

ature of the scheme. Professor Purcell in his evidence before the Agricultural Commission in Dublin, showed that a clamor had been carried out on a scale in various countries. To a certain extent, he said, cutaway bog has been reclaimed in Ireland, and to a certain extent the virgin bog, but the area of unreclaimed bog is almost equal to that of our largest county, it would be of sufficient national importance to be of sufficient national importance to be investigated on a comprehensive scale. Professor Purcell relies on the conclusions of the Bog Commission, 1809-1814, when it was shown that practically every bog in Ireland was drained, and most of these bogs were taken down to the bottom without excessive labor. In Germany, he showed that large areas have been reclaimed, and satisfactory crops produced. So also in certain parts of England, where extensive tracts of bog have been restored to productive purposes. Here in Ireland, with its vast waste areas, its industrial possibilities are indeed, and no doubt will find a place in the country's schemes of reconstruction. Professor Purcell estimates that a sum of £100,000 should be available by the State to finance the peat bogs. The bogs, he says, could be reclaimed without the need of any great expenditure on arterial drainage.

**CURRENT COMMENT.**

**of Streets.**  
 Complaints are numerous concerning the muddy condition of the streets, and also the greasy footpaths, which renders pedestrianism anything but agreeable. Puddles of mud are or were found lying in the gutter courses, and in many places, if one desires to cross the pathway to the roadway, a "hop" and "skip" agility is required, and there are many who do not ambition athletic exercises of this kind. It is to be hoped that more expedition will be exercised in removing the mud from the streets, and so obviate further complaints from the public and visitors as well. Some of the streets, presented an improvement this morning, and, too, has made its appearance.

**Boys' Xmas Dinner.**  
 It is assured that many people who buy their news from the local paper will support the movement to provide a Xmas dinner for the newsboys. It is a ubiquitous individual.

for his holidays in November. Not returning on the expiration of his leave, his accounts were required into, and as a result a warrant for his arrest was placed in the hands of the Civil Guard, who had his description circulated. It is understood he will be brought to Limerick and charged on to-morrow.

**THE MAYOR OF LIMERICK.**

A special meeting of the Corporation is convened for to-night at half past seven to consider what action should be taken to ensure the release of the Mayor Councillor R de Courcy, who during the week was removed from Kilmainham prison to St. Brigid's Hospital, consequent on his weak condition, owing to being on hunger strike.

**DEATH OF REV. TIMOTHY O'KEEFE, S.J.**

The death of the Rev Timothy O'Keefe, S.J., took place on Tuesday morning at Upper Gardiner street, Dublin. Father O'Keefe was a native of Limerick City, where he was born in 1840. He received his education in Maynooth College, where he had as one of his fellow-students, Cardinal Logue. He joined the Society of Jesus in 1863, and was professed in 1878. He afterwards was attached to the teaching staff at Clongowood Wood College, and served in a similar capacity at the Jesuit house in Galway and Limerick.

Some twenty-three years ago he was transferred to the community at Upper Gardiner street, and he remained there until the end. His brother, the late Mr F. A. O'Keefe, solicitor, was at one time Mayor of Limerick, and a member of Parliament for the city. Another brother is the present Pastor of Rathfarnham.

**DEATH OF MR MICHAEL DOYLE.**

Numerous friends in Limerick and Clare have heard with sincere regret of the death which occurred after a short illness at his residence, Cuigreans, North Strand, on the 13th instant, of Mr Michael Doyle, late manager of the O'Connell street branch of Messrs John Quin & Co. Mr Doyle who was a native of Meelick, Clare, held that position for many years, was a keen business man, and ever courteous and affable in all his dealings. He was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, and there is widespread sympathy with his widow and relatives at his premature demise.

The funeral took place on Saturday from St Manchin's Catholic Church after Requiem Mass had been celebrated by the Rev Fr Moloney, O.C.

The clergy present were—Rev Father Moloney, C.C, St Manchin's; Rev Father Halpin, C.O, do.; Rev Father Robinson, C.S.S.R.; Rev Father O'Sullivan, C.O, St Mary's; Rev Father Leonard, O.F.M, and Rev Father Hennessy, O.S.A.

The chief mourners were—Mrs Doyle, widow; P Doyle, brother; John and Patrick Doyle, nephews; John M'Namara, brother-in-law; Mrs M'Namara, sister-in-law; Miss May M'Namara, niece; Thomas Byrne, cousin, and Wm Frost.

Mr James Quin, Sr & Stephen Quin, and several members of the staff of Quin and Co, were present, as well as a large attendance of the general public. Mrs O'Brien, South Hill; Sir Stephen Quin, Mrs Keane, Mrs Hennessy, etc, sent carriages. Wreaths were sent by "His heart-broken wife," Mr and Mrs Frost, and John and Patrick Doyle, etc.

Rev Father Halpin officiated at the grave.

**CHRISTMAS POULTRY.**

Up to a few days ago the supplies of turkeys in Limerick were below the average to meet the

... appointment wrote approving of for the ensuing year, as framed at meeting.

The Chairman—Is there any more to the scheme?

The Secretary—No. It is the same as sent it up.

**MEMBER RESIGNS.**

A letter was read from Mr M V Collogher, tendering his resignation as he was unable to attend the meeting. The resignation was accepted.

Mr McCormack said there were several members on the Committee, and less than a dozen ever attended the monthly meetings.

**TREE PLANTING.**

With reference to the question of the lands of Tinnaculla for afforestation, the Chairman said the lands acquired by the County Council for a sanatorium, but it did not meet subsequently it was decided to plant a third of the entire area were reserved for forestry.

Mr McCormack said the report of the technical instructor showed that about six acres only suitable for planting. It would, in Mr McCormack's opinion, be better to set aside £1,000 for planting on fruit trees throughout the county. Tinnaculla was unsuitable for forestry, and should be reserved for other purposes.

Mr Meade said he did not propose to set aside £1,000 on the place at once.

Mr Quaide said the rabbits were a great nuisance to the people.

The Chairman said the place should be reserved by the Committee. It was an absurdly economical proposition, and he would suggest to plant a single tree on it. He would suggest to plant a single tree on Tinnaculla. It would be a good proposition if they had a sanatorium were proceeding to beautify it.

Mr Quaide said the fencing of the place would be a very considerable item but trees could be planted.

The Chairman said if he had not been out of Tinnaculla as a forestry proposition would advise them to go and visit the place.

Mr Meade read the report of the Chief Inspector of the Department made some time ago and in which he advocated the planting of ten acres each year, and that each portion would be fenced with wire netting.

Mr Meade suggested that they should plant suitable ten acres for the present.

The Chairman said that if there were ten acres suitable for planting, Tinnaculla was not suitable as a paying forestry plantation.

Mr Meade was in this position, and he placed himself in his district, and he gave a proposition.

During further discussion, Mr McCormack suggested that they should advise the County Council to sell the place, and the Chairman said in his opinion the rate struck for the place was one that never should have been. The Inspector's report was unfavourable to the scheme.

The matter was adjourned to next week for a further report.

A letter was read from the Department validating the appointment of Miss Kenmare, as domestic economy instructor on the grounds that the Chairman, in casting his vote which he did not possess, was not qualified.

The Chairman said he was asked to give a casting vote, and he did so.

Mr Quaide—The Committee considered within your right in doing so. It was decided to readvertise the place.

**THE ATHENÆUM PICTURE.**

Bravery in any form compels admiration, especially when performed in a good