



Full returns of the Irish County and Rural District Council elections have now come to hand; and a more adequate conception can therefore be formed by the readers of the "True Witness" of the magnitude of the peaceful revolution which has been effected through these elections throughout the length and breadth of Ireland. Below we give the details by county, and in alphabetical order. Two grand lessons have been inculcated by the results of these elections—namely that Ireland is unalterably determined to secure a restoration of her native parliament in Dublin, and that she is resolved that factious individuals who have for the past few years been doing their best to spread disunion amongst the Nationalist ranks shall be driven from public life.

In the whole four provinces the Nationalists are in a majority. The fiercest battles took place, as was only to have been expected, in Ulster. Wherever Orangism was rampant no quarter was shown Nationalist candidates whether Catholic or Protestant; and this circumstance constitutes a significant commentary upon the policy advocated by the leaders of the two nationalist factions and their two daily organs; that toleration should be shown by the people to the Unionist minority. As a Belfast Nationalist journal aptly puts it, "there is no room for toleration in the north." The result of the electoral struggle in the north is that 97 Nationalists and 83 "Unionists" are elected. In Munster, Leinster and Connaught, 447 Nationalists, and only 36 "Unionists" are elected. It is remarkable that in one Ulster county, Cavan, which was represented in Parliament by the late Mr. Joseph Biggar, not one "Unionist" candidate has been successful. In Donegal only two "Unionists" are elected, against eighteen Nationalists, and a similar result is shown in Monaghan. In Tyrone there are ten Nationalists to nine anti-Nationalists.

The results of the elections are happy omens for the triumph of the cause of Home Rule; for while the proportion for Ireland's Parliamentary representatives in the British House of Commons, has for the past fifteen years been 4 Home Rulers, to one anti-Home Ruler, the political composition of the Urban and the County Councils is now 5 Home Rulers to one opponent of Home Rule.

"Landlordism in Ireland is a thing of the past, and home rule is inevitable." This is the opinion of the Rev. S. C. Armstrong, Anglican clergyman of the parish of Templeberry, County Tipperary, who has come out to Canada for the purpose of seeing if the North West would offer superior advantages for the settlement of his family. Mr. Armstrong himself has been a landlord upon a minor scale, and he is able to speak feelingly upon the subject of the agrarian evolution in Ireland, which appears to have reached in the triumph of the democracy its ultimate expression.

"Landlordism may be said to be a thing of the past in Ireland to-day," said Mr. Armstrong, to-day, at the Windsor street station, Montreal, in discussing the result of the recent elections held under the provisions of the Local Government Bill, which places the supreme power in the hands of the people.

"It may be said that the dual ownership of the soil has ceased in Ireland. Men not old can remember when it was almost high treason to talk of tenant right. Now that is about the only right acknowledged. Landlordism, and labor comes to the front. The elections mark the most wonderful triumph for the laborers' party. Even the regular Nationalists were cast aside, and untried men, taken from the humblest ranks of life, were placed in power. To the credit of all, be it said, the elections were conducted quietly, nor am I afraid that the democracy will abuse its power to any appreciable degree. But the elections proved the death-blow to landlordism. Nearly every representative of an ancient power and prestige was defeated. Untrained and untried men were brought to the front. Wealth, tradition, counted for nothing. I am not afraid of the situation, speaking for myself, nor do I dread the oncoming of Home Rule, which falls inevitably and logically from the operation of the new law. Home Rule will follow, and follow without violence. The Roman Catholics are in the great majority; they will be in power in Ireland before many years. That is to say, I clearly see a Parliament sitting in Dublin. Even old-time Conservatives who have cherished the English supremacy are beginning to see that it will be wisdom on their part to cast in their lot with the Nationalists. When the majority reach power in an independent Parliament, I am not afraid that it will abuse that power. I know the Roman Catholics of Ireland as well as any man living. I have travelled through every part of the country. The majority will always desire to rule; it will also most naturally favor those of its own way of thinking; but I am persuaded that the Protestants need have nothing to fear from a Home Rule Parliament. The latter will, to some extent, be directed by the Roman Catholic priests. That will be inevitable. But the talk of persecution of the minority is a bugbear. The majority will, in the main, act fairly towards the minority. What is clearly seen by all classes in

IRISH COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILS ELECTION RETURNS.

Ireland is, that neither of the great political parties in England will ever do justice to the country.

CO. ANTRIM.—The counting of votes for the Co. Antrim divisions took place in the County Court house, Belfast. The following are the results, the first named in each case being elected:—

Ballinderry.	
Best (U)	659
Richardson (U)	481
M'Keown	478
Ballymoney.	
John Baxter	867
James Sinclair Craisie	518
John Pinkerton	252
Crumlin.	
M'Cance (U)	752
Laird (U)	498
Higginson	494
Ballycastle.	
Woodside (U)	988
O'Kane (N)	927
Kells.	
M. Gault (N)	1023
Owens (U)	521
Dervock.	
Megaw (U)	706
Douglas	457
Pinkerton	387
Allen	38
Cushendall.	
J. M. Sparren	1143
C. M'Auley	318
T. Agnew	855
Lieut.-Col. Rowan	785
Galgorm.	
J. Caruth	806
A. Kennedy	780
Killoquin.	
J. Robinson	1025
J. Henry	271
Glenarm.	
J. Houston	831
W. J. Crawford	457
Antrim.	
J. B. Wiley	921
H. B. Murray	699
Randalstown.	
F. Grant	728
C. J. Webb, J. P.	528
J. P. Butler, J. P.	171
Portrush.	
Sir F. E. W. Macnaghten	623
William Morre	316
A. Mill	184
Ballyclare.	
David Dickie	940
P. J. Dickson	683
Carrickfergus.	
A. Miscampbell (U)	789
T. Houston	785
Islandmagee.	
Colonel M'Neill	766
Thomas Wilson	647
Thomas Boyd	59

CO. ARMAGH.	
Armagh.	
Geo. A. Edwards, J. P. (U)	597
Patrick Lavery, solicitor (N)	586
Annaghmore.	
Jacob Orr, D. L. (U) unopposed.	
Charlemont.	
James Orr, D. L. (U)	642
Thomas Shillington, J. P. (L)	488
Crossmore.	
R. G. M'Crum, J. P. (U)	441
John Gamble (Indpt U)	326
Crossmaglen.	
Hugh Morris (N)	553
Arthur Hughes (N)	355
Drumree.	
Arthur Thornton (U)	524
John Richardson (U)	426
Forkhill.	
James M'Nance (N)	360
Daniel Finnegan (N)	180
Richard Jeffers (N)	186
M. P. Rice, (N)	105
Hamiltonsbawn.	
Wm. Simpson (U)	594
T. K. Harbinson (PHR)	210
Geo. Loughran (N)	11
Montgish.	
Dr. E. Magennis, J. P. (N) unopposed.	
Portadown.	
C. Johnston, J. P. (U) unopposed.	
Tanderagte.	
Maynard Sinton J. P. (U) unopposed.	
Camlough.	
Mr. Thos. O'Hare, J. P. (N) unopposed.	
Markethill.	
Mr. Wm. Byers, J. P. (U) unopposed.	
Keady.	
Michael Smyth, J. P. (N)	467
John Nugent (N)	440
Newtownhamilton.	
Patrick Geo. Shaw, (U)	495
Thos. Mackin (N)	477
Middletown.	
Michael Garvey (N)	426
Thos. A. McClure, J. P. (U)	353
T. Knipe, J. P. Bellaghy (U)	244
T. Knipe, Tullynicholl (U)	3
Killeevy.	
John Donnellan (N)	498
Ed. Kinney (N)	451
Kernan.	
W. Wlen (N)	611
John Colien (U)	348
Poyntpass.	
B. Thompson (U)	485
E. Close (U)	469
Richill.	
F. Best, J. P. (U)	578
Wm. Clow (U)	450
James Aiken (U)	12
CO. CARLOW.	
Bagnalstown.	
Samuel Ward, unopposed.	
Ballon.	
Maurice O'Neill (N)	283

J. F. Lecky, D. L. (U)	25
Borris.	
W. M. M. Kavanagh	212
Laurence Kirwan (N)	100
Burton Hall.	
Chas. J. Engledow, M. P. (N)	195
Wm. Clayton Browne-Clayton D. L. (U)	35
Ballymurray.	
Ed. Joyce (N) returned unopposed.	
Carlow.	
Michael Governey (N)	747
John Hammond, M. P. (N)	713
William Ellis (N)	597
Rt. Hon. H. Bruen, D. L. P. C. (U)	207
Clonegal.	
Denis Donohue	211
R. Westley Hall-Barre, J. P. (U)	27
Corries.	
Patrick J. Maher (N)	260
D. R. Pack Biersford, D. L. U. C. Glyn.	38
Glyn.	
Laurence E. Doyle (N)	170
Ignatius Kelly (N)	132
Grangeford.	
Patrick Hanlon, (N) unopposed.	
Hacketstown.	
John Lyons (N)	180
James P. Kealy (N)	154
Leighlinbridge.	
Patrick Hughes (N)	227
Col. P. Doyle Vigors, J. P. U. C. Nurney.	16
Nurney.	
T. Hughes (N)	217
B. F. Bagenall, J. P. (U)	56
Myskall.	
Wm. Nolan (N) returned unopposed.	
Rathvilly.	
Wm. Dunne (N)	238
J. Olphert Adair, J. P. (U)	28
Tullow.	
Ed. Murphy (N) returned unopposed.	
Tullowbeg.	
Jas. Murphy (N)	285
Sir T. Pierce Butler, Bart, D. L. (U)	28
Old Leighlin.	
M. Foley (N) returned unopposed.	
CO. CAVAN.	
Arva.	
Felix M'Manus (N)	625
R. R. Stephens (U)	201
James Reilly (N)	56
Ballyconnell.	
Joseph O'Reilly (N)	423
John J. Benson (U)	261
Ballyjamesduff.	
Francis J. Lynch (N)	431
Robert Kinnegan (N)	304
Henry Plunkett (N)	132
Ballyhaise.	
James Harman (N)	621
Samuel Sanderson (U)	225
Bellanaghad.	
Frederick P. Smith (N)	703
Thomas Cosby Burrows (U)	92
Ballymacnagh.	
John O'Reilly (N)	380
Michael Brady (N)	351
Edward O'Reilly, (N)	40
Belturbet.	
Thos. Cusack (N)	387
Ed. Jas. Saunderson, M. P. (U)	227
Timothy Boland (N)	141
Cootchill.	
Ed. P. Smith (N)	684
John Roundtree (U)	78
John Rice (N)	6
Kilmaleck.	
Chas. Boylan (N)	468
Henry Galligan (U)	336
Thos. F. Forster (U)	54
Killinkere.	
Peter Farrelly (N)	122
And. Gillick (N)	229
Cavan.	
Patrick M'Manus (N)	485
And. Gilreest (N)	85
Stradone.	
Luke Lee (N)	453
Constantine Smith (N)	242
Matthew Cullen (N)	76
Laragh.	
Patrick Devine (N)	386
John Plunkett (N)	296
Terence Fay (N)	66
Hugh M'Caun (N)	4
Shercock.	
Patrick M'Quaid (N)	425
James Clarke (N)	221
Kingscourt.	
Ed. Kierans (N)	339
Anth. O'Reilly (N)	331
Returned unopposed.	
Killesandra.	
Bernard Donohoe, Cordalea (N)	
Virginia.	
Laurence Fitzsimons, Pollintemple (N)	
Dowra.	
Patrick Cassidy, Stranagap (N)	
Bailieborough.	
Bernard O'Reilly, Bailieborough (N)	
Swanlinbar.	
Thos. M'Govern, Gortmore (N)	
COUNTY CLARE.	
In every case the popular labor vote has been successful, while politics seem to have been less in evidence than one would at first sight fancy.	
Ennis.	
M. A. Scanlan (N)	492
C. L. Ryne (L)	289
E. O. Meehan (N)	10
Clare Abbey.	
Pat Lynch (N)	352
James Halpin (N)	173
W. Cotter (N)	90
Lord Inchiquin (C)	67
Cruisheen.	
P. Loughery (N)	360
E. Duffy (N)	272
T. G. Mahon (C)	66

P. Casey (N)	13
Corollin.	
M. Hogan, J. P. (N)	315
J. Collins (N)	290
Major Studdert (C)	231
Coolreagh.	
P. J. Hogan (N)	497
P. M'Donnell (N)	428
Col. O'Callaghan, D. L. (C)	4
Pysart.	
M. Leyden (N)	511
P. Kelly (N)	255
J. Callinan, Crown Sol	120
Lisdoonvarna.	
Daniel O'Loughlin, (N)	334
O'Donnell (N)	333
Blake Forester (N)	292
H. V. M'Namara, D. L. (C)	273
Ennistymon.	
J. J. Daly, solicitor (N)	390
W. O'Dwyer	319
M. Higgins, solicitor	124
Cooraclare.	
Patrick Ryan (N)	356
R. Carey Reeves, D. L. (C)	293
P. Hickman, J. P.	103
Ballynacally.	
Hugh Hennessy	298
M. A. MacNamara, B. L.	293
Michael Griffin	132
R. J. Staepoole, D. L.	11
Feakle.	
Wm. Purrell	506
Thos. Roelford	211
Kilkee.	
Thos. Maguire	316
Anthony MacNamara	171
Thomas Cusack	119
W. C. V. Burton	58
F. Coffey	11
Kilkister.	
P. Fitzgerald	334
Arthur Stritch	322
M. Power	115
R. O'B. Studdert, J. P.	80
Kildysart.	
Pat Garry	289
John O'Connell	189
James Helin	104
John Keely	100
Killaloe.	
F. Burke	353
J. H. Ryan	242
Thos. Gunning	166
R. G. Parker, J. P.	32
Kilrush.	
H. Glynn, J. P.	473
J. C. Mahony, J. P.	274
Miltownmalbay.	
Andrew Clancy	510
Anthony O'Dwyer	515
Col. Tottenham	5
Moyarta.	
Thos. Blackall	345
Laurence Whelan	320
F. Casey (retired)	13
R. Silles (retired)	11
Quinn.	
M. Frost	489
Jas. Coffey, J. P.	385
Not a single member of the Grand Jury has been returned, and some of the most popular of that body have been defeated.	
CO. CORK.	
Bantry.	
Cotter	713
O'Leary	638
Blackrock.	
Morrogh	949
Magner	563
Bandon.	
Walsh	929
Foley	745
Monkstown.	
McDonald	823
O'Driscoll	584
Bowen	133
Hennessy	25
Mallow.	
Barry	980
Newman	510
Middleton.	
Higgins	736
Hallinan	635
Chaleville.	
O'Brien	649
O'Flaherty	341
Sanders	31
Lord Castletown (withdrawn)	12
Kanturk.	
Lucey	1000
Hannigan	345
Blarney.	
Mahony	829
Healy	713
Colthurst	41
Youghal.	
Farrell	794
Kennedy	444
Warrensourt.	
O'Mahony	787
Howard	752
Cloyne.	
McGregor	701
Murphy	500
Queenstown.	
Long	759
French	205
Dunmanway.	
F. Crowley	696
P. Walsh	430
Banteer.	
C. O'Callaghan	517
W. Hickie	375
W. Leader	126
Inchigeela.	
E. Walsh (Ald)	866
D. C. Kelleher	633
Ballydeob.	
F. M'Carthy	528
J. Beechinor	551
Macroom.	
M. Healy, J. P.	620
J. Donoghue	482
F. Murphy	393

Timoleague.		
P. Flynn	823	
R. Travers, J. P.	469	
R. B. Jones, J. P., D. L.	111	
Schull.		
E. Roycroft, J. P.	774	
W. Dillon	359	
Mitchelstown.		
T. Roche	917	
A. Mandeville, solr.	193	
Ferry.		
D. L. O'Garrahan (U)	713	
Col. Johnson, (U)	342	
Roscarbery.		
T. Hayes	510	
B. Callinan	323	
C. O. Donovan	249	
W. R. Hungerford	68	
Skibberen.		
H. Callinan, J. P. (N)	699	
H. O'Driscoll, J. P. (N)	389	
Thos. O'Donovan (U)	139	
CO. DERRY.		
Out of nineteen seats fifteen were contested at the polls.		
The unopposed returns were—		
Limavady—S. M. Macrory.		
Coleraine—R. A. Taylor.		
Draperstown—B. Rodgers.		
Ballykelly—J. H. Brennan.		
In the contested county divisions the results were declared as follows:—		
Upper and Lower Liberties of Co. Derry.		
W. Stirling		160
J. Steel Hanna (L)	245	
W. Orr	73	
Glendernott.		
R. Stevenson	472	
J. Irwin	294	
Articlave.		
Archibald Moore	492	
J. E. Ritter, J. P.	377	
Dungiven.		
M. Doherty	379	
Alexander Miller	320	
R. A. Ogilby, D. L.	163	
Portstewart.		
R. Rankin, J. P.	518	
Major Torrens, J. P.	494	
Bellaghy.		
J. Keenan, J. P.	579	
T. Ash, J. P.	392	
Garvagh.		
J. F. Glenn	647	
J. Johnson	311	
Monenymore.		
J. H. Cowan	597	
H. Byrne	395	
Kilrea.		
Samuel J		