

# LIMERICK CHRONICLE. THURSDAY EVENING. JULY

and sailing vessels in course of construction at the end of the half-year was tons less than twelve months previously. In the same preparation at the end of the quarter was only half the quantity of a period last year, but the total present at the end of June will doubtless be a considerable increase on the previous year, there having recently been some improvements placed. Material, we are told, is very cheap, although prices have advanced some 7½ per cent during the past few months.

Coals are considerably cheaper, and have been reduced during the half-year. The cost of the construction of ships has enormously decreased. "The prices at which contracts have lately been made are unprecedented, but having been made by responsible firms who are not likely to sell at less than cost, proves the economies that have been made in shipbuilding, to enable vessels to be produced at such figures. The vessels accepted for steamers of 5,000 tons have cost less than what would have been the cost of a vessel half the size ten years since, or could have been paid four years since for a vessel of 3,000 tons." The points on which we have touched are about the same as in the Review. On the whole it is of an encouraging character, and in conclusion we summarise what may be gathered from a perusal of the facts which are so succinctly put together, viz—"That the prospects for the building industry are certainly much more promising at the close of the half-year than they were at the commencement."

A discussion took place at a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday last when the injury of our nocturnal guardians was once more brought to light. For some time past, as we have so often written, the citizens have been confronted with an epidemic of burglaries—all of them planned, and invariably committed in circumstances during the temporary absence of the

**DROWNING ACCIDENT.**—A boy named John Sheehan, aged seven years, son of Patrick Sheehan, cattle dealer, Carey's Road, was drowned yesterday in a quarry near the railway station. It appears that the deceased and two other little boys, one of whom was his brother, went fishing. One of them named Thomas Healy, caught a fish, and the deceased, while getting a cannister to put it in, fell into the water and was drowned. Mr Coroner DeCourcey held an inquest last evening, and a verdict of accidental death was returned. Sergeant Sherwood, Colony-street, appeared for the police.

**BAND PROMENADE.**—The first band promenade for the season—or, more strictly speaking, the first that has been held here for years, takes place this evening from 7.45 to 9.45 on the Lansdowne grounds, near the Militia Barracks. A few citizens have taken the matter up and rented the field, which is hoarded in, and the grounds will be suitably laid out. No more attractive form of enjoyment, and one sadly needed in Limerick, could be pointed to, and we trust it will receive the most cordial support of the public, particularly as the charge for admission is quite a nominal thing. The band of the Manchester Regiment discourses a very attractive programme this evening.

## THE SALE OF CREAMERY BUTTER IN LIMERICK MARKET.

The following circular, which has been issued, will be of interest:—

"Limerick, 12th July, 1893.

"DEAR SIR—Mr McDonnell, Mr Stokes, and myself, who have been pushing the sale of Irish creamery butter to the utmost of our ability amongst our business connections, both in England and abroad, have, after mature deliberation, come to the conclusion that the time has arrived, when, in the interest of this rapidly developing industry, creamery butter should be placed in the open market, so that by open competition its real value may be obtained.

"Many who would not look at Irish creameries a few years ago, and who would not be persuaded that it could ever compete with Danish, have now got their eyes open to its merits, yet, they will not sell it, because they say—we have no means of knowing its real market value from day to day; but are in the hands of a few people who are not controlled by any published market prices.

"As we are firmly convinced that the public sale of creamery butter in an open market would greatly increase its popularity with the retailers, and, so, by a largely increased demand at all seasons of the year enhance its value, we have made very advantageous arrangements with the Limerick Market Trustees and with the W and L Railway Co. All who wish can now have the ad-

## LIMERICK CORPORA

A meeting of the Corporation of Limerick was held on Tuesday evening last, the Mayor presided, and there were present—Aldermen T. Gaffney, D. R. C. Counihan, Councillors Jeremiah C. Counihan, Michael M'Donnell, T. Donnellan, M. O'Donnell, Richard Smith Kennelly.

Messrs Robert McDonnell Spillane, Secretary Gas DeCourcey, Secretary Water Works, City Surveyor, and M. Woulfe were also present.

## VOTES OF CONFIDENCE

Before the business commenced the Mayor was sure the Council would be out of order in referring to the Mayor. He thought they would be out of order. Since they last met they had respected citizens, Mr Mathew Alderman Riordan, and Mr J. Mr James O'Mara. He thought it was out of place if the Council showed indulgence with those gentlemen. As for himself, he felt it was unnecessary to say anything. Mr James O'Mara spent the last year in London, where his name was well known amongst the friends of the Corporation.

Mr W. J. O'Donnell proposed a vote of confidence to both families. He proposed a meeting specially to do so. He was long connected and much respected in the Corporation. Of Mr O'Mara's record was an honest Irishman, true to what they all looked for in a citizen, but in surety—the Rule Bill, the accomplishment of which will come at no distant future. Mr Riordan, as a solicitor, was well acquainted with the same with him socially, more friendly and genial acquaintance. He begged to propose a vote of confidence to both families.

Mr Wm. E. Counihan said that he seconded the proposition.

Mr Anglin—Oh, yes.

The Mayor—I take it so.

The Town Clerk was ordered to give effect to the vote to Messrs O'Mara and McDonnell.

## UNCOLLECTED

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