

IRISH NEWS SUMMARY.

LATEST LOCAL COUNTY ITEMS

LEINSTER.

Dublin.

The smallpox epidemic has been showing a strange persistence within the precincts of the North Dublin Waterhouse. It has been hanging round there since May last. Sir Charles Cameron recently drew the attention of the Guardians to the matter, stating that he was doubtful whether the persistence of the disease was due to the proximity of the Harwicke Hospital, in which smallpox patients are received, or to continuance of the infection in the house.

Mr. R. Griffen, of the Board of Trade, giving evidence before the Royal Commission on the financial relations between Ireland and Great Britain, recently, said the average wages paid per head to persons in different employments in Ireland ranged from 10 to 50 per cent less than the wages to artisans in particular trades in the United Kingdom generally. There was not so large a difference in the standard rates of wages to artisans in particular trades in Ireland and Great Britain. The exchange between Great Britain and Ireland was even, and he saw no indication of any large economic draw from Ireland. With regard to the relative incomes of Ireland and Great Britain, he thought the income of Ireland amounted to not more than one thirtieth part of the income of the whole kingdom, and, having regard to the increasing wealth of England, he judged it should be fixed at one twenty-fifth. In reality the Irish rate of taxation is over one tenth.

Wicklow.

The Bray Township Improvement Bill passed through its final stages, before the Select Committee of the House of Commons, on March 25th.

A fire, which, but for the assistance afforded by the police would have been attended with serious results, broke out on March 20th, in Messrs Leverett and Fry's premises, Bray. Immediately on the alarm being given, the police turned out, and in a short time the flames were extinguished. The damage is estimated at about £30.

Wexford.

The Rev. Andrew Cavanagh, for many years C.C. of Rathgarogue, has been promoted to the pastoral charge of Rathure, vice the late Very Rev. Canon Walsh. Rev. N. Lambert, C.C., Courtmacuddy, has been appointed to the curacy of Rathgarogue, in succession to Rev. A. Cavanagh. Rev. T. Quigley, C.C., Rathnure, has been appointed C.C. New Ross. Father O'Byrne, recently ordained, is doing duty in Blackwater, in place of Rev. M. E. Cavanagh, C.C., who is seriously ill.

Kildare.

The obsequies of Dr. Michael Murphy, of Newbridge took place on Tuesday, March 26, in St. Conleth's Parish Church. Dr. Murphy died on the previous Sunday, from influenza, at the early age of 33 years. During his ten years of residence at Newbridge he had endeared himself to persons of all classes, but especially to the poor, and by excessive overwork had so undermined his constitution that he fell a victim to the prevailing epidemic. Over a thousand persons attended the funeral procession to Great Connell Abbey. The Rev. Dr. Tynan, P.P., officiated at the grave.

Carlow.

The results of the recent Poor Law elections in many parts of Ireland are eminently satisfactory. In the county Carlow, where the National Party seem to have fought as unitedly as in the old days, no fewer than five Tory seats were recaptured.

King's County.

County Court Judge John Adye Curran, in opening the Easter Quarter Sessions, at Carr, on March 27th, was presented with a pair of white gloves, as there was not a single criminal case for trial.

At the last meeting of the Tullamore Board of Guardians, a resolution previously passed in favor of adopting the provisions of the Seed Supply Act was rescinded, there being only one dissentient.

Queen's County.

At a recent meeting of the Abbeyleix Board of Guardians, on March 26th, a letter was read from the Rev. Abraham T. Disney, Rector of Abbeyleix, complaining that an inmate of the Workhouse Hospital, named Swayne, who was a Protestant, had been unduly influenced to change his religion. The Master of the Workhouse had made the following entry in his journal:—"I beg to ask permission of the Board to change on the register the religion of William Swayne, a patient in the hospital, who, wishing to possess the Catholic faith, on the 22d inst, was attended by the Roman Catholic Chaplain." The man, it appears, was supposed to be 10 years old when, in his last hours, he expressed the desire to become a Catholic. On the motion of Mr. C. F. Corcoran, solicitor, a report on the case, from the nurse and the Chaplain, was ordered for the next Board meeting.

Kilkenny.

On the morning of March 26th, a terrible explosion occurred on the railway between Kilkenny and Waterford. As the train was approaching Mullinavat, the boiler of the engine burst, blowing John Hollyman, the driver, to pieces, and mortally wounding the stoker, James Hollyman, son of the driver. The Hollymans who were aged respectively 54 and 20 years were natives of Wexford, but had resided for a long time in Maryborough where they were well known.

Meath.

On March 20th, news was received in Slane, of the death of the Rev. Peter Kelly, P.P., which had taken place, suddenly, at Rostrevor, on the previous day from heart disease. The news caused the deepest regret to his parishioners, the people of Drogheda and of the counties of Louth and Meath. The deceased clergyman was a native of Rochford Bridge, county Westmeath. His remains were removed from the Mourne Hotel, Rostrevor, to Slane, and remained in the church for the night. They were received by Rev. Father Hughes, P.P., Beauparc. The Mayor of Drogheda, Mr. B. Nulty, the Magistrate, Aldermen, and Town Councillors of Drogheda, and a large number of the people of Moyneide, as well as many of the late parishioners of the deceased were present at the station and accompanied the remains to Slane.

Longford.

The Attorney-General has made the following appointments to fill vacancies caused by the death of Mr. S. Yates Johnston—Mr. Michael Drummond, Q. C., to be Senior Crown Prosecutor for the county Longford, and Mr. Andrew Todd, LL.D., to be Junior Crown Prosecutor for the same county.

Mr. Edward Donohoe, jun., Dromard, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county Longford.

Louth.

The death occurred at the Convent of Mercy, Dundalk, on March 25th, of Sister Mary Johanna, daughter of Mr. Bain Clarke, Dundalk, and sister of Rev. J. Clarke, C.C., Drogheda, and Rev. M. Clarke C.M. The deceased nun was the youngest member of a family, all of whose members had devoted their lives to God's service. She entered the novitiate, Dundalk, about three years ago.

MUNSTER.

Cork.

With reference to the recent disappearance of a lady passenger from the steamer Juvo in mid-channel, a telegram has been received in Cork from Bristol stating that it had been discovered that the lady was an escaped lunatic. She is thought to be a Liverpool lady who had a mania for travelling, and who is now missing.

The death is announced of Mr. John Wholey, North at, Skibbereen, which took place at his residence, on March 24th. He had been in failing health for some time past, and although his death was not unexpected, the news that he had passed to his reward was received with extreme sorrow by his relatives, many friends and comrades, to whom he had endeared himself by his upright, genial, and warm-hearted disposition. Deceased was Vice-President of the Skibbereen Young Men's Society, up to a few months ago, when he resigned the position owing to ill-health.

Kerry.

In the beginning of March, a farmer named Donovan, living at Gorthannaona, near Ballydehob, made a rather interesting discovery while working on his farm. It appears that while engaged in tillage operations in one of his fields, on which is an old fort, he came upon a small tin box containing a number of very old silver coins, Irish and English, some of which bore dates as far back as the 14th century. The find is supposed to be very valuable from an antiquarian point of view.

Limerick.

At the meeting of the Limerick Board of Guardians, the Master reported that a male lunatic named Michael Hartigan had stolen out of the chapel, during Mass, on the 25th ult. and escaped over the main wall. A keeper, accompanied by the labor-master, were sent in search, but up to the last accounts no trace had been found of the fugitive. The matter was reported to the police, who are also having a look out kept.

Clare.

On March 25th, Mrs. Sarah Parsons, widow of the late John Parsons, ex chairman of the Kenna Town Commissioners, drowned herself in the River Fergus. Shortly before noon she called at the Post Office, and then, after passing over Carroll's Bridge, it seems she turned down Brewery lane, and deliberately threw herself into the river. Some people standing on the bridge witnessed the occurrence, and gave the alarm, but there was no one present who was able to render assistance. The body floated on the current for about five hundred yards, and when it came near the police barracks a ladder was lowered, and two civilians named Michael McMahon and Martin Croghan got into the water, and with the aid of a rope and fish gaff succeeded in lifting the body on to the roadway.

Tipperary.

On the 16th of March, the eve of the festival of his patron saint, Mr. Patrick Clancy of Galbally, passed peacefully away, in his

85th year, fortified by the rights of Holy Church. His life long wish and prayer was heard, viz., that he should be called to his everlasting reward on the festival of Ireland's National Apostle. Deceased was a member of a very ancient and highly respectable family, and noted for many excellent qualities, for his deep and ardent faith, and for his solid and unostentatious piety. He had the happiness of seeing several members of his family embrace the religious state, being the father of the Rev. J. Clancy, Chicago, Illinois; Rev. P. A. Clancy, American College, Rome; Mother Mary Angela, Cheater; Sister M. Joseph, Clifford, Chester, Yorkshire; Sister M. Clancy, Sacred Heart Convent, St. Joseph, Mo.; Wm. and Aileen Clancy, Chicago; Thomas Clancy, Sunny Hills, Sydney; Mrs. Quish, Emily; Mrs. Reardon, Ballyhea; and Michael Clancy, Galbally. The deceased was brother of Rev. J. Clancy, for years P.P. of Galbally and Aherlow, whose memory is still fondly cherished by the people of both parishes, the late much lamented Archdeacon Ryan, Fethard, and Rev. F. Ryan, C.C., Boherlahan, Cashel, being his nephews.

Waterford.

On the morning of March 26th, a shocking accident took place on the Waterford and Central Ireland Railway, about midway between Ballyhale and Mullinavat, some 15 miles from Waterford. A good sized train which leaves Kilkenny for Waterford, at 7.40, was ascending the hills which precede the long incline which runs straight into the terminus at Waterford, when the large driving rod attached to the crank on the right hand side of the axle of the driving wheels broke. The broken rod crashed through the boiler and firebox, driving lighting coal, scalding water, and steam on to the foot plate and tender. The driver and fireman, John and James Holleyman, father and son, and everything moveable in the tender, were blown down. The elder Holleyman, who appears to have been instantly killed, was thrown against the back of the wagon next the tender, under which he fell, and one of the wheels passed over his left arm, severing it from the body. His son James was blown on to the ditch by the side of the permanent way, where he was found in an unconscious condition, terribly scalded and bruised, and was conveyed to Mullinavat in a dying condition.

ULSTER.

Down.

Early in the morning of March 25th, Otter Lodge, the residence of Mr. John Hamilton, P.L.G., manager of Henry Muller's factory, Dromore, was destroyed by fire, only the walls being left standing. His wife and his children narrowly escaped with their lives. An extensive range of outbuildings, two storeys high, was also reduced to ruins. Twenty-two cows and three horses were burned, and some valuable contents of the store were also destroyed. James Murnaghan and Lizzie Camac, who, it is alleged, had been drinking, and had surreptitiously entered one of the outhouses the previous night, were burned to death. Their charred remains were found among the ruins. It is supposed that they accidentally set fire to the place. The property was insured.

Cavan.

Mr. Wylie, Q.C., has been appointed Senior Crown Prosecutor for the county Cavan; and Mr. P. Law Smith to be Senior Crown Prosecutor for the county Fermanagh.

Tyrone.

Information is asked for through the Irish papers, concerning Neal Donohue, who left Parkmore, co. Tyrone, 27 years ago, for California. When last heard of, 12 years ago, he was at Buffalo Ranch Farm, California, and had been living with his sister, Sarah Collins McKee, Wyandotte, Nevada. News of him is sought for by his mother.

Monaghan.

At the last meeting of the Monaghan Asylum Board a resolution was adopted recommending the erection and establishment of a separate lunatic asylum in some central place in Cavan, "as we (the Board of Directors) consider it would be better for the patients and cheaper for the ratepayers of the county in the east, as the expenses of the Monaghan Lunatic Asylum have increased and are increasing every year; and we protest against the proposed outlay at Monaghan, as the amount to be expended would, in our opinion, be sufficient to purchase a suitable place in Cavan."

Down.

Mr. Morley has at length decided to open relief works in the congested district of Termon, near Kilmacrenan. Mr. Raymond, Royal Engineers, Chatham, has recently passed through there, to lay off and superintend the works, which will consist of repairing roads and building a bridge. The works, however, are only intended to give employment to about 75 men,—a miserable, chicaning arrangement, out of all proportion with the needs of the district.

CONNAUGHT.

Galway.

The result of the three contests in the Hallinacloe Union was declared as follows: The contest in Cullragh was between two Nationalists, Mr. M. Reddy, the sitting



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guardian, and Mr. P. Cassidy, and resulted in the return of Mr. Reddy by a majority of 4. In Ahaacragh the contest lay between Mr. J. Nolan, the sitting guardian, Nationalist, and Mr. W. Cleary, Edmondston. The vote was Nolan 148, and Cleary 79.

Roscommon.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Dr. J. F. Roden, Keadue, to the Commission of the Peace for Co. Roscommon. The appointment has given general satisfaction, as Dr. Roden was ever a sterling Nationalist.

The rent question on the King Harman estate has been practically settled. Mr. Justice Boyd having, on the motion of Mr. Bodkin, M.P., vested in Major Murphy, the Receiver, the power of alleviating distress on the estate, he has set to the work of doing so. Loads of seed-potatoes are being distributed to deserving tenants.

Sligo.

The death is announced of Mr. Thomas Cairns, Drum, Boyle, on March 21st, after a long and painful illness. Deceased was for a considerable time in the employment of the Ureline Nuns, Sligo, as a gardener and steward, and he carried on these avocations with great satisfaction to his employers. He was 75 years of age.

Mr. Finlay, Wine street, Sligo, was badly injured on March, 28, by falling through a trapdoor in one of the stores on the quay, a distance of 29 feet. He was insensible for a considerable time, and, it is feared, has sustained severe internal injuries.

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