

which will produce lower prices. It is questionable, however, whether it is not displaying too much hesitation in some cases. Certainly there was no necessity for maintaining the price of tea at 2s 8d per pound after the merchants in Mincing Lane were willing to give a guarantee that the removal of the ban on unrestricted dealings would not lead to increased prices." An important feature in connection with the relaxation of restrictions on trade is the new Lighting Order which came into operation in Ireland on Saturday and which varies the conditions that for some months governed the opening of retail shops (including licensed premises), restaurants, and banks. The new Order revokes the provision enforcing the closing of business premises from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and enables them to keep open continuously during the day and up to 9.30 p.m. It also enables banks to keep open to 3 o'clock p.m., and permits restaurants to keep open until after 9.30 p.m. for the supply of food but not of intoxicating liquors. The concessions will be welcomed by both shop-keepers and by the public who, while inconvenienced under the old regulations, accepted them without grumbling, having seen their necessity from the point of view of strict economy in the use of light and coal during the winter months.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

### The Temperance Movement.

The movement inaugurated in the City and County for providing early breakfasts at Fairs has accomplished a good deal in promoting the cause of temperance. At the annual meeting of the Association on Saturday, and reported in another column, it was shown that the work of the canteen at the Fair Green, Mulgrave Street, had, notwithstanding war conditions and consequences, been carried on unimpaired. The returns submitted by the energetic honorary secretary, Miss May Doyle, recorded the fact that 5,366 breakfasts were served last year, or 9 less than the preceding year. At first the movement was mainly run by subscription, but of recent years the "shed" has out of its own resources, and with the self-denying spirit and help of the Ladies Committee, been able to carry on at a small profit. The catering is taken alternately, and last year Mrs W. J. O'Sullivan undertook this part of the work and has signified her willingness to continue it for a further term of twelve months. In addressing the meeting the Chairman, Sir Alexander Shaw, paid a well-merited compliment to the Committee in charge of the work, and emphasised that it was through their self-sacrificing labours the success that attended the undertaking was pre-eminently due. This view will be shared by those who are intimately associated with the enterprise for such it is, and by no more than by the people for whose wants the Committee so zealously provide.

### County Expenditure.

The financial burden the County is called upon to bear for the ensuing year will give cause for serious thought to the ratepayer. The gross increase in the estimate of expenditure generally, exceeds that of last year by the large sum of £30,268, and were it not for the fact that the County Council

training establishment at Faha, near Patrickswell. Mr P. J. Kelly, R.M., held an inquiry into the case, and the evidence from the manager of a boot shop was that the boots, a statement having been made that they were a misfit, were brought back and exchanged for a cheaper pair, and the difference in price allowed. Mr Kelly remanded the accused for further inquiry.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

A select programme of pictures was shown at the Theatre Royal last night, and one that was greatly appreciated by the audience. The Omnibus film was a decided innovation, containing some very beautiful subjects, all nicely tinted, and dramatically vivid and engaging. The Comedy Boxing bout, which was included in this delightful series, was a highly amusing affair, and kept the audience in a happy vein of humour. A visit to the Royal this week should not be overlooked.

## THE WEATHER.

The weather has again turned very severe. There was a slight snow-fall in this district on Sunday night, but it was much more heavy over the Galtees and Keeper Hill mountains, which were covered with the fleecy mantle yesterday morning. This morning there was a fall of sleet, but it quickly melted away.

## THE LATE HEAD-CONSTABLE HEALY.

### The Funeral.

The funeral of the late Head-Constable Healy, John street, whose lamented death was reported in our last issue, took place on Sunday afternoon from St John's Cathedral for Mount St Laurence Cemetery. The remains lay overnight within the Cathedral, whence the funeral started. There was a large attendance of citizens, including the High Sheriff, Mr James H. Roche, J.P.; Mr W. Maguire, Mr James Flynn, Mr T. J. Looney, Mr Matthew Russell, Mr T. J. Corboy, Mr R. J. Fahy, Mr P. King, Mr W. Halpin, Mr M. A. Bartley, Mr M. Collins, etc. The city Constabulary off duty, under command of District Inspector Craig, walked after the hearse, and the mourners were all anxious to pay what was a very generous tribute to the memory of a kindly and impartial officer. A number of wreaths were sent, and there was nothing left undone to add to the quiet and touching simplicity that marked the funeral. The chief mourners were—The Misses Helena, Margaret, and Dorothy Healy (daughters); James Treysers (brother-in-law), and James Treysers (nephew). The clergy in attendance were—Rev. Fathers Connolly, Adm., St John's; McNamara, C.C., do; Rice, C.C., do; and Kelly, C.C., do. Rev. Father Rice officiated at the Cemetery.

## MITCHELSTOWN FAIR.

Large fair, composed chiefly of young shorthorn store cattle. Demand slow, except for forward animals with condition and quality. Good supply of springers, which sold at late rates. Fat sheep in request, but stores met a slow trade.

## COMMANDER AND LADY RAMSAY.

The "Morning Post" says:—Commander and Lady Ramsay left Woking yesterday for Litchfield, where the second part of the honeymoon will be spent.

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