

# OUR IRISH LETTER

Dublin, Oct. 16.—The return of Irish taxation and Irish expenditure for 1896-7 has just been published. It shows an enormous increase in the burdens which our people are called upon to bear. With this interesting table before me, I send you herewith some of the figures: The gross revenue received from Ireland in 1896-7 was £10,190,000, as compared with £10,082,115 in 1895-6, and £9,650,649 in 1894-5, the year dealt with by the Commission. There has thus taken place in the revenue collected in Ireland an increase of nearly £158,000 since the last financial year, or over £639,000 since 1893-4. Of the gross revenue, £9,123,000 was received from taxes, as compared with £9,072,527 in 1895-6. The Treasury make the usual deductions and corrections to ascertain the true revenue. As has been frequently pointed out, the principles upon which these deductions are made are extremely doubtful, and the results cannot be regarded as accurate. But bearing this in mind, the Treasury figures as to taxation revenue are highly instructive for purposes of comparison. In 1893-4 Irish taxes were estimated to have produced £6,043,719. This amount had advanced to £7,074,796 in 1895-6, an increase of £431,077 in two years. The return just issued gives the estimated true tax revenue of Ireland at £7,169,000. Thus £94,204 has been added to the drain in the shape of taxation, making an addition of over £525,000 in three years.

**THE ITEMS OF INCREASE.**  
The receipts from Customs were £2,332,000, as compared with £2,292,286, an increase of £39,714. Excise produced £3,141,000, as compared with £3,143,697, a slight decrease of £2,697, due to the fact that the trade was disturbed in 1895-6 by the withdrawal of the extra sixpence of duty on whiskey in deference to the opposition of the Irish members. Stamps produced £1,014,000, as compared with £920,812, an increase of over £93,000. But income-tax, which yielded £718,001 in 1895-6, yielded only £682,000 in 1896-7, a decrease of £36,000—a decrease contrasting strongly with the increase of over £345,000 in the British yield recorded. The net result is an estimated true tax revenue for 1896-7 of £7,169,000, as compared with £7,074,796 for the previous year, or an increase of over £94,200.

### WEALTH IN GREAT BRITAIN AND WALES IN IRELAND.

The income tax return deserves more than a passing notice. As the poundage was the same in both years the change is due entirely to the changes in British and Irish income. With an eightpenny income tax the decrease in the Irish revenue is equal to a decrease in Irish income of £1,080,000, while the British increase means an addition to British income for a single year of no less than £28,350,000. There could not be a more pointed illustration of the fiscal contrast presented by the two countries in which a system of indiscriminate taxation is maintained and defended. In Great Britain wealth is increasing by leaps and bounds, while in Ireland it is decreasing. Yet the system of taxation is so framed to press upon the poorer classes and the poorer nation that a decrease in wealth produces no relief in taxation, but, on the contrary, the common articles of popular consumption and even the necessities of life being heavily weighted with duties, the drain through taxation goes on increasing simultaneously with the decreasing wealth. In 1886 Mr. Gladstone estimated that a sixpenny income tax would yield an Irish Government £550,000, or over £91,600 per penny. The yield last year was at the rate of only £85,250 a penny, a decrease of £6,350 per penny. Even allowing for the exemption of incomes between £150 and £160 a year granted under Sir William Harcourt's reform, the decrease indicates a considerable decline in Irish wealth during the past disastrous decade.

### PECULIAR POSITION OF AFFAIRS.

It will be observed, however, that though Irish wealth has decreased and Irish taxation increased since 1895-6, our grievances, according to the ordinary definitions of it, has been lessened. The excess taxation in 1895-6, according to the estimates of the Royal Commission Report, was £2,826,038 and according to Messrs. Sexton, Blake and Slattery's £4,714,000. There has, therefore, been effected in the excess a reduction of over £200,000 according to the one estimate, and of £164,000 according to the other. This has been effected by increasing taxation in both countries! So that if even more additions were made to our burthens we may have even less reason to complain!

### NOT MORE THAN £28,000,000.

The taxable income of Ireland is now not more than £28,000,000, and is probably less. £12,000,000 of that is consumed by taxes and rates. It is clear that additions to that load of taxation, even though made in due and fair ratio to the additions made to British taxation, must absolutely destroy the possibility of Irish progress. Great Britain could more readily make out a revenue of £800,000,000 than Ireland can a revenue of £12,000,000. The more closely the question is examined in the light of what has happened since the Commission reported, the more clear does it become that Ireland's fiscal union with Great Britain and the maintenance of the present scale of taxation are a fatal bar to Irish industrial recovery. But what are Ireland and her representatives going to do?

### ACTION OF PUBLIC BODIES.

During the past week several public bodies have taken action in order to turn the tide of misfortune which threatens the Irish agriculturist in view of the threatened famine. The Youngs Board of Guardians have adopted the resolution of the Council of the National Federation asking that Messrs. Dillon and Harrington, M.P.s, should seek the co-operation of the Irish members in calling upon Mr. Balfour to take special

measures to cope with the threatened disaster. At Middleborough, Ontario, Messrs. Mr. Buckley, the vice-chairman, challenged the statements of local Unionists, who denied that the harvest had been a bad one, and he maintained that in that district, which relies a good deal on the barley crop, this year's yield was very far below the average of the last two years. Under the circumstances the guardians generally expressed the hope that the landlords would not press the unfortunate tenants for rents that had not been earned. From the Oughterard guardians there comes a demand for the starting of relief works in order that the bulk of the people who have been affected by the adverse circumstances of the harvest may be enabled to tide over the winter, and in Malloy, where the Unionist guardians sought to rescind a resolution calling attention to the prospect of local distress, their effort was defeated, and a further resolution was adopted impressing upon the Government the absolute necessity of immediate measures in view of the critical condition of the farming community.

### THE PROTESTANT CHURCH CONGRESS.

The Protestant as well as the Catholic press of Ireland are devoting considerable space to the doings of the annual Congress of the Protestant Church which was held in Nottingham early in the month. The City of Nottingham is the mecca of the Low Church party of England and has never yielded to the seductive influence of the Ritualists. It would appear, however, that Evangelism from a Protestant standpoint is not very successful in this Protestant stronghold itself. The Church Times tells us that on Easter Day last year the total number of Protestant communicants was only 9,500 out of an estimated Protestant population of 230,000—that is, less than five per cent. During the same year the number of persons confirmed was 1200, of whom only 431 were males. All this is very distressing no doubt from the Ritualist standpoint, but we fail to see how the Protestant Church Congress is going to better things.

### THE IRISH EGG TRADE.

According to the views expressed at a meeting of Liverpool merchants the Irish egg trade is in a bad way. They have determined to issue a circular pointing out that the practice of storing eggs is no longer beneficial, and that if Irish shippers desire to retain the trade they must in future send their eggs in free packages. The merchants make a strong case in favor of their views, but it would be rash to come to a conclusion until the other side of the case has been heard. The carrying out of some of the alterations suggested would undoubtedly be in the interest of the former, and it remains to be seen whether they would have a corresponding advantage for the dealers at this side of the Channel.

### DEATH OF AN IRISH PEER.

Lord Huntingfield, an Irish peer, of Heveningham Hall, Suffolk, died on Tuesday. He was born in 1818, educated at Eton, and succeeded to the title in 1844. He married in 1839 a daughter of Mr. Andrew Arcebeck, of Grovers, Lord Huntingfield took little part in public affairs, but was a noted shot. The Duke of Cambridge has more than once been included in his shooting parties. He did not maintain his father's reputation as an agriculturist, but he was a good landlord. He had nine children, the eldest of whom, Mr. Joshua Charles Vanneck, born in 1842, and formerly Lieutenant-Colonel of the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards, in which he served during the Suakim expedition, succeeds him.

### REWARDING A BRAVE IRISHMAN.

On Saturday, at the premises of Messrs. H. & J. Martin, an interesting ceremony took place, when the city engineer presented a gold watch and address to a bricklayer employed on the Dublin main drainage works, of which Messrs. Martin are contractors. Mr. Walsh swam across the Liffey in August last, and saved the life of a would-be suicide. The address contained the following reference to the gallantry of the deed performed by Mr. Walsh:—"In appreciation and recognition of his manly and heroic act in swimming across the river Liffey from Arran quay on the 5th August, 1897, and saving the life of a would-be suicide."

### The Dublin Nation reports the following shocking case of inhumanity:

Last week Dr. Wm. Sexton, coroner for West Clare, held an inquest at the Kildyeart Union concerning the death of a woman named Bridget Leary, who died while being conveyed from her home to the workhouse, owing, it is alleged, to the carelessness of the officials in not supplying a proper mode of conveyance. A man named Donohue, in reply to the coroner, stated—"I am an inmate of the Kildyeart union. I am employed as carter. I remember being told to bring the horse and car for Bridget Leary. I arrived at her house at twelve o'clock. I put Bridget Leary into the car. She was weak, but was well able to talk. A Juror—What sort of car had you? Witness—A dung cart. Had you a bed? No. Had you a female attendant? No. And you put the woman that was so weak into a dung cart, as if she were a dead pig? I carried out orders. Who ordered you? The relieving officer. Was he present? No. When did you ascertain that she was dead? I knew she was alive till I was near the workhouse. I settled the shawl on her face, and she removed it. I did not hear her complain. The relieving officer, in reply to the coroner, said he considered the car and straw suitable, as she could stretch at full length. A Juror—Why did you not send a female attendant? I did not think it necessary. The jury found that Bridget Leary met her death while being carried in a cart, and censured the officer for not bringing a proper mode of conveyance."

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The demand for beans is somewhat limited and the market is quiet, but prices rule steady at 80c to 90c, for primes, and at 95c to \$1 for choice hand-picked per bushel.  
In honey trade is slow and of a jobbing character. Supplies are increasing and the feeling is easy. We quote:—Clover comb, 10c to 11c; bright extracted, at 7½c to 8½c, and dark at 5c to 5½c.  
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