

Thousands Witness Unveiling Of Limerick 1916 Memorial

THOUSANDS of people gathered at Sarsfield Bridge and its vicinity yesterday for the unveiling of the Limerick 1916 Memorial. The unveiling ceremony, which was performed by Mrs. Thomas de Barra, was preceded by a colourful parade through the city.

Also in attendance was the Mayor (Mr. G. E. Kusk) and representatives of the public bodies. At 3.30 p.m. contingents of the Old I.R.A. from Dublin, Cork and Limerick assembled at Pery Square, as also did Dublin and Limerick branches of Cumann na mBan, and the Limerick branch of the Red Cross and Knights of Malta.

Others to participate were: Capt. Tom Byrne, who fought with Major McBride in the Boer War, and Comdt. Joe O'Connor, who was in Boland's Mills. Over 300 members of the Old I.R.A. travelled from Dublin, and there was also a very strong contingent from County Kerry.

THE CEREMONY. At the unveiling of the Memorial, the Mayor read in Irish by Mr. Eamon Dore (junr.), in English by Mr. Eamon Dore (senior), Hon. Sec. of the Memorial Committee, and this was followed by the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

MRS. BARRY'S ADDRESS. Performing the unveiling ceremony in brilliant sunshine, Mrs. Leslie Thomas de Barra, whose stirring address drew wholehearted applause, said: "A Cathaon-leach agus a Cainte. Is é sin an óráid dhéanaí mar ba é an Sarasáin Oipis an Duine Ferenataic in Aniseag, 1916, an léagar do do náseag: gomme ceannair an Aniseag agus i gcumna na Speac a phain bús as chom le inn Seachtáine na Cúige."

Although throughout our land many memorials have been raised to the patriot soldiers who died fighting for liberty, this magnificent bronze pedestal with its bronze figure inscriptions is the first in Ireland raised specifically to the memory of those who fell in Dublin and elsewhere at Easter, 1916. Surely it is fitting that the site for its home, for the Rising sprang from the Penian tradition, and the living links with the dead Fenians were the Dalys of Limerick and their associate, a Freeman of Limerick, Tom Clarke. From him and these Limerick men chiefly came the inspiration for the armed action and hence the suitability of this historic city of Limerick for the site for this memorial to the dead of 1916.

THE MEN AND WOMEN OF LIMERICK who 25 years years ago decided to erect this memorial deserve our gratitude and thanks. Through their voluntary efforts they collected close on £5,000 to cover its cost. To-day of their original number there are now only eight left, and in those years God has left them their great Chairman, Mr. Michael Danaher, and their outstanding Hon. Secretary, Eamonn Dore, Irish Volunteer and Easter Week veteran, a personal friend and comrade of many of the men named on this pedestal.

REASONS FOR THE RISING. It is well in commemorating events of this magnitude in the life of a nation, to carry one's mind back to the reasons for, and the situations which led men to organise, train and call an armed Volunteer Force into action against the might of an Empire.

"When Karswood Pig Powders were given, I never once had trouble— either before or after farrowing." C. W. (Middlesbrough) Dealer or chemist sell WOOD PIGS. The average American worker to-day produces nearly six times as much in an hour as his great-grandfather did in 1850...

NO ONE INJURED IN COLLISION. No one was injured when a collision occurred between a motor car and a motor car at the junction of Congress Avenue and Mulgrave Street on Saturday last.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

THE quarterly meeting of the Central Council of the Irish Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held in Dublin under the chairmanship of Mrs. M. Solly Flood.

Representatives attended from the following societies: Cork, Carlow, Dublin, Drogheda, North Co. Dublin, South County Dublin, Gorey, Kilkenny, Laois, Limerick, Louth, Westmeath, Wexford, Wicklow and Waterford.

The Chairman paid great tribute to the late Mrs. Whitton, Hon. Director of the International League for Horses in Ireland, and the members stood for one minute's silence.

The Chairman also expressed pleasure at the work done in this country by S.P.C.A. and kindred bodies, such as the International League, the P.O. Horses Fund, and the International Campaign against the export of horses for slaughter.

It was agreed to write to the relevant Government Department on the cruelty involved to day-old chicks in many places.

Any person desirous of forming a Society requested to get in touch with the Secretary of the Council, S.P.C.A. at 111, Angles Road, Dublin.

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Remembering "Ned" Daly: The Final Salute To A Great Irish Patriot

CROOM HAS A DELICIOUS 100 p.c. RATE COLLECTION

THE subjoined article on the late Commandant "Ned" Daly, the great Limerick patriot who was in charge of "C" Company of the 1st Battalion of the Dublin Brigade during the Easter Week Rising, was written specially for the "Limerick Leader" by Mr. Charles S. Bevan, of Dublin, who served under him during the Rising. Mr. Bevan and his two brothers and their father were all sentenced to death for their part in the Easter Week fight, but the sentences were later commuted to terms of imprisonment ranging from ten to three years. Here is Mr. Bevan's article in full:—

No Volunteer of the 1st Battalion of the Dublin Brigade can ever forget their Commandant, for "Ned" Daly was known and loved by each and everyone of us. It is gratifying to know that the people of Limerick have raised a monument to his memory and that of his comrades.

RIFLES SMASHED. Then rifles were smashed, some barrels being thrust through the railings and bent at right angles. When a British soldier was handed one of these he looked at it and asked what it was for. "For shooting round corners" he was told.

A GALLING SCENE. It was galling to have to gaze impotent, at this scene, a cub of a British officer mistreating prisoners. But, then, they'll never learn to be gentlemen.

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PROSPECT MARIAN PROCESSION

THE second annual Prospect Marian Shrine Mass procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady was held yesterday, and it was a day of great joy for the residents of the district.

The procession, which included the residents and school children of the district, was held at the junction of Talbot Avenue and Byrne Avenue, Prospect, and proceeded to the shrine via Kilmahon Avenue.

Banners and other sacred emblems were carried in the procession, during which the Rosary was recited and hymns sung by the Mount St. Vincent Choir.

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