

## From the Irish Mail.

Great floods caused by severe rains have caused great damage in Leinster. The rivers are higher than at any period during the last twenty-five years.

A winter cattle show is to be a feature in Dublin each year. This was recently decided by the Irish Cattle Association.

The movement to have the big mail steamers quit Queenstown as a port of call is arousing considerable opposition in Ireland, and a counter movement is on foot.

At the opening of the Commission on Thursday, Judge Kenny congratulated the grand juries of the Dublin City and County on the almost complete immunity from crime of both. At Cork Criminal Sessions, on Thursday, the Recorder was presented with white gloves. The same ceremony took place recently at Limerick City and County Assizes, Monaghan, Wicklow, and other places. The instances in which the criminal calendars comprised not more than one, two or three cases are very numerous. It would be most interesting if a return giving the record presented all over Ireland at the Spring Assizes were compiled and published far and wide.

The first church in Ireland erected in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, will be dedicated next Sunday. It is in Whitehead, County Antrim. The sermon on the occasion will be preached by Bishop Tohill.

We regret to have to announce the death of the Very Rev. Canon Ryan, P.P., which occurred at the parochial residence, Mountbellew. For 39 years he administered to the spiritual and temporal wants of the people in his charge, with the most gratifying results. The magnificent churches, schools, and other public buildings are monuments to the success which attended his mission in the parish he loved so well. It is only six months since the people of his united parishes and the priests of the Premier Deanery, assembled in Mountbellew to celebrate his Golden Jubilee, and it was the wish and prayer of everybody then present that he would be spared to his people for many years to come.

It may interest the promoters of Dundalk Dog Show, as well as sausage manufacturers and others, to know that there are 1684 licensed dogs in Dundalk district this year, as compared with 1628 last year. Why people pay license duty for about 1000 of them is one of the mysteries that puzzle earnest inquirers into the byways of taxation. We don't use the dogs for hunting, for if we were summoned to Petty Sessions and fined. Anyhow, there is no game to hunt. The good red deer that Fionn and Diarmuid used to follow through the woods and bogs are as extinct as the Megalosaurus. The only game we can hunt with the dogs is the tramp, and that is a game that does not always pay. But it must be gratifying to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to know that we are helping him to raise the money for Old Age Pensions and to buy a few more Dreadnoughts to keep the fear of England strong in the hearts of Germans, Japs and others.—Dundalk Democrat.

At a recent meeting of Clones Guardians, Mr. Tracey, V.C., presiding, Mr. E. Graham said he wished to propose a motion, but before doing so he would like to make a few remarks. The old bachelor question was agitating the civilized world over at the present time (laughter). Bachelors should be coerced to marry or a tax should be imposed upon them which could be utilized for some useful purpose, either providing pensions for old married couples or premiums for young bachelors who had the manliness to get married (laughter). Bachelors had no right to live a single life when the country was teeming with bright, lovely, marriageable young girls (laughter). He moved: "We are of opinion that the

### The Birthplace of Balfe.

Pitt street, Dublin, the birthplace of Michael William Balfe, the eminent composer, was not named from the man who destroyed the Parliament of Ireland by force and fraud and a series of measures of corruption to which history has no parallel, but from a statesman of far different calibre, the elder Pitt, Earl of Chatham, from whom Chatham street and Chatham Row are also named. These streets were built during the war for American Independence, when Ireland regarded the cause of America as her own, and was enthusiastic in her admiration of Chatham in his vindication in the British Parliament of American rights and liberties, and his openly expressed sympathy with the American colonists in their successful fight for freedom. In 1775, indeed, the American patriots issued a special address to the Irish urging the identity of their interests, and in the same year Chatham said: "I that Ireland was with America." It is pleasant to remember that Chatham was, as Speaker Foster stated in his speech against the Union in February, 1800 utterly opposed to any measure of Legislative Union between Great Britain and Ireland.

time has come when the Government should seriously consider the imposition of a tax on all bachelors (according to income) who have reached the age of 35 years, the money raised in each county to be utilized in providing premiums for young couples who enter the married state before arriving at the age of 25. We are convinced that were such a measure passed it would go a long way towards solving the emigration problem and improve the country."

Mr. J. P. Tierney seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Discussing The Drink Curse, the Dublin Freeman comments: The evil effects of indulgence in strong drink are so often pointed out on the platform, in the Press, from the pulpit, that one almost hesitates before again dealing even in the most cursory way with a subject which has become so hackneyed. Yet the fact that the question is again and again dealt with shows how utterly useless all warnings are to a very great many people. We rejoice to think that in Ireland there is great improvement going on in this respect. We had reason recently to comment on the fact that on the National Holiday in Dublin drunkenness was scarcely seen at all. Personally the only drunkenness we witnessed was on the part of members of the garrison, soldiers who had got the day off and proceeded to make beasts of themselves. That does not affect us much, although it is never pleasant to see a human being, whatever his country, making a beast of himself. But so far as Irish people were concerned, they presented an admirable spectacle of sobriety and restraint. These remarks occur to us on seeing a speech of the Postmaster General at a meeting of the Post Office Total Abstinence Society. He said: "Of these who were dismissed from the Postal Service last year, 36 per cent. owed their dismissal entirely to drink. The same failing was the cause of 68 per cent. of the reductions of postmen." A little bit of prosaic fact like that is worth tons of eloquent denunciation of alcoholic drinking. It is an evil of the first magnitude which causes 36 out of every 100 dismissals from a single service in the State. Indeed what could be much greater.

There was a meeting at St. Macarten's Cathedral, Monaghan, on Tuesday under the presidency of Cardinal Logue for the nomination of a successor to Bishop Owens in the see of Clogher. His Eminence presided at the Mass. The choice of the 34 parish priests who assembled fell as follows: Dignissinus: The Rev. Patrick McKenna, Maynooth College, 16; Dignior: The Rev. Patrick Keown, P.P., Lattin, 10; Dignus: The Very Archdeacon McGlone, P.P., Carrickmacross, 8. Of the first named The Freeman's Journal gives the following account: "Father McKenna, who was ordained about fifteen years ago, has been on the staff of Maynooth College since October, 1904, when he secured the appointment to the Chair of Moral Theology after a very brilliant career. He was engaged in missionary work in his native diocese at the time, but he previously held a Professorship of Theology in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny. It will thus be seen that he has had a varied experience, and is eminently qualified to fill the important position to which the voice of the priests of Clogher has called him. The name of the candidate will, in the usual way, be considered at a meeting of the Bishops of the Province, to be held in the near future, and, after this, they will be forwarded to Rome with such recommendations as the Bishops in their wisdom shall deem it necessary to make. Instead, however, of being sent to the Congregation of the Propaganda, as hitherto, the names will be immediately submitted to the Papal Secretary of State, whose duty it will be to bring them before the Council of the Cardinals. When the decision of the Council has been arrived at, the Supreme Pontiff must give his approbation to their choice before the Bull is dispatched."

### Jesuits and Earthquake.

Will Establish Chain to Observe Seismic Disturbances. Recently in conversation with an eminent professor of the Faculty of Applied Science of McGill University it was stated that such progress is being made in modern methods of seismic observation that it was hoped to be able to foretell coming earthquake disturbances. Coming quickly upon this and following the many suggestions since the Italian earthquake that more attention should be given to the study of seismic disturbances by the different Governments, and on the urgent recommendation of the Geological Society of America, that seismological stations should be established in the United States, the Jesuit Fathers have decided to install a complete scientific apparatus in twelve colleges belonging to their order in the United States and Canada, to take earthquake records. There are at least twenty-eight colleges in the United States and Canada, under the control of the Jesuits, and the system of study mapped out by the fathers in this important branch of geology is regarded as a big step in gathering important data.

According to Dr. Thomas A. Jagard, Professor of Geology in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one of the leading geologists in the world, with such a system of stations for the purpose of observing the interior disturbances of the earth as the Jesuits are about to install, it is possible for trained scientists to forecast earthquakes with a great deal of accuracy. From this it will be seen that the church is always sympathetic to the cause of true scientific progress.

### No Danger of a Split.

For some time to come opponents of the Irish cause will, it may be safely predicted, endeavor to make capital out of the local proceedings in connection with the Irish National Convention. That the attitude assumed by a small section of Nationalists towards the Irish Party and its leader, Mr. Redmond, has caused a great deal of pain amongst Irishmen at home and abroad there can be no doubt. But it is certain that the promoters of dissension have few sympathisers and that the strength of the party will not be seriously affected by their attacks. Mr. T. P. O'Connor, speaking in Liverpool on Tuesday evening, said that if there were any likelihood of a split amongst the majority of the Irish representatives, eager though he was to serve the interests of his country till the last day of his life, he would retire from politics and return to his books. The remark elicited from one of his hearers the assurance that there was no danger of such a contingency, and the applause with which the words were received indicated the thorough unanimity of those present in approving of the Irish Party's policy. The reception accorded to the Irish members who have just been addressing meetings in British constituencies not only by people of Irish birth and extraction, but also by English, Scotch, and Welsh electors is a sign that the work of converting the predominant partner to the Home Rule cause is steadily progressing, despite the misrepresentations as to the state of Ireland which find their way into the columns of the press.

### THEY FIXED UP THE POSTMASTER

Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured His Lumbago and Sciatica. That Was Three Years Ago and He is Still Cured—Why You Should Try Dodd's Kidney Pills First. Elliston, Trinity Bay Nfld., April 19. (Special).—That Dodd's Kidney Pills not only relieve Sciatica and Lumbago, but cure it once and for all, is the experience of Mr. Alfred Crew, postmaster here. "Yes," the postmaster says in telling his story, "it is three years since I was cured of Lumbago and Sciatica. Dodd's Kidney Pills did it, and I am happy to say the cure was permanent. "I had pains in my back, Cramps in my Muscles, Shooting Pains across my Loins, and I often found it hard to get any rest at night, and when I did my sleep was unrefreshing. I was medically attended, but without getting any benefit, and at last I was persuaded to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I used six boxes altogether and they took the pains away and quite cured me." Nearly every cure by Dodd's Kidney Pills tells of trying something else first. If you use Dodd's Kidney Pills, first you will never need to try "something else." They always cure all diseases of the Kidneys and all diseases that are caused by sick Kidneys.

### A Requiem Mass.

On Wednesday morning, 7th inst., at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, West 16th Street, New York City, a solemn requiem mass for the repose of the late Miss Catherine McConiff of this city was offered up by the Rev. John Scully, of the Society of Jesus, Mr. J. J. McConiff, uncle of the deceased, who was unfortunately prevented from reaching Montreal in time to attend the funeral service at St. Patrick's Church here, was present with friends.

### Took Holy Habit at Convent of Holy Cross.

On the second of this month thirty-two postulants took the holy habit at the Convent of the Holy Cross, St. Laurent, among whom were the following Montreal ladies: Misses A. Perron, Sr. Marie de Ste. Imprime; C. Conroy, Sr. Marie de Ste. Columban; A. Lanctot, Sr. Marie de Ste. Jeanne de Toulouse; E. Gariepy Sr. Marie de Ste. Casilde; A. Bourbon, Sr. Marie de Ste. Albertine; M. A. Smith, Sr. Marie de Ste. Agnes de Bohemia; B. Beaupre, Sr. Marie de Ste. Hervé; A. Duffy, Sr. Marie de Ste. Edith; J. Dupré, Sr. Marie de Ste. Vincent Ferrier; J. Healy, Sr. Marie de Ste. Josephine.

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Commencing April 24, train leaving Montreal at 5.15 p.m. will run through to Valleyfield, arriving there at 7.05 p.m. Returning leave Valleyfield at 8.00 a.m. Monday, arriving Montreal at 9.45 a.m. This service will continue daily except Sunday until further advised.

### MONTREAL-IBERVILLE

Commencing Saturday, April 17th, train leaving Montreal at 4.50 p.m., and commencing Monday, April 19th, train leaving Irberville at 7.05 a.m. will run via St. Johns and Irberville daily, except Sunday, until further advised. Timetables giving full particulars will be issued in a few days.

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Mother—"And when he proposed, didn't you tell him to see me?" Daughter—"Yes, mamma; and he said he'd seen you several times, but he wanted to marry me just the same."—The Sphinx.

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Tenders for Station Building, Section and Tool Houses, between Lake Superior Junction and Winnipeg. SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, marked on the envelope "Tender for Stations, etc.," will be received at the office of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway at Ottawa, until 12 o'clock noon of the 27th day of April, 1909, for the construction and erection complete, in accordance with the plans and specifications of the Commissioners, of station buildings, section and tool houses, etc., as follows, viz:

Section No. 1—From Lake Superior Junction to Mile 1629 (near Wabigoon River.)

4 No. 2 Station Buildings.

2 No. 3 Station Buildings.

5 Section Houses.

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1 No. 1 Station Building.

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6 Section Houses.

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Plans and specifications may be seen, and full information obtained, at the office of Mr. Hugh D. Lumsden, Chief Engineer, Ottawa, Ont., and Mr. S. R. Poulin, District Engineer, Winnipeg, Man.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied by the Commissioners, which may be had on application to the Chief Engineer at Ottawa, or the District Engineer at Winnipeg.

Each tender must be signed and sealed by all the parties to the tender, and witnessed, and be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered Bank of the Dominion of Canada, payable to the order of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, for a sum equal to ten per cent (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender.

The cheque deposited by the party whose tender is accepted will be deposited to the credit of the Receiver General of Canada, as security for the due and faithful performance of the contract according to its terms.

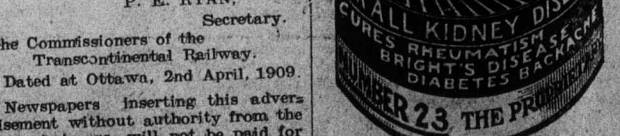
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By order, P. E. RYAN, Secretary.

The Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway. Dated at Ottawa, 2nd April, 1909.

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