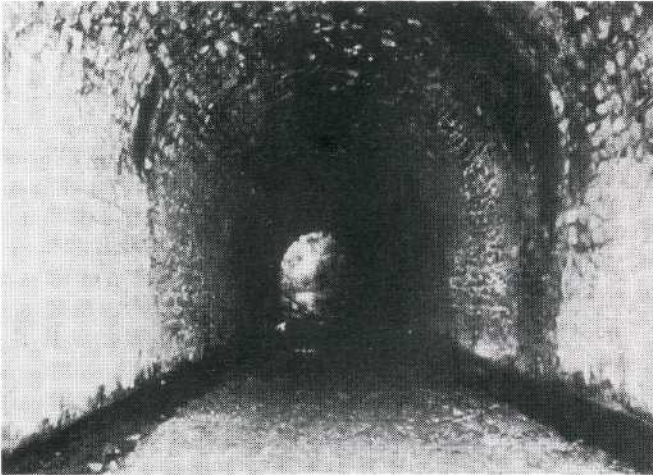




Interior of tunnel showing recesses



Looking towards the Southern entrance



North of Ballydougherty Halt

South employed on the Newry and Armagh Railway, was brought up and charged with assaulting William Montgomery, railway guard at the Edward Street Station on Saturday night. Kelly, who, at the time was entirely incapable from the whiskey he had imbibed, attempted to get into a railway carriage when the train was in motion. The railway official at once interfered to prevent Kelly from getting on, when the latter made a furious onslaught on Montgomery inflicting serious injuries, besides knocking out three of his teeth. The prisoner was remanded to Petty Sessions."

OUTRAGEOUS CONDUCT OF NAVVIES

"John Gallagher, John Mengie, Mick Pender, John Toal, Patrick Toner and James Burns, all rough looking specimens of the 'navvie' tribe, were brought up, charged by Sergeant Edgar with being drunk and conducting themselves in an outrageous manner in Canal Street on Tuesday night. It appeared from the evidence that a crowd of navvies had just arrived from the works at Lissummon tunnel and had been misconducting themselves at Sugar Island — Gallagher and another of the prisoners being stripped and calling for persons to fight with them. The constable immediately arrested Gallagher and had the remainder of the fellows also conveyed to prison. Gallagher resisted all he could. The Bench inquired of Gallagher what he had to say to the charge. Gallagher, a stout, coarse-looking fellow, said in a surly tone that he knew nothing of the matter.

"The Bench fined Gallagher in 5s. and costs, and the remainder were fined in 1s. and costs or 12 hours imprisonment.'

In another case two local men, Alan Auterson and Thomas Cardwell, were charged with assaulting Bernard McLoughlin and Edward Henry, stone masons at Lissummon Tunnel and natives of Co. Tyrone. The assault was alleged to have taken place at Tullyhappy but the accused were later acquitted.

There were a number of police stationed at the tunnel during its construction. In one account ten are mentioned, but they were insufficient to quell disturbances which occurred there in 1863, when under the heading "Riot at Lissummon Tunnel" the local paper reported the following:—

"We are informed, by a reliable authority, that on Friday last there arrived from England a large number, twenty or thirty, of Irish labourers who had been, as they alleged, 'hunted' out of works in