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tic exercises such as dress-making or decoration. The membership at present is over 2,800 and 250 firms are contributing to the foundation".

50 Years Ago

IRISH PEERAGE BECOMES EXTINCT

VISCOUNT Guillamore, whose death took place recently at Rathfreedagh, Newcastlewest, belonged to a family long resident in County Limerick, the O'Grady's of Kilballyowen, Bruff.

It is said the first of that line came from County Clare some 800 years ago and acquired extensive land property through marriage with the heiress of O'Kerwick, chieftain of the name.

They have been in occupation of Kilballyowen right down the centuries. By marriage and otherwise, members of the line succeeded to other estates in the county, and it is noteworthy that through all the political storms of succeeding periods they managed to retain their properties and at times add to them.

In the 18th century, Standish O'Grady, a son of Theo O'Grady, of Kilballyowen, married

Honora, daughter and heiress of Jeremiah, or Darby, Hayes of Caherguillamore, a few miles away, and through her he acquired that property.

Their third son, Darby, was High Sheriff of the county in 1785. He was married to Mary, daughter of one James Smyth, and in 1766 a son, named Standish, was born to them. He was bred to the law and proved a successful barrister. He was Solicitor-General in 1803 and as such appeared for the Crown at the trial of Robert Emmet. He figured in many notable cases on the criminal and civil courts. He was later raised to the Bench and became Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

His eldest son and heir, Standish O'Grady, born in 1872, served as a junior officer in the Battle of Waterloo and in a letter to his father supplies an excellent man-on-the-spot account of the battle and events leading to it.

LIMERICK FISHERY BOARD HAD RATE THAT SHOCKED DEPARTMENT

"WE realise by now that we were living beyond our means, and to counteract that it is proposed to make sweeping changes in the administration," said Mr A. Hourigan, who was unani-

mously elected chairman of the newly-elected Fishery Board at its first meeting yesterday.

The chairman, returning thanks for his election, said that the Board had gone through an acute financial crisis in the past, but that position had now been eased considerably.

Mr Hourigan said that the changes contemplated would mean a complete re-organisation of the system of inspection. Increases in the cost of living had brought demands for increased salaries from the staff and a rate of 105/- in the pound had been struck last year to help meet expenses.

Continuing, Mr Hourigan said that such a high rate had caused consternation in the Department of Fisheries and they were told that they would simply have to cut down on expenditure.

"It was proposed to do this by reducing the staff, particularly waterkeepers, and in future Inspector Breen would be given a wider area to control, being the Chief Inspector of the Board's entire fishery area. He would also be placed in charge of a mobile unit."

According to the Chairman, the Board was faced with a debit balance of £12,000 last year, but the Department came to its assistance with a grant aid of £3,000 and also allowed it to mortgage to the value of £6,000. The remainder was made good by the ESB, who supplied £3,000.