

and county by the systematic working of the coal field at Rathcoole, near Banteer; which is situate but one and a half miles from the Railway station at the first-named place. There is no question of the existence of coal in the locality, for not so many years ago it was raised there, and if, as the resolution of the Cork Chamber declares, a short railway were constructed to join with the main line, it is believed that coal of good quality could be supplied in considerable quantities and at a moderate price. This would be a great benefit not alone to the surrounding districts, but possibly to other parts of Munster as well. Talking of Munster, the possibilities of the Province as regards its coal deposits open up a much wider field for test and investigation. The interesting fact was mentioned by one of the speakers that in a report by Dr O'Sullivan, late President of the University College, it was estimated that 20,000,000 tons of coal were available in the "West Munster coal-field." What proportion of this mineral wealth could be raised would be for experts to decide, and, next, as a commercial proposition for capitalists to determine. It is a big question and a problematical one at present, but there is little doubt that if proved a successful effort, coal from favourably situated mines should be had at a much lesser price than that imported, even in normal times. Some years ago the question of opening up coal fields in West Limerick was on the tapis, and we believe an expert report was obtained thereon, but the project did not materialise. Now that timely and commendable action has been taken in Cork it is quite possible that the matter will be again taken up in this district. The entire subject is one of great interest to the community, for there is nothing of greater importance, especially in the light of the future, than the Irish coal mines and their development by the State and by Irish enterprise.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

### Roxboro' Postal Facilities.

Through the instrumentality of Alderman Joyce, M.P., important postal facilities, which had been in abeyance for some time past, have been restored to the Roxboro' district, much to the satisfaction and convenience of the residents. The Sunday postal delivery has been renewed, there is a second delivery on week days, and the pillar boxes are cleared in the evening. The residents desire to thank Alderman Joyce for his successful efforts with the Postal Authorities on their behalf.

## OUT AND ABOUT.

three prisoners charged in connection with robbing of the old man Sheahan were further led at the Limerick gaol to-day.

40 Elliott, cashier, National Bank, Abbeyhas been transferred to Charleville vide Mr appointed at Abbeyfeale.

enagh Pig Market Mr Patrick Butler, D.C., keating, Borrisokane, received the high £30 for a sow. This is the highest price season in Nenagh for one pig.

Moore, at Tipperary Quarter Sessions, Mr E O'Dwyer, Barranstown, £740 and for the burning of 100 tons of hay, 20 tons

increased financial assistance for Irish Education.

The Rev W Dwan, Adm, St Michael's. provided.

Amongst those present were—Rev Canon Duan, P.P., V.F. Murroe; the Very Rev Dean Hackett, Rev Canon O'Driscoll, P.P.; Ald M Joyce, M.P.; W R Gubbins, J.P., Co Councillor; Mr J H Roche, J.P., High Sheriff Elect; Rev Fr Connolly, Adm; Dr T K Mulcahy, E J Browne, J.P.; J O'S Liston, J.P., Co C; M P O'Shaughnessy, J.P., Co C; Rev W P Hackett, S.J.; N Humphreys, J.P.; M Quinlan, J.P., Co C; Miss Doyle, J.Crcnin, President, Trades Council; J J Qasid, J.P., Secretary, Co Council; P Hassett, D.C.; P O'Flynn, B.C.; T Duggan, B.U.; P Bourke, R P O'Connor, B.C.; J Ryan, Central Executive Committee Irish National Teachers Association; B J Dinneen, W Gleeson, D O Donovan, T Redmond, S Mansfield, W Walsh, D McMahon, Rev Brother Stapleton, J McCormack.

Mr M Fitzgerald, Assistant Secretary, County Council, who acted as Hon. Secretary to the meeting, read letters of apology for non-attendance from the Most Rev Dr Hallinan, Lord Montague, Lord Emily, the Mayor, E J Long, J.P.; Rev R H Semple, Rev Canon O'Donnell, P.P., V.F.; E D B Daly, J.P., Co C; Rev J Ryan, P.P., and Alderman D McNeice.

The Chairman, having stated the object of the meeting, Canon Duan proposed a resolution demanding equitable financial treatment for Irish education; the suspension of the proposals outlined in the recent White Paper, and a war bonus for all National Teachers on the full Civil Service scale.

The High Sheriff seconded the resolution which was supported by Ald Joyce, Dean Hackett, Canon O'Driscoll, Mr Cronin, Mr Browne, and others, and passed unanimously.

(Report in our next.)

## DEATH OF MR ANDREW KILLEEN.

We regret to record the death of Mr Andrew Killeen, Assistant Town Clerk, which took place on Thursday night, after a protracted illness. He had been connected with the Town Clerk's Office for the long span of 35 years, and served under three successive Town Clerks. Many years ago he was officially appointed Assistant Town Clerk, and with the thorough knowledge that he possessed of municipal affairs, discharged his duties with marked ability, and with an unvarying courtesy that won for him the esteem of his brother officers, the members of the Council, and the general public. His premature demise is mourned by very many friends, who tender their very sincere sympathy, in which we join, to his widow and family in their bereavement and the great loss they have sustained. The funeral, which took place from St Mary's R.C Church at 3 p.m. to-day, was large and representative, and a fitting testimony of sympathy and respect.

## P.Y.M.A LITERARY CLASS.

Rev Canon Abbott, B.D., read a most interesting paper at the opening meeting of the P.Y.M.A Literary Class last night entitled "About Birds and other Things." He dealt with the subject in his usual able manner, illustrating his remarks with many quotations from the poets. A discussion ensued, in which the following took part:—Messrs W M Sewell, T Grubb, W Baker, R Armstrong, and J E Galbraith. The President, Rev H E Spelman, conveyed the thanks of the meeting to the rev lecturer, who suitably replied.

As will be seen by advertisement, the Class is to have a big attraction next week, when Lieut J O Percy, R.N.V.R., representative of the Navy in Ireland, will deliver a lecture on "The Navy: Past and Present," illustrated by over 100 lantern slides. The lecture has been given in many parts of the country, and has been very popular. Lieut Percy has got some special slides for this lecture from the Navy League, and he has very kindly consented that the proceeds will be devoted to the

Mr J O Percy, son, appeared, who was fined 20s and costs. Hanora McNamara, Williamstoned for a breach of the same re 9th January, and ordered to pay costs. Mr T B Kelly, solicitor defendant.

Peter Quilligan, Broad-street, and costs for charging at the rate tea.

Bridget O'Brien, Edward-street, to pay a like penalty for exceeding down under the Bread Order. A fine inflicted on Solomon Arnovitch for penance for a pint of new milk, cont Order, 1917.

### CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Michael Mason, living in the prosecuted by the Society for the Cruelty to Animals for neglecting 12th January. Mr A Blood-B appeared for the Society, and solicitor, for defendant.

Evidence having been given, dismissed without prejudice.

### SHORTS ACT CASE.

Francois Parker, pawn-broker, was prosecuted for a breach of 1912.

Mr J J Dandon, Solicitor, a Corporation, and Mr J H M defended.

Mr Dandon said last year the request of the city pawnbro Act of 1912 was applied to the business of the city. The compl defendant was for keeping open on the night of the 19th January. Inspector P Forrest in the discharge

The defense was that the Act pawnbrokers, but the magistrates trary and fined defendant 10s for and 20s for obstructing the Inspe

### LARCENY CHARGE

Robert Kirkland, a cock is guilty through his solicitor, Mr J larceny of a cwt coal, the proper Glynn and Sons, and was ti offender.

### SHANTY OBSTRUCTION

Two youths named Patrick Cornelius Crowe, Athlunkard-at roned for obstructing the public the 24th, and were cautioned. M solicitor, represented the defend

### CRUELTY TO A COW

Michael O'Dwyer, Newport, the instance of Inspector M Lin to a cow on the 23rd ult and orde of 20s and 10s costs.

## PRESTWICH ELECTIO

The result of the Prestwich cleared yesterday as follows:—

Lieut O Cawley (Coalition)  
Mr H P May (Co-operative)

Majority .....

## NEWCASTLE-WEST B GUARDIANS

### The Medical Crux

At the meeting of Newcast Guardians on Thursday, Mr chairman, presiding.

Mr Fitzgibbon, B.O., reported piration of the month's notice a doctors had struck work; assistance could not be got, and to employ the former doctors at day. A short discussion took suggesting that it was much increase to the doctors than to h