Islands It is devoutly to be hoped that further life and treasure will not be sacrificed in a struggle in which the Porte has nothing to gain, and that with the friendly aid of the Powers and the Ambassadorial Conferences, now sitting in London, peace will at last be established on a firm basis satisfactory aliks to the warring nations and to Europe at large.

THE MAYORALTY.

The question of the Mayoralty, the date for the election to which is drawing nigh, is occupying large share of attention in interested circles. The situation, however, does not appear to be clearing over much from what it has been for some weeks past. The names of two of the half dozen or so candidates stand out prominently from these whose names have been current for some time, Alderman J. O'Brien and Alderman P. Donovan, and both are making an active canvass of the members of the Council. So far the contest does not involve other than personal issues, and on these it looks as if the election would be decided. The names of four other members of the Council have been or are given as likely candidates. Alderman P. Dillon, and Councillors Martin Leahy, J.P., Mi. O'Brien, and Patk. Kenny Withdrawals and changes are possible, it goes for the saying, between now and the 23rd instant, the date of the election.

MILITARY FUNERAL.

The remains of late Colour Sergeant Lynch, of the staff of the Royal Munster Fusiliers Depot, North Strand, were interred last evening in Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. Full military honours were accorded the burial of the deceased who was a native of Kilrush. At three o'clock the funeral left St. John's Cathedral, and the cortege, which included the comrades of the descased acreeant as well as civilian friends, was of considerable proportions. The gun carriage upon which the coffin rested was covered with the Union Jack, and was supplied by the Royal Engineers. The procession was headed by a firing party of the York and Lancaster Regiment, and the band of the same battalion battation en route to the cemetery played the "Dead March in Saul," and "Chopin's Funefal March," very impressively. The last post having been sounded and the final prayers recited, the firing party discharged three rounds of blank cartridge at the graveside.

COMPLIMENTARY PRESENTATION.

On the occasion of Mr. Clarke severing his connection with the firm of Messrs. W. Todd and Co, the buyers and superintendents availed themselves of the opportunity of testifying to the regard and esteem in which he is held by them. The presentation which took place at Hapratty's Hotel, on Christmas eve, took the form of a handsome silver. salver, suitably inscribed The evening proved a happy requiping. The teasts of "Our Guest," "W. Todd and Co" and others having been duly Bride to Bridegroom, gold pendant. Bridegroom to Bride, diamond and opal ring

Bridegroom to Bridesmaid, pearl brooch. Father and Mother of Bride, cheque, silver-mounted umbrella, gold bracelet watch, and set of

Father and Mother of B idegroom, cheque and Bible.

Adderley, Rev. Canon and Mrs. R., Suêde handbag.

Barnett, Arthur, Ennismore, fitted dressing

Brabazon, Miss S., Waterford, silver jam-dish, Brabazon, the Misses L. and A., Arklow, set of

Brabazon, W., Waterford, silver cake-stand. Brabazon, Tom, Waterford, silver butter-dish. Brabazon, Mr. and Mrs. Robt., Limerick, silver tes spoons.

Brabazon, Ernest, Waterford, silver sugar tongs and spoon.

Boyd, Mrs., Violet Villas, cheque. Cunningham, Mr. and the Muses, Crescent

Villas, silver flower pots and silver butter dish.
Costello, Miss. Dublin, silver butter dish. Gilbert, Mrs., Tramore, silver photo frame and

silver jam dish. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Chas., Clifton Ville, silver

cake stand. Hewson, Mr. and Mrs., Cloghrennan Terrace,

double damask table cloth. A Friend, Birmingham, silver serviette rings.

A Friend, Birmingham, cutlery cabinet.

Morrison, Miss, Farranshone, tea cosy. McArthur, Mr. and Mrs., Mountain View, cake stand.

McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B., Aseot

Terrace, belieek epergne and vasce.

Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. W. E., Waterford, silver marmalade dish.

Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. F., Clifton Ville, travelling rug.

Mitchell, Mrs., Roxborg Road, trinket case.

Mitchell, Miss C., Roxboro' Road, fancy bag. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. W. H., Hazeldone, silver unives and forks.

Owens, Marion, coffee service. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Geo., Enniscorthy,

biscuitaire.

Pike, Mrs. Geo. handkerchiefs. Symes, Miss, cushion.

Tanner, S., el eque.

Whatley, Mr. and Mrs. J. W., Bracken Brac.

ailver preserve dish.
Gladys, Ethel and Tom, silver oruet. Watson, Mr. W. H., candle shades,

Waller, Rev. Canon and Mrs. J. T., Chinese tes cloth

Wharton, Mr. and Mrs. I., Stradford on Avon, toilet set.

THE CASTLE WARD.

Resignation of a Borough Councillor.

Mr. Michael Foley, one of the four Borough Councillors for the Castle Ward, and who was returned at the last Municipal triennial elections, has sent in his resignation of the office. It is understood that Mr. Foley is retiring owing to press of business rendering him unable to give that attendance to official duties which he would desire.

CASTLECONNELL PETTY SESSIONS.

The Liagistrates presiding at Castleconnell Petty Ressions yesterday were—Lord Massy, Mr. S. C. Vansittart, Mr. J. G. Howley, Mr. S R

CIVIL SERV.

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