

elfast, with a population of 300,000, at £1,100 a year, so that for a city of 100,000, with a population of less than 100,000, the charge for the Constabulary must be less. This will be a matter for after consideration. In the meantime efforts are to be made to find employment in the Corporation for the older members of the Night Watch, his is a course to which no one can object, but viewing the matter from a different standpoint, the ratepayers will gladly accept the change, which we have every reason to believe will become a reality, notwithstanding the notice of motion which was given to upset the decision then come to by the Public Tramways was also before the Corporation and the subject favourably received. A committee has been appointed to consider the various questions on which the Corporation would have to treat for the carrying out of the scheme. It is one that would mean a very considerable outlay of money amongst the poorer and laboring classes, and need it be said that it would be of immense advantage to the city while also making Limerick more up-to-date.

Very glad to notice that at a meeting of the Royal Humane Society in London yesterday investigated a large number of cases of drowning, or attempting to save life in saving, or attempting to save life in saving, the bronze medal, for a conspicuous act of gallantry at Kilkee, on the 28th inst., was awarded to Lieutenant E. M. Downes, of the 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, recently stationed in this city. The facts of the case are doubtless within the knowledge of our readers. On the morning of the 28th inst., Lieutenant Panter-Downes and Mr. Vigors proceeded to Edmond Point for a fishing party, finding a very boisterous sea running, Mr. Panter-Downes hesitated whether they should go on. Suddenly cries for help were heard and the officers noticed an elderly gentleman struggling against the rolling waves at a considerable distance outside the rocks. Lieutenant Panter-Downes, who is a powerful swimmer, quickly divested himself of a light dress and swam to the rescue of the man, brought him to the rocks, a great difficulty, owing to the strongly rolling sea, and here, being gallantly assisted by Mr. Vigors, he succeeded in bringing the man ashore in safety. This heroic

act was witnessed by Miss Emma Robberds, a sort of modern Niobe, with this difference that her tears indicate her joy. A striking contrast to her was Miss Emma Robson as "Molly Somers," the engaged young lady, who is brimming over with smiles and who laughs at anything and everything. The bye-play between these two ladies creates great merriment. Miss Nancie Burton as "Isabel Howard," the ward of General Stanhope, played her part very gracefully, and so also did Miss Maud Bowyer as "Daisy Armistage" her companion. The other characters were placed in good hands. *Tom, Dick, and Harry* is preceded by a one-act play entitled *Lady Fortune*. There was a large audience last night.

DEATH OF MR MICHAEL WATERS.

We regret to announce the unexpected death of Mr Michael Waters, which took place this morning at his residence, the Dock Road, after a short illness, Mr Waters being in his usual health up to Friday last. The deceased was widely known in connection with shipping business, and as shipwright contractor did an extensive trade in Limerick, and one which reflected on him every credit. Mr Waters was held in the highest esteem by the citizens. His whole-heartedness and his other excellent qualities won for him the esteem of all who had formed his acquaintance. His life was full of activity and usefulness. One feature in his character should make Mr Waters' name ever revered. His remarkable bravery in life saving was unselfishly displayed on numerous occasions, and where life could be preserved, the late Mr Waters feared no dangers. His courage in this respect was repeatedly recognised by the Royal Humane Society, whose medals he frequently received for his intrepidity. The family have been for a long period identified with the port of Limerick, the late Mr Thomas Waters, father of the deceased, having occupied the position of Harbour Master. Mr Waters' death at the comparatively early age of fifty-eight years will be universally regretted. The utmost sympathy is felt for Mrs Waters and family in their great sorrow.

THE RAILWAY AMALGAMATION

GREAT WESTERN GENERAL MANAGER IN LIMERICK.

Mr J L Wilkinson, General Manager of the Great Western Railway Company of England, arrived from Waterford by the special saloon train at 3.30 p.m., to-day. On disembarking at Waterford he was met by Mr Colhoun, Great Southern and Western Railway Company; and Mr Vaughan, Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Company, who proceeded with him to Limerick, stopping for a short time en route at Tipperary and Clonmel. It is understood that Mr Wilkinson is on a general tour of inspection in connection with the sale of the Waterford, Limerick and Western Railway. He inspected the Locomotive Works this evening, and tomorrow will interview several business people in the city. He left for Castleconnell this evening.

GILTING AND PICTURE-FRAME MAKING.—P. Conner, 75 Catherine street, Limerick.

witness, but was provoked by Constable Goode, who kicked witness, in consequence of being obliged to release John Bond, the latter but returned and struck witness on the head with a stick, and witness on the head with stones; struck him on the head with a stone, and Bond's wife and father were away; Bond's father drew witness the scabbard, and attempted to strike but was prevented by Constable K. Mr Gubbins—Why is not the District Inspector Toppin

absconded. Constable Goode, continuing, received several severe cuts on the face, which blood flowed copiously; attended by Dr O'Callaghan, and on duty for several days.

The prisoner (John Bond)—Why do you call me for my name did you not strike me with a blackthorn stick before I had time to draw the scabbard—Indeed I did not. The Constable—Indeed I did not. Constable Joseph Kirk, who was with the last witness, gave evidence that John Bond attacked Constable Goode, asked him for his name, and Bond drew the constable's sword, and Bond was using it; he ran at Constable Goode with the sword but some civil men intervened and assisted the police.

Mr Gubbins—What are their names? The Constable said their names were Walsh of Old Pallas. The conduct of the prisoner could not be worse. John Bond struck Constable Goode with his head several times.

District Inspector Toppin said that he happened to be near the village of Ballyvaughan the night in question about the time the prisoner was attracted by noise and Patrick and John Bond and the prisoner ran down the road and asked them what had happened. The prisoner made some kind of unintelligible noise and detained some of the parties until Constable Goode came up; Constable Goode was struck on the head and face and the prisoner have been badly beaten; the prisoner was arrested; Patrick Bond became violent without resistance to the bar and continued his violent behaviour.

The prisoners made no defence and were drunk.

Mr Toppin produced a record which showed that the prisoner had been several times convicted of drunkenness and assaults. The charge against Patrick since '92, his conduct since had been fair and was not near so good.

The magistrates having considered the evidence, the man said they had decided on sending the prisoner to six months' imprisonment with hard labour. Patrick Bond, owing to the circumstances, would be let off with imprisonment, with hard labour.

The Communal Council of Limerick voted the imposition of an annual rate of 100¢ per member, to be paid by the ratepayers, that is opened in that town. The rate includes penalties for fraud. The rate was made at the end of January.

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