

British and Irish stock raisers—to the latter who send such a large number of store cattle across Channel. These are times when every possible encouragement must be given to home production, and, as we know, the cattle trade is one of the most important and valuable of our National assets. The decision of the Board of Agriculture is, therefore, one to be welcomed by the country generally, and sets at rest a controversy which has arisen not for the first time in these islands. Another aspect of the cattle trade arises just now in connection with the recent Order of the Ministry of Food to the effect that—“The undue proportion of Irish fat stock consigned to Birkenhead in preference to the other ports available, has seriously interfered with the distribution and slaughtering arrangements.” Accordingly, as from Sunday last, until further notice, the number which can be accepted at that port will, it is announced, be strictly limited to 2,400 beasts and 3,150 sheep per week. No limits are at present placed on the quantities of Irish fat stock accepted at the eight other ports in Great Britain. The “Liverpool Daily Post” states that the Liverpool owners of coasting steamers have held a meeting and unanimously adopted a resolution strongly protesting against the Order, and the paper goes on to observe that “Birkenhead possesses the best facilities of any port in the country for handling and distributing cattle.” A modification of the Order is looked forward to, and as it intimately concerns this country, doubtless the subject will have due consideration on the part of Irish exporters.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Happiest Holiday.

The most a vacation costs the less it is worth. A man's ability to get pleasure out of a vacation is in inverse ratio to his ability to spend money for one, says a correspondent of the “Saturday Evening Post” Philadelphia. Here are conditions for getting the greatest pleasure out of a vacation: It must be a question whether you can afford it; there must be pros and cons to weigh about that; you must set the limit that you will spend, and come back with a little of it unspent. Where you go is relatively of no importance at all. There is just as good a vacation twenty miles away as twenty thousand miles. The important thing is change, a break with your daily routine and the illusion of being out of harness, irresponsible, a free agent at large in space.

Russian Situation

The mutiny which has occurred among the Russian troops on the Onega front illustrates the difficulty under which military staffs have to carry out operations when conditions in Great Britain make it necessary to disclose military plans in advance. According to a high military authority, the unfortunate occurrence in North Russia can be traced to the fact that the impending withdrawal of our troops was known. This knowledge, combined with the retirement of Admiral Kolchak's forces,

and the fire brigade. The members of the Limerick Race Committee, of which Mr Begley was an old member, were also among the mourners, with the Chairman of the Committee, Capt Delmege, J.P., D.L. The City High Sheriff, Mr James H Roche, J.P.; Mr Stephen O'Mara, the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, Sir F B Kearney; Rev Brother Stapleton, Superior Christian Brothers, and a number of clergymen and citizens representative of the community walked in the procession following the remains to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Very Rev Canon O'Driscoll officiated at the Cemetery.

SCENE AT CO. LIMERICK EXCURSION

Several hundred people from Limerick City, Oola, Cullen, Doon, Tipperary, etc, assembled at Sarsfield's Rock, Ballyneety, where a picnic was held. A large body of military and police, armed with rifles, was present. Two platforms were erected close by for dancing. When the picnic was in progress the military officer in charge gave an order to have the party cleared off the Rock. A dozen soldiers, with rifles and fixed bayonets, went up to the Rock and ordered the people off, but they took no heed of the order, and the picnic continued, the soldiers and police standing by. At a later stage the entire body of military and police, with fixed bayonets, came on to the Rock and dispersed the crowd. It is stated that one woman refused to leave.

TRAINS FOR RACES.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr Gilbert asked on what principle extra trains are provided for stations available for race meetings, whether the matter was decided by the Railway Executive Committee or by the particular railway company concerned, and of the latter, whether they had to obtain the consent of the Railway Executive Committee or of the Government before they are permitted to supply the extra trains.

Sir A Geddes said the matter was one for the individual companies, who, in providing the extra trains, had regard to other public requirements. The consent of the Railway Executive was not required.

DEATH OF MRS B O'SULLIVAN.

Numerous friends in city and county have learned with regret of the death of Mrs B O'Sullivan, mother of Mr C O'Sullivan, proprietor of the “Limerick Echo,” which took place at her residence on Sunday last. Deceased lady, who had reached an advanced age, had been in failing health for some time past. She was of a very kindly and genial disposition, and by the family her demise is keenly felt. Sincere sympathy is expressed with them in their sorrow. The funeral, which took place this afternoon to Mount St Lawrence Cemetery, was largely attended.

HANDBALL.

Two games of handball were played at the Rutland street court on Sunday in aid of the family of a popular member of the club, recently deceased, and it was pleasant to find that lovers of the sport and friends attended in remarkably large numbers in sympathy with the motive for which the reunion was organised. E J Bouke and J Ryan defeated Stephen and William Gleeson by 3 games to 1. J J Bowles, champion of Ireland, defeated A Lysaght and J Roche by 2 games to 1.

AMERICA AND DRINK

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The Board of Agriculture decided in the present a stock-breeding industry on Canadian store cattle they can any longer ass would be especially dang in Great Britain, but be a menace to the security would check that dev which is absolutely e prosperity.

The Earl of Craw Strachie, in the House of Agriculture acknowledged that the prohibition age born and reared in that the first time was not j for many years, and we the Board was equally a relaxation of the prob interests of live stock a the present ground for a matter of justice to remain as part of the do Kingdom. The general stores into this country legislation.

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