

Evidently, assignable causes for this are these—that in other European countries—

1. The ownership of land is widely diffused among the people.
2. Ownership and occupancy are more frequently combined than in the United Kingdom.
3. As a rule no ownership exists except estates in fee-simple.
4. Transfers can be made, and charges can be effected or released with expedition, cheapness, and absolute safety as to the title.

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FORTY-FIRST SESSION.—FIRST MEETING.

[Tuesday, 22nd November, 1887.]

THE Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

Professor Bastable read a paper on "Homestead Laws."

The ballot having been examined, Mr. J. E. Pim and Mr. C. H. Oldham were declared elected members of the Society.

SECOND MEETING.

[Tuesday, 3rd January, 1888.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

Mr. R. M. Barrington read a paper on "The Drought of 1887, and some of its Effects on Irish Agriculture."

THIRD MEETING.

[Tuesday, 24th January, 1888.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, Mr. H. Dix Hutton, Vice-President, in the chair.

Mr. Thos. Connolly read a paper on "The Story of the North American Fisheries."

The ballot having been examined, Mr. Charles Murphy and Mr. P. H. Bagenal were declared elected members of the Society.

FOURTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 7th February, 1888.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

Mr. C. Eason, jun., read a paper on "The Present Position of the National Finances."

FIFTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 17th April, 1888.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

Mr. Murrough O'Brien read a paper on "Sliding Scales for Rent—Values and Fair Rents—Annual and Capital Value."

The ballot having been examined, Mr. W. J. Fitzpatrick and Mr. J. E. Gilmore were declared elected members of the Society.

SIXTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 5th June, 1888.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

Mr. R. R. Cherry read a paper on "Decimal Money."

SEVENTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 26th June, 1888.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

Mr. C. F. Bastable (Hon. Sec.) read a paper on "Emigration and Immigration."

The ballot having been examined, the following Officers and Council were declared elected for the ensuing session:—President:—T. W. Grimshaw, Esq., M.D. (Registrar-General). Council:—R. M. Barrington, Esq., LL.B., R. R. Cherry, Esq., C. Eason, Jun., Esq., J. J. Shaw, Esq., J. G. Alcorn, Esq., E. T. Kennedy, LL.D., W. J. Lawson, Esq., Mr. Commissioner Lynch, Professor Sigerson, F.R.U.I., J. H. Edge, Esq., C. Murphy, Esq., G. Coffey, Esq.
