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gural address on New Year's Day referred to the rates which the called upon to pay, and the very satisfaction with which the amount Not only is the rate a high one but no prospect of a diminution being hinted if we are to judge by the the past an increase is more likely. It is easier for the public to point out where the fault lies. Suggestions in the way of improvements of detail are necessarily outside their observations, but when the civic affairs, and especially of left to a chosen body of men the respect to have their management close examination, and it is not the present high rates arouse Increased taxation is due to some the Mayor pointed out to permanent works, such as block paving, the unitary works, improved repairs of play on new flagging, and such blockpaving alone during the past of £9,000 was borrowed, the money ed where the traffic was heaviest, a still remains over to be utilised in of the city. To this expenditure d the amount for crossings, flag- gonal repairs, so that last year ex- previous year in the sums laid out at and necessary improvements. striking part of the Mayor's that in which he con- items of expenditure for 1897 r 1887, ten years before. In 1887 ls 1d, and in 1897 it was 5s, an h is enough to cause anxiety in many traders who find themselves to make a living for themselves ilies. The cost of lighting and practically the same for both lighting the item for 1897 is for watching £1,259. As to the ith which the watching of is conducted there can a second opinion. It nmed as obsolete and prac- s, interesting merely as a lie of what the great wants of the

being occupied by the Rev. J. T. Waller. The room was decorated with holly and evergreens. 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 Rønnison. 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 Canterbury, 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 recognized 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 secure the approval of the house, but as a whole, the pantomime scarcely came up to expectations. The performance of the lady dancers was good, and some up-to-date music hall songs were introduced with success. On Wednesday and Thursday nights *The Indian Prince* will be produced by the same company.

### SETTLEMENT OF A BAKERY TRADE DISPUTE.

For some time past it appears a dispute was brewing in connection with Messrs Harris's Machine Bakery, the ground of misunderstanding being with regard to the amount to be deducted from the weekly earnings of the men in lieu of the work done by the machinery. At the settlement of the Croom Mills dispute, an agreement had been come to by which the amount was fixed at £2. When Messrs Harris introduced the machinery only a nominal sum was stopped, but notice was given some time ago that the full amount would be retained, and for the past two weeks their intention has been put into operation. It would seem that the men through their

by Mr John Dunton, solicitor, application on the part of the Corporation.

Alderman Hall, in stating his opposition to the rate, said the first there was not a legal quorum, and warrants for the collection of the rate signed by the legal number. His Improvement rate passed under duress, and also the General Purposes of the Water rate, but his objection referred to the Improvement rate, which was enormously high, and it is that which will be the city most. There were several estimates for that rate perfectly illegal, and were several others that credit had been got for, but that was not so alleged, the Corporation struck a thing and spent it on another, and put an end to that illegality.

His Honor—Quite right, and if you will get a statue (laughter).

Alderman Hall—I also complain of the intention to strike the rate given.

His Honor—Supposing I agree to the rate, what will the consequence be?

Mr Doyle—That the Corporation will be over again.

His Honor—Is there any appeal?

Ald Hall—No.

His Honor—Very well. I will do justice between them (laughter).

Mr Doyle remarked that the point to the quorum would not apply in the way raised by Alderman Hall. That the Act under which he is proceeding is not a matter who is aggrieved by a rate, to bring an appeal, and that person could state his case, but the question of the quorum was a matter of law. It may be a ground of irregularity, so it might be carried by certiorari to the Queen's Bench. It was not competent for a person aggrieved by a rate to bring an appeal with a drag net to meet his case.

Ald Hall called his Honor's attention to the Section of the Act which provides that business could be done unless there was a quorum.

At the instance of Alderman Hall Mr Donnellan, T.C., was called.

His Honor—Is he a hostile witness (laughter)?

Alderman Hall—From a speech the Council a few days ago I can hardly say he is a hostile witness (laughter).

Mr Donnellan, in reply to Alderman Hall, was at the meeting of the Corporation on the 4th ult, and he and Alderman Carr were to have Mr McDonnell elected on the Board after the death of Mr Joseph McDonnell.

Alderman Hall—You stated that you were out of order just then.

His Honor—What have I got to do with that? If they were there for some job you would not say to your application?

Mr Donnellan—In this particular case no job (laughter). It was the case.

Alderman Hall—You remember a discussion about several matters, a matter proposed that the rates be paid.

Mr Donnellan—I must correct you, you were not present (laughter).

His Honor—That does not matter, you were not examining you.

Alderman Hall—Mr Begley proposed that the rates be now struck, and immediately up again and proposed that Mr McDonnell should be put on. Did you do that?

Mr Donnellan—I don't think I ought to say that.