

IRISH DAIRY ASSOCIATION

THE WATER IN BUTTER QUESTION.

A meeting of the Irish Dairy Association was held to-day in the Markets Inspector's Office for the purpose of making arrangements in connection with the surprise competitions for Dairies. Mr Wm. M'Donnell, J.P., presided. There were also present—Mr D. L. Roche (Irish Co-operative Dairy Society), Mr P. O'Neill (representing Mr W. L. Stokes, J.P.), Mr R. Gibson, Hon. Secretary, and Mr C. Looftmark, I.O.S.

As to the surprise competitions, Mr Gibson announced that they would be open to every creamery in Ireland without distinction of proprietorship, and to every private dairy in Ireland.

The various conditions of the competition were agreed to, and will be published in due course.

BUTTER COMMITTEE'S INTERIM REPORT.

Mr Gibson said that the next business was to consider the proposals made in the interim report of the Committee on Butter Regulations. In the course of a discussion,

The Chairman remarked that the pickle which is put in Irish butter is one of the peculiarities of that class of butter, which was palatable and good. The pickle was a tonic for people who were working in mills where there was the smell of oil and grease. Irish salt butter sold in preference to any other butter in the North of England for the reason he had stated. Of course people who went out in their carriages liked butter without any flavour in it, but it was a strange thing if other people liked another class of butter that they would not be allowed to get it.

Mr Gibson said he was perfectly satisfied that the fixing of the standard was simply for the purpose of crushing out the whole manufacture of butter in Ireland.

Chairman: That is exactly what I thing. Mr. Gibson said that the Committee proposed to fix a standard for every thing sold as butter, and then they went on to say that everything above that must be declared to the purchaser. Irish pickled butter was known in the English market and in every market of the world for more than a century as always containing a large percentage of moisture. The attempt now was to force them to make another class of article, because that would suit the purposes of the people who were working for the creameries. If there was anything in the shape of a standard it should be 16 per cent. for butter containing from 1 to 1½ per cent. of salt; anything over that, where people were buying pickled butter, there should be a standard of 24 per cent.

Mr. Roche did not agree with Mr. Gibson that the object of the Committee was to put people into the creameries. They were men on the Committee having other interests besides those of the creameries. What he (Mr. Roche) wanted to emphasize was this, that any extraneous matter added to butter to increase its weight was illegal according to the Food and Drugs Act. Why then should the Committee allow this milk-blending to go on because it was merely increasing the weight of the article?

The Chairman submitted the following resolution:—"That in the opinion of this meeting should the recommendation of the special Committee on butter be adopted of fixing the standard at 16 per cent it must have the effect of completely destroying the Irish salt butter business, it being generally admitted that farmers in their own houses, and without the use of ice cannot produce butter in warm weather to contain a per centage less than from 20 to 24 per cent of moisture. It is also well understood that the richer the grass, as in the grass lands of the counties Limerick and Tipperary the more difficult it becomes to do so. That in the opinion of this meeting, even the creameries where a supply of ice or other refrigeration is not available, will find a like difficulty

DEATH OF MR. PATRICK HERBERT.

We announce with very sincere regret the death of an old and highly esteemed citizen, Mr Patrick Herbert, B.C., which occurred at his residence, William street, on Sunday. The sad intelligence came as a great and painful surprise to the public, as it was by no means generally known that Mr. Herbert was ill. The fact is however that he had been ailing for the past fortnight, but it was only in the middle of last week that really serious developments set in—acute bronchitis—to which Mr. Herbert, despite the constant care and attention of Drs. O'Sullivan and Graham, has succumbed in the 66th year of his age. His death removes from our midst a long familiar figure in civic life. Mr. Herbert's family have been connected with Limerick for generations. He himself has for a long span of years been very extensively connected with the boot and shoe trade, having been the owner of a house in William Street and also in George Street. He was quite a veteran in public life, for he has been a member of the Corporation for no less a period than 30 years—firstly, as a representative of the Market Ward, and for a long time past as one of the Councillors of the Shannon Ward. With all sections of the electorate he was extremely popular, as evidenced by the fact that at the recent election he was returned at the head of the poll. Indeed it is supposed that his great exertions in connection with the contest had an injurious effect on his health, for Mr. Herbert, as was his wont, entered into the fight with that vigour and spirit which certainly are not common in a man of his years. He was a gentleman of few words, but withal of practical common-sense and judgment, united to which were uniform courtesy and an urbanity of manner, which made him most popular in public as well as in private life. During his long career there was scarcely a public board in the city—to say nothing of the Corporation Committees—that he was not connected with one time or other. He was a member of the Harbour Board for some years; a very old member of the Markets Trustees, in connection with which he proved himself a constant and able advocate of the interests of the Corporation; he was a Governor of the Lunatic Asylum, and down to recent years had a lengthened association with the Limerick Board of Guardians. He was also a member of the Free Library and Technical Education Committees. In charitable works Mr. Herbert was in a sense conspicuous, but yet in a most unostentatious way, and as a member of the St. Vincent De Paul Society he rendered valued work on behalf of the destitute poor. Mr. Herbert's death is deeply and sincerely regretted in the city, and with his widow and family widespread sympathy is expressed in their affliction. Resolutions of condolence were passed by various public bodies at their meetings yesterday.

HARBOUR BOARD.

At the Harbour Board yesterday, the Mayor presiding, it was proposed by Mr Donnellan and seconded unanimously:—"That a vote of condolence be passed to the widow and family of the late Mr Herbert owing to his lamented death."

ADJOURNMENT OF THE CORPORATION.

At the meeting of the Corporation last night, after the installation of the City High Sheriff and Sub-Sheriff,

Mr. Stokes moved that the Council adjourn as a mark of respect to the memory of their late colleague, Mr. Patrick Herbert. He was sure they would be unanimous in their expression of regret at the loss of one of their most active members, and a very old and respected citizen. He could

FROM DAY

Gossip in London suggests a tax on imported foreign. The King's tour of inspection of breweries extended over t

There is no change in t in connection with the Ba

The epidemic of train ro and shoplifting on the increase.

New York is given ov German flags and Prince in great demand.

A serious fire occur Saturday. It is believed lost their lives.

Under the new managen almost the entire journali notice of dismissal.

The Rev. Charles Gore, consecrated, in the chape as Bishop of Worcester.

Oakfield Park, Carlow, t of the Right Hon. Henry burned on Sunday.

London smallpox diseas 311 cases being recorde against 227 the previous 1

Five yards in four year the water pouring over 1 wears away the rock bene

The postal delivery at yesterday included a clea Lord Salisbury by some a

Australia has, proporti than any other country 6,013, or 210 churches to

Heavy speculation in Birmingham in view taxation. Many hous supply stored.

At Haslington, near cellar getting potatoes, w his celluloid collar. He

The census return of th been issued, and shows 1 last. The Empire now people.

Glasgow Corporation another £750,000 to acqu within the City on which three storeys high.

The amount collected date amounts to somethin The great bulk of scribed in small sums, ception.

Although Lord Cadoga yet been officially nomi that the next Lord Lieut of Pembroke, who, with been on a visit to Dubli

The Transvaal Cust published yesterday, sho of goods imported into amounted to £3,664,1 Customs.

The Xylonite Works turn out six tons of ball nearly 300 ping-pong bal that the number requir output is 4,320,000.