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CURRENT COMMENT.

The Port of Limerick.

Mr E J Long, presiding at the meeting of the Harbour Board yesterday, made an interesting statement, and an encouraging one, as to the much improved prospects of the port and the city. He pointed out that it was a time for preparatory action with a view to attaining that desirable end. He alluded to the interim report of the Committee on Inland Transport, which has made important recommendations relative to the linking-up of the canal system with the docks, and pointed out that if this were carried out it would bring a much greater area within the distributing centre of Limerick. Then, direct railway communication with the docks would be of further incalculable advantage in developing our inland trade. The Borough Council have passed a resolution expressing the hope that every effort will be made as soon as post-war conditions will allow, to have the findings of the Parliamentary Committee relative to the canal system put into effect, and the Harbour Board yesterday took the practical step of appointing a Committee representing the Council, the Importers and Exporters, and the Harbour Ratepayers, with the Mayor and President of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the report, so far as it relates to the port of Limerick.

The Weather.

The weather has undergone a marked change during the past few days. The rainy element has disappeared, and we are just now experiencing a turn of hard and crisp wintry conditions. There are severe frosts overnight, and this morning the landscape presented a wintry appearance. The improved atmospheric conditions are much to be welcomed, particularly as they should help to grapple with the influenza epidemic which now seems on the decline in Limerick as elsewhere.

Irish Cattle Trade.

Some modifications have taken place in the restrictions for some time in force in connection with the Irish cattle export trade. The number of fat cattle permitted to be landed at British ports has been increased from 3,915 to 8,685, and fat sheep from 7,240 to 10,725. Still the trade is only permitted to export half the number shipped last year. By way of justifying this interference with the markets, the Food Controller says there is a glut of fat cattle in the English markets, which he attributes to Irish exports. The way to remove the glut is to cheapen the price of butcher's meat and let the public work it off. But the Food Controller continues rationing, and actually increases the price by 21 per lb.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Egg maximum prices Order comes into force on 25th inst.

Apples are to be shortly imported from Canada and the U.S.A., and the prices controlled.

The death has taken place at Tipperary of Mr Thomas Grant, formerly manager of the local gas-works.

The Attorney-General has appointed Mr R M Hennessey, K.C., and Mr J M Fitzgerald, senior and junior Crown Counsel respectively to prosecute at the coming Munster Winter Assizes.

The drowned in the recent disaster to a fishing boat in Couagh Bay are J Sullivan and R O'Dwyer, Kaelroe, J and P Murphy and J McCarthey, Ballycrovane. A seine boat in company had a miraculous escape, just missing the breaker which overwhelmed the "follower."

At the meeting of Limerick Borough Council on Thursday night the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Alderman O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Donnellan:—"Resolved—That having seen the published report of the Inland Waterways Commission recommending, *inter alia*, the deepening of the Canal between Limerick and Killahee, and the connecting of the Canal and the Docks, we trust that every effort will be made, as soon as post-war conditions allow, to have these findings put into practical effect so as to help the development of Irish coal mines, and to facilitate the transport of goods generally. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Chief Secretary, and the members of Parliament for the City and County of Limerick."

RESTORING THE MAIL SERVICES.

In connection with return, on December 1st, to the early mail boat sailings, a rapid transit of mails is being arranged by the controllers of the Irish trunk railways, which will probably run according to the schedule in force up to the recent change.

DEATH OF MRS CLUNE.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs Clune, the Crescent, which took place yesterday morning at her residence. Deceased, who was relict of Mr John Clune, J.P., a highly-esteemed citizen, was a lady of a retiring disposition, kindly and very charitable, and her demise is regretted by a wide circle of friends. The remains will be removed to St Michael's parish church this evening at 8 o'clock. Funeral to Mount St Lawrence's on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

DEATH OF MR B J DINNEEN.

General regret is expressed in the city at the death of Mr B J Dinneen, Secretary of the Limerick Trades' Council and Bakers' Society, which took place at the Limerick Union Hospital on Sunday, as the result of an attack of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. Deceased, who was quite a young man, was a very courteous and capable official, and his death is greatly mourned. What accentuates the sorrow is the fact that one of his children has also succumbed, while Mrs Dinneen and another child are ill. Needless to say the greatest sympathy is expressed with her in her great sorrow.

The funeral of the late Mr B J Dinneen took place this afternoon from St Michael's parochial church for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. The chief mourners were—S B Dinneen (father), M McNamara (father-in-law), John Coffey (uncle-in-law), P Dinneen (niece), John Lee and S Hanlon (brothers-in-law), J Bartley (cousin), and J Lennon (relative). Rev Fr Dwan, Adm, St Michael's, and Rev Fr Tracey, C.C. do, were the clergymen attending. The Mayor, Mr John Cronin, President, Limerick Trades and Labour Council; Mr J O'Connor, Acting Secretary, Bakers' Society, and a large number of citizens and carriages followed the remains.

Father Dwan, assisted by Father Tracey, officiated.

HOME RULE ALL ROUND.

In the House of Commons, Major Chapple asked the Prime Minister whether he was prepared to make a pronouncement in favour of self-government for Scotland, and whether, if returned to power, he would introduce and vigorously prosecute a measure designed to be a part of a more comprehensive scheme of self government for the various national elements in the United Kingdom.

Mr Bonar Law—As to the first part of the question, no statement can be made at present. The second part of the question was a hypothetical one, which he could not answer. (Laughter.)

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