

AGRICULTURAL.

Farm Buildings—Continued. That it is much more convenient, easier, and cheaper to feed stock in the building in which all of the hay and other fodder is stored...

Purchase of Cattle for this Province. We are very much pleased to learn that Mr. Ivan Wetherston has decided to introduce the breeding of Devons into this province.

Poultry for the Table. La Bassee, a French Journal especially devoted to the interests of the Poultry Yards, gives the following directions for insuring your plump and tender poultry for the table...

Seasonable Hint. To keep your fowls free from disease give them good, clean, sound grain, and green food, changing their diet often, and plenty of clean water.

Caution. It is becoming an acknowledged fact that most domestic poultry diseases arise from negligence of care in keeping the young stock free from dirt.

The Dutch. Holland, the home of the Dutch, is surrounded by dikes, to prevent the overflow of the land by the waters of the sea.

TOOTHACHE.—Do you suffer with it? Go buy a bottle of Pain-Killer and find relief in the twinkling of an eye—for Toothache is a specific.

AS A MEANS OF PURIFYING THE Blood and humors, there has never been anything superior to Bismuth's SARSAPARILLA AND PILLS.

A WORD OF WARNING.—To protect the public and prevent them being imposed upon by the worthless counterfeits and imitations of our MURRAY & LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER, we have prepared paper in which the words 'LANMAN & KEMP, New York,' appear in pale letters when a leaf of the little pamphlet is held up to the light.

SCOTCH NEWS.

The Aberdeen Free Press announces the death of Mr. Thomas Knox, the well known banker, of Peterhead, at the age of eighty-five.

On 15th November a shark was caught between Leith and Inchkeith in the fisherman's herring net, measuring over 12 feet in length.

Alex. F. McBean, head-master of the Glasgow City Public Schools for boys, has been appointed Principal of the Central Schools, at the field.

Preparations are being made to commemorate the Covenanter struggle, which was commemorated in the month of June and July next.

A meeting of Edinburgh volunteers has passed a resolution, by 25 votes to 11, in favor of the proposition to discontinue the use of the Snider at Wimbledon.

Engineers are employed in the work of selecting a foundation for the new railway bridge which it is proposed to construct across the Forth.

In the presence of a large assemblage, the bust in connection with the memorial of the late Mr. Murray, of Geanies, was unveiled at Tain by Mrs. Vass, wife of Provost Vass.

KIRCALDIE FIRE-ART ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the association, which was held at the Kirkcaldie Hotel, was a most successful one.

A GINNY PRIZE IN THOULE.—At a Burgh Police Court at Kelso, on 15th November, Robert Rutherford, better known as 'Prince Robert,' a mugger, belonging to Yetholm, was sentenced to twenty days' imprisonment, with hard labour, for stealing a quantity of apples from a shop in town.

HEALTH OF EDINBURGH.—Last week the deaths were 71 in number, and the rate of mortality 19 per 1000. Chest diseases proved fatal in 33 cases, and zymotic in 12, which were thus distributed:—In the New Town, 10 in the Old, and 10 in the suburban districts. Of the 13 births, 10 were illegitimate.

ST. ANDREWS.—Suicide.—Archibald Wilson, worker at the Saw-mill, St. Andrews, has committed suicide by hanging himself. Wilson is supposed to have had some money matters, and it is thought this had preyed upon his mind and led him to commit the sad act.

THIS FORTNIGHT.—A civil engineer and assistants were engaged on 15th Nov. in 'boring' for a foundation for the Forth Bridge at Longnore and Rhind Point, about one mile and a half from the pierhead.

THE UNEMPLOYED.—The following is the return for the week to the committee having charge of the relief of the unemployed.—Applications during the week, 43. These were disposed of as follows:—21 in our ordinary department; 5 referred back to work department as men who had been previously working, but had left for various reasons; 11 made no appearance after application; 6 referred to the police to be paroled; 1 continued; 1 total, 43. Applications last week, 70. Total applications to date, 172. Of the 980 men who have got orders for work, 522 are at present only 522 working.—Glasgow Herald.

LONGEVITY IN SKYE.—A correspondent writes that Christy Macpherson, the Skye centenarian, whose name is given to the whisky, is now in his 107th year, and has had her case fully reported to Her Majesty the Queen by Dr. Jeffrey, the parish doctor of Skye, and his report is as follows:—'Christy Macpherson, Her Majesty having sent the aged woman 23. Dr. Jeffrey has also brought Christy's case before the notice of Mr. Wm. Brown, F.S.M., and who is now in his 107th year. Our correspondent adds that Christy is able to move easier than a few years ago. She is not bedridden, but can with assistance get up and bed for a short time each day.—Scotch Paper.

DISESTABLISHMENT MEETING IN EDINBURGH.—A great disestablishment meeting was held in Edinburgh, on the 10th November, at which several of the leading members of the Liberal party, and a large number of the clergy were present.

Principal Cairns, who presided, argued in his opening speech that their whole duty was to be to the people, and to the cause of the disestablishment of the Church. It must not be forgotten that the Liberal party had a duty to them. They were in an important sense representatives of the people, and their duty to the Liberal party, and their duty to the grand cause of religious equality, and their duty to the disestablishment of the Church, were all one and the same.

Dr. D. A. Cameron moved the first resolution, to the effect that the disestablishment of the Church in Scotland was a practical question, and has now been practically abandoned.

The second resolution, which was moved by Dr. Carmichael, declared the question of disestablishment to be one of practical politics.

In moving the third resolution, which recommended the disestablishment of the Church, Dr. Carmichael declared the question of Church and State in Scotland as one on which they should publicly and fully state their position.

Dr. Carmichael's motion was carried, and the meeting terminated in a corner, or postponed to another day.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD AND THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.—The usual weekly meeting of the Millstreet Board of Guardians was held on Nov. 20. In the chair, J. McCarthy O'Leary, Esq., D.L. Other guardians present—Messrs. J. Hegarty, J. Creedon, T. Carroll, C. Murphy, and J. D. Murphy, D.V.C. Remaining on previous Saturday, 403; admitted during the week, 94; discharged, 57; died, 0; remaining on the 15th November, 1879, 410; 106 more than corresponding period of 1878; the number of cases on out-door relief was 85; comprising 282 individuals; cost £10 5s. 6d.; lodged during the week, 27; paid, £24 10s. 9d.; dr. balance, £194 2s. 4d.; rates uncollected outstanding, £5,044 2s. 8d. The following resolution drawn up by the Chairman was unanimously adopted:—'Resolved, in answer to the circular from the Local Government Board respecting distress in the coming winter, the Board have never shrunk from discharging their duties to the poor, and are alive to the necessity of providing due provision for a large addition to their numbers; but the want of employment and destitution of the laboring classes is such that, without creating general ruin, the Poor Law is insufficient to deal with the present state of the country, and the call upon the Government to discharge their undoubted duty to promote without delay the prosecution of reproductive works.'

IRISH NEWS.

MORE THAN A CENTENARY.—At the Mallow Petty Sessions, held recently, a man named Timothy McCarthy, said that his father, Connor McCarthy, was 112 or 113 years of age, and another witness proved that the old man sheared sheep last May.

THE REDUCTION OF RENTS.—Miss Pigot has given a reduction of 15 per cent. on the half year's rent due last March, to her tenants on the late Chief Baron Pigot's property in the neighborhood of Killworth and Mitchelstown, county Cork. This reduction was uncollected.

LANDLORD LIBERALITY.—Captain N. Mansergh, 6th Regiment, has through his agent, St. George D. Mansergh, Esq., Rock Lodge, Ballyhooley, allowed the tenants on his property at Ballyhooley, near Ballyvaughan, an abatement of 50 per cent. on the half-year's rent now due, and has further promised that should the present depression continue he will give a similar reduction in next half-year's rent. This noble and generous act of sympathy for tenants is worthy of imitation, as calculated to meet the present emergency.—Correspondent.

SERIOUS ASSAULT NEAR TIMOLEAGUE.—An assault of a very serious nature was committed near Timoleague under the following circumstances.—Two farmers, named Cowhig and Deasy, residing at a place called Kilavary, had some dispute about some old timber at Inchy Bridge, and it is alleged that Cowhig struck Deasy a blow of a large stone on the head. Cowhig was brought up at a special petty sessions held in Timoleague, and was remanded and lodged in Clonakilty gaol. He was admitted to bail, the doctor having certified that the injured man's life was out of danger.

THE LEGALITY OF THE SLOGO PROSECUTION.—It is asserted in London that the Attorney-General having been consulted by the Cabinet respecting the legal aspect of the Slogo prosecution, gives his opinion that the arrests have been fatally mismanaged, as the language alleged against two of the traversers is not likely to sustain a criminal charge, particularly in the evidence adduced; while Mr. Killen's case, which alone Sir John Holker considers tangible, is prejudiced as regards the position of the Crown by the weakness of the prosecution re Davitt and Daly. The Attorney-General left London last night for Hughenden Manor, for a further interview on the subject with the Prime Minister. The belief in legal circles here is that the proceedings are a farce and a failure.—Cork Examiner.

RELIGIOUS CEREMONY AT BATHURST, N.S.W.—An interesting ceremony took place at the Convent of Mercy, Bathurst, on the 24th September last. Two young ladies from Cork received the white veil at the hands of the Very Rev. Dr. McAuliffe, P.P., of Forbes, N.S.W., in the absence of the Bishop. The ladies received were Miss Mary O'Driscoll (in religion, Sister Mary Josephine), daughter of Mr. D. O'Driscoll, of Cloughan, Blarney Road, and Miss Anne McAuliffe (in religion, Sister Mary Baptist), of Blarney, sister to Very Rev. Dr. McAuliffe. Both those ladies left Cork within the past twelve months, with the intention of devoting their lives to the service of God. A large number of clergy and laity attended the ceremony, after which they were hospitably entertained by the good nuns.

AN EVENING ENTERTAINMENT AT SPRINGFIELD CASTLE.—The 21st instant being the sixth anniversary of Lord and Lady Muskerry's eldest son, Master Hamilton, and her ladyship being anxious to commemorate the event she gave an evening entertainment to a considerable number of the young men and young women of the locality. The amusement was superintended by his lordship's butler, Mr. P. O'Sullivan, with his wonted regularity and efficiency. Lord and Lady Muskerry themselves, accompanied by some distinguished guests, enjoyed the evening's amusement for a considerable time, and seemed highly pleased with the various dances and songs. Devoid of amusement, or refreshment, it is really a treat to take a view of Springfield Castle and its adjacent embellishments.

LORD MONCK ON THE REST QUESTION.—At a meeting held in Panstown, county Kilkenny, on Sunday, a letter addressed to the chairman (Rev. F. Mulhall, P.P.) was read from Lord Monck, who owns considerable property in the district in reply to a memorial from his tenants asking for a reduction of rent. In his document, which was courteously read, his lordship protested against the practice of making private dealings between him and his tenants the subject of discussion at public meetings. While ready at all times to listen to an appeal from any tenant as to a case of a particular failure or misfortune, and willing to forego the exercise of strict legal rights when the assertion of them would be attended with hardship, he could not admit that the circumstances of the present time, taken in connection with the manner in which his tenants had been hitherto treated, afforded any just ground for a general abatement of rent on his property.

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FETE AT VILLE MARIE.

Celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We had the pleasure of witnessing a fete given by the ladies of the Ville Marie Convent, on Sunday the 7th December last, in honor of the 25th anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

A large number of the parents and friends of the pupils had assembled at the Convent, and after a few minutes' spent in conversation, they were requested to pass into the spacious recreation room, where the sight that greeted our view simply defies description, and the reputation of the good Sisters for imagining these pleasant surprises, already so well established, was once more fully maintained.

Around the hall, placed in tiers, stood over two hundred of the lady pupils, dressed in pure white, each holding a lighted taper in her hand. The hall itself was decorated with wreaths and flowers and richly illuminated. Had it not been for the swelling and harmonious sounds of a beautiful hymn, sung in honor of the Immaculate Virgin, one could have imagined as many statues, so perfectly motionless did they stand.

An occasional smile of recognition, flitting across the face of the younger pupils, plainly told us that although there were no outward signs of emotion, inwardly hearts were beating in gleeful anticipation of a pleasant meeting in which a rapid recital of how the day was spent, and of the pleasant surprises afforded by the kind Sisters could be poured into the attentive ear of a loving mother by her devoted daughter. We then wended our way towards the beautiful chapel, where a solemn Benediction of the Holy Sacrament was given by the Rev. Mr. Marchal. Two graduates read an act of consecration to the Blessed Virgin, in which the blessing of the Most High was asked for the donors of the magnificent marble altar that decorates the chapel.

The following programme of music was performed in a masterly manner by the pupils of the convent, under the direction of one of the Ladies, who presided at the organ:—Grand overture—Harpis, the Misses G. Cusson, F. Friel and E. Eugenie; pianos, the Misses M. A. Royal, L. Mullarky, G. Trudel, A. Lemoine, J. Dunn and L. Valois; Rossini's prayer of 'Mose in Egitto,' to which had been adapted words appropriate to the occasion, and in which the following young ladies sang the principal solos: The Misses E. Fitzpatrick, N. Cochlan, N. Cook, G. Fitzpatrick and M. O'Brien.

But, as everything comes to an end, and best friends must part, we bade good-bye to the good Sisters and to our little ones, loth to part, but hoping shortly to be fortunate enough to meet in such pleasant intercourse.

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS HEARD FROM.

THEY PASS RESOLUTIONS COURTING ENQUIRY. To the Editor of the EVENING POST: Sir,—I am instructed by the Board of Roman Catholic School Commissioners of this city to request the publication in your paper of the following resolution, passed unanimously at their first monthly meeting, after the publication in your columns of certain strictures upon its administration.

A. D. DeSelles, Sec. C. S. C. Montreal, December 10, 1879.

At a meeting of the Roman Catholic School Commissioners, held on the 9th day of December instant, Reverend V. Rousselot, President of the Commission, in the chair, the following resolution was placed before the Board and unanimously carried:—'Inasmuch as certain unfounded accusations have been brought against the administration of the Board of Roman Catholic School Commissioners, by individuals whose motives the Commission is not now called upon to appreciate; and

'Inasmuch as these accusations were embodied under twelve different heads in a petition presented by certain citizens to the City Council a year or so ago; and

'Inasmuch as upon the presentation of this petition the Board of Roman Catholic School Commissioners, through the medium of the press, expressed to the public generally its willingness to court an enquiry from the only authority to which it is responsible, viz., the Department of Public Instruction; and

'Inasmuch as such offer has never been acted upon by the petitioners to the City Council; and

'Inasmuch as similar charges have recently been reiterated in one of the evening newspapers of this city; be it Resolved, That this Board having ever been willing and desirous that those interested in the upright and judicious administration of its trust should have every opportunity given them to formulate any charges of mismanagement alleged against this commission, publicity be once more given of its willingness and desire that an enquiry into its administration be demanded by those who, for motives of public or private interest, are prepared to substantiate their accusations.'

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Rome, December 10.—Ever since the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception by Pius IX., in 1854, the 8th of December has remained one of the most popular Roman festivals, and an effort was made on Monday among the clergy to celebrate the 25th anniversary with unusual solemnity. The day was cold, but clear and sunny. The Pope has not officiated in public since the Italian occupation, but Pope Leo received about a thousand persons, including 500 pilgrims. He gave audience in the hall of Sais, surrounded by twenty Cardinals, with many other prelates, nobles, and Palatine Guards in full uniform. He addressed a fervid but short speech concerning the dogma, admiring the sanctity of its predecessor. Mass was held in the Basilica of St. Peter's by Cardinal San Stefano. Constant prayers were offered before the tomb of Pius IX., which is studded with priceless stones, lapis lazuli and malachites. Crowded pilgrimages were made to his future tomb at San Lorenzo. Without the walls, many wreaths inscribed with offerings were placed on vacant niches. Grand High Mass was held in all the Churches dedicated to the Virgin, which were decorated with hanging tapestry and lights. In the Basilica of St. Agostino in the Via Ripetta, the miraculous statue of the Virgin was resplendent with jewels to the value of millions.

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