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In his inaugural address on New Year's Day the Mayor referred to the rates which the citizens are called upon to pay, and the very general dissatisfaction with which the amount is regarded. Not only is the rate a high one but there seems no prospect of a diminution being effected, whilst if we are to judge by the analogy of the past an increase is more likely than a reduction. It is easier for the public to complain than to point out where the fault lies, or to offer suggestions in the way of improvement. Matters of detail are necessarily outside the scope of their observations, but when the subject of civic affairs, and especially of finance, is left to a chosen body of men the better may expect to have their management subject to close examination, and it is no wonder that the present high rates arouse grumbling. Increased taxation is due to some extent, as the Mayor pointed out, to permanent improvements, such as black paving, the growth of sanitary works, improved repairs of crossings, cutting on new flagging, and such like. For black-paving alone during the past year a sum of £2,000 was borrowed, the money was expended where the traffic was heaviest, and a portion still remains over to be utilised in other parts of the city. To this expenditure must be added the amount for crossings, flagging, and general repairs, so that last year expended any previous year in the sums laid out

DEATH OF A SERGEANT OF THE R.I.C.—The remains of Sergeant Morrissy, R.I.C., who died in the County Infirmary, Ennis, on Saturday, were removed yesterday for interment at Croom, in the Co. Limerick, of which place the deceased was a native. The sergeant was a most efficient and popular member of the Clare force, to which he had been transferred about five years ago. He had been suffering from an internal complaint for a considerable time, and his death was not unexpected. The coffin was accompanied to the railway station by forty men of the Ennis district, under Head Constable Cronin.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT DROMLOHAN.—The annual Temperance meeting was held at Dromlohan School-house on New Year's Eve, the chair being occupied by the Rev. J. T. Waller. The room was decorated with holly and evergreen. The chairman opened the meeting in an interesting address which dealt on the success which had attended the branch during the past few years. Recitations and songs were given by Colonel Gloster, Mr William Waller, Misses Waller, and Miss Rennison. After the renewal of the pledge by several persons the meeting adjourned.

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT AT O'BRIEN'S BRIDGE.—A sad drowning accident occurred in the Shannon, near O'Brien's Bridge on Sunday. A young man named Richard Haslam went out for a walk along the bank and sat down to have a smoke, but not arriving home in the evening fears were entertained with regard to him. Search was made which resulted in his body being found in the river a few yards from the bank, on which a pipe was discovered. Deceased was subject to epileptic fits and no doubt this was the cause of the poor fellow's sad end. He was highly popular in the district. An inquest was held to-day by Mr Coroner Frost and a verdict of accidental death returned.

DEATH OF A VENERABLE LIMERICK LADY.—We notice in our obituary column the announcement of the death which occurred at 10 Popstone Road, Earls Court, London, on the 27th December, of Mercy Hyder, nee Poe, widow of the late William Augustine Hyder, Captain 10th Royal Hussars, of Court Lees, near Castlerbury, in her 81st year. The venerable lady was the surviving member of an old Limerick family, but for years and years she has resided in England, and moved in the highest social circles, where in her younger days she was recognised as a type of singular beauty, the traces of which remained even in her declining years. She was a personal friend of the Duke of Cambridge, who paid her the high compliment of asking her to join his Royal Highness's party on Jubilee Day. The deceased lady was beloved by a very wide circle of friends, and her kindness and charity to the poor were well known.

THEATRE ROYAL

Mr T Gilbert Perry's Company appeared at the Theatre Royal last night in a pantomime to which is given the name of Robinson Crusoe. There was a large audience, some of the situations in the performance were sufficiently meritorious to

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NOVEL APPLICATION COUNTY COUNCIL

At the Quarter Sessions Adams, an applicant of Hall, to quash the marriage last year, for the year 1897, to let April, 1898, was not a quorum of 12 the meeting at which on other grounds.

Alderman Hall's application, and Mr. Clerk by Mr John Dunne application of the past period.

Alderman Hall, in opposition to the rate, there was not a legal basis for the petition signed by the legal improvement rate of the Water rate, but referred to the large amount of the city most. Their estimate for that year was several thousand been set for, but that alleged, the Corporation thing and spent it on put an end to that.

His Honor—Quite you will get a notice of the intention given.

His Honor—Supposition what will the on Mr Doyle—That is over again.

His Honor—Is this Aid Hall—No.

His Honor—Very justice between them Mr Doyle remarked to the quorum would way raised by Alderman the Act under which any person who is an

members included in a Honor, and that part but the question of a

action. It may be a person aggrieved by as with a flag not to

Ald Hall called by Section of the An business could be a

At the instance of Dunnehan, T.C. was His Honor—Is (laughter).

At Alderman Hall - the Council a few friendly (laughter).