

atisfactory to read that 7 reached a better average ceding year since 1903, present year the prices ed on the preceding one. o increased in price, and h foreign imports it is to shipments in 1907 were d since 1902, the figures being 472,065, compared the year preceding it. imports would appear to aken place in the United da. Shipments of fresh countries, however, some- 1907, as compared with s of sheep in 1907 were andard of 1906. Pork verage of 50s. 1d. per cwt., 50s. 11½d. respectively, or the September quarter 7d. Butter is a very industry in this country, g to observe that during hs of the present year uch higher than for the eriod of 1907. On the ties are, we think, rather for the Irish agriculturist.

## NT COMMENT

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ly known that the award of a e Women's National Health eland by the Tuberculosis ington was challenged. The rize of one thousand dollars voluntary association which had done the most effective the universal crusade against a Irish Association, in exist-year, had to compete against been working for three and an international tribunal York and the Irish Associa-prize, and divided the prize. Against this decision the onl dned a protest, and asked be exhibits, and all the latter

dock would accommodate vessels 1,000ft. long.

### CHARACTER READING FROM GIFTS.

Have you ever tried to read the characters of your friends through their last year's gifts? It really is (says a writer in "Throne and Country") an amusing pastime. There you pick up a pair of gloves, a size too big! They are from the "careless friend," who noted down your size on the back of an old envelope and promptly fluttered out and lost it! Then you smile over a box of handkerchiefs sent by the "thoughtless friend." She asked you what you would like, and you said "anything but handkerchiefs." Here you touch lovingly a dainty present. You had only made a chance remark, but it had been eagerly seized upon and pencilled on the heart of the "real friend."

### PENSION PROGRESS.

Questioned in the House of Commons by Mr. Timothy Davies, Mr. Lloyd George (Chancellor of the Exchequer), in the course of a written reply, says the progress made by the pension officers up to the 5th inst. is as follows:—Claims received—England (excluding Monmouthshire) 383,611, Wales and Monmouthshire 25,665, Scotland 71,816, Ireland 209,135—total 690,027; investigated and recommended for pension by pension officers—England 290,085, Wales 19,329, Scotland 53,305, Ireland 27,309; investigated and not recommended for pension—England 23,531, Wales 1,860, Scotland 3,592, Ireland 13,875; considered ineligible and not investigated—England 3,860, Wales 642, Scotland 689, Ireland 2,524; in hand, partially investigated—England 46,422, Wales 2,324, Scotland 9,984, Ireland 47,373; in hand, investigation not commenced—England 19,213, Wales 1,010, Scotland 4,066, Ireland 18,754.

## DEATH OF MRS. GABBETT MOUNTRIVERS.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Wyndham Gabbett which took place this afternoon at her residence Mountrivers. The deceased lady had been ailing for some time and her death was not unexpected. She was a celebrated sportswoman in her time being one of the most prominent figures riding to the County Limerick Hounds.

In consequence of the death of Mrs. Gabbett the meet of the County Limerick Hounds to-morrow has been abandoned.

## PORTUMNA BRIDGE.

The Portumna Bridge Commissioners concluded their sittings on Friday. Mr. Hynes for the North Tipperary County Council memorialists and promoters estimated the probable cost of the new bridge at £24,000, which would mean an annual charge of £1,200 on the taxable counties as sinking fund. It was proposed to exclude the county of Limerick from the area of charge.

MR. BARRINGTON—POSSIBLY HE MAY ASK a loan, but he may offer you a grant, wh will ask to have supplemented.

The Mayor—We had an interview with Dunraven with a view to his using his io with the Treasury.

Mr. Barrington said he was afraid the little hope of his getting the money Treasury, he was afraid, would put this tl the long finger.

The question was not further discuss.

### AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

A letter was read from Mr. C. F. Oloso Street, thanking the Committee on hi behalf and on behalf of his family for their tion of condolence on the death of his m

The communication was ordered to be i on the minutes.

### PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The meeting next discussed the ques making arrangements for the distribu the prizes to the students to-morrow eve the Athenæum.

### THE LATE SIR THOMAS CLEEVE.

On the proposition of the Mayor, se unanimously, the meeting was adjourn mark of respect to the memory of the Thomas H. Cleeve, D.L., without tran any further evidence.

## BALLINACURRA SEWERAGE

### Court of Arbitration Proceedings.

Mr. J. D. Leaby, C.E., Newcastle W yesterday in the Boardroom of the L Workhouse as arbitrator between McDonnell, Ballinacurra, and the Limer 1 Rural District Council, in respect of : made by Mrs. McDonnell for compensa injury done her mansion and land by re the proposed erection of a septic tank land to purify the sewage of Ballinacurra it enters into the Ballyclough river.

Mr. Sergeant Moriarty, K.C. (instruct Mr. D. dds, solr.), appeared for Mrs. McD. Mr. C. F. Boyle, K.C. (instructed by Mr. solr.), appeared for the Limerick No. 1 District Council; Mr. E. Leaby appea Limerick Race Company, Limited.

Mrs. McDonnell claimed among other that the existence of a septic tank in proximity to her house would reduce the value of the mansion, and lessen the ch. being able to let the adjoining land for t purposes.

It was contended on the other side t proposed tank when properly constructe cared would not have such an effect, and urged that the arbitrator should take int sideration in his award that Mrs. McDonr already obtained a sum of £382 in respec scheme which had been abandoned in or this should take its place.

Among the witnesses examined f McDonnell were—Mr. J. Horan, Cour veyor; Mr. White house and land agen McDonnell, Dr. Fogerty.

Those examined for the R.D.C. inclu J. J. O'Malley, C.E., Mr. Kaye Parry, C. McGrath.

For the Race Company, Ltd.—Mr. Secretary to that body.