

# THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE

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In the early autumn the various learned societies of Great Britain hold their annual meetings and discuss the progress made during the past twelve months in the subjects which each brotherhood of learned men has noted itself. The foremost place is taken by the British Association which met last week whose President was Sir William Crookes, whose researches in the region of the ether physics are so well known. In his presidential address Sir William Crookes travelled over a vast area of contemporary scientific progress, and his magnificent discourse occupies nearly six closely printed columns of the *Times*. A glance over the headings showed that the learned president discoursed of such recent developments in science as the low temperature researches of Professor Dewar resulting in the liquefaction of hydrogen, wireless telegraphy, of which so much has been heard lately, Rontgen Rays and those allied to them. Sir William's own investigations in radiant matter in spectroscopy and finally in psychic research, a subject not previously treated of at a meeting of the British Association. The mere names of the departments of science reviewed by Sir William Crookes will probably be mysterious to the general reader. He will regard them with wonder and awe, and probably pass them as something which may be of undoubted scientific interest, but with which he has little to concern. That may be true of the latter portion of the address, but not exactly correct of the former portion where the President notes his remarks to the discussion of the supply of Great Britain. This is a more immediately practical subject than even the liquefaction of air or the vortex atom theory of Lord Kelvin. Sir William tells us that at present time the United Kingdom raises only 25 per cent of its annual consumption of wheat, and that it is dependent upon foreign supplies for the remaining 75 per cent necessary for feeding the population grouped within narrow island limits. At the very best the stock of wheat and flour amounts to only a few weeks supply, and that even if we adopted the expedient of storing wheat in natural granaries there would be only added 14 weeks to the food supply of the population. Supposing that the population were to remain

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH.**—The service on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock has been resumed.

The *ss Petunia* has arrived from St John, N B, with a cargo of 50,000 deals for Messrs Spaight and Sons. The *Petunia* entered the Shannon yesterday, and was docked to-day.

**CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE**—On the kind invitation of Lord Clarina (Hon Colonel) and Lady Clarina, the Limerick Battalion of the Church Lads' Brigade will march out to Elm Park, Clarina to-morrow (Wednesday).

The appointment of Mr R Bagwell, D L, Clonmel, to a position on the Local Government Board under the new Act, has given much satisfaction to his friends in Tipperary. At the meeting of the Clonmel District Lunatic Asylum yesterday complimentary speeches were made, conveying to Mr Bagwell congratulations of the community on his appointment.

**THE HARBOUR BOARD.**—The usual fortnightly meeting of the Harbour Board convened for yesterday, fell through in the absence of a sufficient number of members to form a quorum. The members who attended were—The Mayor (Alderman Michael Cusack), Mr Wm Holliday, Mr John F Power, with Mr John Boyd, Secretary; Mr H V Moroney, Harbour Engineer, and Mr Morgan Fitzmaurice, Harbour Master.

**SUDDEN DEATH.**—A man named John Trousdell died rather suddenly on Sunday at a house in Arthur's Quay. Mr Trousdell was an ex-National School Teacher, belonging to the Kilrush district, and it appears that during the past few weeks he was travelling in the North of Ireland. On Saturday he returned to Limerick, and his wife came up from Kilrush to meet him. That night in the lodging house he complained of being unwell and retired to rest, but apparently obtained no relief from his illness. It was suggested to him that a doctor should be sent for, but he declined to allow this, and continued to linger during the night, and about half past five he was found dead in bed. The circumstances were communicated to the City Coroner, who, on inquiring into the matter, did not think it necessary to hold an inquest.

## FATAL OCCURENCE AT KILRUSH.

### A SEA CAPTAIN DROWNED.

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

This morning the body of Owen Thomas, master of the schooner *Camborne*, was found floating in the Kilrush harbour. His vessel lies in the Scattery roadstead. The deceased was in town until a late hour last evening, and it is supposed that he fell off Cappa Pier when about proceeding to his craft. His late address was Roulian Road, Amlywch, Port Anglesea, North Wales. An inquest will be held.

### CAVALRY TO RETURN TO LIMERICK.

Considerable dissatisfaction prevailed in Limerick at the withdrawal of the Cavalry from this station. It is, therefore, a matter of gratification to learn, from what must be regarded as a reliable source, that the authorities contemplate reinstating a Cavalry troop in Limerick. It is understood that in a short time a detachment of the 17th (Duke of Cambridge's) Lancers will resume the occupation of the Cavalry quarters in Mulgrave street. There seems to be

if the work was carried plan. To this communication received stating that the Board would be better, I think, than approved by the Board be the Asylum people should selves." The Board had were convinced that the probably large claims for arise if the work were under a rule, railway companies, one but their own officers to works. The unwillingness arose from the fact that to pass into other hands, and the matter was held over until and Western Company we would be prepared to take works. Otherwise, unless it could be induced to undertake the sub-way, the Board felt it and in lieu of it a footbridge the railway. A passage to made from the western grounds-out in the Fedamore acquired land, which, though as a sub-way, would probably requirements.

The letter bore the signature Secretary.

Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer—very long time before the amalgamation of the Water with any other company.

The Mayor—Never; we have Mr Greene Barry—I don't think.

The Mayor—We'll see; it Parliament next year.

Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer and bring the Board of Control the Waterford and Limerick about the matter. This is a thing for the working of passing in the train he saw of inmates were employed in full thing; but it must mean convenience and great loss of bodies of patients through the city.

Dr O'Neill—And at great

Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer—Control ought to take the once, and not be standing on the question of the Water Railway. Really, they should and we should ask them to it to meet some representative and Limerick Railway and a Board, in order that this matter should be dealt with at once.

Dr O'Neill—Will your resolution to that effect?

Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer a only Limerick director with have consulted, had felt obliged amalgamation question.

Mr Greene Barry remarks all of the same opinion on the

The Mayor—When they will be strongly opposed. I opposition to face. The question the railway was made for the people?

Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer—other issues upon which to then proposed a resolution that a letter be addressed to the suggesting that a conference Engineer and the Engineer Limerick and Western Railway this Board might lead to difficulty as to the sub-way, Board of Control to make an