

of stone, and stables and  
been built. The soil in the  
s rich, and, thanks to the  
sts of the land, the irriga-  
e cattle feed on sweet nutri-  
are rolling in fat. The farm  
stocked by Mr Rhodes with  
of oxen, goats, sheep, pigs,

ern Railway of England have  
arrangements with a view to  
of the tourist traffic to and  
and the whole of the South of  
Milford and Waterford. It  
an advertisement which ap-  
laments that on and from the  
il the 15th October inclusive,  
rated daily service (Sundays  
e in operation. Passengers  
gton at 6-10 p.m. arrive at  
a.m. and in Limerick at 1-25  
urn journey the Limerick de-  
s, Waterford arrival at 6-55  
or Milford 7-30 p.m. and Pad-  
-30 p.m. on the following day.

Limerick and Miss Graves will  
e Palace from Monday, August  
3rd.

again late to-day. This is the  
is week on which the connection  
at the Limerick Junction.

of Kilsannel, Athes has lodged  
compensation for the alleged  
s of hay, her property, on the  
ast.

le for levies of poor rate have  
ush Union for the past couple  
ollector Keating through his  
nals have been impounded.

Veré O'Brien have left New  
erm of their tenancy having  
ntend proceeding to Hambourg  
their residence, Ballyvalis, in  
hey are at present staying at

TY CRICKET CLUB.—A cricket  
yed on Monday next between  
Regiment and Castleconnell.  
Royal Irish will attend Tea  
the Colonel and Officers Royal

LICENSE.—At the last Drom-  
Sessions, before the Hon J  
the application of Mr J P  
transfer was granted from  
to Anne Kelly of the seven-dav

## DEATH OF MRS BERNARD CASTLE HACKETT.

The *Tuam Herald* says—Our obituary column announces the death of one of the most esteemed ladies of our county, Mrs Bernard, wife of Percy B Bernard, Esq, D L, Castle Hackett, after a lingering illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude and resignation. The lamented lady was the only daughter of the late Denis Kirwan, Esq, D L, Castle Hackett, her aunt the Hon Miss Kirwan, being wife of the late Lord Cloncurry. She leaves four children and her bereaved husband to lament the irreparable loss they have sustained. Sympathy and condolence with Captain Percy Bernard will be universal, as he is deservedly one of our most popular county gentlemen. As chairman of the Waterford and Limerick Railway, he has devoted indefatigable energy to the development of the great enterprise of which he has been for several years at the head and with splendid success, and thus immensely increased the number of his friends and admirers. Mr Percy Bernard, we need hardly inform our readers, is son of the late Bishop of Tuam and heir-presumptive to the Earl of Bandon, but apart from his position and prospects he is as we have intimated one of the most popular county gentlemen, respected and esteemed by everyone, and absolutely beloved by the tenantry of Castle Hackett estate to whom he has been a kind and considerate landlord. The funeral of the deceased lady was private at her own special request. The tenantry bore the coffin to the family burial place where the interment took place amid the deep sorrow of her loving husband and the sincere regrets of all who had the privilege and pleasure of her acquaintance. The lamented lady was 48 years of age.

## ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the Managing Committee was held yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce, Very Rev Dr Shanahan, P.P, V.G, presiding. The others present were—Rev Dr Hallinan, P.P, St Mary's; Rev M O'Donnell, Adm, St Michael's; Mr John Kirlishan, T.C; Mr Wm Lloyd, Dr Holmes, Dr Malcany, Mr Vincent Nash, J.P (hon treasurer), and Mr Thomas McSwiney (secretary). There were 44 patients in the hospital, of whom 38 are free. The treasurer reported that after paying past month's accounts, the amount due to the bank would be £817 9s.

## THE WATERFORD BACON CURING TRADE.

A Waterford correspondent states that Messrs H Deany & Sons have purchased the well-known factory of Messrs Richardson and Co in Waterford, wherein the bacon-curing business has been carried on for a long number of years. Its last owner was the late Mr Watfield Christie-Miller, whose trustees have now made the deal for a very large sum. The capacity of Richardson's "cellar" is very large, affording room and machinery equal to the slaughter and curing of 2,500 hogs per week. When it is remembered that Messrs Deany's premises in Waterford afford still larger facilities, the importance of the purchase will be readily understood. The transfer of the factory, it is stated, will have been fully completed on Monday next.

## GREAT SOUTHERN WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

### HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM OUR REPORTER)

Dublin, Saturday

The 109th half-yearly meeting of this Company was held to-day at Kingsbridge Terminus, Joshua J Pim presiding. The other directors present were—Mr William Robertson, Gouilding, Mr J W Payne-Shears, Sir Dease, Mr E Pike, Mr B F Colville, Mr Kingston, and Mr W Geoghegan. There was a fair attendance of shareholders, Cork & Dublin a large representation. The others included John Condon, solicitor, Newcastle West, Clancy, Listowel. The Limerick shareholders were not represented.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report recommending five per cent dividend and a quarter per cent less than the corresponding half year, and carrying forward £9,720 said they had an increase in receipts of 11d, and an increase in working expenses of £9,830 9s. The receipts showed a similar increase up to six weeks before the close of the half year, which was attributed to exceptional circumstances that are general in the South.

### THE PASSENGER TRAFFIC

showed an increase in money of £1,576, numbers of 49,807. There was a large increase in the first class tickets and a reduction in the second class. Having quoted figures in regard to passenger and goods traffic, he said there was an increase in the

### FISH TRAFFIC.

This was very expensive work. They were prepared to erect a pier at Bonard Point to facilitate that traffic if the Government and County Council were assisted. The cost would be £12,000 and £15,000. In

### LIFE STOCK

there was a decrease of 16,333, nearly all pigs, which was accounted for by the fact that in June, 1897, owing to the strike in Waterford, Limerick between the merchants and the farmers, they got many thousand more pigs than were in any previous half year. They expect any large revival in this traffic on the part of the keenness of foreign competition was increasing every day, particularly that of the mark. As to

### EXPENDITURE.

the principal increase was in coal, due to an increase in the quality used, and an increase of 6s per ton over last year. The next items of expenditure requiring attention were in regard to the capital to be subscribed to

THE FIREGUARD AND ROSSLARE UNDER THE BILL having received the Royal Assent on the evening, and the

### AMALGAMATION WITH THE WATERFORD LIMERICK RAILWAY.

Mr Robertson seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr Williams (Mallow) thought some