

## Last Edition.

## THE HOME RULE BILL.

The Premier's announcement in the House of Commons on Tuesday last that he would, on Monday next, make his promised statement on the motion for the Second Reading of the Home Rule Bill has greatly accentuated interest in the Political Situation, and led to speculation in various directions. The Opposition has for the past week or ten days been pressing on Mr. Asquith the absolute need for disclosing his proposals immediately, and now, thanks to their persistence, the Country is to learn earlier than the Prime Minister had originally intended the nature of those concessions which he thinks should prove "acceptable to all reasonable minds." There is of course a great deal of conjecture regarding the nature of the amendments which the Prime Minister will suggest, but it is evident that at the present moment nothing definite can be said on the subject, seeing that they are still under the consideration of the Cabinet. It seems, however, to be accepted, or at all events the opinion is entertained to a large extent in the "outside world," that there will be no exclusion, wholly or in part of Ulster. The Nationalist leader months ago declared against that proposal or suggestion in very emphatic terms, and the question, then, is how far the Government's proposals for dealing with the Ulster Problem will meet with the approval of the Opposition. On that point a great deal of scepticism prevails, but at the same time there can be no doubt that they will receive thoughtful and sympathetic consideration from the Unionist leaders. The Dublin correspondent of the "Times" says it seems to him that Irish Unionists, "both in the North and in the South are more cheerful and confident about the political future than they have been for many months. They are perfectly willing to give careful, and even sympathetic, consideration to Mr. Asquith's proposals. But Irish Unionists are making ready for a General Election as quickly as possible, and believe that their party will win if the supreme question of Irish Government is not complicated with other issues." Undoubtedly since Mr. Asquith's statement on Tuesday evening the feeling is gaining ground as to

Cavan. Mr. J. J. Phair captured by a net a pike weighing 55½ lbs. It was nearly 4 feet in length and 28 inches in girth.

The nine-year old son of Mr. Maurice O'Connell, Ballyhooley, has lost his life under particularly distressing circumstances. His elder brother was felling a tree on Saturday, and was obliged to seek shelter in a barn. When he returned to resume his work he was shocked to find his little brother, who had sought shelter beneath the tree, pinned dead beneath it. The deepest sympathy is felt for the relatives of the deceased.

## THE STRIKE AT MESSRS BOYD'S.

The strike of working men at Messrs Boyd's has now extended into the third week of its existence, and there is no sign of any settlement of the dispute, or seemingly any likelihood that it will be otherwise, unless either side recede from the position they have taken up. The picketing by the strikers is continued, and Constabulary are constantly on duty to see that the business of the firm is not interfered with by outsiders.

## LIMERICK SPRING ASSIZES.

## Arrival of the Judges.

The Limerick Spring Assizes will be opened to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock by the Right Hon the Lord Chief Baron Pilles, and Mr Justice Dodd. At 3.40 this evening their lordships arrived in the city from Ennis, and were met at the station by Mr Stephen O'Mara, City High Sheriff, and Colonel O'Grady, County High Sheriff, who were accompanied by their respective sub-Sheriffs, Alderman T. Préndergast and Mr B. K. Lucas. Mr W. M. Beauchamp, Clerk of the Crown and Peace was also present. The Guard of Honour consisted of a party of police and military, with the regimental band. The civil business includes some seventy-one appeals to decisions of the County Court Judge, and their hearing will, it is understood, be taken up by both judges, the Lord Chief Baron, and Mr Justice Dodd, on the conclusion of the Criminal business. There does not appear to be any important record for trial at the Assizes.

## THE LATE MR. JOHN KENNY.

The funeral of the late Mr John Kenny, builder, O'Connell Avenue, whose death occurred at his residence, "Kildara," O'Connell Avenue, on Tuesday, took place this evening from St. Michael's Parochial Church, whither the remains were removed last night.

There was a large attendance of citizens at the funeral, the Mayor, the members of the Corporation, and the principal officials, being in the cortege. The chief mourners were the sons of the deceased, Messrs. P. Kenny, B.C., John Kenny, and some other relatives. The Rev. Jerh. O'Connor, Adm., St. Michael's, officiated at the graveside.

The Mayor presided at the meeting of the Corporation Committees last night, but no business was transacted. The meeting adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. John Kenny.

## EX-BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S DEATH.

The death took place at his residence, Edward street, at an early hour this morning, of Mr John Slattery, in his seventieth year. The deceased, although not feeling well, had been at business up to dinner hour yesterday, when he did not return. He retired to bed, and, his illness taking a serious turn, he passed away, as stated, this morning. Mr Slattery was returned to the Corporation as a labour representative of the Glentworth Ward on the passing of the Local Government Act, and continued a member of that body up to the last election, when he was defeated by a small number of votes. He took a keen interest in the welfare of the working classes, and served them well and faithfully in

TUBERCULAR COW.

Mr J. J. Quaid, Secretary of Council, wrote notifying the tubercular cow at Rathmore.

The Council referred the matter to the Veterinary Inspector.

PAYMENT TO QUARRY OWNERS.

The Chairman said he wished to refer to a matter of interest to the reference to the payment to quarry stones supplied to the County Council for the past eight or nine years by payments which originated with the quarry owners for surface damage. When the quarry owner had one had over and over the attention of the Council to pay for the stones. He had for seven or eight years been begging of the officials for giving the names of the several quarries in the county, the stones quarried, and paid for the stones. He got two or three after considerable trouble, but he that he was unable to follow them. His colleagues said subsequently he was on the right track, but he was a much chance of getting what he was flying to Jericho. That was his story, and he might say, for the information of the meeting that there was not a single quarry in the County Council in favour of a quarry for metalling. He had at his part in trying to prevent what he called a labour system worked on proper lines.

Mr Clifford—There is an Act of existence which gives the County Council to enter quarries for the purpose of metalling, and it should be enforced.

The Chairman—There is another question which calls for attention. Some time ago certain people were summoned to obtain permission to enter the quarry holdings. In Bruff for example were taken, and the result was that came forward and said so and so near to the road, and the consequence did not materialize. At my request an instruction was given to the officials of the County Council to furnish a return of the names of the owner in the county, and then to choose afterwards.

Mr John Power—I know a quarry who has never got a penny for the stones from his pit for the past twenty years.

The Chairman remarked that it was for the County Council to do the work, and watch everything. Within the last few months a claim had come in from a quarry for payment in respect of 1,800 yds of stone from one man alone, payment for which ran into hundreds of pounds.

Mr John Power said for the past few months a big improvement had taken place in his district.

The Chairman observed that the County Surveyors, despite the fact that they had other duties to attend to, had and thrown a lot of light on how the work was being worked. With regard to the rate, it was satisfactory indeed for the year, being the same practically as at the average for the past four years. When the rate was presented at the meeting of the County Council his satisfaction with it but attributed to the management of the District Council of Guardians. That was alright, but the rate was not as satisfactory as they thought that was visible to many of them.

A NEW SCHEME.

A resolution was read from the County Council of the United Irish Branch of the District Council to press for the improvement of cottages, as there were many divisions living in houses that were not human habitation.

Mr John Power pointed out that a cottage in the division locked up for fifteen months, the tenant living in the street.

It was decided to request the man named Greene—to come forthwith; otherwise possession of the cottage would be without further delay.