

into court against the Marquis of Sligo he would be with him.

The resolution of Castlebar board of guardians was adopted.

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.

The following, received from the Sligo Corporation, was also adopted:—

"That having read with pleasure the statement of the Right Hon the Chief Secretary for Ireland of his having taken steps to comply with the repeated demands of the Irish people, that the Christian Brothers should get a share of the moneys annually granted by Parliament for Primary Education in Ireland, we confidently hope that now once for all he will deal with the matter in a broad, statesmanlike manner, and thus satisfactorily settle a question that has been so long and so earnestly engrossing the public mind of Ireland; and that copies of the resolution be sent to the Right Hon the Chief Secretary, the Irish members, Corporation, Town Commissioners, and boards of guardians."

A KIND INVITATION.

Mr A B Kelly wrote inviting the children of the house to a performance in the Lecture Hall, Westport.

Permission was granted, and the clerk was directed to convey to Mr Kelly the thanks of the board for his kind invitation.

SEED POTATOES.

Mr Moran said they had already come to the decision not to give seed potatoes to any person who had not paid the last seed rate.

Mr Lynch—Are there any applications from any parties who did not yet pay their last seed rate?

Clerk—There are, sir.

Chairman—We are aware that the parties who have not paid the last seed rate are the parties who require the seed, but there is a resolution on the books not to give it to them. The Under Sec told me that he thought it would be a very cruel thing of us to shut them out, while we know that they require them.

Mr Moran said some of the people could not pay the last seed rate, but the great majority of those could pay now, if they were so inclined.

Mr Murphy—All the police in the county would not make them pay.

Chairman—We will apply for money to purchase 200 tons of potatoes.

Mr Murphy—Potatoes could be bought on Tuesday last in Newport for 4d a stone.

Chairman—Mr Egan, make the application today for the price of 200 tons at £8 per ton and inform the L G Board that it was only this day the names were given in, and if they grant that £1,200 you might ask them to extend the time for a week, and inform them that the people were anxiously waiting to see whether the Government would give them small loans whereby to purchase seed potatoes themselves, when they could effect a saving of at least 33 per cent.

In reply to Mr Richardson, the chairman said they were applying for about 70 tons more than there was applications for.

The tenders were then considered, and it was decided to accept the lowest, which was £4 15s per ton for North of Ireland grown champions, and the clerk was directed to wire an acceptance of tender to the firm.

MR. CONWAY'S BOND

Mr Conway, poor-rate collector, came before the board and said that on account of the present severe weather he could not get his sureties to travel to Westport to perfect his bond, but he hoped to have it perfected before the next meeting.

Mr Lynch—This is the first difficulty with Mr Conway as a new collector, Mr Chairman.

Chairman—If we thought you would have it perfected by Monday, we would adjourn the board until Monday, and then sign the warrants for you.

Mr Conway promised to have his bond perfected.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Chairman—Mr Currihan, R O, applies for a month's leave of absence on most important business—the most important business of his life, I suppose (laughter).

Mr J O'Malley—We could not refuse giving it so.

Mr Richardson—He may be glad to come back before the month is up at all (laughter).

Mr Moran—Wish him luck, for its a great undertaking.

The application was granted, and the board adjourned.

"MR. CRILLY'S HEIGIRA."

TO THE EDITOR WESTERN PEOPLE.

DEAR SIR—Under above heading in last issue of your paper I noticed burlesque representations of Mr Crilly on his recent visit to Bangor which, in observance of the rites of common courtesy towards a guest, I deem it my duty to oppose.

At the request of my parishioners, through me, that gentleman travelled all the way from Dublin to attend our meeting and do all for us that we desired on the occasion; hence, we should regard it as a grave omission of duty on our part if we failed to resent representations attributing to him want of propriety or decorum while amongst us calculated to drag him into disrepute or make him an object of public derision. The statement that the "wags" of Bangor, as you call them, "tell a good story of the honorable member" as to what execution he did with a revolver I must pronounce as absolutely untrue and maliciously waggish against Mr Crilly, together with being most uncomplimentary to the people of Bangor.

The least we would expect from those who prove themselves not inclined to serve us would be not to malign us, but this privilege seems to have been denied us in this instance.

An incident synchronising with Mr Crilly's visit I believe did happen, where the brandishing of revolvers was resorted to, but it is not because he chanced to be in the place that he should be shown up as the principal or any character in the play. This incident, in my opinion, was too frivolous a thing to deserve the attention due to a newspaper publication, and would, I dare say, be regarded as such by you had you not considered Mr Crilly in a favourable position to make him the butt of the jest, so I am pleased to be in a position to say that it can hardly succeed in serving the purpose for which it was intended.

It is not at all improbable that it was the gentleman himself who unceremoniously provoked the affair assuming so alarming a phase as represented that supplied you with information of some kind on the subject, and not the "wags" of Bangor, but I am quite in doubt as to who is responsible for the ingenious metamorphosis of the true aspect of the occurrence. Mr Crilly had no hand, act, or part in it.

Requesting that you will, in justice to Mr Crilly and to the people of Bangor, be good enough to publish the above in the next issue of your paper,

I remain, yours faithfully,
J. DURCAN, P.P.

Bangor-Erris, 13th Feb, '95.

Kiltimagh, 14th February, 1895

TO THE EDITOR WESTERN PEOPLE.

SIR—I beg to say that Mr Tatlow has kindly consented to issue return tickets at single fares to delegates attending the Mayo Teachers Convention in Westport on 23rd inst; but as vouchers must be sent to Mr Tatlow to be countersigned by him after my signature has been attached, secretaries will require to say how many will be wanted for each Association without delay.

Yours sincerely,
M. J. DOHERTY, Co. Chairman.

MR. JOHN LAVELLE'S AUCTION.

Some stores the property of the late Mr Wm Livingstone, Westport, were put up for sale at the Courthouse, Westport, on Wednesday last by Mr John Lavelle, auctioneer. The bidding was brisk, starting at £50, until £230 was reached, when they were knocked down to Mr P McGing at that figure, the price paid for them by Mr Livingstone forty years ago. The principal bidders were Mr Edward King, Mr McNally, Mr James Moran, and the purchaser, Mr P McGing.

BALLINROBE UNION.

At the meeting of the Ballinrobe board of guardians on Monday last, Mr Ryan having refused to move the notice of motion rescinding the resolution changing the board day, on the motion of Col Blake the following was adopted: "That no further notice to change the board day to Monday be received by the presiding chairman, the matter having been fully discussed and already decided upon."

Mr. Louis Brennan, C.B., the "Standard" says will shortly vacate his appointment as Superintendent of the Factory at Chatham, and will be employed in London as adviser in torpedo work both to the War Office and to the Admiralty. The factory will then be placed under military control, and the staff will become military, although civil labour will still be employed. The torpedo vessel is to leave Chatham for extended trials to further test the adaptability of the Brennan torpedo for warship purposes.

SPEEDIE BROTHERS SALES

GLASGOW CATTLE MARKET

Sales of Fat Cattle, Sheep and Lambs, Calves and Pigs every Monday and

Wednesday, at 10 a.m.

Also on Saturdays, at 12 noon, Special Sale of Fat and Store Pigs and Cattle, Sheep and Lambs.

CUPAR AUCTION MARKET

Every Tuesday, at 11 a.m., sales of Fat and Store Cattle, Sheep and Lambs, Milk Cows.

STIRLING AUCTION MARKET

Every Thursday, at 10.30 a.m., Sales of Fat and Store Cattle, Sheep and Lambs, Milk Cows. Sales of Horses are held fortnightly.

The Salesmen will be glad to advise their customers as to the best Markets for the sale of their Stock. Careful and experienced men await the arrival of the steamers, and keep for stock provided.

Speedie Brothers,

LIVE STOCK AGENTS,

Telegraph address—Speedie, Glasgow.

Office—233B DUKE STREET; GLASGOW.

CUPAR AUCTION MART.—Tuesday.

The supplies forward at Speedie Bros' auction were fully an average and consisted of 139 fat cattle, 883 fat sheep, 4 calves, 25 fat pigs 12 young pigs, 79 horn cattle, 3 milch cows. A numerous and representative attendance of English customers being presents a good trade was experienced for sheep of all classes at prices the same as last week. The trade for cattle opened lower but recovered somewhat later on and closed firm, though on the whole the prices would show a reduction of 16s per head. Cows and heifers did not share in the decline. They were in good demand and most of them went south. Best fat bullocks £20 to £22; fat cows, £11 10s. to £16 12s 6d; sheep (half bred hoggets) to 46s 3d; calves to £5 14s.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.—Monday.

At this market 1,345 beasts and 3,310 sheep, including 1,000 foreigners, were on offer. Brisker trade for both, and best qualities favouring sellers. Beef, from 4½d to 6½d; mutton, 7½d to 9½d per lb.

THE DISTRESS.

MEETING AT CROSSMOLINA.

Monday, being fair day at Crossmolina, advantage was taken of the opportunity to call together some representative people from the various districts of the parishes of Crossmolina and Addergoole, belonging respectively to the unions of Ballina and Castlebar. Amongst those present were—Very Rev J M O'Hara, P P, V F, Crossmolina, Chairman; Rev D O'Donohoe, P P, Addergoole; Rev J Gilvarry, C C, Crossmolina; Messrs T M Gallagher, M D, J P; Joseph Kelly, D V C, Ballina Guardians; Peter Quinn, P L G; W J Cormack, merchant, Crossmolina; Francis O'Boyle, P L G; John Loftus, P L G; etc. The following resolution was unanimously adopted—

"That it is a matter within our knowledge that in the districts of the parishes of Crossmolina and Addergoole, there is acute distress, which is daily increasing in volume. In most places there have been no potatoes for some time past except a miserable remnant expected to serve as seed; and in addition to the loss of the potato crop, the notorious fall in the price of corn and pigs—the stock-in-trade of the small farmer—has affected very seriously a class which at their best are never far removed from bankruptcy, and whose credit accordingly must be regarded as nil; that in this grave state of things, it is our candid belief that nothing short of remunerative employment will succeed in pulling the people through in the long interval between this and harvest; that as a number of convenient work, and of a far-reaching utility can be easily suggested in the several districts, the Government be asked to set them on foot as early as possible; and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Hon J Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, and Daniel Crilly, Esq, M P for North Mayo, who, from his own observations on the occasion of his recent visit may vouch for the accuracy of our statement."

MEETING AT KILKELLY AND KILMOVEE.

Meetings were held on Sunday in Kilmoeve, Glan, and Kilkelly, in connection with the distress in the parish. The Very Rev Canon O'Hara, P P, presided at the Kilmoeve meeting, and the Rev M Henry, O C, presided at the meeting at Glan and Kilkelly. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted—"That, owing to the failure of the potato crop, which in this parish forms the staple food of the people, a most deplorable state of suffering has been reached by many families, and unless the Government come to their assistance by starting useful and remunerative works the result will be sad in the extreme." "That as the district in which we live embraces so large a portion of the population of the congested districts of Ireland, while the average acreage per head is about the lowest in all Ireland, we claim a fair proportion of the funds at the disposal of the Congested Districts Board." "That there are many useful and remunerative works in the parish which might be opened by the Congested Districts Board, to which works there can be no reasonable objection, and for the carrying out of which the Congested Districts Board was brought into existence."

SEED POTATOES FROM SCOTLAND.

TO THE EDITOR WESTERN PEOPLE.

SIR—Will you pardon me? I have no interest unless the interest of Ireland. I have been reading over your paper, and I want to do the Western people a good turn. Why do they or their poor law guardians allow the Local Government office stool-clerk to lay down such foolish lines for the supplying of seed potatoes for the West of Ireland? Why not they, in the first instance, make up their wants, exclude the press from such considerations, and get their seed supplies direct from Forfarshire through a local seedsmen (a ratepayer, and let him get a benefit)? Instead of that they take estimates from Glasgow. We all know Belfast has become a port for the transshipment of grass seeds. All the Edinburgh and Glasgow seed firms have branch houses there, and export potatoes thence to Glasgow, to be called Scotch and sent back to Ireland. If Scotland has the superior article and that we Irish will always be purchasers of "Scotch and English brains" (they having them to sell by way of potatoe this time) we had better get the right brains, and not our own, which are said to be opinions. I have always thought we could make all the seed changes of both grain and potatoes in our country, if our brains were of good quality—but certainly if the Western people want the brains of Scotchmen put up in Scotch sacks and put over inch and a quarter riddles.

Better have them pure Scotch than semi-so. Get them from Forfarshire direct and pay the freight in bill of lading to Glasgow—see to this—or you will be getting "coals to Newcastle." Take the article "Main Crop" potato, which is one of the finest varieties extant, and should be grown in dull, not "lazy beds." What Inspector that the L G Board can appoint would know it from a Bruce, Magnum Bonum, &c. When you Western people get "Main Crop" to Westport or Sligo take care that your Inspector will be just like your yourselves, capable of being gulled by the cunning Scot with his brains to sell. This is the advice of one who enters heart and soul into sympathy with Western Ireland and its inhabitants.—Yours,

PADDY FROM CORK.

P.S.—The greatest benefactor to Ireland for past 30 years was the poor, simple Scotchman, who raised the Champion. He was a nuisance to his family as a mad scientist (they are all this way)—planting potatoes in a glass house, working with a dust of pollen not visible to the naked eye—but 30 years since and what was the result? The dust or pollen, with its action and fructification with an opposite variety, saving Ireland from starvation.

What mighty issues from small beginnings and the law of "prospective contrivance!"

CHANCE V. MR. O'BRIEN.

This action was commenced in the London Law Courts on Thursday being to recover a balance of £407 paid by Mr Chance to the English firm of solicitors acting for defendant in his famous suit against Lord Salisbury.

Mr Isaac Lenehan, auctioneer, put up and sold by public auction, on Tuesday, the tenant's interest in a holding of land at Ross, containing 4½ acres. After brisk competition, John P Nealon was declared purchaser at the substantial sum of £67, together with auction fees.