

the registered last week in the Dublin Registra- Area and the twenty-one principal provincial Districts of Ireland was 22.1 per 1,000 of their population, which, for the purposes of the returns, is estimated at 1,142,308. The deaths registered in each of the past four weeks, and during the whole of that period, in the several districts, alphabetically arranged, corresponded to the following annual rates per 1,000. In some instances, owing to deaths not having been registered within a week in which they occurred, the rates do not represent the weekly mortality—Armagh, 34.4; Ballymena 19.2; Belfast 24.3; Clonmel 10.3; Cork 10.3; Drogheda 4.1; Dublin Reg. Area 22.3; Galway 4.0; Limerick 11.7; Kilkenny 19.7; Limerick 13.3; Lisburn 13.6; Londonderry 16.9; Lurgan 13.3; Newry 8.4; Newry 17.2; Portadown 15.5; Rathfriland 39.6; Sligo 4.8; Tralee 21.1; Waterford 32.7. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered in the twenty-two districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 1.6 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0.0 in the districts to 13.7 in Armagh, the 6 deaths all causes registered in that district including 5 from whooping-cough. Among the 180 deaths from all causes registered in Belfast are 1 from whooping-cough, one from diphtheria, two from diarrhoeal diseases, and one from cerebro-spinal fever. The 40 deaths from all causes registered in Cork include one from typhus and 39 from whooping-cough. Of the 14 deaths from all causes for Waterford one is from whooping-cough and the 7 deaths from all causes registered in Wexford are from diarrhoeal diseases, and of the 12 deaths from all causes for Ballymena there is 1 death from measles.

NEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

LIGHT UP.
 Lists and others liable to prosecution under the Motor Vehicle Act should light up to-night at 9.11, and on Saturday at 9.11, and on Saturday at 9.11.

BROKEN HEARTS IN REAL LIFE.
 A woman's death in a case at the Southwark Criminal Court was said to be due to a broken heart. The Coroner remarked that one read of dying from broken hearts in novels, when in real life they were generally supposed to be due to grief. As a matter of fact, they were not unknown in real life. It is agreed that elderly people, with weak hearts, often died from their hearts breaking.

CAT PREVENTS A BURGLARY.
 A man engaged in ransacking the residence of Mr. James, at Coventry, a burglar released a cat which had been locked in a room for the night. The cat once commenced mewing outside one of the room doors, with the result that Mr. James was aroused and the burglar precipitately

has also represented England against Scotland, is best known by his match with Duncan against Braid and Vardon for £100.

FREEDOM OF CITY

For Dr. Douglas Hyde.

The Mayor presided at the usual weekly Committee of the Corporation last night, when it was unanimously decided, on the proposition of Alderman McNeice, to present an address of welcome to Dr. Douglas Hyde on his first official visit to the city. It was further agreed to recommend to Council the conferring of the Freedom of the City on the same gentleman, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements in connection with the presentation of the address and the conferring of the Freedom.

DEATH OF MR. P. J. HAYES.

We regret extremely to record the very unexpected demise of Mr. P. J. Hayes, a member of the composing staff of this journal, which took place this morning at his residence, the Commercial Hotel, Catherine street. Though Mr. Hayes had not been in over robust health for some time past, he was at his work and out and about as usual up to last evening, and the sad news of his premature demise came, therefore, as a great shock to his colleagues in the office, and, indeed, by all who valued and esteemed him for his high probity, and his unvarying courtesy and genial manner. Mr. Hayes, who was quite a young man, was a native of Tipperary, and for many years was largely identified with Gaelic pastimes in Limerick and the adjoining counties, he having filled the position of secretary of the County Board, and frequently that of handicapper at its fixtures. He was some twenty years connected with the "Chronicle," and proved himself an excellent and assiduous member of the printing staff, while with his confreres, as well as the members of the other departments of the paper, he was extremely popular, as he well deserved to be. He was a member of the Trade Council, and it is a sympathetic coincidence that he actively interested himself in the arrangements for the forthcoming Irish Trades Congress, which is to open in this city next Monday. Mr. Hayes's death, which is believed to be due to heart failure, is all the more sad when we remember that his wife pre-deceased him but a little over twelve months ago. We tender our sympathy to his relatives in their great sorrow.

MOTOR BOATS AND THE PETROL TAX.

The "Motor Boat" for to-day (Thursday) announces that there will be a full rebate of 3d per gallon granted on all petrol used for motor craft. Directly it appeared that motor boat owners were to be subject to tax, which plainly owed its institution to the national tax for road improvements, says the "Motor Boat," we communicated to Mr. Lloyd-George our view that not only should motor boat petrol be exempt logically, but that if it were subject to the new duty the extra cost would fall heavily upon owners of beach boats, ferry boats, fishing

G.P.O. PRO

His many friends in Li be glad to learn of the Gallivan, Provincial Clerk the important position of Mr. Gallivan has been at office for over twenty years law of our late esteemed P. O'Connor, iron and William-street. Mr. Gallivan for his new sphere of duty him a long and prosperous

COUNTY C

An adjourned half-yearly Limerick County Council County Courthouse on Saturday for discussion contain the main roads declaration for the next year, the consideration of the Surveyor's and County Engineer's report, as well as the correspondence of the Government Board bearing on the Labour Scheme.

ASYLUMS A BUDG

At a special meeting of the Richmond District Local Board yesterday, Mr. Richard Jones a resolution was passed on a Government to make such the Chancellor of the Treasury as would secure the allocation to the revenue of the account in view of the proposed recently introduced Budget was appointed to wait on the Government with regard to the same matter.

THE TANNERY

Hopeful Prospects.
 The position of affairs in connection with the strike at Messrs. O'Callaghan's Tannery, Gerald Griffin-street, yet the men are still out, and standstill practically. It is to learn that negotiations are being arranged for a conference of the men and the directors to this effect, and that the directors have acquiesced in a conference being begun. The matters in dispute have been discussed, and it is to be hoped that an agreement will be come to.

HOTELS AND TH

The annual meeting of the Association of Ireland was held at the offices, 109 Great Brunswick-street, on Saturday. Mr. R. H. Fortin, Chairman, presided, and the proceedings some of the points discussed were the proposed new tax upon hotels, and a suggestion was made that hotels should be compelled to pay a fee. In some of these hotels much liquor was consumed a