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Death Of Great Irish Priest

Very Rev. David Canon Browne, who died in the Presbytery, Eden Grove, Holloway, London, at the age of 79 years, was a native of Meelin, Newmarket, Co. Cork. He will long be remembered for his kindness to Irish prisoners during the War of Independence. He was a member of a well-known North Cork family, and his brother, Mr. Daniel Browne, Kilmallock, was on active service with the late Mr. Sean Moylan's Flying Column during the Black and Tan period. The late Canon Browne was educated at St. Colman's College, Fermoy; the Irish College, Paris, and the Institute Catholique, Paris. Ordained in 1903, his first and only curacy was at St. Thomas', Fulham, where he remained until 1916. He became parish priest of Waltham Cross in 1916 and of The Sacred Heart, Holloway, in 1921.

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Old Limerick Firm Has Gone Into Voluntary Liquidation

THE "Limerick Leader" is in a position to state authoritatively that Messrs. Francis Spaight & Sons, Limerick, has gone into voluntary liquidation.

Messrs. Eustace, of Cork, a sister firm or company of Messrs. Spaight, has also gone into voluntary liquidation.

Mr. W. H. O'Donnell, Chartered Accountant and Auditor, Limerick, has been appointed liquidator for these two companies.

It is expected that meetings of creditors of Messrs. Eustace and Messrs. Spaight will be held within the next three weeks. Much will depend on the outcome of these meetings as to the future of the two concerns.

Messrs. Francis Spaight is one of Limerick's oldest firms. It was founded in 1815 by Francis Spaight, who was a very colourful figure in his day.

CAUSE OF ANXIETY

The firm has at present some 100 hands employed and, as might be expected, recent developments have caused considerable anxiety to the staffs of the various departments. As already stated, the future of the firm depends to a great extent on the decision reached at a meeting of the creditors to be held shortly.

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE FIRM.

In his "Reminiscences of Old Limerick," the late Ernest H. Bennick, wrote as follows on the founder of the great firm of Spaight:—

"For 140 years the firm of Francis Spaight and Sons has continued to be one of Limerick's leading industrial concerns, though there are now none of the name of Spaight left. Francis Spaight, the founder, was an energetic, enterprising young man with a somewhat fiery temper. The only occupant of his private office was Sam Evans, his confidential clerk, a solemn old Quaker with a long Mosaic beard, who sat at his desk poring over his books and taking no notice of his employer's tantrums. In its early days the firm was largely engaged in shipping business, and Frank Spaight would himself be down on the quays superintending the unloading of his ships.

"Vessels in those day were only a few hundred tons and sailors

were a rough crowd. Things did not always work smoothly and Frank Spaight's temper was often severely taxed, but when more than usually exasperated he would hurry into his private office, strut up and down, swearing like a trooper. After a while, Sam Evans would slowly turn round from his desk and say: "Friend Francis, what if thee was called to meet thy Maker to-night?" "I'll bet you a hundred pounds I won't be," was the hasty retort. He would have won his bet, for years after he bought the beautiful estate of Derry Castle on the shores of Lough Derg and spent his old age amid its scenic beauties.

THE GREAT FAMINE OF 1848.

"There is still in Limerick the model of one of Spaight's ships, the "Jane Black," which conveyed emigrants to America in the famine year of 1848. Another of their ships was the ill-fated "Derry Castle." The last of their ships was one they had chartered called the "Trenegloss," which was wrecked on the Bridges rocks in the Shannon, a few miles below Tervoe, about the year 1884. The railings of this ill-fated vessel, which were salvaged, are those now forming the hand-rail along the stepped footpath in O'Curry Street.

"Frank Spaight's son, Sir James Spaight, became M.P. for Limerick, at a time before voting by ballot was introduced—when each voter had to be guarded by police and military.

"An account of his election would form an excellent subject for a paper for the Old Limerick Society. He lived in the splendid house No. 77 George Street (now O'Connell Street) even still, in its decay, possessing the finest balcony in the street, and the only example of a lamp fixed in the fanlight to give light to visitors, at a time before the Corporation undertook the public lighting of the streets.

"Many a princely banquet and other festivities took place in this great house in those good old days when every drop of water had to be carried by hand from the lowest basement to the topmost attic."

**Too Much Wishful Thinking,
 Says Mayor**