

enter on the everlasting companionship of God the Father, who created us, of God the Son, who redeemed us, and of God the Holy Ghost, who, I trust and pray, will sanctify and save us. Amen.

IRISH INTELLIGENCE.

The Cork Corporation have resolved to request the Lord Lieutenant to remove 26 of the extra policemen stationed in that city since the Fenian disturbances in 1867.

The Lord-Lieutenant has appointed Dr. Wm. M. Burke as Registrar-General, in the room of Dr. Donnelly, C. B., who has resigned. Dr. Burke has filled the office of Deputy Registrar for some years.

At the last meeting of the Tralee sanitary board the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Wm. Coffey, and seconded by Mr. M. F. Slattery, and adopted:—that the provisions of the Common Lodging Houses (Ireland) Act, 1860, be hereby adopted and applied to the borough of Tralee.

The Rev. Richard Power, P.P., of Glenroe, having declined to accept the pastoral charge of Dromcollogher parish, the Right Rev. Bishop Butler has appointed the Rev. M. Roche, P.P., Banogue, to the parish of Dromcollogher, and the Rev. Mr. O'Reilly, C.C., of Shanagolden, has been appointed P.P. of Banogue.

The Rev. James Moonan, C.C., Forkhill, who for some years was C.C. in St. Peter's Church, Drogheda, has been presented by the parishioners of Forkhill with an address and a testimonial of beyond 100 sovereigns. The testimonial of money is given for the purpose of procuring a horse and trap for the rev. gentleman.

The Limerick Reporter of the 12th ult. says:—"One of the oldest and best known inhabitants of the Grand Canal bank, none other than the aged Patrick Brazell, died on Sunday night at the Lock house, above Gilligloe Bridge. He had almost reached his 90th year: and there was no one in that locality to whom he was not familiar for a great number of years."

There was a wedding going on at Rbehogue on Saturday, September 9, about 2 miles from Limerick. A young man named Lawlor, a coal carter, was the bridegroom. While the festivities were in progress, Lawlor's father, aged about sixty years, retired into a quiet corner of the house and haoged himself. The consternation of the party was great when they found the body of the old man stiff and cold.

The Armagh Catholic primatial residence (says the Dundalk Democrat of Saturday) is being rapidly progressed with. Mr. Colleen, the contractor, is pushing all forward and taking advantage of the good weather. Last week the parish nobly responded to the call made on them for funds, and on Sunday it was found that the subscriptions amounted to upwards of £2,000.

A teacher of a National School near Rathfriland, County Antrim—a married man and the father of nine children—has eloped with a young woman, also a teacher of a school in the same neighbourhood. It is believed that they have sailed for the Antipodes. The man was a preacher in a Presbyterian church, and the young woman was a member of the choir. The elopement has caused much excitement.

George Woods, Esq., Milverton Hall, the owner of several large estates in Dublin and Meath, died on the 7th ult. He was the senior magistrate of the County of Dublin, and married Sarah, eldest daughter of Hans Hamilton, Esq., Sheephill, M.P., by whom he was left one son and three daughters. He has died full of years and honor, and is succeeded in his estates by his only son, Hans Hamilton Woods, Esq., D. L., Whitestown House, Balbriggan.

The Fathers of the Vincentian Order, who had been engaged for some time past in giving a mission at Gort, diocese of Kilmacduagh brought their labors to a close there on the 10th ult. Father O'Sullivan, of Cork, was the conductor. He was aided by Rev. Messrs. Jenoury, McKenna, and Cahill, also of Cork. During the four weeks of the mission the church was daily crowded to inconvenience. The number confirmed was 550.

Mr. Robert Heron, D. L., of Ardegon, Killyleagh, died on the 16th ult. The deceased who was constantly on the Grand Jury panel for the county Down, was in addition to being a landlord, agent for Mrs. Hamilton, Killyleagh Castle. He was chairman of the Downpatrick Board of Guardians, which post he held for some 16 years, and he was a member of the first Board of Guardians after the workhouse was opened. Mr. Heron had attained a very advanced age.

On September 10, a mission was opened by the Franciscan Fathers in the parish church of Avoca, county Wicklow. The Very Rev. Father Cosgrove, Provincial of the Order, preached to a large congregation after last Mass, and in the evening the Very Reverend Father Hanrahan preached to a still larger assemblage. The confessionalists were crowded, and there is every proof of the mission in this locality being a glorious success. The Fathers present are—The Very Rev. the Provincial, the Very Rev. Father Hanrahan, Dublin; Rev. Father Rossiter, Cork, and Rev. G. L. Cassidy, Dublin.

CONNUBIAL BLISS.—Mr. James Collins, of Lanchmore, near Newport, has just married Miss Jane Murray of the same place. Their united ages amount to 150 years. The bridegroom is 83, and the bride 67. Mr. Collins has lately returned from America, where he amassed some money. The ladies will be interested to know that the dress of the lady was a white cap, Rob Roy ribbons, with shawl to match. The bridegroom was arrayed with a blue body-coat and brass buttons, knee breeches of blue plush with brass buttons, white worsted stockings with silver buckled shoes! After the wedding the happy pair started for Killaloe to spend the honeymoon.

At a recent meeting of the Limerick Council, Inspector Hayes charged night watchman Storan with being found drunk on his beat at Thomond Gate. He was asleep in the shop door of a citizen, whose property he is paid to protect. Inspector Hayes—I can never find him perfectly sober. Mr. Cronin, T.C.—Always "muddled" (laughter) Inspector—Yes. Storan was brought in. He admitted and in extenuation said he was troubled with a bad wife. Mr. Bernal—His wife is not on the watch, nor is she paid to protect our property. We are the laughing stock of the world owing to the conduct of these men. Storan was ordered to be reported to the Council for dismissal. Mr. Counihan remarking that the night force seemed to demoralize everyone who joined it.

The new schools of the Sisters of Mercy at Lurgan were opened last week by the Rev. Father McKenna, P.P., who was accompanied by John Fleming, Esq., president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, by a procession of the children, and their teachers—the good Sisters of Mercy. Although the morning was bitterly cold as a March one—the young ones—to the number of 300—did not fail to put in an appearance at the appointed hour. The building is an ample and measuring eighty-five feet by twenty-four. In round numbers the cost is about £1,600. En passant, these are not the only educational establishments recently erected by

Father McKenna, as St. Peter's Schools, adjoining the church, and costing over £1,000, are only a short time in operation, so that some idea can be formed of Catholic progress in Lurgan.—Nation 23 ult.

BAIRNISH ASSOCIATION.—Lord O'Hagan, Dr. Hancock and other members of the Statistical Society of Ireland took a prominent part in the debates and papers at the meeting in Glasgow. Dr. Hancock contributed an excellent paper on Savings Banks to prove that it is the duty of the Government to take over the savings banks still remaining under private management. In one of the papers read on education the author endeavored to prove that popular education must ever remain backward in Ireland until compulsion be general as in England and Scotland. The meeting for 1878 will be held in Dublin, which was carried by a very small majority. The Lord Mayor and Alderman McSwiney attended the meeting in Glasgow, by direction of the Corporation, to urge the claims of Dublin, in which they succeeded.

The united boards of superintendence for the county and the city jail of Kilkenny assembled a few days since for the transaction of business, which included the election of a governor for the prison in the place of Mr. Robins, recently superannuated. The number of candidates was very large, and they consisted principally of junior members of aristocratic families, who had served either in the military or naval service. The salary and other emoluments of the office will amount to about £450 per annum, and, as the Kilkenny jail is likely to be the depot centre under the proposed scheme of amalgamation of prisons, it is likely to be in the future even a more valuable appointment. The voting resulted in the election of a county Tyrone gentleman, Captain Stewart, who formerly served in a Highland corps, and who is connected with the county.

The dedication of the new church at Cloniff was performed on the 14th September with the utmost solemnity. The ceremonial began with a grand procession through the extensive grounds of the Seminary. The children of the Christian Brothers' schools and the members of the confraternities of Dublin preceded the clergy. Cardinal Franchi, Prefect of the Propaganda, officiated at the ceremony of the dedication. High Mass was sung by the bishop of Ossory and the Archbishop of Cashel preached. Besides Cardinals Cullen and Franchi, there were present the Primate, the Archbishops of Tuam and Cashel, twenty Irish Bishops, the Bishop of Salford, the Bishop of London (Canada), and more than three hundred priests. At the conclusion of the ceremonies Cardinal Franchi, by a special faculty of the Pope, gave the papal blessing from the front of the Church. An immense crowd was present, and the whole ceremonial lasted four hours.

It is with sincere regret (says a Graigue correspondent) I have to record the death, on the 9th inst., at his residence, Mount Brandon, of Patrick Kelly, Esq., of the firm of John Kelly and Son, the eminent starch manufacturers of this town. The demise of this young gentleman demands a little more than a mere passing notice. Mr. Kelly was born to comparative independence, realised by the industry of his respected father, and—unlike too many young men in a like position in this country, who spend their time and money in indolence and pleasure-seeking, or leaving their money idle in banks, unearning to invest it in some useful industry, thus ignoring their duty to their fellow-men—devoted his fortune, time, and talents, and laboured for years, both mentally and physically, working up and establishing a great manufacturing concern, the only one of its kind in Ireland, and second to none in Great Britain. This extensive starch factory with its vast ramifications of machinery is indeed a curiosity in itself.—Nation

A Home Rule demonstration, numbering some five thousand persons, was held at Edenderry, on Sunday, September 17, in a field adjoining the town. The weather was most unfavorable for an open air gathering, and at one period of the day, owing to the heavy rain, it became doubtful whether the demonstration could be held at all. However, at three o'clock, during an interval of tolerably fine weather, the proceedings were commenced. St. Patrick's Band, Colbridge, was in attendance, while on every side there was an ad libitum display of green ribbons, rosettes, and scarves. The assembly was of a most orderly and unanimous character, and everything passed off quite smoothly. The choir was taken by Rev. Father Dunne, P.P. Mr. Butt and Mr. Meldon and several other prominent Home Rulers were present and spoke, and resolutions were adopted in favor of Home Rule, fixity of tenure, denominational education, and amnesty.

MARSHAL MACMAHON ON IRELAND.—The Clare Independent, a very able and interesting journal, publishes the following special telegram from its Parisian correspondent: "Mr. Donat O'Brien had the great honor of being presented to his distinguished countryman Marshal MacMahon, the Duke of Magenta, on Saturday last, by Mons. Leonard, Knight of the Legion of Honor. The Marshal only came to Paris for a few hours from his shooting in the South, and received his patriotic countryman most cordially; and he asked several questions about Ireland and evinced great interest in her prosperity. He wore the sword presented to him by Ireland after the battle of Solferino, and was gratified when Mr. O'Brien told him that he was one of the earliest subscribers to it. The Marshal expressed his pleasure to Mr. Leonard that he would present Mrs. Leonard at his levees on some future occasion, and also to Madame McMahon, who loves every one from the cradle of his family. On leaving he again shook Mr. O'Brien's hand warmly, and he assuredly got as warm a grasp in return."

DISCONTENTS.—It having been rumored that discontent exists among the electors of this county at the votes on Mr. Butt's Land Bill given by their members. The O'Connor Don and the Hon. Chas. French, the latter urge their readiness to meet their constituents for mutual explanation. The following note has been addressed to the Freeman's Journal, by the junior member: "Frenchpark, September 7th, 1876.—Dear Sir,—In reference to a paragraph which appeared in last week's issue of your paper relative to the desirability of holding a county meeting, at which the O'Connor Don and myself will give an account of our stewardship, I can only say, on my own part, that I have waited some time in expectation that some such meeting would take place. I think it is but just to both parties that we should have an opportunity of explaining, and our constituents an opportunity of hearing, our motives for any action of ours during the past session. I certainly shall be very glad to attend a meeting of the kind, and I think the sooner the better.—Faithfully yours, CHARLES FRENCH."

On Sunday, Sept. 17th, High Mass was sung by Cardinal Franchi at the Pro Cathedral, Marlborough street, Dublin. The altar was gorgeously and tastefully decorated, and the service was celebrated with all the ceremonial pomp that is usual on such occasions. Outside the altar rails was a dense surging mass of people that swaying to and fro by the crushing force of constantly augmented numbers, completely filled every accessible portion of the interior of the Cathedral. Among those on the altar, besides Cardinal Franchi, were Cardinal Cullen, the Archbishops of Tuam and Cashel, the Bishops of London (Canada), Galway, Clonfert, Waterford, Ardagh, Father Burke, P.P.; Father O'Reilly, the deacon; Father Donnelly, the sub-deacon; Father McSwiggan, master of the ceremonies; and Father O'Neill, assistant priest. An

eloquent and impressive sermon was delivered by Father Burke (a full report of which will appear in our next issue); and at the conclusion of Mass Cardinal Franchi gave the Papal Benediction. On leaving the cathedral, Father Burke was greeted with a hearty and prolonged cheer by the crowds outside.

The magistrates at the Mallow session, a few days since, found themselves (says the Cork Examiner) placed in a position of considerable difficulty. A strange individual, who had been found in a farmer's barn, was brought before them for examination, and the police reported, as the result of their inquiries, that he was a foreigner. This being rather a vague designation, the chairman proceeded to interrogate the culprit for the purpose of ascertaining his precise nationality. First he addressed him in English, but the foreigner preserved an obstinate silence, as if the vernacular conveyed no meaning to his mind. Then the worthy magistrate with a command of foreign tongues which greatly impressed the court, inquired "Parlez vous Francais?" The terror of being addressed in French seems to have at once produced a salutary effect upon the stranger, for without further hesitation he replied, "I am Dutch." Whether it was that the bench were satisfied with eliciting this important confession, or that the difficulty of conducting an examination in Dutch, high or low, deterred them from proceeding further, we are unable to say, but the investigation was not continued, and the prisoner was discharged with a caution conveyed in English suitable to the understanding of a person unacquainted with our language.

GREAT BRITAIN

The percentage of pauperism in Glamorganshire is said to be less than in any other county in South Wales.

It has been reported to the London Commissioners of Sewers that twenty-three tons of diseased meat were seized in the city the other day.

A young man named Singer has been sentenced to sixty days imprisonment at Aberdeen for having knocked down and nearly choked his father, a frail old man.

The new Domesday Book credits Earl Dufferin with a rent roll of £21,043 a year sterling—a respectable amount, but a drop in the bucket compared with that run up by the rent roll of some other territorial magnates of the British Isles.

An endowed evening school, the first of the kind in London, has been opened in Westminster. Its object is to continue the education of scholars on their leaving the elementary schools of the school board.

A curious verdict has been returned by an Ebbw Vale (Wales) jury. A man previously in good health was found dead by the side of a gas stove at the steel works. From this stove, according to one witness, a large quantity of gas sometimes came. The verdict was, "Found dead; supposed to be suffocated."

TROUBLE IN THE COTTON FACTORIES.—LONDON, October 5.—The cotton operatives of Blackburn have decided to be no longer bound by the arrangement by which their wages have hitherto been regulated, some of the largest spinners have posted notices that they hold themselves at liberty to close the spinning departments of their mills without warning.

At one of the London police courts, recently, a laundress out of employ appeared in the witness-box wearing a showy "Gainsborough," but with a large bunch of roses at the side. On the second hearing of the case she had on a neat dark-coloured bonnet, upon seeing which Sir Robert Carden said; you cannot tell how much much more becoming you look in a bonnet. You are quite respectable to day.

A correspondent writing from Indore to a Calcutta newspaper, says:—"One effect of the Prince of Wales's visit to the Native States is showing itself. The rulers are replenishing their treasuries, which were kept open during his Highness's tour in India. One of the Maharatta princes has resumed half of the allowances to religious institutions or individuals. Another is about to do the same and to abolish the courts of justice."

The report of the Superintendent of Doncaster Police of the crime committed during the race week shows that 49 men and six were arrested. This was a decrease of 28 compared with the year 1875. Of those arrested this year, 20 were for larceny, six for gambling, four for assaults, 17 for drunkenness, one for cruelty to animals, three suspected persons, and four for miscellaneous offences. Of 49 persons who have been tried, six were committed for trial, and 34 dealt with summarily. Of the latter 11 were discharged. There had been 15 watches reported as stolen.

The crane which is to lift the 31-ton gun into its barge at Woolwich has been satisfactorily tested. A cable 15 inches in circumference has been manufactured for the purpose of lifting the gun. The gun cost at least £10,000 to make, and to this some thousands more must be added for its carriage. The gunpowder used in the proof experiments cost £2,000, and each round fired in active service will represent £25. The contract price of the barge which is to take the gun to Shoeburyness was £23,300. The crane has cost £3,000, and many thousands have been spent on an extension of the pier, which would have been unnecessary if the demand for large ordnance had stopped at 38 tons.

An amusing incident transpired in the Warrington Borough Court, when a complainant was preferring a charge of brutal assault against a forgerman. At first she refused to state the case, but on being pressed by the magistrates she admitted that the prisoner had knocked her down and kicked her severely. A witness corroborated her in every particular. One of the prisoner's friends came forward and said: "I beg your pardon, gentlemen, I have just seen her give this witness some money to bribe him." The witness (indignantly): "She's only give me three pence to get a drink with" (laughter)—and wot's it got to do with you?" (Laughter.) Ultimately the bench bound the prisoner over to keep the peace.

SCOTCH INTOLERANCE.—The Perthshire Courier says: A Franciscan monastery was opened in Chester last Sunday. Eleven monks from Germany are to occupy it. I suppose we shall soon have Romish processions in our streets. There has of late been a regular incursion of German Popish priests into this country, with the intention of settling among us, in consequence of Prince Bismarck making Germany too hot to hold them. From all we hear the invasion has only but begun. Last week a new convent was opened by Cardinal Manning and "blessed" by him, at Hampstead. And yet, while Popery is advancing with such colossal strides in all parts of this so-called Protestant country, the Church of England, instead of attempting to arrest its progress, is doing all it can, by the prevalence of Ritualism in its pulpits and publications, to help it in its onward course. Nor are those calling themselves the Evangelical Nonconformists much less guilty in the matter. It is true, they do not preach Popery, but they do not preach against it, and therefore, on the principle that "he who allows oppression shares the crime," we hold that the Evangelical ministers belonging to the Independent Baptist, the Wesleyan Methodist, and the Pres-

byterian denominations, are incurring a fearful responsibility in the sight of God by their silence on the subject when Romanism is making such rapid progress in all parts and among all classes of the country. It is awful to contemplate the unfaithfulness of the Nonconformists, as a body, as shown by their silence in the pulpit, in relation to the alarming progress which Popery is making at the present day.

UNITED STATES.

Through the active efforts of the "Buffalo Law and Order Association" the drinking saloons of that city have been closed on Saturday.

Since the Hell Gate explosion many vessels have passed boldly over water near the shore where, a few days ago, they would have been stranded and lost.

Since the beginning of the year 1,220 miles of railroad have been constructed in the United States. This is more than twice the miles reported in 1875, and a third more than in the corresponding period of 1874.

A Vermont jury has awarded Mrs. O. L. Snow, of Whittingham, \$1,866 66 against Daniel Carpenter, of Reedsboro', for injuries received by being thrown from a carriage driven by her husband, who was drunk on liquor furnished by defendant.

A disturbance has occurred among the Indians at Silka through drink, six of the Indians being killed. At the request of the chiefs the commanding officer has interdicted the sale of molasses and sugar, so that the natives cannot make any more hot-te-poo or alcohol.

In a town in Massachusetts there are three churches, the minister of each of which rejoices in the name of Wright. One lives in the upper part of the town, one in the lower, and the third at the mills: so the people have dubbed them as "Upright," "Downright," and "Millwright."

Four clergymen have already fallen victims to their devotion in attending the fever-stricken people of Savannah. Three of them were Catholic priests and one a very well-known Methodist clergyman, Rev. Edward H. Myers, D.D. One of the little band of Sisters of Charity, who were sent to Savannah immediately on the breaking out of the scourge, died on Monday.

As an evidence of the benefit which Philadelphia is receiving from the Centennial, the Press of that city says:—"The sales of one of our great dry-goods houses last week amounted to very nearly three hundred thousand dollars. Among the buyers were forty odd merchants who had never hitherto purchased a penny's worth of any Philadelphia establishment."

The production of anthracite coal is constantly increasing, having reached, last week, 460,773 tons, an amount only excelled twice during the year, and which is 44,902 tons greater than for the week previous, although 76,023 tons less than for the corresponding week of 1875. The total production, since January 1, has been 10,793,892 tons, as against 12,260,450 tons for the corresponding period of last year, showing a decrease this year of 1,466,558 tons.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., October 5.—A fire broke out to-night in Lauber's restaurant, which covered an extensive area in the extreme eastern portion of the Centennial grounds. The alarm was promptly sounded, but by the time the firemen got into service, the greater portion of the structure was in flames. All that was saved was the lunch room and drinking bar. The building cost \$52,000, and the loss is thought to be about half that amount.

We learn from the Catholic Indicator that the Rev. Father Garesche, the eloquent and learned Jesuit, opened a course of lectures at St. Gall's Church, Milwaukee, Sunday, Sept. 24, his subject being "The Holy Ghost." The lecture was an able exposition of the Catholic doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and abounded in scriptural quotations, some of them showing that the true nature of the Divinity was not unknown even to the ancient Hebrews or denied by them.

DEFAULTING TAXPAYERS TO BE PROCEEDED AGAINST.—Internal Revenue Commissioner Raum has issued a circular letter to the United States Attorneys in all important collector districts in various parts of the country, authorizing them to institute suits against all parties against whose evidence can be presented of not having paid the whole or any portion of the taxes due the Government under the law providing for a tax upon incomes. The Commissioner entertains the opinion that the result will be to recover a considerable sum of money to the Government.

How to reclaim the 2,000 or more deserted farms in New Hampshire is a question now before the State Board of Agriculture. One project is to appoint commissioners who shall arbitrate between the owner and settler, who shall fix a fair price upon the property, for which a bond for a deed shall be given. The would-be purchaser would then be allowed a term, say two or three years, to improve the land and repair the buildings, with no expense but taxes, and at the close of the specified term the purchaser to buy the property at the price previously agreed upon, payment to be made in easy instalments, with moderate interest.

CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE OF DETROIT.—We are indebted to the Western Home Journal, Detroit, of Sept. 30, for the following clerical changes:—Mr. Rev. C. H. Burgess, D.D., made the following appointments during the past week: Rev. William Kilroy, assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church in this city, has been appointed Pastor of the Churches in Pentonville, Deerfield, Holly and Gaines—residence at Pentonville; Rev. James Wheeler, Pastor of the above, has been assigned to Brighton, Osceola, Howard and Fowlerville—residence at Brighton; Rev. C. L. DeCunick, of Cheboygan, has been assigned to Ludington, Pentwater and Montague—residence at Ludington; Rev. A. S. Leitner, of Manchester, has been appointed Pastor of the Churches at Greenville, Ostico, and Maple Valley—residence at Greenville; Rev. Joseph Reis, of St. Joseph's Church at Wyandotte, has been appointed Pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart at East Saginaw; Rev. Henry Wm. Grimme has been appointed pro tem, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Wyandotte, and the Missions attached; Rev. Gregory James Doherty has been appointed Assistant Pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church in this city.

CANADA.

The Tignish, P. E. I., breakwater has been completed. It is 800 feet long, 22 feet wide, and 15 feet high at the outer end. The depth of water at the entrance is six feet at low tide.

OTTAWA, Oct. 5.—A deputation waited yesterday afternoon on the Minister of Customs in reference to the Chaudiere bridge iron which was seized for incorrect valuation, and released on a bond given by the city. An understanding was arrived at, that on the paying of the whole of the duties on the correct weight of the iron, the bond given by the city would be released.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—HAMILTON, October 5.—This morning at the terrible accident on the Great Western Railway, a young man named Thomas Mc-

Bride was killed. Yesterday morning, at 11 o'clock, his mother died very suddenly, and he was on his way to her funeral. He formerly drove a street car in this city, but during the summer was employed by Hendrie & Co., Detroit.

Considerable attention is being directed to the project of connecting Perth by canal with the Rideau, so as to introduce steam navigation into Perth. The distance via Beveridge's Bay is about five and half miles, and will require some lockage to meet the levels. Via Pike Falls it is about ten miles or so. Steps are now being taken to ascertain correctly the levels, costs, &c.

Says the Napanee Express: "Not for years have our business men felt the stringency of the times as they are now doing here. 'The good old days' when our streets would be full of farmers' waggons, or really among the pleasant remembrances of the past. What with our short crops, low prices and general stagnation of trade, there seems to be but a poor outlook for business for some time to come."

OTTAWA, October 6.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade last night, Mr. Magee said he thought the Board should take up the question of the repeal of the present Insolvent Act. The President, Hon. J. Skeul, said there was more rashly carried on under the present Act than ever before. Mr. Magee said the Act really said that a man was a fool to pay more than 33 per cent. Several members related instances of abuse under the present Act. No action was taken in the matter.

CURIOUS FIRE.—On Thursday afternoon a gentleman was observed driving down King street, Hamilton, in a buggy. Smoke was seen issuing out of the rear of the rig, and a policeman hailed him. Some one ran and stopped the buggy, whereupon the driver lifted the covering from the after part of the rig, and the next instant a blaze leaped upwards and enveloped the buggy in flames. Some parties near stepped forward and helped to put the fire out, but this was not done until the rig had been damaged. It is supposed that a coal from the driver's pipe had fallen into the bottom of the rig and caused the fire.

ILLICIT SALE OF LIQUOR.—SCALDER.—HAIL STORM.—LONDON, October 6.—Win. Wyatt, who lives in the Fifth Ward, and F. Thompson have been summoned by the Inspector on a charge of selling liquor without a licence.—This morning a lozenge maker named Todd, employed at the confectionary establishment of Perrin & Keenleyside, suffered an accident he was working around some of the machinery when a jet of steam struck him in the face and very severely scalded him.—A heavy hail storm visited this city about noon to-day.

The recent heavy losses to Insurance Companies generally in the Dominion, seem at last to be awakening some of our local companies to the necessity of being possessed of larger paid-up Capitals. We hear that the National Insurance Company, under Mr. President Ogilvie's management, intend soon to call in more of the unpaid Stock, and, if possible, collect enough to give the Company 50 per cent. of a paid-up Capital. We congratulate Mr. Ogilvie upon his intention of putting his Company in a good financial position, and sincerely trust he may succeed in accomplishing a result so much to be desired.—Journal of Commerce

ORILLIA, Oct. 5.—At 9.30 to-night an alarm of fire was sounded from the town bell, and in a short time thereafter it was found that the Couchiching Hotel was in flames. The fire was supposed to have originated from a defective flue. An engine and car of the Northern Railway brought over two fire engines, but by the time they reached the scene the hotel was level with the ground. The outbuildings including the gas works, billiard hall and servants apartments, were saved. Owing to the absence of Mr. Scully, the Manager, in Toronto, it is impossible to gain further particulars, but it is supposed that the building and contents were fully insured.

PRISONER ESCAPED.—MATRIMONIAL.—HAMILTON, October 6.—Last evening, about six o'clock, considerable excitement prevailed in the county all when it became known that a prisoner, named Henry Johnson, had escaped. Search was immediately made, and he was found in the bay, where he had gone in the hopes of throwing the officials of the jail off the track. He was discovered by the head turnkey, Jas. Morrison, who waded into the water holding his revolver above his head. He ordered Johnson to come ashore or he would shoot, and Johnson immediately did so, and delivered himself up to the authorities. He is a youth of about 18 years of age.—The Spectator of this evening has the following:—"On Sunday last two parties in this city went to a pawnbroker resident here, produced a marriage license, paid the certiorari fee, and were duly married and pronounced man and wife. The pawnbroker is not a clergyman, and had not the right authority or power to solemnize the marriage. This morning the clergyman who should have got the job, accompanied by the brother of the young lady, were in the office of a certain law firm, in this city, getting advice on the case, with the view of punishing the man who should commit so terrible an offence. It will in all probability come up in the law courts, when a full expose of the affair will be given."

Coloured Lights.

Experiments have been recently made at Trieste, says a contemporary, for the purpose of determining how far different coloured lights penetrate darkness. Six lanterns with carefully-selected glass of different colours, and furnished with wicks and oils of good quality, were lighted on the beach, and observations were made by a party in a boat. At the distance of half a league the light-blue lantern was visible. At the same distance the dark-blue lantern was scarcely visible. The white lantern was seen at the greatest distance of them all. The red lantern was seen at the second and the green lantern at the third greatest distance. White, red, and green lights have the greatest power of penetrating darkness. Red and green lights are particularly recommended for lighthouses and for signals. Green light has one peculiarity—at a short distance it begins to look blue, and often deceives persons. For this reason they who made the experiment suggest that, as a signal, a green light should never be used except in conjunction with red and white lights.

Tit for Tat.

The Revue Illustrée des Deux-Mondes relates on the occasion of the recent journey of the German Emperor to Italy a piquant anecdote, the event having occurred in 1864, when William I., then King of Prussia, was travelling incognito in Hungary. In the neighbourhood of Treplitz he met a judge leisurely walking on the high road and smoking a porcelain pipe. His Majesty accosted the functionary with his usual freedom—"Who are you, my man?" "Judge in the District Court," replied the magistrate a little surprised. "Are you satisfied with your position?" "Certainly." "Then I congratulate you." The King was moving off when the judge detained him by saying—"And you, my man?" he asked, "who are you?" The sovereign made a start of surprise; then, expecting to confound his questioner, "I am the King of Prussia." The Hungarian remained impassible. "Are you satisfied with your position?" continued he. "Certainly," exclaimed William, "disturbed by the indifference of his interlocutor." "Then I congratulate you," said the Magyar, saluting his Majesty with an air of good fellowship, and continuing his promenade. The tale was told throughout Germany, but not by King William.