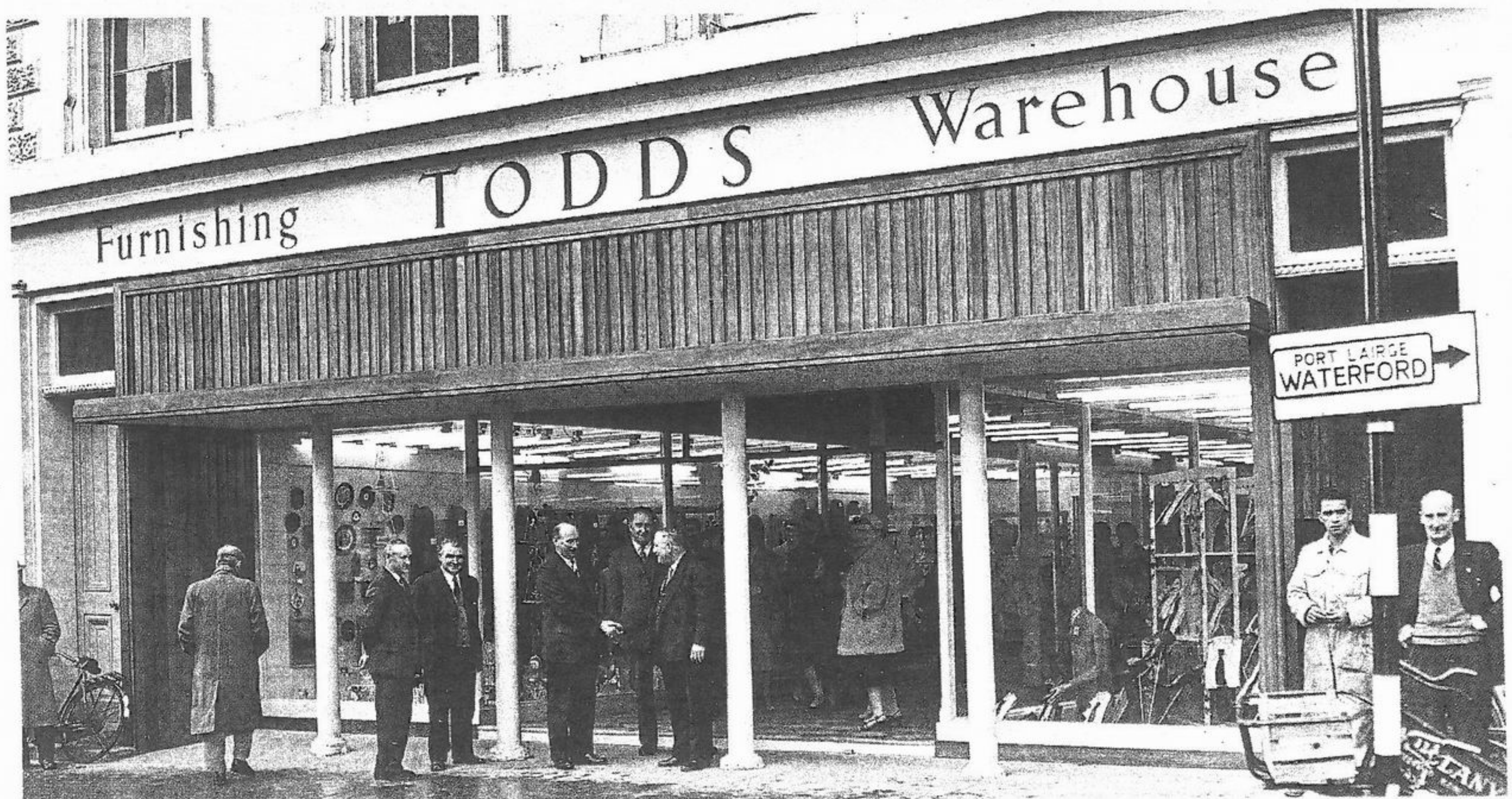


8 PICTURES FROM THE PAST

SHOP FRONTS FROM YESTERYEAR



This picture of McKenna's furnishing store, 4 O'Connell Street, was taken in 1959 to show of its new facade. Throughout that year, the company gave away raffle tickets every Friday. They held a Friday Exhibition and each visitor would receive their free ticket and be entered into a draw to win a portable radio worth over twenty-one pounds. The radio a Model PJ508 sits in a cabinet veneered in French Walnut



The William Todd & Company Limited department store occupied about four-fifths of a large city block fronting onto O'Connell Street, between William Street and Thomas Street in Limerick city, where Brown Thomas stands today. On Tuesday, 25 August 1959, at 11 o'clock in the morning, a fire was noticed and by 12:30 the entire block was a blazing inferno. The cause was a fuse box in the basement of the drapery store, which had burst from the wall. In November 1959, a new temporary store opened to hold goods rescued from the fire. A new building was erected over the following months