

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LIMERICK, TUESDAY.

an invi-  
 bers, to  
 The deci-  
 in the  
 is coming  
 nsidered.  
 different  
 are con-  
 re very  
 l the  
 tion  
 cious  
 preven-  
 which Dr.  
 er. The  
 question  
 ary and  
 revention  
 Dr. Cohn,  
 of the

The forces of the Crown, military and police, were employed to-day to evict Michael Lane, a tenant on Colonel Thomas S. Macadam's estate at Parteen, near this city. Michael Lane was born on the estate, his father having been in the occupation of the farm up to about fourteen years ago, when he resigned the management of the holding to his son. The rent up to about four years ago was 102*l.* a year. The farm consists of 32½ Irish acres, the greater portion being a light sandy soil, with some very fertile patches here and there. Four years ago Lane pressed for a reduction of rent, and this was acceded to, the rent being fixed at 80*l.* a year, and a lease given. Lane continued paying the reduced rent up to September, 1885, but when the gale of 40*l.*, due in March of last year, was demanded, with 4*l.* arrears, he asked for a reduction of 25 per cent., which was refused. The agents to the estate, Messrs. Hosford and Delmege, brought an ejection process against Lane, and failing to recover the amount for which they obtained a decree, the sub-

Sheriff put up the interest of the holding for sale at Ennis in November, and Mr. Lyons, the representative of the landlord, was declared the purchaser at a nominal sum. Since then eviction has been merely a question of time for the tenant, who is married, and the father of nine young children, his mother, an aged and infirm woman, also living with him. The preparations yesterday for the eviction were kept as secret as possible, and the Constabulary for the escort were drawn from the most remote parts of Clare and Limerick. Yesterday 20 men came from Kilrush by steamer, and during the day they were arriving from several districts. It was not until this morning, at an early hour, that the tenant, through a friend, received notice that he might expect the Sheriff before noon. Lane's house is about a quarter of a mile from the village of Parteen, on the road leading to Blackwater, and in a sparsely populated district. Friends, however, came to his assistance, and with their aid he removed all his furniture to a small house on the other side of the road in a field rented by Mr. Johnstone, of Limerick. He had the house cleared of all the furniture, the windows removed, and the apertures barricaded. The chapel bell at Parteen rang at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock, a signal that the Clare sub-Sheriff, Captain Croker, his bailiffs, and their escort of military and police, were on the way. The military and police had marched from Limerick, and were

joined by the Sheriff and Bailiffs at Long Pavement Railway Station, whither they came by the morning train from Ennis. As the column passed through Parteen and ascended the hill leading to Lane's house, Colonel Turner, divisional magistrate for Clare, marched at the head of the forces; Captain Welsh, stipendiary magistrate at Kilkee, was at his side, and 80 men of the 2d Battalion Leinster Regiment and 150 police, with batons drawn and rifles swung on their shoulders, followed. Mr. F. G. Hodder, stipendiary magistrate of Ennis, also accompanied the force. When the force arrived in front of the tenant's house, the troops piled arms on the roadway, and by direction of Colonel Turner, Inspector Heard cleared the approaches of some people whom the chapel bell had attracted to the spot.

On the arrival of the expedition, Lane, his wife, and brother-in-law, O'Grady, had retired into the house and made fast the door, and from inside the tenant's voice could be heard bidding defiance to the agents. After a brief consultation, it was decided to force open the door, and the Sheriff carrying a wicker shield on his arm, and the bailiffs, some of them shields and others hatchets, advanced to the attack supported by an armed force of police. The door was broken in, and Lane and O'Grady were seen armed with huge sticks barring the passage into the house. The bailiffs made a dash to effect an entrance, but were hurled back by the two powerful Defendants, who cudgelled with their huge shillelaghs wherever they could deal a blow effectively. The police closed up, and an exciting struggle ensued. Lane and his relative fought furiously. Inspector O'Reilly got into the house; but was encountered by Mrs. Lane, who, coming behind him, struck him a fearful blow on the head with a poker, which cut through his helmet and inflicted an ugly scalp wound from which the blood flowed profusely. So vigorous was the blow that the poker broke in two on the policeman's head, and Dr. Stoney said but for the helmet the blow would have killed O'Reilly. All this time Lane and O'Grady were struggling in the midst of an overwhelming force of Constabulary, and were in the end knocked down and handcuffed. Colonel Turner said he had never witnessed such violence before. The lands were cleared, and possession given by the Sheriff to the agents, who placed two emergency bailiffs, defended by seven policemen, in charge of the empty house.

The column then reformed and marched to Parteen, where a halt was made at the police barracks. Colonel Turner desired to have a car for the conveyance of Mrs. Lane to the city gaol, about two miles distant. A hackney car, on which Mr. Hodder and another gentleman had driven out, was available; but on the driver, a young man named Sheehy, observing that he

would have to drive the police and their Prisoner Mrs. Lane, to the prison he refused to do so. By order of the County Inspector, a constable took forcible possession of the horse and held the animal by the head, the driver, who is also the owner, loudly protesting at the action of the police. Colonel Turner having been informed of what had occurred said the car should be used for the conveyance of the woman. Sheehy retorted that he would sue the officers for it. The column reformed and proceeded to Limerick. Mrs. Lane, on the car with her police guard, a policeman acting as driver, rode in front of the expedition; next came the police and then the men of the Leinster Regiment, in the midst of whom walked the two male Prisoners. On the way the police were groaned at by a crowd of people. Colonel Turner ordered the constables armed with batons to disperse those who cheered the Prisoners and groaned at the police. The Constabulary charged accordingly, and were pelted with stones; they made two arrests, but the Accused were subsequently discharged. The three Prisoners from Parteen were lodged in gaol to await their examination under the Crimes Act.