

weeks of the present half-year show an increase of £2,476 as compared with the total receipts for the corresponding period of last year. Other railways also show increases more or less, but that which stands to the credit of the Waterford and Limerick system is substantial enough to convince the most sceptical that a concern which shows such results should be well able to stand by itself. An increase of 2½ per cent. on the gross receipts of the current half-year is conclusive evidence to show that the line is doing splendidly, and is well able to stand by itself.

**THE MAILS**—The mails were late again to-day, the distribution not taking place until half-past two.

**IRISH INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION.**—As already announced, the annual Exhibition and Sale of Work in connection with the Irish Industries Association will be held on to-morrow evening and Saturday. The opening ceremony and distribution of prizes will be undertaken by Lady Fermoy on Saturday at 3.30. There will be a concert that afternoon and also each evening of the Exhibition, several lady's and gentlemen amateurs of the City and County will take part.

#### DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL EGAN.

We regret extremely to record the death of Mr Michael Egan, proprietor of the well-known grocery, and wine and spirit establishment Patrick street. The sad event occurred yesterday in Dublin, in the 69th year of his age. Mr Egan was a most successful business-man, and a highly-respected citizen, and one who gave most practical support to all matters for the welfare of the city. He particularly interested himself in Barrington's and St John's Hospitals, both of which he was a governor, and exhibited a most philanthropic zeal in that capacity. In other ways his private benevolence in regard to city charities was most liberal, and it is needless to remark that as an employer, the staffs of the various establishments conducted by him could find no more considerable or courteous gentleman. The funeral will take place from St Michael's Roman Catholic Church at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.

#### IRISH REGIMENTS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

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press in well-merited eul that it seems to me unnec lation to him on this occasi on to what we all feel to of one so generally loved reports from your Council you, but with regard to t remarks until they are on now intend to confine my is, I think, deserving of the present time—I mean in our church, and the du responsible. On the sev Ireland from the State, her property, a power wa Parliament which she has fore—namely, to hold ass to elect representatives t framing constitutions for Church of Ireland and the her members, both clerica Synods, General Synods, In fact there was conferre Act usually known as the plete freedom and power to her own own internal legal difficulties which General Synod of the Bi in Ireland were removed. herself of this freedom secure, among other adv able addition to her str say to her safety, the c and, without doubt, a accrued to her consequen one fraught with the mo the estimation of a large was the freedom giver develop the lay elemen executive. I am not unn difference of opinion exist and disadvantages to o Disestablishment; but I to throw in my lot with t tical view of the state of Disestablishment and of l see clearly that her g freedom from State contr and I feel assured that Church as a body were ce sion to their opinion on t strongly more in favour c former condition. And b giving expression to the i after thirty years' experi the lay element in our m disquietude at present Church of England woul acute as it now presents i advantage to a similar ex of lay co-operation. An proved that in the act of the councils and work o and Primitive practice he there is here no breach of and, furthermore, that it spirit of the age, which government, whereby the voice in the enactment of are required to render ob then, it is plain that the Ireland occupy a positio before Disestablishment, possibility, and the qu is, Are they fully conscio they fully realise their res be denied for a moment t be styled the secular they have rendered serv can so much be said s Have they a high enough