

Dr. Grimshaw, Registrar-General and Colonel Dense, on the part of the Marlborough Fund, and the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Mr. T. Pim, jun., and Mr. V. B. Dillon, jun., on the part of the Mansion House Committee, was thus formed, and held their first meeting on the 7th of April, under the presidency of Her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough, and under the title of The Canadian Committee for the Relief of Distress in Ireland.

The personal attention of Her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough did not long continue to be given to the Committee, owing to the change of Ministry, and the consequent retirement from office of the Duke of Marlborough as Lord Lieutenant.

At the last meeting at which Her Grace was present, held at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, on the 17th of April, she appointed Viscount Monck as her successor, "believing that his long connection with Canada would make his appointment acceptable to the Canadian people." The subsequent meetings of the Committee were held at the Mansion House, Dublin, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, to whom the Committee are indebted for having allocated a room in the Mansion House for the use of the Assistant Secretary, and for meetings of the Committee.

After full consideration, the Committee resolved that the Fund should, in accordance with the suggestion of Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, be limited to the following objects:—

- (1) The erection of Fishery Piers and Harbours in distressed districts.
- (2) The provision of Boats and Fishing Gear for necessitous fishermen.
- (3) Supply of Seed to distressed agriculturists.
- (4) Other reproductive works, such as Drainage.

Of these four modes of application suggested by the Secretary to the Colonies, the Canadian Committee ultimately abandoned the 3rd and 4th, knowing that, with the sum at their disposal, it would be unwise to attempt to achieve so much. They were further influenced in this decision by the facts, that seed had already been supplied to many distressed agriculturists by the other charitable Funds and that a "Seeds Act" had been passed by Parliament, and was working satisfactorily; while, with the exception of very slight assistance to necessitous fishermen, rendered by the *New York Herald* Fund, existing organisations had been unable to afford