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AUDIT.

Mr. R. Bourke, Auditor, wrote from Woodlawn, Killarney, stating he examined the accounts of the Glin District School for the half-year ended 30th September, 1909. He enclosed eight abstracts of the audit.

CONTRACTS.

Mr. Dan Sheahan was declared contractor for the supply of about 14 gallons of new milk daily for the ensuing 12 months, as per terms of advertisement, at 7½d per gallon. Mrs. Mary Costello was declared contractor for a similar supply of new milk at 7½d per gallon.

THE LATE MR. P. J. FROST.

A unanimous vote of condolence was passed, and the sympathy of the Board tendered to Mr. Robt. Frost, a respected member of the Board in the lamented death of Mr. P. J. Frost, Clerk of the Limerick Asylum, and a copy was ordered to be forwarded by the Clerk to Mr. Frost.

COMING GENERAL ELECTION.

Conservative Agents Preparing.

Further conferences in the West of England and the eastern counties will shortly be arranged by Mr. Percival Hughes, Chief Conservative agent, who has already completed one series, covering the greater portion of England. Although the Conferences held were private, it is stated that the fullest discussions were carried on with reference to the candidates of the various constituencies, and every detail connected with the work of the party, so that every preparation should be made for the campaign in view of a possible General Election.

IRELAND AND THE BUDGET.

Mr. O'Brien's Amendment.

In the House of Commons yesterday the Finance Bill came on for second reading.

Mr. William O'Brien moved an amendment that it be read a second time on that day six months, and he expressed the opinion that Mr. Redmond and his friends in supporting the Budget were doing as great an injury to Ireland's hopes of Home Rule as to her financial interests.

On the division the Government carried the second reading by 328 to 242, a majority of 86.

SUDDEN DEATH.

An old woman named Mary Keating died rather suddenly this morning. She resided in Flag Lane and had been recently in hospital. This morning she went out on an errand, but was subsequently discovered unconscious in the street. The poor woman was removed to the workhouse hospital in the ambulance, but her death took place shortly afterwards. Mrs. Keating had been suffering from a weak heart, and the Coroner in the circumstances did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest.

PHOENIX ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report for the year ending 31st December, 1909, is a very satisfactory one and is evidence of the sound and skilful management of this venerable and popular company—established in 1782. The Fire and Accident Income (less re-insurances) amounted to £1,492,213, and the Losses and Expenses to £1,268,950. A sum of £209,102 was carried from the Fire Account to the credit of the Profit and Loss Account. In the Life Department the net income was £681,601, and the increase in the Life Funds £210,035. The Resources of the Phoenix as at 1st January, 1910, stood at:—Total Funds in hands £13,283,219, which with the un-called Capital of £2,419,920 make the Total Resources, £15,703,139. Chief Office for Ireland—18 Nassau street, Dublin; James R. Warner, Local Secretary.

THE REPOSITORY SALE.

Mr. Wm. B. Fitt opened his sale in this Central Cattle Market on last Saturday, the supply of stock not necessitating the ample accommodation afforded at "The Paddocks." Entry quite up to seasonable numbers, a big muster of buyers with a sharp enquiry particularly for Dairy Stock, the result being that there was an advance of about 30s a head. Trade opened with much animation, which was sustained throughout the sale. An early clearance: Top price, £17 5s, obtained by Mr. John O'Connor. Current rates for best heifers, £15 to £17; second class, £13 10s to £15; yearling bullocks, £6 10s; yearling heifers, £7 3s down to £5, according to class; small two-year olds, £7 to £8.

ALBANIAN REVOLT.

Train Held Up.

Reports from Salonika via Constantinople confirm the renewal of the Albanian revolt. Encounters have already taken place, in which 30,000 Albanian insurgents opposed Turkish troops. According to a Prishtina telegram a body of Albanians on Sunday "held up" a train at Deliklitash and disarmed forty soldiers and officers who were travelling by it.

CHARGE OF WIFE DESERTION.

A man named Charles Tuohy, a labourer, was arrested yesterday by Constable Bell, at Lisnagry, on a magistrate's warrant, charging the accused with deserting his wife last June. The arrest was made on a description in the *Hue and Cry*, and the accused was remanded by Mr. Hickson, R.M.

The Prince of Monaco arrived in Rome yesterday, and was received at the Quirinal by the King.

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