yesterday in Dublin for the purpose of considering the question of the valuation and rating of railway premises in Ireland. The Lord Mayor presided, and the attendance included the Lord Mayor of Belfast, the Mayors of Waterford, and Kilkenny. A resolution was passed asserting that the law under which land that is used as a railway is assessed and made liable to rates should be repealed, so that such hereditaments shall be assessed at their full annual value.

FISHING IN THE FERGUS.

Since Saturday there has been a bit of a stir in fishing in the Fergus, and more fish have been seen in the river. Mr. J. Kerin killed two nice fish of 2½ lbs. each; Mr. W. F. Crowe killed one, 2½ lbs., and Mr. Algy Crowe two, 6½ lbs. and 1 lb. The last one, landed yesterday, was one of the heaviest killed here for some years, and was a particularly nice fish.

SUDDEN DEATH IN LISTOWEL.

Dr. John Clanoy, Coroner, held an inquest on the body of an army pensioner named John O'Brien, who was a stranger, but who lodged in a house in Charles Street, Listowel, for the past six months. From the evidence it appeared that the deceased, who was over 70 years, was in comparatively good health up to the time of his death, which took place suddenly in his bed about 8 o'clock p.m.

Dr. J. T. Dillon, gave evidence to the effect that death was due to heart failure, and a verdict to this effect was returned.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

Organ Recitals.

At the Organ Recital on Saturday afternoon next, Miss Eveline Elliot. (L.R.A.M.) will play a violin solo. The Rev. Precentor Adderley, M.A., will sing "My Soul is Athirst for God" (Gaul), and Mr. Gullen will sing "The Lord is My Light." The organ pieces to be played by Mr. F. Muspratt will be the overture "Coriolanus" (Beethoven). Variations on a theme of Beethoven's from Sonata in E (op. 109) (Merkel); "Legende in G (op. 59, No. 2), D'Vorak; The Great Fantasia and Fugue in G, minor (Bach), and Tocata in D (D'Evry).

THE TRADES EXHIBITION.

There was a large attendance at the Trades Exhibition at the Rink last evening, and the visitors inspected the various stalls with much interest, while the Ladies Orchestra discoursed choice selections. During their engagement, they will play the following amongst other pieces:—*alse, Lazzland, by Squire; valse, Bal Militaire, waly George Loftus; valse, Decembrei, Felix Godin; valse, Riviens, Fragon and Christine, introducing Fragon's greatest success "Come Back to me"; valse, Dreaming, Achibald Joyce; The Lobbe One Step, Lestrangle; Oriental Two Step. waly, Felix Godin. The Exhibition will be open each day from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. until the 14th instant.*

Pathetic Scenes at Middlesbro'

Pathetic scenes were witnessed at Middlesbro', when hundreds of necessitous people besieged the Town Hall for relief tickets.

Non-Unionists Prevented From Working.

Non-Unionists are being prevented from re-suming work at Cannock Chase, as the mine owners fear trouble.

EFFECT OF STRIKE ON RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

The weekly traffic returns issued up to the present week by the Railway Companies of Great Britain show an aggregate decrease of £571,039 compared with the same week last year.

IRISH GAME PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

Sporting Rights.

The Executive Committee of the above met yesterday at the offices, 110 Grafton street, Dublin. Lord Massy presided.

The Committee had under consideration an important application, recently submitted by the Incorporated Law Society to the Estates Commissioners, for the issue by the Commissioners of a convenient form of certificate to produce as evidence of the reservation to the vendor of sporting rights, where such have been vested in the vendor on sales of estates. The need of evidence in a convenient form in the maintenance of such sporting rights was discussed and emphasised by the Committee, the following resolution being proposed by Mr. J. Maxwell Green, D.L., seconded by Lord Castlemaine, and unanimously adopted—

"That the Irish Game Protection Association give its strongest support and confirmation to the Incorporated Law Society's request to the Estates Commissioners for the granting to vendors to whom sporting rights are, or have been, reserved on the sales of their estates, a certificate under seal evidencing the fact that such sporting rights are reserved and are vested in such vendor."

Correspondence relating to the close season's dates for snipe in several Irish counties was dealt with, and reported offences against the game law examined and ruled on, some prosecutions being ordered.

The date of the annual general meeting, to be held in the offices of the Association, was fixed for Thursday, 25th April, at 12 o'clock noon, and Sir Frederick Shaw and Mr. White, were appointed a sub-committee to make the usual arrangements.

FATALITY AT CROOM.

An accident which terminated fatally occurred at Croom last night, the victim being a young postman named Dunworth, a native of Ballingarry. The deceased was riding a young horse in the direction of Manster, when the animal became restive, and threw him headlong on to the roadway. When picked up he was unconscious, and he succumbed to his injuries in the Croom Union Hospital this morning.

tomorrow, move the rejection of the Bill.

The decision was arrived at at a o the Opposition front benchers con yesterday. Though it was known Mr an experienced Parliamentary hand invited to suggest the course the should adopt, none was prepared to fi ing his reappearance as an effective fi of the Party in so startling a manner.

The fate of the bill now seems to c combinations of parties, dictated by co of special interests and tactical advan

It was stated late to-night that party have some hope that the d Committee will result in a compromise the five shillings minimum wage for ad and two shillings for boys, may l though the Government refuse to inse the miners' schedule for hewers. It view that the demands of the Fede been set out in two distinct amendme

No Hope of Miners' Supply

A Labour Correspondent of *The T* with regard to the Minimum Wa discussed yesterday at the special of the Miners' Federation:—The men's natives are firmly convinced of the their position, and express themsel that it is only a question of "sittin compel the Government to come do side with even greater emphasis tha yet done. It is also quite clear that i this position they are trusting as m political as to their industrial influen view is that no Government, Unionist can afford to flout an organisation tha the power to turn the scale in at least the constituencies of the United Kingd

BIG BRITISH ORDERS GERMANY.

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Mr. presiding at the annual meeting of holders in Messrs. Jessop's, Ltd., n said that the shareholders had to fac this year they would have only ten mo for twelve months' expenses, owing to dislocation caused by the strike. Lar substantial order, representing £5,00 material alone, was lost to them, an Germany. In this way they were giv portunity to a trade rival to snatch a

KILRUSH TOLLS AND CUSTOMS

At the meeting of the Kilrush Urb Mr. Thomas Ryan, Vice-Chairman, pr Messrs. Maunsell, Darley, and Orp solicitors to Captain Vandeleur, wr the tolls and customs of Kilrush—w rights to fairs and markets—for a s

On the motion of Mr. Carmody, it monly agreed—without discussion—the offer, and Mr. Connihan was complete the legal documents.

An order was made to have the l interviewed as to the terms on which be prepared to advance the money; also agreed to ask the Local Governme they would consent to the withdra amount from the Harbour Board fund loan.

Immediate consent to the purchas requisitioned,