

official statement on Conscription issued by the Government of Northern Ireland to-day.

statement is to the effect that there is a strong feeling that the Conscription Bill will automatically apply to the Northern Province of the United Kingdom.

NO NOTIFICATION.

At the present no notification has been received that Northern Ireland is included in the measure.

Craigavon stated that it is the desire of the people of the Northern Province to undertake the same obligations as the people in the rest of the Kingdom. He reiterated the hope that there would be no reservation in the application of the military training measure to Northern Ireland, which for many years has had a fine record for providing recruits to the service.

REPRESENTATIONS MADE.

There is reason to believe, states a message, that the Eire Government has been in communication with the British Government on the subject, and the full text of the Conscription Bill which will be issued on Monday, is available.

All circles in London to-day hold the view that the Bill will only apply to those born in England, or who have become naturalized citizens.

Various aspects of the Conscription Bill have been occupying the attention of the Irish Government. Amongst these is the application of the new provisions to Irishmen in Britain, and also the position of the minority in Northern Ireland, who are clearly unsympathetic to the scheme.

LONDON AND DUBLIN.

There have been various conferences in Dublin and London. On Wednesday an important emissary flew from London to Dublin and was in close contact with Mr. de Valera at Leinster House. This was probably the messenger through which Mr. de Valera received the "grave news" which had the effect of making him decide to postpone his visit to the United States.

John J. Hearne, the Law Adviser in the Department of External Affairs, has also paid visits to London during the past week with reference, it is assumed, to the same matters.

POSITION IN THE NORTH.

It is likely that the Dublin Govern-

DEATH OF MR. J. O. MYLES, SOLICITOR

We announce with regret the death of Mr. Joseph Octavius Myles, Solicitor, which took place on Wednesday at his residence, 4 The Crescent, Limerick. He was 67 years of age, and had been an invalid for a considerable portion of his life. Mr. Myles belonged to an old Limerick family, the most distinguished being the late Sir Thomas Myles, the eminent Dublin surgeon, and well-known yachtsman. Known to his friends as Sam Myles, the deceased was admitted to the profession of solicitor over forty years ago, and practised until overtaken by illness. He was a man of independent means, never married, of engaging manner, and very conversable. His death will be learned with regret by many friends, who will sympathise with his sister in her bereavement.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place to St. Munchin's Church yesterday morning, and after a Service conducted by the Archdeacon of Limerick (Ven. J. T. Waller) in, which Rev. Canon William Brews read the Lesson, the remains were laid to rest in the family vault.

The chief mourners were—Col. C. D. Myles, R.A.M.C. (brother); Miss B. A. Myles (sister); Capt. Vere Myles (nephew); Rev. Canon William Brews, Miss D. A. Brews, J. Myles, Birr (cousins); Mrs. Vere Myles (relative).

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance included—Rev. Precentor Atkinson, Rev. A. E. Hewetson-Jones, Rev. J. F. McAlister, Ald. A. E. Goodwin, Dr. W. J. O'Sullivan, J. Dodds, solr.; T. H. F. Bayly (Provincial Bank), Chas. Ebrill, solr.; A. J. Eakins, E. H. Bennis, Dr. Mary Shire, Miss L. Kelly, S. Kidd, M. P. Riordan, W. Cullen (Newport), W. Cullen, junr., Mr. B. Widdess, W. J. Horne, S. Christy, F. W. Ormston (Wm. B. Fitt & Co.), C. A. Slade, C.E.; E. G. Stokes, W. W. Stokes, T. Halpin, M. Maguire, J. McGrath, L.D.S.; S. Kidd, A. B. Hamilton, J. Toppin, A. Toppin, J. G. McNab, J. H. Roche, P. Kelly.

Floral tributes were sent by—Miss Alys Myles, Col. and Mrs. Myles, Capt. Picton Myles, Dr. Brews (Woolwich), Miss L. Kelly, "All at 7 Crescent Villas," "Friends of 268 and No. 6 The Crescent."

The Acting City Manager (Mr. Donnellan) said that in reply to a letter from the Department of the Council's request for a conference relative to the Regional Hospital Scheme, Ald. Reidy, T.D.—just as well if the Minister had written a letter to the Department in reply to the reply received.

Manager—Very well, we will send a copy of the letter to the Department:—

"I desire to inform you of the result of the meeting of the Limerick Regional Hospital Committee last evening, I submit the following communication, dated P.34 6/3/39, Luimneach, Limerick, Secretary, Limerick Regional Hospital Joint Committee, and by that Committee in accordance with their observations.

"The Council gave full consideration to the proposal of the Minister, as conveyed to me, and I have asked me to point out that the Council approved in principle the recommendations of the Commission for a Hospital for the City of Limerick, and that the establishment of Regional Hospitals should not be done if it is not a matter of ability or necessity, but of existing voluntary hospitals. Their views were considered in the City Meeting on the 24th July, 1936.

"Nothing that has caused the Council to change its views, and, in fact, the views then adopted has been representative of the public. As well, at least to the extent of a fully representative meeting attended by (amongst others) the Bishop of Limerick (Dr. Keane), the Right Reverend the Bishop of Limerick, the clergy, representative of the legal professions, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the Trades Council, the Department of Education, etc., were held, in declaring that the establishment of Regional Hospitals should not be done.

"The Council have, therefore, asked me to put their views before you, and to urge that you should take into account the vital importance to the City of Limerick, calling for far-reaching financial decisions, and the deliberation of the future of the city so vitally important that the Council feel it is not possible to deal with this at this stage by correspondence.

"They, therefore, request the Minister to call a meeting of the parties concerned to