

HOME RULE BILL.

FOUR AT ABERDEEN.

Ulster Difficulty.

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Balfour was the chief speaker last evening at the Aberdeen Music Hall, at a great meeting, which opened a series of meetings on the subject of Ulster's position to be held in Glasgow. Mr Balfour, who was accompanied by several Irish Unionist members of Parliament, stated that the Ulster problem was but part of a problem—the whole question of Home Rule for Ireland. The Home Rule Bill was an experiment of the most impossible, unexampled, and dangerous character. The Home Rule Bill, in its political and its administrative aspects, was a very point of view from which practical objections might be urged to regard it, was, in his opinion, a hopeless failure. Of all the dupes, the dupes would be those who thought that in the Home Rule Bill would bring peace to Ireland. It was only one course which the Government had taken before they drove things to the uttermost extremity, and that was to consult the people as to what they really wanted. If the people had objected to a General Election as a result of which was only suggested to serve a purpose, why did they not try the use of the Home Rule Bill for this particular question. As the country was concerned, if every elector in the country, from Land's End to John Bull's Head, had voted for Home Rule, he would have been diverted to it; but nevertheless the necessity of an appeal to the country would be inevitable. Sir Edward Grey said force was to be used by force; but how could he or his Government be up to words like these when their conduct was morally indefensible, and indefensible, if there was any, would be justified? Mr. Balfour looked forward with a gloomy apprehension to the future, if force was taken, but the best possible course was to act up to democratic principles as they had the settled convictions of the people behind them.

DUNRAVEN AND HOME RULE BILL.

Dunraven, in a letter to *The Times*, suggests that Home Rule is not the cause of the difficulty, but the particular form of the present bill, and that in consequence the difficulty would remain even after the Home Rule which might return the present Government. I submit, says Lord Dunraven, that the Federal Union has the best means

TRAGIC RAILWAY FATALITY AT NENAGH.

STOP PRESS

Limerickman the Victim.

As briefly reported in our last issue a very sad railway accident occurred at Nenagh on Saturday. The name of the deceased was James Fleming, a young railway porter, and a native of Limerick, who had come down specially to act as loader of cattle for the fair requirements, and he was crushed to death while so engaged at the cattle bank. The accident was attributed to a kick which the poor man received from a cow which precipitated him beneath the moving waggons, nine of which passed over his chest, terribly crushing him, and breaking his back bone. The greatest sympathy is felt in town for his widow and three children. The Rev. P. O'Meara, P.P., of Puckane, who luckily was close by at the time, hurriedly approached the scene of the accident, and was in time to administer the last rites of the Church.

Inquest on the Victim.

Nenagh, Monday.

On Saturday night Mr. James O'Brien, Coroner for North Tipperary, held an inquest at the Nenagh Board-room touching the death of James Fleming, a loading porter in the employment of the G.S. and W. Railway Company, who met his death while engaged in loading cattle on Saturday afternoon.

A jury having been sworn, of which Mr. Edward Flannery, of Queen Street, was foreman, the first witness called was

Dr. Johns, who stated, in reply to the Coroner, that in his opinion death was due to shock caused by being run over by cattle waggons. The deceased's back-bone was completely broken, the ribs were broken, and his liver burst.

James Keavney, Limerick, said he knew the deceased for the past 25 years, and he knew him to be a most energetic and hardworking man. He was loading cattle on the same bank as deceased, and saw him fall face downwards on to the line. He could not say what caused him to fall down, nor was he able to say he was knocked down by a beast.

John Gleeson, cattle dealer, Tyone, Nenagh, deposed that he was on the bank at the time of the accident, and that it was his opinion that a beast backed against him and precipitated him on to the rails, the waggons being in motion at the time.

Mrs. Fleming, who was deeply affected, identified the remains as those of her husband, and said he was about 38 years of age, and was the father of six children. He left home in the best of health at 8 o'clock on Friday morning. He was in the employment of the Railway Company for about 25 years, and his special position was loading porter.

The jury found a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and left the question of how the accident occurred an open one.

A vote of sympathy was expressed by the Coroner and jury towards the widow and children of the deceased in their sad bereavement.

SPORTING.

Lincoln Meeting

Welbeck Plate—Orbino, 1; The York, 3. Also ran—Master Hoop, Pie, Slip, Slash Lane, Bobbin II, 1 St Tathwell, Kilrook. Betting—York, 9 to 2 Orbino, 5 to 1 The Master Hopson, 7 to 1 others.

Selling Nursery Handicap—St Divan, 2; Ormephs, 3. Also ran Happy Gal, Gauntlet. Betting Steady Trade, 100 to 30 Bonnyrigg, 6 to 1 each Happy Gal and Orn Gauntlet.

Chaplin Nursery Plate—Brother Asthore, 2; Fatality, 3. Also ran The Gaul, Polyflora, Brave Chap, the Lenas, Chain Shot, Eau Claire Philip. Betting—9 to 4 agst Las 5 to 1 Fatality, 6 to 1 The Gaul a 1 Brave Chap, 10 to 1 Brothers Chain Shot, 2) to 1 others.

Hainton Plate—Idlewild, 1; G Max, 3. Also ran—My Collar, 1 Spiked, Mondragone, Galba, Fickle Fairlight, Linger Longer Lucy, Betting—7 to 4 agst Idlewild, 11 to 1 each Fickle Hope and Gracious Dutch Courage, and Spiked, 100 to 1 Lincoln Handicap—West 1. C