

there can be no denying the fact at Britain's prosperity in increasing. The revenue of nearly 107 millions is without the slightest feeling of pressure on anyone except by the income tax, and there is not much sympathy for the working man who neither consumes nor tobacco practically lives without a penny of tax. This vast sum was during the past year, and it is impossible to expect radical members of the masses to say that an oppressive method has been used. They do not feel the payment with the one exception of those who have to pay the heavy income tax of 8d in the pound. It has been threatening the country during the last twelve months, and if enemies are now inclined to discover and gloat over the Government and people of the country can point to a record year of military expenditure with a record and a record surplus to keep it

There was no meeting of the Kilmallock Board of Guardians on Thursday, a quorum not having

It is glad to learn that Major Chichester, seriously injured at the Royal Irish Point Races, on Wednesday, is progressing favourably at the New Barracks.

At the Shannon Hotel, Castle Shannon, the following are included—Mr E T Ingham, Mr J W West, Mr B B West, Mr S C Snow, Mr A C Odale, Mr H Talbot. Departures—Mr

is indebted to Mr M J Flavin, M P, for a Bill to amend the Land Law (Ireland) Act of 1880, to provide for the restoration of evicted tenants to their holdings. It is brought in by Mr Flavin and several other Nationalist members.

**CASTLE SHANNON PETTY SESSIONS CLERK.**—Mr Palliser Dawson, Petty Sessions Clerk, is resigning the position on the 15th inst. Mr Dawson is brisk canvassing for the post. Several names have been mentioned, but it is believed that the local gentlemen are well in the running.

**COURT.**—Mr E F Hickson, R M, at the Police Court this morning. A man John Daly, who was charged by Constable with drunkenness, was fined 3s and there were two other cases of drunkenness. The suit of Constable Daly, and it being the first offence the defendants were dismissed.

The steamer "Kingwell," from New York with a cargo of grain for Messrs. James and Sons, was docked yesterday. The "British Commodore" with a cargo of goods from San Francisco, consigned to the same firm, is threatening her cargo at Beigh Castle. She has been on a long voyage of 200 days, being impeded by contrary winds and stormy weather.

reported that a determined attempt was made a few nights ago to burn the dwelling-house of a farmer named Doherty, who resides at Mooghans, near Newmarket-on-Fergus. It appears that all the family had retired to rest, with the exception of Mrs Doherty, who was attracted by smoke which began to fill the kitchen. The family were soon aroused and it was found that an end of the roof was on fire. Luckily the blaze had not gained much headway, and the efforts made to extinguish it were soon effective. From the position from which the fire originated, it is believed that the occurrence was due to wantonness or malice. Doherty has always been popular in the neighbourhood and is regarded as an honest hard-working man, but it seems that he had been subject to some annoyance in consequence of his having purchased a farm some eight or nine years ago from a farmer who was emigrating.

**DEATH OF MR MICHAEL FITZGIBBON.**—We regret to announce the death of Mr Michael Fitzgibbon, Clerk of Rathkeale Union, which took place at his residence in that town yesterday morning, at an advanced age. Mr Fitzgibbon was one of the oldest Poor Law officials in Ireland and therefore an undoubted authority on all matters connected with Union affairs. He was an expert financier, a man of sound judgment and discretion, and one who always worked the business of the Union in a manner that redounded to his credit, and won for him the respect and esteem of successive Boards of Guardians for nearly half a century, as well as the most appreciative recognition on the part of the Local Government Board. The deceased gentleman had been in ill health for some weeks back, but his death was unexpected, and has occasioned deep regret amongst a wide circle of friends in West Limerick. The funeral is to take place at 3 o'clock to-morrow for the New Cemetery, Rathkeale.

**SALE OF THE WATERFORD AND LIMERICK RAILWAY.**

Dublin, Friday. To-day a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Great Southern and Western Railway was held, at which the proposed purchase of the Waterford and Limerick Railway was under discussion. Of course, the proceedings were private, but it is understood that so satisfactory were the proceedings to-day that the directors are most hopeful of concluding an agreement for the purchase of the Waterford and Limerick lines.

**LIMERICK CLOTHING FACTORY.**

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr Macartney, in reply to Sir Charles Dilke, said—The Limerick Clothing Factory holds no Admiralty contracts at present, and no application has been received from the contractor at Galway to sublet his contract to the Limerick factory.

**LADY'S PICTORIAL.**

The frontispiece in to-day's issue of the *Lady's Pictorial* gives a photo of the Duke, Duchess and Princess Maria Louise of Cumberland. We have also a photo of the little Princess Victoria of York. Apropos of the Queen's journey, the exterior and interior of Her Majesty's continental saloons are shown. "The Season on the Riviera—Cannes," is a very pretty picture, and there are also views of Cape Town, illustrating "An English girl's experiences in South Africa." The art notes and glimpses of still life are, as usual, most interesting. There are the latest designs in dress and millinery, and in connection

F Parker	10	11	5
J Healy	9	12	9
M Hewson	11	15	11

Mr E Leslie was awarded the prize and Mr G Walpole won the I. The prizes were distributed by the great deal of credit is due to the class, especially to the Hon Jordan, a host in himself, and

**CHURCH LADS' BIBLE SOCIETY.**

On Thursday evening the Church Lads' Bible Society attended a special service in St. Michael's Cathedral. The three companies, numbered 1, 2, and 3, marched together from their headquarters to the command of Lieutenant E Michael's Company). The following also present—Lieutenants A D Stokes, W Barker (St Michael's); R Toppin (Cathedral); J E To (Trinity). A large amount of interest was displayed in the unusual sight of the lads parading in front of the Cathedral, and the service was successful throughout. The flags of the different companies were placed in front of the Cathedral, with sacred symbols, and a Chancel. The music consisted of hymns which were sung by a largely a vocal choir, accompanied by the organ. The services played by members of the Band, through the kind permission of the Officers. The Lord Bishop of Limerick delivered a most impressive address taking for his text the C. L. "The good fight," 1st Timothy, 6. At the conclusion of the sermon the Lord Bishop took up, after which the National Anthem was sung. The following clergy were present—The Dean of Limerick, Abbott, Captain; W E Bentley (Cathedral Company); and Mr Secretary. Mr Muspratt presided and to him is due the success of the service. Rev C V Atkinson, Chaplain Trinity Company, was absent.

**RURAL SANITARY.**

The fortnightly meeting of the Rural Sanitary Board was held to-day. Mr E Croker, and there were present—James Croker, D L, William Fitzgerald, Mr James Moloney, Daniel Clancy, Mr MacNamara, John O'Connor, Mr Executive Sanitary Officer; Mr B E; Mr McCoy, solicitor. Mr Croker stated that some money was told, a certain sum of money was given to Captain Croker, of Grange, and for the purpose of relieving the drain at Skule. Recently the drain and great distress was caused a month afterwards he came to find that the drain had been blocked. The width of the drain is only two feet, and there is a great deal of rain there. One day, by the help of volunteers, they succeeded in draining a foot deeper. He now wonders what could be done for the place. There was a certain sum of money that may be availed of for this purpose. The Chairman—Perhaps Mr Croker will inform us. Mr Guinane—Yes, sir. The Rural Sanitary Board established, in Limerick and Croom Unions, has been successful in its work.