

ditions not surpassed anywhere be." Regarding the marvellous which has taken place in Imperial during the last thirty years, Sir says:—"The time has come when in Great Britain recognise the importance of maintaining the of the Empire. While possible to say what the political be when, at no distant day, the of Canada is going to exceed Mother Country, the movement the complete solidification of Great id the great outlying Dominions lily increase." Sir Charles may m to have been the first to suggest tages of preferential trade between her Country and the Overseas s, and he has always been its advocate. He confesses that he nderstand the recent difficulties ed by the Unionist party in with regard to the proposed food r means of which alone an effective l preference can be given to the is in our home market. Sir believes that "the consolidation of ire on the basis of mutual pre- trade is coming sooner than most agine"

LIMERICK HORSE SHOW.

cently directed attention to the the Executive Committee of the Horse Show propose to form a or the carrying on of the under. future. With this object at least al subscribers of £1 each are The Society would take over at a , to be mutually agreed upon, the Show premises, challenge cups, and ets, the existing Committee handing he Society the premises in question, harging all liabilities up to the date fer. These are substantially the of a scheme which deserves the ossible success. Thanks to the spirit rprise of the existing Committee the s now for the past seven years been ually at the Markets, with great

IRISH MURDER.

Acquittal of Boy's Father.

Dramatic Termination of Case.

Mr Justice Atkin, in the London Old Bailey last afternoon, when a good portion of a second day had been spent on the trial of John Starchfield for the alleged murder of his little son Willie in a North London railway train, commented on the unsatisfactory nature of the evidence, and suggested that the prosecution should be withdrawn.

Counsel for the Crown acted on this suggestion, and the jury at once returned a formal verdict of not guilty. Starchfield was then discharged, the decision creating a great sensation in court. The liberated man, smiling at his friends, who were present, walked briskly down the stairs from the dock.

The Judge at the conclusion of the trial said it appeared to him that the Coroner had violated all the principles on which an inquiry which might involve an arraignment on a capital charge should be conducted. Starchfield was cheered on driving away from the Court.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. CURRAN.

The remains of the late Mr. John Curran, whose death occurred on Monday night, were interred yesterday in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The deceased, who had only been ailing a short time, was elder son of the late Mr. L. Curran, 117, George-street. He was of a bright and winning disposition, and his demise at a very early age is keenly regretted by his relatives and friends. The funeral yesterday, from St. John's Cathedral, was largely attended.

The chief mourners were—Gerald Curran, (brother) James and Joseph Curran and Gerald Barry, (uncles); John Barry, John O'Connor, and Edward Barry (relatives).

The clergy present were—Rev Fr Murphy, Adm; Rev Fr Fitzgerald, C.C.; Rev Fr Connolly, C.C. and Rev Fr McNamara, C.C.

Amongst the general public were—Sir Vincent Nash, D.L.; M E White, C W Metcalfe, J E Cashin, P Walshe, J Walshe, P J Hurley, R Nash, solr., P J Walshe, M A Bartley, J O'Connor, J Devany, R M Creamer, M O'Sullivan, A Kivlehan, E Fitzgibbon, J Ginnane, R T Cashin, P McCarthy, J Leddan, J F Lawlor, D Barry, P J Flatley, S Frost, J Dalton, B.C., M O Loughlin, J Clune, J Bartley, J O'Brien, J M Cashin, J J Scanlan, P Collins, D O'Grady, P Forrest, C O'Sullivan, D Griffin, M Gilligan, T O'Connor, J Sheehan, J M O'Sullivan, E O'Connell, J Crotty, J Coffey, P O'Dwyer, M Coughlan, M Gribbon, etc.

Fr. Murphy officiated at the graveside.

THE STRIKE AT MESSRS. BOYD'S

Yesterday, a man named Robert Cussen was arrested on a charge of assaulting one Charles Burrowes, a workman of Messrs. J. and G. Boyd, William Street. The assault was not serious, and is in reference to the strike in connection with the firm. Mr P. J. Kelly, R.M., attended at William Street Police Barrack last night, and allowed the accused out on bail to answer the charge at Petty Sessions. In another case a summons has been issued against a man for alleged intimidation of a workman at Messrs Boyd's. The picketing of the establishment is still maintained by the men who went out on strike, now some weeks since.

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM YOU HAVE TO place on record our appreciation for Irish Nationality, and that we to family our sincere sympathy in their ment."

The Chairman seconded the resolution marked that when it was not fashion extreme views on the national questio Sullivan and Mr. A. M. Sullivan were people.

The resolution was adopted *nem. copy ordered to be sent to the fa deceased.*

INCREASE OF SALARY.

On the proposition of Mr. Butler, Mr. O'Grady, the salary of Mr. P. Ke porter, was increased by £5 a year, to duties imposed on him through the in the Disinfecting Chamber.

The meeting then adjourned.

LIMERICK QUARTER SESSIONS.

County Court Judge Law Smith, K. the hearing of defended civil bills yesterday Mrs Mary Condon, Fanningstown, her son, David Condon, for £10, fr covenant to support and maintain plai ing to a deed dated 25th February, 1 Mr J S Gaffney, C.S. appeared for t Mr P Kelly, B.L (instructed by M Moran and Son, Solicitors), appear defendant.

Having heard the evidence.

His Honor said the case was a mela and as there was no possibility of settlement he would make an order ment of the annuity of £9 to be p quarter.

Michael Hogan, Highpark, Cahere Denis J Healy, Castleview, Caherconl damages, for that the defendant in year enticed away the plaintiff's ser O'Connor, from his service and empl induced her to break her contract v plaintiff's loss in above amount.

Mr James S. Gaffney, C.S, appear plaintiff.

Mr James A. Doyle, solicitor, appe defendant.

Evidence having been heard,

His Honor said he would decide t the answer made by Healy to Mr which the defendant admitted aski would she go into his employment Hogan's employment. He did not evidence of the father of the gir satisfied the girl was in Hogan's emplo the full knowledge and consent of The action of the father and of Healy shabby, but his Honor could not give decree than £1.

To-day his Honor disposed of the the Court, towards noon.

LABOURERS' ACTION COUNCIL.

At the Listowel Quarter Sessions, t Drumgoole, K.C., a labourer named processed the Rural District Council and damage sustained by him by r non-erection by the defendants of a cor for him under the Labourers' Scham the Listowel Union. After hearing to the wretched condition of the plain habitation, his Honor held that the C was an act of omission, and not an an