

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE, TUESDAY

is not improbable that the proceeds, may make demands are not fully anticipated. If Great Britain were never so meet such demands as at the

Statistics for last year is very rapidly diminishing crops. The extent under cultivation is less than half that of the previous ten years. The diminution of acres under wheat in 1894, wheat last year. There is a considerable falling off in the amount to the cultivation of oats, &c., whilst there is an increase in turnips. In average yield the barley exhibit a decrease which is made up by an increased yield in wheat, and mangels. The figures for the potato crop are surprising.

The produce of potatoes estimated to 1,873,000 tons, and it was 3,472,000 tons, or according to these figures the average has been one of the best that has ever been obtained for this particular crop.

As regards the said of turnips, but in a less degree on the other hand, the hay crop is falling off. The produce in 1894 was 10 tons; that for last year is 10 tons, a loss of no less than 9,654 tons from permanent pastures.

The aggregate quantity of sheep's headings is 14 per cent under the average for the month of August, although under the increased production of this crop it is about equal to the average of the previous ten years.

Limerick Hunt Point-to-Point on Saturday, 28th inst. Entries closed, 21st, with Mr John F

of the College of Physicians Philadelphia, has been conferred on Stewart, Edinburgh, Dr Vand on Dr Patrick S. Donnellan, &c. of this city.

FUNERAL OF DR. HENRY MYLES.

The funeral of the late Dr. H. Myles, of Malinagar, son of Mr. Zachary Myles, J.P., took place to-day. The remains arrived in Limerick this morning, and the interment took place in the family burial ground at St. Munchin's Church. The cortege was large and most representative, and gave proof of the esteem and respect in which the family is held by all classes. The chief mourners were Mr. Zachary Myles, J.P.; Dr. James Myles, Parsonstown; Dr. Wm. Myles, Kilkenny; Dr. Thomas Myles, Howth (brothers); Mr. Thomas Myles, Mr. James Myles, and Mr. Jackson Jones. Amongst the general public present were—The Mayor and High Sheriff, Mr. F. A. O'Keefe, M.P.; Dr. Gelston, Dr. Thomas Gelston, Mr. John Morton, Manager Provincial Bank; Mr. R. Lee, Mr. J. Guinane, J.P.; Alderman A. Hall, J.P.; Mr. W. F. O'Grady, J.P.; Mr. J. Clune, J.P.; Mr. P. E. Bourke, J.P.; Mr. J. V. Golden, Manager Munster and Leinster Bank; Dr. Holmes, Dr. Malone, Dr. Barry, Dr. O'Sullivan, Dr. Humphreys, Dr. Shanahan, Dr. Graham, Dr. Fogarty, Ald. Gaffney, J.P.; Ald. J. J. Clery, J.P.; Mr. P. R. Toppin, Mr. P. J. Denver, Manager National Bank; Mr. Murphy, Manager Bank of Ireland; Mr. T. H. Kenny, Solicitor; Mr. A. Blood-Smyth, Solicitor; Mr. James Gaffney, Mr. William Spillane, D.L.; Mr. O'Riordan, V.S.; Mr. M. D. Carr, Mr. F. Vaughan, Mr. B. O'Donnell, J.P.; Alderman P. Riordan, Mr. P. Herbert, Mr. Thos. H. Cleve, J.P.; Dr. F. Kennedy, Mr. Beauchamp, solr.; Mr. E. Smith, Mr. E. G. Fitt, Mr. F. Fitt, solr.; Mr. F. St. C. Hobson, Mr. Lucas, County Sub-Sheriff; Mr. C. H. Fitt, Mr. E. Hanna, Dr. O'Shaughnessy, J.P.; Mr. A. N. Barrett (McBride and Co.), Mr. O. D. Coll, V.S.; Colonel O'Donnell, J.P.; Mr. J. Ellard, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; Mr. J. Ryan, solicitor; Mr. J. P. Hall, solicitor, &c.

FOREIGN COMPETITION.

Last June, says the *St. James's Gazette*, we stated that the Belgian Government were prepared to lose £50,000 a year for three years in running a steam service for the carriage of Belgian produce to the London markets, with the object of underselling our own farmers; and we asked whether this unfair competition was permitted by the doctrines of Free Trade. Our warning was pooh-poohed at the time by the parties interested, but its truth is now to be realized. The new service will now start on the 1st of June. With true Belgian sagacity it is nominally run in the name of the Cockerill Company, but the Government has given a guarantee against loss. We ask once more whether the Foreign Office and the Board of Trade are going to shut their eyes to this proceeding. Here we have a foreign country taking advantage of our open market to embark on a deliberate campaign for running our native producers. It will take a few years, no doubt, during which Belgium will lose money in order to gain a great increase of trade in the end. That is what Germany has done in the sugar industry. It is all very well for the Cobdenite to smile and say, Let Belgium throw away her money! But meanwhile our farmers will be undersold and their trade ruined.

IMPORTANT FISHERY PROSECUTION AT CASTLECONNELL.

HEAVY PENALTY.

At the Castleconnell Petty Sessions day before Mr. Hickson, R.M., presiding, of Mr. E. H. Poe Hosford, Secretary to the Fishery Board, against Mr. Anthony Mackay, which had been adjourned on three previous occasions, came on for hearing. The defendant was charged with having fished eel weirs, 38 eyes, on the 8th of January last, without licence, and he was also charged with having failed to produce a licence for same. The case evoked considerable interest, and the court was well attended.

Mr. W. E. Counihan, solicitor, prosecuted on behalf of the Limerick Fishery Board. Mr. F. J. Healy, B.L. (instructed by Mr. Blackall) appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Counihan in opening the case said that proceedings were brought under the Fishery Act, and it could not be said that it came as a surprise upon Mr. Mackay. He said that ample notice of it, it having been made known to him that he was acting contrary to the law, but apparently Mr. Mackay did not think there was any need on his part to comply with the law, and that the law should not be carried out so far as concerned the same as it was with the fishermen on the Shannon. A sum had been issued against Mr. Mackay in the past, but owing to something that occurred, Mr. Hosford would explain, the proceedings were withdrawn. That summons was for exactly the same charge as was made against Mr. Mackay. Having regard to the fact that Mr. Mackay had got ample notice of the law, and that he was acting illegally, and that he was defying the law, the Fishery Board came to the conclusion that the law should be enforced in Mr. Mackay's case, the same as in the case of an humble fisherman.

Mr. Healy said that Mr. Counihan had intimated under what Act he was proceeding. Mr. Counihan said that the Fishery Board had taken counsel's opinion as to their carrying out the law, and it had been their duty to carry out the law, and they had no discretion but to carry out the law. Mr. Healy—I object to the opinion being received as evidence.

Mr. Hickson—As the charge is before me, I will interpret the law as I think fit.

Mr. Counihan said he wanted to show that Mr. Mackay had got counsel's opinion by letter.

Mr. Healy said the letter should be the proper way.

Mr. Counihan said that Mr. Hosford had intimated to Mr. Mackay the fact that he was breaking the law, and counsel's opinion had been made known to him; but notwithstanding this, Mr. Mackay had continued to defy the law. He wished to draw attention to the fact that which this case had been met. There