

It is admitted that the cal benefit is a step in . In future the additional er head, which is now ect of insured persons, is members of all approved re in receipt of medical Act came into operation hardship gone, but others many unforeseen ways a revealed themselves in ich will require further come in the future. In addition of £207,000 a nce the taxpayer will have endments already indicated. h the main fabric of the remedy some defects and experience has shown to

WAY RATES.

increase of rates on goods Irish Railway Companies tention of an important in Dublin yesterday, and ded by representatives of i, Belfast, Cork, Limerick, hambers of Commerce, the d Development, and other tions. Sometime since the r of Commerce passed a e effect that before a change nade an interval of at least ould be allowed to enable ider their position, and to on as they make deem he Conference yesterday resolution, and pressed upon rade and the Department of e seriousness of the position agriculturists and traders, the railway companies in already high rates for of goods and merchandise, s that the Department ne so far as its powers re proper enquiry into the railway companies, and due or the producing and trading

delivered the opening address, and Lord Ashbourne spoke to a very large assemblage on Sunday. His lordship was on the previous evening presented with addresses from the Kilkush Board of Guardians and Urban Council, and suitably replied. In addition to the local band, the Pipers' Band from Limerick, and that of the Boys' Industrial School, Glin, were present. The industrial display was extensive, and very interesting.

THE INSURANCE ACT.

Prosecution at Galbally.

At Galbally Sessions yesterday, before Messrs. St. George, R.M. (presiding), Bennett, Condon, Franks, the Insurance Commissioners prosecuted Joseph Martin, of Kilscaulon, Galbally, for failing to comply with the provisions of the Act in respect to the payment of eight contributions of 5d in the case of Patrick Dillon, an employed contributor.

Mr. R. F. Mack, Inspector to the Commissioners, having given evidence.

The defendant was fined 1d and costs on each summons, and ordered to pay up the contributions.

Mr. St. George said this was the first case that came before him, and he desired to impose a nominal fine, but it should be recognised, that this Act had come to stay, and in future cases of non-compliance heavy penalties would be inflicted.

Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan, solr., Limerick, appeared for the Commissioners.

COUNTY CLARE ESTATE.

Dublin, Wednesday.

In the Land Commission Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Wylie, in the matter of the Grogan Estate,

Mr. R. J. Kelly (instructed by Mr. E. M'Hugh) applied for an appointment of the head rent due on this estate, situate in the Co. Clare, and now purchased by the Congested Districts Board.

Mr. P. White (instructed by Mr. Kelly) appeared for the vendor.

The redemption price was fixed at £208.

SCOTTISH TEMPERANCE BILL.

The House of Commons went into Committee yesterday, on the Temperance Scottish Bill, Mr. Whitely in the chair.

Under the gullotine resolution, carried by the House, no discussion was allowed on this stage, and the Chairman put the question: "That I report the Bill without amendment to the House."

The Committee divided, and there voted—
For the Bill 306
Against 176

Government majority 130

The Bill was accordingly reported to the House

FATAL ACCIDENT.

A melancholy occurrence was reported from Murroe yesterday. It appears that Patrick Dandon, a farmer's son, was raising the wall of a house when a portion of the masonry fell on his head, causing fatal injuries.

Total rainfall so far this year, 25'68 incl the total number of rainy days, 130.

Cloud—Total amount of cloud (0 to 10) at was 245.

The average temperature (day and night) month was 55'5 deg.

Warmest day—80 deg. on the 29th.

Coldest day—55deg. on the 5th.

Warmest night—53deg. on the 27th.

Coldest nights—42deg. on the 24th and 1

At or under .32 deg. on no night.

Remarks—A wet June, with cold nights

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GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

Sick Fund Society.

Dublin, Wednesday.

In the Chancery Division to-day, before Master of the Rolls, Mr. Serjeant Mathe on behalf of the Great Southern and Western Sick Fund Society, applied that the society wound up and the different rights ascer Several members of the society were named defendants. Counsel said that the society existence since 1884, and its dissolution was expedient owing to the coming into operation of the National Insurance Act. At the time service of the writ the amount of money in was £8,000

No objection was offered to the application the application was accordingly granted, the being referred to the Chambers for inquiry the funds and the rights of the various parties

POST OFFICE SERVANTS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

It is understood, says the *Daily Telegraph*, that the Select Committee of the House of Commons which is inquiring into the condition of employment in the postal service will towards the end of the month, certainly before rising of Parliament. Its investigation has been very thorough, and it is possible that, in addition to dealing with the wage question, it will make recommendations respecting departmental reform.

NEW YORK HOTEL FIRE.

Five Killed and Twenty Injured.

New York, Tuesday.

Seventy natives of Poland, Germany, and other countries, who had booked their passages for Europe to-day, were trapped by fire in an old hotel during the night.

Five were killed and twenty seriously injured through jumping from windows. Incendiarism is suspected.

The bodies of the dead have not yet been identified.

ICE IN THE ATLANTIC.

The Cunard liner *Lacornia*, from Boston route to Liverpool, arrived at Queenstown to-day, and reported that when four days ago, on the 28th inst, in latitude 44.30 north, longitude 38.24 west, a quantity of ice was passed which was considered most dangerous to navigation in the track of Atlantic steamers.