

THE IMPENDING FAMINE—STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

(From the Leinster Express.)

A crowd of labourers came into town (Maryborough) on Monday last, asking for employment, as they were badly off; and certainly unless some public works be commenced, the prospect is very melancholy, for potatoes are almost useless, and Indian meal is now "up" to 2s. per stone, with the certainty of an increase.

Our Borris in-Ossory correspondent furnishes a most lamentable picture of the condition of the poor in that neighbourhood. He says there has not been a grain of oatmeal in the town for the last three weeks—the potatoes are nearly gone—the turnips are fast falling, from a disease similar to that in the potatoes—and fever is very prevalent. The bakers cannot half supply the demand for bread, as that is almost the only article of food now in use. The nearest public work to the town is the railroad, about two miles and a half distant; and the drainage works upon the Nore are nearly four miles from it.

On the 14th instant, 29 drays, laden with military provisions, arrived here from the stores at Templemore, escorted by a party of the 66th regiment, under the command of Ensign Bell, on their way to Dublin.

A woman, named Elizabeth Conroy, of Scaroon, was wounded by a pistol shot, fired at her on the morning of the 14th instant, about seven o'clock, by a man with his face blackened, who also struck her twice with the end of the pistol. Eight grains of shot were lodged in her arm. She has a prosecution pending against a man named Cox.

A party of eight or ten armed men went through the lands of Deer Park, Kilpatrick, Ballinan, and Rahan, in this county, a few nights ago, and ordered the inhabitants not to dispose of their corn or pay rent to the landlords, or they would deal with them on the Molly Maguire system, firing shots at each house they visited. One man who peremptorily refused to obey the mandate, had his horse shot in the stable, when they were harnessing to bring corn to the market that morning.

Our Roscrea correspondent informs us that on Wednesday two sheep, the property of William Galwey, Esq., of Kildeman, near this town, was killed on his lands, and the flesh partly taken away.

On the 15th inst., the Rev. Mr. Minchin, of Greenhills, Moneygall, purposed selling some corn belonging to a man named John Carroll, of Army hill, which he had under seizure for rent; but on Mr. Minchin and his bailiffs going on the lands, they found about 200 persons had collected to prevent the sale. This they succeeded in effecting, and carried the corn away on cars, after cutting down an acre of barley.

On Wednesday, a number of persons from the same neighbourhood, proceeded on horseback, on cars, and on foot, to Uskane, Lower Ormond, to prevent the sale of corn belonging to a man named Ryan, which was under seizure for rent, by a Mr. Eggshaw; but it appears that Mr. E. did not go to the place.