the maken were the most fruits of the Paria ment Act going to be the forcing on Ulster of this measure by British bayonets and British bullets. The movement in Ulster has been described as bluff, but if there was any bluff at all it was on the part of those who, blind to facts, still contended that the Home Rule Bill could be imposed on Ulster without either difficulty or bloodshed. Amidst laughter he declared that the reason that the angel of death had not yet been abroad in 'the land was due to the calm, strong and fearless action, resolute leadership, and continuous self-sacrifice of Sir Edward Carson.

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STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER In the course of his reply, the Prime Minister said the greater part of Mr. Long's speech had no relevance to the amendment demanding a General Election. The Home Rule Bill had passed through two sessions, and if it passed the third time under the Parliament Act it would become automatically the law of the land. Regarding the conversations between him and the Opposition leader, he did not despair of an agreement being reached even yet. After dealing with the impracticability and absurdity of excluding Ulster from the scope of the Home Rule Bill, the Premier went on to say-We have another plan put forward by Sir Horace Plunkett himself-a plan which, if it could be accepted, I say without hesitation, so far as its first principle is concerned. I shall be perfectly prepared to welcome-I mean the inclusion of Ulster with the option of exclusion after a time (hear, hear). I did not say, I was far from suggesting, it was a plan that was likely to find favour by those who represent the Protestant majority in certain Ulster counties. Still it is a plan put forward with high authority, and it certainly deserves to be respectfully entertained. There are many other plans which are in the air. What I want to say on behalf of the Government is this: We recognise to the full that as the situation has developed we cannot divest ourselves of the responsibility in this matter, and by responsibility I mean the responsibility of the initiative in the way of suggestion. But I must make two things perfectly clear in say. ing that. In the first place, whatever steps we take in the way of suggestions must not be construed, and cannot fairly be construedthere is not a man on this bench who would not repudiate that construction—as an ad mission on our part that a Bill which has twice received the assent of this House is a defective Bill (Ministerial cheers)—that it is not what we believe it to be, though capable of improvement, like all works of the human hand, a Bill which is a sound, statesmanlike, and workable measure. It provides, and was honestly intended to provide, and really adequately provides against the danger either of religious or political oppression. Therefore, I repudiate in advance, in the most emphatic and explicit terms, the construction which might, if it were not repudiated in advance, be put upon our action when we come to make such suggestions as I have referred to. The other observation I have to make is, I think, equally relevant, perhaps even more important. It is this, and it applies, as I admitted most frankly a few months ago, to the anggestions made from the other side, such for instance as the exclusion of Ulster that all suggestions of that kind are made for the sake of peace, and it is for the sake of attaining peace, and as the price of peace, that any suggestions that are made will be put forward (Ministerial cheers). What do I mean by peace in this connection? I do not mean merely, important as that is, the avoidance of civil strife, but I mean, if it be possible, that a new system of Irish Government, whatever it is which is set up, shall start under such conditions, and in such atmosphere as will give it from the first a fair chance of working successfully (Ministerial cheers). The avoidance of civil war and the avoidance of bloodshed everyone of us must desire and there is nothing we won't do, consistent with the maintenance of the fundamental principles in regard to the solution of this question, to avoid that terrible calamity; but I read the term of peace, and the expression of a pacific settlement in a larger and wider sense, and I cannot but think that it mus be within the resources of British statesmanship, which has so'ved so many problems as intractable in appearance, as formidable in dimensions, as this, in all parts of the world, and under the most diverse conditions. I cannot believe that we are reduced to such an insolvency of statesmanship that we cannot, with an honest mind, a good will, and with a determination, avoid, if it be possible, the evils and dangers which lie before us, I can not believe this problem also will not yield to the same treatment (Ministerial cheers). will only add, in conclusion, that a responsibility, and a serious responsibility, a responsi bility of initiative lies in this matter upon the shoulders of the Government (hear, hear). That I acknowledge to the full, though I think it is a responsibility chared not, perhaps, with the same degree, or to the same extent, but shared by men of all parties. I agree with one thing, the right hon, gentleman (Mr. Walter said, " That this is a matter in Long) there ought not to be undue which Any impression that either we delay. are, or anybody else is, trifling with the matter or seeking to gain time, Lomasnie, J Roche, D Dee, Miss N Daly, Miss or to put off to some more convenient B Barrett, J Quirke, C M'Auliffe. D Horan, J season, in reliance of a chapter of accidents, J Barrett, etc., etc. A number of wreaths the duty which lies upon us now, is wrong

and if true would be most discreditable to

the Government. We are not doing it; on

the contrary, we believe it to be our duty to

submit it to the House without avoidable

within the law, before we can make any pro-

gress. I believe it is our duty, and I tell the

House, on behalf of the Government, we in-

tend to discharge that duty without avoidable

the Chancehor, and do an in his power to the grant. It meant a very big thing for this country, and a very big thing for that institution. In the half-year preceding the present one the amount was £600. They did not know what the amount would be for the present half-year, but taking everything into account it would probably be £600. In other words, they were running into well over £1,000 short in the Capitation Grant, and that covered a period of six half years. He felt confident, however, that Mr. Redmond would have the matter adjusted in a very short time (hear, The tender of Daniel Crean, Cloughjordan,

for supplying potatoes to the institution was accepted at £3 10s per ton.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. O'DONO-HUE, ABBEYFEALE

The death of Mr. John O'Bonohue of Drom rasna O'Brien, Abbeyfeale, which occurred from an acute attack of pucumonia, and almost in the prime of life, is very sincerely and widely regretted in the district. Deceased, who was himself an ardent nationalist and a stern supporter of the Irish Party, was a member of an old and patriotic family. His father was a member of the organising committee who established by public meeting the first branch of the local Land League in 1879, while his brother, for participating in what was known as the Droutrasna riots, was sent to penal scrvitude, and on his release was obliged to leave for America, where the effects of his incarceration brought him to an early grave. His patriotism appeared to spring naturally in him, for on the maternal side he was descended from the "Auliv" chieftains of Duhallow fame. United to a kind and generous nature was a courteous and genial affability, which made him extremely popular with the public, and secured him many friends. By a peculiar tact and ability, which he exereised with effective discretion amongst the farmers resident in his district, he assisted in promoting the purchase of their holdings on generous terms, and was the leading organiser of the Meenahela Co-operative Creamery, of which he was secretary. funeral was one of the largest seen in the Dromtrasna district for many years. The remains were conveyed from St. Mary's Parish Church for interment in the Abbey Cemetery. The clergy who officiated were-Very Rev Canon Lee, P.P.; Rev C Halpin, C.C.; Rev D O'Riordan, C.C. The chief mourners were-Morty O'Donohue (brother), Mrs J T Leahy Templegiantine (sister); J T Leahy (brotherin-law), John, Joe, Tom and Con Leahy (nephews), Geoffrey O'Donohue, Tom O'Donohue, John T. O'Donohue, John O'Donohue, Bedford, Listowel; Con O'Donohue, Ashford; Master M G O'Donohue (cousins). Amongst the general public were-Dr Phil M'Carthy, B C Collins, J P, Co C; M J Murphy, Brosna; P. M. Murphy, do; M. J. Moloney, West End Hotel; W DO'Connor, M Barry, J Barrett, T Barrett, Miss Moynthan, postmistress; D M'Auliffe, C O'Connell, Brosna; C J Leahy. Tour ; J D Leahy, DC; D J Harnett, M J Curtin, Martin Sheehan, W Curtin, R Roche, creamery manager; E Leahy, Millstream; M L Harnett, J.D Harnett, L.C. Harnett, J.J. Curtin, J P Fitzgerald, W Fitzgerald, D D Leahy, M Forde, D Fitzgerald, P Lyons, N Cotter, T Walsh, S M Carthy, P Harnett, T Harnett, DC; JR Collins, DC L T Collins, M W Harnett, W O'Connor, D C W D O'Connor, M J Moloney, D E Leahy, Collins, E W Forde, J. P Fitzgerald, W O'Sullivan, E W Leahy, CT Leahy, E C Leahy, D Doody, C M'Auliffe, D M'Enery, J M'Enery, T Collins, J W Harnett, RO; L Harnett, W J Dalton, D D Harnett, Mill Farm; W Harnett, James Fitzgesald, J.T. Collins, D. J. O'Connell, M Sweeney, J Murphy, J Harnett, J Buckley, DC; J Riorday, DC; CR Harnett, M R Harnett, J Keeffe, M J Harnett, J Lane, M O'Donnell, W P Flynn, D Collins, Collins, T J Collins, J Foley, D O'Brien, D D Collins, D P Collins, W Collins D W Collins, J J Flynn, J P Flynn, T O'Connell, Maurice Ward, D Ward, D J M Enery, D Leaby, Dan Leahy, PP Collins, J Leahy, M J Curtin, J Kelly, DC; J Curtin, DC; James M'Enery, D Daly, Maurice Harnett, Brosna; P J Leahy, Ballybehy; D Leahy, P Crowley, D Crowley, M Leahy, M J Curtin, J Collins, J Colbert, M. M Leahy, Ballycommane; J Crowley, W M Harnett, E Forde, J Harnett, Mrs Eggleston, Mrs D Tobin, Brosna; P G Leahy, D Riordan, M Riordan, R Collins, J Lenihan, D C, Mountcollins; G Barry, D C; Miss Lily Doody, J Flynn, R Fitzgerald, M Harnett, J Barrett, Brosna; M Cotter, do; J O'Sullivan, do; D Horan, D Harnett, D Cullinane, J Cullinane, D Murphy, R J Woulfe, D C; Phil Woulfe, J J Woulfe, Tour ; L Harnett, do ; Mrs Barrett, D M Moloney, M J Harnett, J Harnett, Joe Colbert, J Curtin, J Doody, J O'Donnell, William O'Sullivan, T O'Donoghue, M O'Donoghue, James P Woulfe, T Leahy, James Forde, C.D Harnett, President Cooperative Creamery, Meenahilla; J Toomey C Collins, R Fitzgerald, T L. Curtin, M O'Mahony, Manager Creamery, Devon Road; Miss A T O'Connor, N T; J T Collins, J Barrett, P M'Enry, P O'Sullivan, R Collins, Miss B O'Connell, Miss M. Barrett, M. Collins, D. Sullivan, J Cabill, D Curtin, P Curtin, M

Limerick Race Company

delay. (Opposition laughter and cries of "Order.") I am speaking very seriously. Of course there is certain financial business which we are obliged to dispose of in order to keep The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Limerick Race Company is to take place at the offices of the company on Monday, 23rd inst. The directors have not yet agreed to the dividend, but it is anticipated that it will be up to expectations, in view of the successful meetings held during the year, which terminated on the 31st uit.

delay, to submit to them with the spirit, and with the two reservations I have made, more serious or sincere conviction in this House, suggestions which will certainly be honestly put forward, which, we believe, will be rethat so far as I and my colleagues are concerned we will not close an avenue, however

were sent by sympathising friends.

tion of the house will leave an end block adjoin ing the present male lunatic yard available for the proper accommodation and classification of the lunatics, idiots and epileptics, whose dormitories are congested, ill-lighted, ill-ventilated, and whose day rooms are dark and disunal. The recreation yard also is insufficleat. The Guardians might take this pressing matter into consideration immediately. The yards and grounds of the Workhouse are very roughly kept. The ridge covering needs pointing in many places, and many loose or cracked slates need replacing. A new floor is required in the married mothers' day room. The existing one is in a bad condition. The floor of the male infirm day room is in a bad state, and should be relaid. The floor in the female blind ward needs much repair. The windows, doors and timbers need sundry small repairs. The painting externally needs atten The locks and window fastenings a good deal of overhauling. The Visiting Committee met and reported three times during the half-year The guardians attitude regarding Article 59 of the General Regulations is merely perfunctory. In an institution so large and with so many inmates, the guardians, through their Visiting Committee, should make themselves familiar with the internal condition of the house, so as to be able to deal practically with questions concerning it when placed before them. The walls of the dining hall should be plastered. They are very rough. The floor should also be relaid. The flags are worn and uneven, and sweat in damp weather. The hall is used by a large proportion of the inmates. The walls of the bakery should be plastered and the ceiling sheeted. Both are very dirty and dusty at present. St. Bridget's Nursery is incommodius. There are not enough cots. There are 19 women and 19 children here. The ceiling of No. 1 male hospital ward, in which are acute cases, should be sheeted to shut off the noise from the children's hospital ward above. Those female officers who annually are allowed uniform or costumes should wear them. Generally their dress is negligent, and in one case absolutely objectionable. The skin disease ward is not large enough for the demand made on it. It is also badly ventilated and poorly lighted. A new trough is needed in the fever hospital laundry. As infected clothes are washed or rinsed here attention to proper equipments is necessary. Article Workhouse Rules quently contravened, by the Guardians. The Master should bring up every case for record on the minutes. The gate porter's lodge is insanitary. It is too small and too damp, and should be reconstructed properly. The Medical Extras Book is not regularly certified. The Engineer to the Guardians should repor periodically as to the condition of roofs, cave shoots, down pipes, drains, and so on. before reported, pressure of water to the

sane epileptics are classed with them. The

transfer of the maternity ward to another por-

The above matters were referred to a special committee comprised of all the lady Guardians, also Messrs Con and John Quilligan, T. Donnellan, A. Stritch, N. Humphies, J. P. Lynch, and M. Gilligan,

in case of fire.

higher floors of the Institution is insufficient

The report also stated that the provisions are of good quality, with the exception of the bread. On the day of my inspection this was sourish. The head baker admitted that it was sour, bu could not give a reason for its being so. I have before complained of the sour flavour of the bread.

Mr. Moloney. Master Baker, said that with all respect to the Inspector, heithe baker) never used the word sour on the day of inspection. What he said was that there was an acid taste from the bread.

Mr. MacSweeney said the baker was stating an untruth. He distinctly used the word

Mr. Moloney said he should not be one hour in the position if he admitted the bread was sour, because there was nothing simpler to rid than sour bread. He was not getting the best quality of flour, and the flour which was used in the city was of a superior quality, In the coarse brand of flour there was a strong flavour from the After some further discussion it was decided

to call on the baker for a written report.

Mr. MacSweeney also reported that the duties of the resident and non-resident officers appear to be discharged efficiently, but the clerk's attendance at his office is meagre. As senior officer of the institution his example must have effect. Except on the days on which the Guardians meet, his attendance seems to comprise but a short time on two or three days of the week. Recent excuses for his delay in returning records to the Board might be noted in this connection.

The Clerk said his attendance might be considered meagre by the Inspector, but if the Guardians or the Inspector examined the books they would find them written up to date. There was never any complaint against him a to the way is which he discharged his executive or official duty. That is all he had to Lady Emly-That is satisfactory.

Mr. Lynch-The clerk's books are always up to date.

Chairman-It is the first time I ever heard a

complaint against him. Mr. Lynch said the clerk was a most efficient

Mr. MacSweeney said he agreed regarding the efficiency of the clerk, but it was scarcely discharging his duty to be absent from the office so much. He (Inspector) frequently came to his office and found him absent when he wanted him as also did others.

The Clerk said he would give better attend. election. anceda future.

Mr. O'Dwyer said the clerk was very efficient, and his son was in the office without any remuneration at all.

Mr. MacSweeney-That is a question for the guardians to take into consideration. The clerk says he will attend in future,

The matter then dropped. With reference to the resolution of the

and final poll was taken as between Michael I Hassett and Laurence Buckley, when the

For Michael F Hassett-Messrs P Rohan, B Skehan, E Browne, J M G Foley, W J Hardy

For Laurence Buckley - Messrs H Lefroy, R G Parker, Thomas Hogan and the Chairman-1.

During the latter poll Mr Hardy again declined to vote when his name was called in the regular way, but when it was ascertained that the candidates had four votes each he was un animously requested by the magistrates present to vote, and he did so, supporting Mr. Michael F Hassett.

The cour, was crowded, and the result of the election was greeted with acclamation by the numerous friends of the successful candidate.

Irish Party Meeting

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting of the Irish Parlia mentary Party, held on yestenday in the House of Commons, Captain Donetan presided, and 61 members of the Party were present.

by Mr. William Abraham, Mr. John E. Red mond was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Party. The right hon gentleman then took the chair. Mr. Field proposed. and Mr. John Cullinan

On the motion of Mr. John Dillon, seconded

seconded, that Captain Donelan and Messrs Pat O'Brien, E Haviland Burke and J P Boland be re-elected whips, and the motion was unanimously agreed to. It was proposed by Mr T J Condon, seconded

by Mr William O'Malley, and passed unantmonsly, that Mesors Wm Abraham and J P Mooney be re-elected bon treasurers. It was proposed by Mr J P Boland, seconded

by Mr M Molloy, and passed unanimously, that Messrs W H K Redmond, R Hazleton, and Thomas Scanlan be re-elected bon see-

Irish National Volunteers

The Limerick Corps

Drills of the Abbey and frishtown Districts Corps of the Irish National Volunteers, writes a correspondent, took place on Saturday night last in the new Hall of the Clare-street Workmen's Club, and will be continued each Wednesday and Saturday nights, commencing at 8 o'clock. The Dock District Corps drilled at the Fianna Hall on Sunday, and in future drilling will take place each Wednesday at So'clock and each Sunday at 1 o'clock. Nine drill instructors in charge of a lieutenant were engaged on the occasion. The men of the corps were most enthusiastic and picked up the various movements quickly. Owing to the targe number enrolled an amount of difficulty was experienced in securing suitable drill halfs, but the Provisional Committee have now suc ceeded in making, arrangements for the Gentworth, Shannon, Market, Customhouse, and Castle District Corps, and the men of those corps will receive notification of the time and place of drilling in the coming week.

New Pig Market

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS

Farmers will receive as welcome intelligence the news of the recent decision of the Irish Pigbuvers' Association to re-establish in Lime rick what is destined to develop into one o the most important pig markets in the South of Ireland. Buyers from Limerick, Cork Waterford, Tralee, etc., will attend Limerick on the first and third Tuesdays in each month for the purchase of pigs by hand. The posters announcing the re-establishment of this important market request farmers not to put prices on pigs until they reach the fair. Buying will commence at 10 o'clock a.m. sharp-This latest decision on the part of the Association is sure to be of much convenience to farmers, and we hope they will make use of this splendid opportunity offered. The market is being established in response to the request of the Limerick and Clare Farmers' Associa-

Versatile Clare M.P.

COLONEL LYNCH, QUALIFIES AS ELEC TRICAL ENGINEER

Celonel Lynch, M P, returned to London from Paris yesterday in time for the opening of the Parliamentary session lafter a sojourn of a couple of months in the French capital. His visit was mainly for the purposes of study, and his friends will be interested to hear that to his numerous other diplomas Mr Lynch has now added that of an electrical engineer which has just been conferred on him by the Eccle Superieure de l'Electricite of l'aris. The diploma, which was gained as the result of examination, is the highest in the gift of the school. Colonel Lynch also took the opportunity afforded by his visit to arrange with the well-known Paris publishing firm of Figuiere for the publication at an early date of a novel wnich he has written in French entitled " Poppy Meadows."

the preliminaries required by Article'28 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act had been complied with, and a proper election having been Mr. O'Dwyer-You must proceed with the

Clerk-Yes.

Mr. Keane-After all the canvassing. Mr. Humphreys-When will the election

Clerk-This day fortnight, It was decided to proceed with the election of Matron on this day fortnight, and that the age limits of the candidates be from 21 to 35 years, and the salary £50 a year and rations.

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