

"for a net. I think he and his family could not have been prouder if I told them they had come in for an estate. I have to thank you for your kind attention to my letter, and to send you M'Mahon's simple, honest message, that, 'if his prayers are any use, you will never be in want.'"

*From another Correspondent, County Clare, 3rd November, 1880.*

"I believe, in all sincerity, that you are the greatest benefactor this part of Ireland has seen for the last generation, and I only hope that the people of Clare, and the people of the other counties whom you have served so much, will get some opportunity of showing how they appreciate such services."

*From another Correspondent, County Clare, dated 5th September, 1880.*

"Very many thanks for the nets, spilletts, canoes and boats, given to the fishermen of this locality. They are first-class. Three men got a fine haul of herrings last week, and for two nights each man made over £6. Three others got a large lot of mullet, and made equally as much.

"The gear given to these people is of the greatest service. In fact I don't know what would have become of them. There was no employment from any source in this locality, but now they can keep themselves well employed every day at fishing, as there is plenty of fish, if only looked for. These people had neither the ways or means of fishing for the past ten years, which has kept them so miserably poor. They have great hopes now, as every prospect of a good fishing season now in the bay, and the great advantage to those people being so near the fishing grounds.

"When you see the canoes and boats you will be highly pleased, as they are very strong and seaworthy. At a meeting of the Board of Guardians here, a vote of thanks was passed to the Canadian Committee for the liberal supply of fishing gear given by them to the district, and also for their grant for a pier.

"Again thanking you and the Canadian Committee for the grants to those poor fishermen," &c., &c.

*From Board of Guardians, Ballyvaughan Union.*

"Resolved—That having learned the Canadian Committee have allocated a sum of £300 towards the construction of a Fishery Pier at Glenina, thereby insuring an expenditure of £1,200, this Board, on its own part as well as on the part of the fishermen, hereby return their warmest thanks to the above Committee for this grant, and also for the very liberal supply of fishing materials given to the district.

"The Board is also desirous of tendering their warmest thanks to Thomas F. Brady, Esq., Inspector of Fisheries, for his kind exertions in obtaining these valuable grants for the fishermen, and for the friendly interest he always takes in fishermen in general."