

CONDENSED MILK COMPANY OF IRELAND.

One who has studied the agricultural in Ireland is acquainted with the vast of the Golden Vein of Limerick and y. No part of the United Kingdom, the rich pasture fields of Meath and non, can vie with the capacity of this for the production of milk and butter. e that for many years Irish butter de. ed in quality, and that it had some time tained a most unenviable reputation. Of wever, creameries have been constructed ent parts of the country, improved me- f dairying have been introduced among , and Irish butter is again taking its place in the British market. It is diffi- place a limit on the possibilities of this still its future may to some extent be y the fact that in 1895 no less than 1,000 was spent by the consumers of the Kingdom on foreign butter, as well as 000 on foreign margarine. In order to the dairying resources of Ireland, all that ired is a little more cleanliness as well as technical knowledge. Yet there are few alise what has lately been done in the f Limerick itself to utilise the natural y of the soil, and to exploit the green es of the Golden Vein. Many attempts been made to manufacture condensed 1 Ireland. No less than three companies at Mallow to carry their enterprise to a ful issue. Not only was large capital re- to launch the business on a sufficient ible scale, but a vast scheme of organisa- d to be placed on a permanent footing so secure an adequate supply of the raw al as well as constant touch with the market. Moreover, special science, edge, and experience were required for the production of an article which will keep for years in all sets of circumstances and variety of climate. That such an enter- ias succeeded in Limerick city, far from operous province of Ulster, with a popula- equiring only technical knowledge and organisation, affords conclusive proof of many possibilities open to capitalists Ireland. The prosperity of this rise also shows the character of ew spirit growing up in the coun- spirit which must inspire additional hope ose who expect great things from the re- of Irish industries. In fact, the Con- i Milk Company of Ireland has been able ce within reach not only of the Irish but e British consumer an article which is e equal, if not superior, to the highly ised products of Switzerland and other of the Continent—a fact which ought to zays remembered by those who so strongly mend us to foster home industries. is now some 36 years since Mr Thomas f Cleve first arrived in Limerick. He d as an apprentice to his uncle, Mr J P s, in the oil, colour, drug, and cement ess, of which he rose to be first manager fterwards sole proprietor. He then made eal to his brothers to come from Canada. elp him to develop the condensed milk and ery industry. Struck by the large sums- annually to the foreigner for dairy produce ublished a pamphlet in which he proved great opportunities existed in Ireland specially in Munster for the production hese commodities. This was but 15 ago. He followed up his proposal with ical exposition, and, in conjunction with his rothers and two other gentlemen, acquired remises known as "the Old Shipyard" at

DEATH OF A LIMERICK CITIZEN IN QUEENSLAND.

The *Charleville Courier*, of November 21st, '96, has the following sympathetic notice of the death of Mr H. T. Bourke, B.L., son of our esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr T. M. Bourke, George street—
 Profound sorrow was experienced by all classes in Charleville when the sad news spread that Mr H T Bourke, Barrister-at-Law and Legal Practitioner, had quietly passed away to his eternal rest about half-past 6 o'clock on Thursday morning. He had been ailing for some few days and on the night of the children's ball, during a violent fit of coughing, he had the misfortune to burst a blood-vessel. He was at once attended at his lodgings at Aeschmann's Hotel by Dr Kirkaldy, under whose skill and care he was making satisfactory progress towards convalescence when suddenly overtaken by death. As a fatal termination to Mr Bourke's illness was not anticipated, the response to the numerous enquiries as to his condition being reassuring, the unexpected announcement of his demise caused a painful sensation. Expressions of sorrow at the abrupt extinction of a life of great worth and bright promise were universal and sincere, for the career of the deceased gentleman could scarcely be said to have commenced ere it closed. In the death of Mr Bourke, our little community has sustained a distinct loss. A good citizen in the full significance of the term, one who heartily identified himself with every progressive movement, has gone from amongst us, and it will be long before his place can be filled. It would be hard to decide whether the intellectual powers or the social qualities of the deceased were most attractive to those with whom he came in contact, but all recognised in his courtesy of manner, his broadness of mind, and his gentleness of disposition the hall-mark of a refined and elevated nature, which scorned everything mean and ignoble. Upright, honorable, and conscientious, affable and free-handed, the deceased was held in high and deserved esteem by all classes. His professional talents were of the highest order, and had he not been handicapped in the battle of life by a pulmonary complaint, which compelled him to seek the dry inland climate, there is no doubt that he would have occupied a very prominent position at the bar. As a pleader he was eloquent, forcible, and fluent, and inherited no small share of the oratorical gifts of his race and country. He was a graceful and incisive writer, and his essentially intellectual nature found interest and relaxation in occasional contributions to the press. Our local School of Arts had in him a warm and enthusiastic supporter, whose efforts materially helped it along. The deceased had been practising his profession in this town between two and a half and three years, and at the time of his death was about forty years of age. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, and was largely attended. The Rev Father Corrigan officiated at the grave.

ENNIS UNION—WEDNESDAY.
 (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Mr Wm Cotter, Chairman, presided, and there were also present—Messrs H de L Willis, J P; H B Harris, J P; Thomas Frost, James Cahill, P Ryan, Thady Roughan, P. Fahey, and Thomas Galvin, D V C.

The officials present were—Mr E Bourke, L G I, Mr E M Bennett, Clerk; Mr Thos O'Loughlin, Master; Mr J J Sexton, Engineer.

STATE OF THE HOUSE.

Admitted for week, 22; born, 1; discharged, 14; died, 1; remaining in the house, 470, at an average cost of 3s 1d per head; in fever hospital 6, at a cost per head of 5s 11d; in the infir-

LITERATURE.

"EILEEN'S JOURNEY; HISTORY IN FAIRYLAND."
 A recent issue of the *Times* contains an appreciative notice of "Eileen's Journey in Fairyland," by Mr Ernest A Jelf, M.A., son-in-law to Mr R W Carey-R Besborough. "Eileen's Journey," observatory contemporary, "comes late in the stream of the fairy gift books, but we venture to predict that it will be well 'placed' at the finish. Jelf has had the ambitious and happy idea of writing a fairy book that shall run clear ruck, and may probably go on running through successive editions. As he says in his preface he has attempted to adapt old-world stories to the purposes of the modern fairy tale. I who is partly credulous, but sometimes sceptical, nevertheless, is converted to a faith in Eileen by falling in with the Fairy Queen's court in all its glitter and splendour. Thomas the Rhymer, her eyes are opened to the glamour of Fairyland, and she penetrates even more deeply into its innermost secrets. Titania takes a fancy to the inquisitive and carries her by sail on a personally-conducted circular tour. But the magic train is run on an enchanted railway. It travels backward through time, and space is ignored. The halting stations are memorable historical events, as to Titania is instructive and eloquent. The comes to a stop in the Indian Mutiny, Franklin in the Arctic ice; with Shakespeare and Spencer, Byron and Shelley; at the discovery of a new world by Columbus; at the revolutions of the colonies; in the wars of liberation with Tell and Jeanned'arc; and at the Kaaba prophet.

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