

year would be something over 25s. in the £. Of course, with the existing trade depression, the Corporation could not ask the citizens to bear such a burden, and it is very questionable, unless business shows an improvement, if many of them will be in a position to meet even the new rate. That this is self-apparent cannot be questioned for a moment, as everyone acquainted with the prevailing conditions cannot but see for themselves. At the moment unemployment is large, and the economic position is such that to ask the rate-paying community to continue to foot the high bill would only be courting disaster. A few weeks ago there was ample evidence of the inability of the citizens to satisfy the claims of the rate collector, who had over seventy summonses in court against defaulting ratepayers. Many of these were very harsh cases, and to make relief easy the District Justice asked if the Corporation would take the rate by instalment. This fully demonstrates the plight of many of the ratepayers of the city, and it must be said for the Corporation and rate collector that they have never unduly pressed those who showed any anxiety or wish to meet their obligations. This is a consideration that counts for much, and is naturally appreciated, but at the same time a general levelling down of expenditure is the need of the moment, and wherever it occurs it should be the duty of the Corporation to see that the spending departments are kept within reasonable limits. It will now be seen whether the Estimates Committee can make any useful contribution in the work of retrenchment, and if it can the ratepayers will have reason to be grateful for even small mercies, and look forward to a time when the heavy burden will be appreciably lifted off their shoulders.

THE KING AND CHATHAM VISIT.

To be Received by Clare Man.

According to present arrangements, King George will on Thursday next make a tour of inspection of the headquarters of the Royal Engineers at Chatham. His Majesty will be received by General Sir Bindon Blood, G.C.B., who is a son of the late Mr William Bindon Blood, of Cranaher, Co. Clare.

THE DOG NUISANCE.

A matter of common concern for some time past is the large number of dogs to be

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DEATH OF MR PETER GRANT.

The death, which we announce with regret, took place at his residence, Clare View, South Circular Road, at 4 o'clock this morning, of Mr Peter A. Grant, after an illness of considerable duration. The deceased gentleman was one of the best known commercial travellers in the south and west, and for a long number of years represented Messrs W. Clarke and Son, of the British Imperial Tobacco Company, by whom he was held in the highest esteem and respect. The late Mr Grant was a valued representative of his firm, and a general favourite with the trading public. Courteous and affable in all his dealings, he was in addition a steadfast friend, and those who were closely associated with him entertain very kindly feelings of his sterling characteristics and goodness of heart. In private life he was endeared for his sociable qualities, and as a member of the Irish Commercial Travellers' Association he accomplished excellent work for the members of that organisation. He leaves three daughters to mourn his loss, two being attached to the Community of the Faithful Companions, and to them the sympathy of the public will be whole-heartedly extended in their sorrow.

The funeral arrangements appear in the obituary notice.

DEATH OF MR. ALBERT ENRIGHT.

We regret to record the death of Mr Albert Edward Enright, which took place at his residence, Rosbrien, on Saturday evening, after a lingering illness. He was a member of an old Limerick family, being son of the late Mr Joseph Enright, shipwright, of this city. He himself was widely known and highly esteemed in business life, having been for many years connected with the seed and implement department of Messrs J. & G. Boyd, and later on carried on a seed agency for Messrs Gartons, Limited, Warrington. The sympathy of very many friends is extended to his family in their bereavement. This was manifest in the large and representative attendance at the funeral, which took place from St. Michael's Church, Barrington-street, whither the remains had been removed on Sunday evening, and after the service yesterday, at 3 p.m., the cortege left for the family burial place at St. Mary's Cathedral. The blinds of the P.V.M.A. and many business houses en route were closed.

The chief mourners were—Charles, William, and Leslie Enright, sons, and Joseph Enright, step-brother of the deceased.

Rev. Chancellor Swain officiated at St. Michael's and at the graveside. Rev. C. D. Clark, M.A., Trinity Church, was also present.

THE SHANNON SCHEME.

if any decision the Government arrived at.

LOWER LIQUOR DUTY

There will be a reduction in duties on spirits and beer. A Bill which the Government hope to introduce is generally thought to be pretty closely on the lines of the recent Commission. It proposes a 22s. 6d. per proof gallon for the whiskey duty, and 20s. per porter.

It is pointed out by many in the licensed trade that even if the duties take place, the consumer will not be benefited to the extent of a glass of whiskey, and 2d. per glass. But the decrease in price of spirits is essential.

MOTOR TARIFFS MAINTAINED

There is little doubt that a reduction in motor taxation is likely that an arrangement will be made with the British Government by both Government and Ford's firm. Thus cars will be afforded Ford's firm a small tax will be passed on to it is stated, had been complete hit both ways—that is, in import business, both branches essential to its prosperity at present.

There are good grounds for a small tax will be passed on to cars, which will recompense for its losses.

INCOME TAX RELIEF

It is more than probable that the Corporation will abolish the double income tax. There will be slight changes as regards income tax, according to statement the personal allowance in the men will be increased.

A POIGNANT ANNI

Sunday last was the fifth anniversary of the death of Ald. George C. O'Callaghan (Volunteer Joseph O'Donoghue) shot dead by British soldiers in their homes on the 7th March, 1921. In the Catholic Church Mass was celebrated for the repose of their souls by the Rev. Fr. Moloney, C.C.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT.

The Births and Deaths in the Dublin Registration Area and principal provincial urban areas in the Eireann, with the annual rate of population represented for the purposes of these Returns at 678,256, are given in the Registrar-General's Report ended the 27th February. The population represented by 27.2 in the Registration Area; Cork, 17.7; I.