

How great the scandal is in Galway, one incident alone will show. At the Licensing Sessions a man applied for a new license. In the street where his house stood there are only five houses, all told, and of these three are already licensed. Three licensed houses in a street of five tenements pre-supposes uncommon drinking capacity, or uncommonly poor trade, but the fact that they exist is clearest evidence that a fourth cannot possibly be needed to "meet the wants of the district."

LONDON OR DUBLIN.

It is said that the question of the Celtic gold ornaments in the British Museum, and which being found in Ireland, are held to rightfully belong to the Dublin National Museum rather than the British Museum, is to be fought out in a court of law between the trustees of the Museum and the Treasury. The matter is exciting much attention in the antiquarian world, as it has already done in Irish circles.

PRIVATE BILLS IN PARLIAMENT.

Notice has been given of no less than 52 private members bills in Parliament during the present session. They have all been read a first time.

AN ANCIENT BILLIARD TABLE.

There is a billiard table in London at the present moment that can boast of a lifetime of two centuries, and a long acquaintance with men who have made history. It belonged originally to Louis XIV., passed into the possession of Napoleon I, and now, in its old age, has come into the hands of Messrs Orme and Sons, and is on exhibition in Soho Square. This celebrated table is much smaller than an English table. The body of the table is a block of oak, weighing 10 cwt., covered with a cloth of electric blue. The frame of the table is of rosewood, and the pockets—perhaps the most striking feature of the table—are reproductions in bronze of queer hideous old gargoyles. When the ball falls into the pocket the lower jaw of the gargoyle drops, and the ball is found in its mouth. It is a clever piece of old mechanism.

IRISH GAS UNDERTAKINGS.

The "Gas World" Year Book gives some interesting statistics relating to the more important of the Irish gas undertakings. There are it seems 108 concerns in Ireland, of which 87 belong to companies and private owners and 21 to local authorities. These latter include the Limerick works, which for very many years have been under the control of the Corporation. The annual make in cubic feet is returned at 101,800,000; candle power, 15; price 3s 7d. In less than twelve months the electric lighting scheme we may remark will be in operation in connection with the management of the Gas Works, and whether this scheme will be the means of effecting a reduction in the price of gas cannot of course at present be foreseen. In Clonmel the annual make is 24,000,000

A MUNSTER FUSILIER OVERBOARD.

The Canada, which arrived at Southampton on Tuesday from South Africa, had on board 32 officers, and 753 men, among them being Brig. General R. G. Broadwood. When the vessel left Capetown there were forty-seven cot cases, but these were reduced during the voyage to nine. A private of the Munster Fusiliers mysteriously disappeared one night, and boats were lowered, but no trace of him could be found.

THE BUTTER BUYER AND THE RAILWAY.

Yesterday afternoon before Judge Carton, a process was heard at the suit of Mr. Fred Hill, Barrington street, Limerick, against the West Clare Railway Company claiming £2 8s. damages for the loss of a firkin of butter, one of a lot of 67, while in transit from Ennistymon to Limerick.

Mr. M. J. McNamara, solicitor, was for the plaintiff.

Mr. W. Healy, solicitor, appeared for the defendant company.

After hearing the evidence, his Honor dismissed the process.

MUNSTER & LEINSTER BANK.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

Mr. Lillis presided on Tuesday at the half yearly meeting of the Munster and Leinster Bank. There was a large attendance of shareholders.

The Chairman pointed out that the profits for the six months were £18,298 10s 11, and the undivided profits from last account, £5,271 13s 3d. They transferred to the reserve fund £2,500; to the reduction of premises account, £5,000; and to the next account, £5,070 9s 2d. He moved the adoption of the report, and a dividend of 11 per cent. on the paid-up capital.

Mr. John Murphy, J.P., seconded the motion, which was passed.

On the motion of Mr. M'Carthy, J.P., seconded by Sir John Scott, a vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Mrs. J. W. Payne Sheares, a director.

Mr. Charles E. Murphy, retiring director, was re-elected, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the directorate and staff for their efficient services.

SAD SUICIDE NEAR OOLA.

News has been conveyed to the police barrack at Oola of the death of a farmer's son, named William Ryan (Robert), who resided at Newtown, about two miles from the village. Inquiries were made, and it was found that the deceased, who was about thirty seven years of age, retired to his room shortly after three o'clock, and was seen there by his mother, whom he asked to call in a farm workman. She left the room to do so, and on the way mentioned her message to another son. The latter went to his brother's room only to find him dead with a gunshot wound through his head, death having apparently been self-inflicted. There is no reason alleged why the deceased should commit such an act. He was always of a quiet, peaceable disposition, and much sympathy is expressed with his family on his death under such sad circumstances.

gardener of the People's Park, with flowers. We should remark that course, the public were mostly into Mayoralty the question of the S canvassed a good deal both yesterday morning, and the gentlemen who considered would make the runner Vincent Nash, J.P., Alderman F and Mr. E. J. Long.

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

There was an immense crush of public as the door leading to the chamber entrance was opened, and of the room were quickly thronged, or at all events the large number came in a body and took their passages at either side were quickly by the citizens. Various members—old as well as new—were at a hum of good-humoured banter outside the barrier. At five minutes the High Sheriff entered the room, the City High Constable bearing the State mace, and also the mace bearer the Mayor to his seat. There were for Daly" as the Mayor (wearing office) entered the room. Soon the declarations having been signed by the proceedings opened.

The Town Clerk announced the election of Aldermen and Council called the roll when it was found two absent; Alderman Joyce, and Stokes.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

The election of Mayor was with.

The Mayor, in the course of his this was the last opportunity have of addressing them chair, he wished to say tenderly rejoiced at seeing so many in the Council, when at the same grieved missing some of the old accustomed to see there. Further briefly to his history, and the old Corporation. He went that it did not suit men of his to have anything to do with local the Mayoralty, he was sure the Council actuated by one desire, and that best man. (A Voice: That is Jim (Another Voice—Michael Donnelly a relief to him to go down amongst his share in the discussions, his place in the Council Chamber. I private notice from a member that propose a resolution, and as ascertained to the proceedings of would certainly yield to the measure propose the resolution.

Mr. Bradshaw therefore proposed Council pledge itself not to support date for the Mayoralty or Shrieve willing to sign the following hereby pledge myself to take no nation honours, Royal demonstration any title during my time of office.

Mr. R. Nash rose to a point of posed that they proceed with the agenda paper.

Mr. M'Inerney seconded the motion, and said that he was Custom House Ward, and he pledged not to support any gentleman.

A Voice—Ah sit down in the (laughter).

Mr. C. Johnstone seconded Mr. ment.

Mr. James Moloney said that the