

brother's residence, Rosemount, New Ross, on the previous evening. The deceased gentleman was son of the late Mr J. A. Place, an old and highly esteemed resident of Limerick, and for very many years manager of the Lax Water Fishing Co., and brother of Mr H. L. Place, B.C. Secretary of the Limerick Steamship Company. He was very popular with all who knew him, and his untimely end is deeply deplored. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to the family in the great bereavement which has so unexpectedly come to them.

A Dublin paper gives the following account of the tragic occurrence:—

Rosemount, the residence of Captain A. D. Place, near New Ross, County Wexford, was destroyed by fire on Thursday evening, and Captain Place's brother, Mr Edmund B. Place, former Commissioner in Uganda, was so severely injured that he died yesterday morning. Mr Place was on the ground floor trying to prevent the flames from reaching the chapel and library, when a heavy marble fire-place fell from one of the upper floors and fractured his skull. A doctor was summoned, and had him removed to the Haughton Hospital, New Ross, where he died. Mr Place had served in the great war. He leaves a widow and three children.

The house, a four-storey one, stood in handsome grounds, on the banks of the River Barrow. The fire started in the top storey; but the cause of its origin is not known.

Threshing operations were in progress during the morning in the farm yard adjoining the house. When the alarm of fire was given all the workers and neighbours who were assisting at the threshing hurried to the house, and the furniture—a very valuable collection—was removed. Water was obtained from the river, the vessels being passed from hand to hand by volunteers. The Civic Guards from New Ross, in charge of Superintendent P. K. Troy, assisted, and the fire brigades from New Ross and Waterford were summoned, but as their appliances would be effective only where a high-pressure water supply was available their services were of no avail. Soon the roof of the house fell in. All the floors were burned through, and in a few hours only the blackened walls were left standing.

DEATH OF MRS REEVES.

We regret to announce the death, which took place at Acton Cottage Hospital, London, late last night of Mrs Mary Reeves, at an advanced age, and after an illness of brief duration. The deceased lady was widow of the late Mr William Reeves, B.A., Osmington Terrace, City, the well-known Limerick journalist. Mrs Reeves had been on a visit to friends in London, when she was taken ill, and passed away, as stated, last night.

IMPORTANT OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

The Mayor (Councillor P. A. O'Brien), accompanied by Mr J. Morrissey, City Treasurer, left the city on Friday evening for Dublin on important official business.

Mr J. A. Garvey, of the clerical staff Parcel Office Limerick Terminus, has been presented by the Limerick Branch of the Railway Clerks' Association with a handsome clock on the occasion of his marriage. The presentation was made by the Station Master, Mr Doyle, and Mr Garvey suitably replied.

O'Connell-street, who passed away in St John's Hospital, were interred to-day in Mount St Laurence Cemetery. At 11 o'clock Requiem Mass was celebrated in St John's Cathedral for the deceased, after which the funeral left for the last resting-place. The cortege was of very large proportions, and as such was a fitting tribute of respect and esteem to the memory of one whose many fine qualities endeared him to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

The chief mourners were—Mr J. Portley (son), Mr D. Porley (brother), Mr M. Murray (son-in-law), and Messrs Reynolds (nephews).

The clergy present were—Rev Fr McNamara, C.C., St John's; Rev Fr Rice, C.C., do; Rev Fr Kelly, C.C., do; Rev Fr Lynch.

At a special meeting of the Limerick Handball Club held last evening at the Ball Court, Patrick street, the following vote of sympathy was passed:—"That we, the members of the Limerick Handball Club, tender to Mrs J. Portley our deepest sympathy in the loss she has sustained by the death of her husband, who had been an old member of our club." As a further mark of respect the meeting was adjourned.

COUNTY LIMERICK SURGICAL APPOINTMENT.

At the meeting of the County Limerick Board of Health to-day, Mr M. Quinlan, Co. Council, Chairman, presiding, a letter was read from the Ministry of Local Government, again refusing to sanction the appointment of Dr E. McEnery, as Resident Medical Officer of the County Hospital, Oroom, on the grounds that he does not possess qualifications in the performance of major surgery. The Ministry directed the Board to issue fresh advertisements for the position, the applicants' testimonials to be scrutinized by a medical selection committee. The Board decided to requisition the Ministry to allow Dr McEnery six months to qualify in major surgery.

COUNTY INFIRMARY LINEN GUILD.

It will be seen by advertisement that a Country Produce Sale in aid of the above will be held on Saturday next at Messrs Todd and Co's premises. Contributions for the Sale will be received by Mrs A. White and Mrs Farmer.

THE LATE LADY EMLY.

At a meeting of St John's Hospital Governors yesterday, the Bishop, Most Rev Dr Keane, who was in the chair, proposed a vote of condolence with Lord Emly on the death of his wife, and the vote was seconded by Sir Vincent Nash, and passed unanimously.

CITY FIRE OUTBREAK.

Last evening the Corporation Fire Brigade was summoned to an outbreak of fire at the house, 27 Cecil street, and when the captain and men reached the scene it was discovered that the lower portion of the building was threatened. The brigade laid on a line of hose and succeeded in coping with the flames in a short time, after having rescued an old woman from a room contiguous to the seat of the outbreak. The damage caused was slight.

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