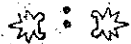


dislocation of traffic means a dislocation of the popular resorts served by the system. Kilkee, Lahinch, Lisdoonvarna, and Malbay. Next there is the loss in the receipts which must of course seriously affect the ratepayers of the county, who have no good the guaranteed dividends on the capital of both lines, and whose liabilities are further added to if the demands of the Government are conceded. For the statement issued by the Committee of Ratepayers Directors states that some of these demands would "involve an expenditure of over £928, altogether the payments involved by claims for over-riding allowance, and temporary duty, is impossible to ascertain with any degree of accuracy." Without expressing any opinion on the points at issue between the men and the Government, we can only hope, in common with a sentiment generally expressed, that some means will be found, in the interests of the ratepayers, the Government, and the men themselves, of speedily settling the strike, which has already resulted in considerable public inconvenience and loss to the County of Clare.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Year's Weather.

A satisfactory explanation of the extraordinary weather which the world has been suffering this year has yet been put forward. Professor Bickerton, a Danish Zealand scientist, thinks it may be due to the detachment of vast ice-floes from the Arctic and Antarctic capes, due, perhaps, to the effect of an earthquake wave. If this were so, however, we could expect that mariners in the Northern and Southern oceans would have observed these great masses of ice. But, so far as one knows, no more has been reported than in previous years.



African Elections.

The elections in South Africa would appear to have fought out as strenuously as was the great contest in the United Kingdom in the early part of the year. The most significant of the contests was the defeat in Pretoria East of General Buller by a prominent Progressive, Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, while two other members of the Liberal Unionist Ministry have also been defeated by the Unionists, who have won other remarkable successes as well. It is, however, a certainty that the Government will be found for the defeated Ministers, and the nineteen results are now outstanding it is

leaves with them on their travels. It will surprise many, however, to learn their method of preparing the beverage. They drink it from a glass—cups and saucers being absent from their tables. First the glass is filled with hot water, then a pinch of tea is added, and, lastly, a slice of lemon. Sometimes, but very seldom, a little sugar is used. The whole decoction tastes like hot water, with barely discernible flavour.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA IN DENMARK.

Queen Alexandra's sojourn at Klampenborg, her Danish villa, may extend over five or six weeks (says the London correspondent of the *Post*), and include a short digression to Christiania. There is some expectation that her Majesty will be accompanied on her return to England by her youngest daughter the Queen of Norway, and her grandson, the Crown Prince Olaf. Although the Norwegian Royal party are to make Appleton House their headquarters, they will actually be the guests of Queen Alexandra at Sandringham Hall until the arrival of King Haakon.

LAND PURCHASE IN COUNTY LIMERICK.

The tenants on the Lord Lisle property at Cush, Tobernea, and Gurranekeagh met at Kilmallock yesterday with a view to bringing about a sale to them of their holdings.

Mr. W. R. Gibbins, J.P., Chairman County Council, presided, and it was unanimously decided to offer the same terms as those given in the Co. Cork portion of the property, where a sale was effected through Canon O'Riordan, Kingwilliams town.

DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL GUINANE.

We regret to announce the death, which took place yesterday at his residence, St. John's Terrace, Mulgrave Street, of Mr. Michael Guinane, after a brief illness. The deceased, who was a native of Clonlara, Co. Clare, was an assistant manager in the firm of Cleeve Brothers, with which he has been connected for some twenty-five years, and a prominent official as he was, was widely known and respected in Limerick, and the adjoining counties. He spent many years in Limerick, and later on was transferred to the firm's branch in Clonmel, returning some years ago to fill an important position in the city, which he held up to the time of his demise. He was a most trustworthy, courteous, and energetic official, and was held in the highest regard and esteem by his employers, the Messrs. Cleeve, who deeply regret his passing away at the comparatively early age of 52 years. That feeling is, we need hardly say, fully shared by the various staffs of the firm, and by all who knew him either in business or private life. Deep sympathy is expressed with Mr. Guinane's widow, family and relatives in their keen sorrow. The funeral will take place from St. John's Cathedral for Mount St. Lawrence to-morrow at 3 p.m.

Lord. Amen.

Croom Parish.

The Bishop of Limerick and a confirmation in this Church recent candidates were presented by the Limerick (Rector).

SUNDAY SERVICE

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL—17th Sunday—Trinity—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion, 11.30 o'clock; Lee (D); Chants, Purcell (G minor); G; ; Service, Goss in A; Hymn, 364; Communion Service, Goss in Rev. T. F. Abbott, B.D. Evenso—Chants, Purcell (A), and Teesdal (Goss) in A; Anthem, "The Glory (Goss); Hymns, 553, 35; Preacher, Abbott, B.D.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH—17th Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11.30 Prayer and Holy Communion; Prayer.

TRINITY CHURCH.—17th Sunday Morning, Prayer at 11.30; Evening, 6.30; preacher at both services, Waller, M.A.

ST. MUNCHIN'S CHURCH—17th Sunday Trinity—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening, 6.30; preacher at both services, Robertson.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—17th Sunday—Morning Prayer, 11.30; Evening, 6.30; Preacher at both services, Rev. C. D. Litt.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH (Parish) Prayer, 11.45; Holy Communion, W. L. Shade, B.A.

KILKEEDY CHURCH.—Morning and Evening Service, 4.0 (in schoolhouse).

CASTLECONNELL CHURCH.—Morning Holy Communion at 11.30 o'clock; Prayer, 5.30 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Lower) Morning, 11.30; preacher, R. M.A., Chaplain to the Forces. Evening, 6.30; preacher, Rev. R. H. Semple, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH (George) Services—Morning, 11.30; Evening, 6.30; Preacher at both Services, Rev. M.A.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH (Military) Service, 11.30; Evening, 6.30; W. B. Meikleham.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Cecil) Sept. 18th—Morning, 11 a.m.

CHARGE OF STAG

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

On Wednesday a man named [Name] had been discharged from the [Name] the previous day, was taken into police on the Circus Field, Ennis having stabbed a man named [Name] brought before Mr. M. T. [Name] remanded.