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A report to this effect has been transmitted to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Department anticipate that the Board will now revoke their Order of Saturday last, and thus re-establish the conditions previously applying in connection with the export trade in animals." Further, Mr T. W. Russell stated in the House of Commons yesterday, that orders, both English and Irish, are ready for issue to-day, and "he hoped the ports might be opened immediately on the issue of those orders." This will be a great relief and welcome news for all concerned in one of our most important industries, the Irish Cattle Trade. The Orders, Mr Russell stated, would apply to every port in Ireland with the exception of Cork.

OPEN AIR FETE AT BELFIELD.

What promises to be a highly attractive Fete will take place to-morrow and Saturday (afternoon and night) at Belfield in aid of the Organ Fund of St. Mary's Cathedral. There will be Variety Stalls, Concerts, Wax Works, and many other attractions which are inseparably associated with functions of the kind, and the band of the York and Lancaster Regiment will attend, by kind permission of Colonel Cobbold and officers. It is to be regretted that owing to want of space the Military Tattoo advertised for Saturday night cannot be performed. However, instead a charming comedietta, entitled "The Kiss," in one act, will be performed on Saturday afternoon and evening by Mrs. Yeates, Miss Langbridge, Mr. G. Caulfield, and Mr. Lionel Yates. The Fete will be opened by Lady Fermoy at three o'clock to-morrow, and it will remain open each evening till 10 o'clock. The Fete will be opened on Saturday by the Hon Mrs Trench at 3 o'clock. Suppers will be served each night up to 10.30 o'clock.

BIG COMPENSATION CLAIM

For Malicious Injury.

His Honor County Court Judge Law Smith at Rathkeale yesterday heard a claim for £810 compensation by the representatives of the late Daniel Cagney, Dullas, Croom, for malicious injury to four hunters on the 14th November. Mr R F Holmes (instructed by Mr P T Liston, solr.), appeared for the applicants. Mr P J O'Sullivan, solr. for the CoCouncil, and Mr P E O'Donnell, solr. for the Croom Rural District Council. In his presentation of the case for the applicants, Mr Holmes stated that the late Mr Cagney was an extensive landholder owning about 300 acres. He was a well known resident of the County and the horses for which compensation was claimed were of a good class. They were by Traverer, Turk's Cap, and two other sires. The injuries sustained by the animals were pretty extensive, and a melancholy factor in connection with the case was that in consequence of rumours about Mr Cagney's mind got deranged, and he committed suicide. John Sarsfield, a groom in the employment of the deceased, in his evidence stated that it was the practice to feed the horses every morning, and on the 15th November he went to discharge that duty. On his way to the stables he met Mr. Cagney coming from their direction. When he got inside he noticed the bedding wet, and informed deceased. They then ascertained that the horses were injured. The evidence of another employe named O'Regan relative to the cuts on the animals was given. Mr R J Murnane, V.S., described the wounds on the horses, which were from twelve to twenty inches in length. Acting Sergeant Walshe, of the City Detective Staff stated that, as instructed, he visited the place and made inquiries into the outrage. His Honor dismissed the claim.

THUNDERSTORM AT FERMOY.

At shortly after one o'clock yesterday a violent thunderstorm broke over the vicinity of Fermoy. The storm lasted until 1.45 o'clock, when it abated, passing northerly. There was no lightning during the storm.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE'S SON ENGAGED.

DEATH OF VERY REV. CANON A. MURPHY. P.P., V.G.

It is with feelings of very sincere regret that we have to announce the death of the Very Rev. Canon A. Murphy, P.P., V.G., which took place to-day at the parochial residence, North Strand. The very rev. gentleman had been in indifferent health for some weeks past, but it was only within the last fortnight that his illness took a serious turn, which necessitated the summoning from Dublin of an expert, in the person of Surgeon Blayney, to treat the rev. patient for an ailment arising from an imperfect circulation. An operation was performed, but it was not attended with the desired result, and Surgeon Blayney was asked to see the patient afresh, which he did on Monday evening last, and a second operation, the amputation of the left leg above the knee, was decided on in the hope of saving life. The operation was successfully performed by Surgeon Blayney, assisted by Doctors Graham and Devane, with every hope that it might result in sparing one who was so distinguished an ornament to the Roman Catholic Priesthood of the Diocese, and who was so well and favourably known in literary circles at home and across the water. But it was not to be, and the end came peacefully after much suffering. Canon Murphy was a life long student from early life, up to the days when his last sad illness overtook him. Born in the city some fifty-four years since, he got his first rudiments of education at the schools of the Christian Brothers, passing thence to Maynooth College where his aptitude for learning, and his quiet, marked ability came of itself under the notice of the authorities of that educational seminary, and of the class-fellows who were the associates of the eager young student. His ordination to the priesthood followed in due course, and his missionary labours were practically confined to the city where he first saw the light. The accession of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, to the episcopate was followed by Father Murphy's appointment as his Lordship's private secretary, and from that onward his life, what with his ecclesiastical duties, his pursuit of literature and the public work he had to fill, was an exceedingly busy one for a man who was never in the enjoyment of robust health. Doctor O'Dwyer speedily recognised the merits of his young secretary, and accordingly when the late Father Donor ceased, on promotion, to be president of St. Munchin's College, Father Murphy was appointed as his successor, and under his guidance the College went into the position which it has since maintained with such success. Promotion of office led to his appointment to the Administratorship of St John's Parish, whence he was transferred about three years ago to the parochial church of St Munchin's on the retirement of the Very Rev Dean Shanahan. All through those changes Father Murphy was the same devoted student and the same devoted worker in Irish educational matters. He was Secretary to the Irish Clerical Headmasters' Association, he was a pretty constant writer in the Press, a brilliant one, fearing no foe in controversial matters, ably defending the views which he held, and arguing them on their merits in masterly and scholarly fashion. He also edited the *Irish Educational Review* from its foundation, and he did an amount of literary work that was bordering on the marvellous when his chronically delicate state of health came to be considered. The value put on that work won public recognition by his appointment as one of the members of the Senate of the National University of Ireland, an appointment which he greatly appreciated, and in the work of which the lamented deceased was in a congenial sphere. In private life he was greatly esteemed, and a man that one meets not too often through life, aloof, broad minded, full of high ideals, and striving earnestly for the spiritual, social, and material improvement of a humanity which he was wise enough with the few, to take as it is found. The last favour that the rev. gentleman experienced was his appointment to a Canonry by Dr O'Dwyer, to whom the death of an eminent priest is a great loss. It is not a matter for surprise that his death should be keenly felt by his Lordship, who was a warm personal friend of the deceased clergyman, whose demise is regretted by every class and creed of the entire community; by Canon Murphy's friends, who are full of sympathy for his relatives, and by his fellow-citizens, to whom he was endeared not less than he was to his parishioners. The remains will be removed at seven o'clock to-morrow evening, from the parochial residence, North Strand, to St John's Cathedral, and after Office and Requiem Mass on Saturday morning, the funeral will leave the Cathedral for the interment in St. Munchin's Church.

HOME RULE. THE AMENDING BILL.

The Press Association says—The terms of the Home Rule Bill Amending Bill have now, it is understood, been settled, and the Bill will be introduced on Tuesday in the House of Lords by the Marquis of Crewe. The second reading debate on the Welsh Church Disestablishment Bill, which had been provisionally fixed for Tuesday, will be postponed till Wednesday.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT. A Serious Collision.

Two Engines Derailed.
The Great Western Railway Company states that as the nine o'clock passenger train from Worcester was passing through Reading yesterday morning an excursion train from Bristol left the platform. Both engines collided at a converging point and were derailed. No coaches were derailed, and so far as can be ascertained no passengers were injured. A Reading correspondent telegraphs:—A collision occurred on the Great Western Railway at Reading about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, between the 10.25 excursion from Reading to Ascot and the Worcester express, which runs through Reading to London. Both trains were travelling in the same direction, and the collision occurred just beyond the Eastern road railway bridge. The force of the impact threw the passengers from their seats and down the embankment. The engine-drivers and stokers were seriously injured. The sides of the carriage immediately behind the engine were torn open, but fortunately there were no passengers in that compartment. One passenger was thrown a considerable distance on the permanent way. Many occupants of the train resumed their journey to Ascot by train or motor car.

One Death.

A later Reading telegram says:—One of the injured railwaymen died yesterday afternoon. Further inquiries show that an Oxford lady was injured. It appears that the excursion train, which had been standing at the platform, started out as the Worcester express dashed through the station. The engine of the express caught the engine of the excursion train and ripped up the side of the coaches. The express engine then jumped the rails. The coaches were badly smashed. The following were injured—Wm Durman, 21, of Reading, slight concussion; Francis Wheeler, 27, fireman, of Oxford, scalp wounds and bruises. The name of the dead engine-driver is Peter Young, of Oxford. He was the driver of the Worcester to Paddington express.

CAPTAIN BELLINGHAM AND NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

The Nationalist criticism of the Irish Office, which caused a somewhat lively incident at question time in the House of Commons yesterday, is (the Press Association says) likely to be repeated on Monday, when Mr Devlin will call the Prime Minister's attention to the action of the Lord Lieutenant in requiring an explanation from Captain Bellingham, one of his A.D.C.'s, who had inspected a body of Nationalist Volunteers, and will ask whether similar treatment had been accorded to Lord Londonderry, an A.D.C. to the King, for his inspection of the Ulster Volunteers. A further authoritative statement on the future control of the Irish National Volunteer force will be issued in a few days' time. In the meanwhile steps will be taken without delay by the Nationalist Party to nominate the 25 members of the Committee stipulated for by Mr Redmond. Nationalists at Westminster express gratification at the ready manner in which those who started, and have hitherto controlled, the Volunteer movement from Dublin, has yielded to the wishes of the Nationalist leaders. They express confidence that the ultimate constitution of the force will be wide enough to retain all its present elements, and they look for large accessions of strength in the next few weeks.

THE CRUISER IN THE SHANNON.

Welcome at Kilrush.
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
At the meeting of the Kilrush Urban District Council at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, which was attended by several merchants and traders of Kilrush, Mr Batt Culligan, J.P., chairman, presiding, it was proposed by Mr Charles E. Glynn, and seconded by Mr F. J. O'Doherty, J.P.:—
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