

DESTRUCTIVE LIGHTNING.

During a thunderstorm in South Wexford, a big tree near Campile, struck by lightning, had all the bark torn off and branches hurled a distance of 30 yards. At Farnecassidy, County Fermamagh, lightning killed two donkeys and split open several trees. A house struck by lightning at Lanesboro' was almost demolished. The inmates escaped unhurt.

'BUS STRIKE DEMONSTRATION.

On the arrival of one of the Irish Omnibus Company's buses from Dublin at 11 o'clock last night a demonstration took place outside the Company's offices, Sarsfield street. About a hundred people congregated in the thoroughfare, and indulged in cheering and booing at the driver and conductor, and some passengers. The situation looked somewhat menacing, when the Civic Guards intervened and dispersed the demonstrators, after which the bus proceeded to the depot in the Clyde Road.

DEATH OF REV. W. BODKIN, S.J.

Rev. Wm. Bodkin, S.J., Rector of St. Peter's Mission, Stonyhurst, died yesterday, aged 67. He was Provincial of the Jesuits in England for several years. — "Morning Post."

Fr. Bodkin was a son of the late Dominic G. Bodkin, R.M., and a grandson of John J. Bodkin, D.L., Killeconer, County Galway, sometime M.P. for Galway County and City.

PARK BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.

The Minister for Local Government has written to the City Surveyor sanctioning the acceptance of the tender of the Yorkshire Hennebique Contracting Co., Ltd., for the work of erecting the new bridge over the Abbey River at Park, at a cost of £18,689 7s 6d.

GENERAL MULCAHY AND HOUSING.

General Mulcahy, Minister for Local Government, delivered an important address to the Dublin Chamber of Commerce yesterday. He said they should look forward to getting back to the normal position when the worker ought to be able to pay an economic rent, and the building industry ought to be able to provide him with houses at that rent.

Mr P. J. Floyd, Traffic Manager, G.S.R., has written the Secretary of Cashel Traders' Association that there will be no curtailment of local railway services.

whether they should supply the power by electricity or oil. The cost of the former would be in the vicinity of £1,000 a year, and until they had a reply from the Electricity Supply Board as to a reduction of that figure he suggested they defer consideration of the matter.

Mr O'Dwyer agreed, and the Board concurred in the Chairman's suggestion.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr Hartney, seconded by Mr Scanlon, to ask Mr Delap, Engineer, to have the scheme proceeded with as expeditiously as possible.

MESSRS BURTON'S PURCHASE.

The well-known firm of Messrs Montague Burton have acquired by purchase from Mr T. Auchmuty, the premises, No. 11 O'Connell street, where they intend carrying out extensive structural alterations. In this enterprise the firm are only stepping across the street, and in the course of a short time the recently purchased premises will be in the hands of the contractor. The plans of the proposed alterations have been deposited with the Borough Surveyor, and have been approved by him.

INFANT'S BODY IN DITCH.

The body of a newly born child was found concealed in a ditch at Monavaha, Shanagolden, during the week. At an inquest held by Mr R. Cussen, solicitor, Coroner for West Limerick, the medical evidence showed that the child was born alive. In view of possible criminal proceedings the enquiry was adjourned sine die, Sergeant Donnelly having stated that enquires were being instituted and developments expected.

LIMERICK MARKETS' RECEIVERSHIP.

It is understood that a motion will be made in the High Court, Dublin, on Monday on behalf of the principal mortgagee, Messrs Osborne, to have a Receiver appointed over the Limerick Markets' Trust, the position being rendered vacant by the death of Mr J. F. Power. It is learned that there are three applicants for the position, the salary for which varies, but seldom falls below £400 a year.

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