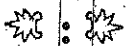


by the warmth and sunshine which has been obtained during the past month. All live stock are described as healthy, and thriving rapidly. Prices, moreover, are satisfactory, and values are at a much higher level than for many years." On the whole, therefore, the reports convey a very satisfactory outlook despite the weather conditions, which have not been of the best during the past couple of months. It is not surprising in this connection to learn that the season has been an indifferent one for fruit, though the dry, bright weather in the early part of July proved of much benefit to that crop. The usual county reports, both as regards field and fruit crops are given, and altogether this section of the Journal of the Department of Agriculture, to say nothing of many others which we have not space to touch on here, is full of interest not alone to the farmer and the horticulturist, but to the public at large.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Merchant Navies.

The table of merchant navies for the year 1908 shows some interesting relations. Of course, the British tonnage still leads enormously, beating its next competitor, the United States, by nearly six millions. The German Empire is third, but it stands more than four million tons lower. The surprise to many will be in the fourth mercantile Power. Who would guess Norway? Yet Norway it is before France and Italy—one of the very least of countries in area, and by any means a rich country, and yet possessing such a promise of wealth and of power.



The Political Silence.

In the event of the Veto Conference breaking down somewhere about the middle of October—a by no means unlikely contingency (says a contemporary)—the closing days of the recess may, after all, be marked by an active political campaign in the country. The moment the existing political truce ended legislators would hasten down to their constituencies, for no one sees how a General Election in January can be avoided if compromise is found to be impossible. It has been suggested in some quarters that in arranging for a late date of meeting of the House the Government has been actuated by a desire to hang up the whole question until after the Coronation, on the plea that the Budget and

were made.

THE VOTERS' LISTS.

The public are reminded that the 20th inst. has been the day appointed for receiving objections to claimants for the franchise. It is stated that as many as 1,500 objections will be made to new lodger claimants, so that from this point the revision of the lists will be most interesting.

CLARE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The annual Show of the Clare Horticultural Society was brought off yesterday most successfully in the spacious grounds of the Military Barracks here, now vacant, but lately occupied by the Clare Artillery. It was an ideal day for such a function, and as a consequence there was an immense attendance of the country people. This was far and away the best of the series of Shows held by this Society which has won such rapid popularity, and experts who were present gave it unhesitatingly as their opinion that it was one of the very best provincial horticultural exhibitions they had seen. There was an extraordinary entry in the amateur and cottager classes, these exhibitors more than holding their own with the professionals. There was a really magnificent show of vegetables which were generally admired for their size and quality. The floral display was extremely beautiful, and there was a splendid show of herbaceous plants on exhibition from the well-known Lisadell nurseries of Sir J. Gore Booth.

The judges were, in Class A, for cottagers and artisans, Major Hickman and Mr. Falkner, gardener to Lord Dunsall. In Class B, for amateurs, Mr. Sangster, Lisadell, and Mr. Murphy, of Glenstal. In Class C, for amateurs employing professional gardeners, Mr. Laurie, Woodlawn, Co. Galway, and Mr. Barry, Blackwater. In the special classes the adjudicators were Mr. Hume, Lougheoutra, and Mr. Quin, from Lord Clonbrock's nurseries. Ashton, sec. and general manager Mr. H. Bill was simply untiring in seeing that all the arrangements worked smoothly, and it is but only fitting to say that the great success of this excellent Clare Society is very largely due to his energy and enthusiasm for the development of a love of floriculture and horticulture in the Co. Clare.

Details in our next.

DEATH OF MRS. FROST.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Corrothea Frost, which took place last evening at her residence, 3, Lower Mallow-street. The deceased lady, who had reached the fine age of 76 years, was relict of the late Mr. John Frost, a well-known solicitor, who practised in Ennis. She was connected with the oldest families in Clare, her father being the late Mr. Mathew Reddan, of Toingraney. The late Mrs. Frost was mother of Mrs. John Dundon, George street, and has a son, Major Frost, in the Indian Medical Service. The funeral takes place at noon on Saturday from St. Michael's R.C. Church for interment at Killuran, Broadford, Co. Clare.

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ROYAL IRISH

First-Class District Hetreed, of Moate, Co. the necessary examine rank of County Inspector pointed 3rd Class District Cadet list 1st January 1893, obtaining 1st Class. He formerly served at and in Limerick city and from January, 1900 the appointment of Depot.

BELFAST

At yesterday's hearing victims of the hotel fire City Surveyor said the to compel hotels to keep McCaughan, widow of before her husband rang the bell to call returned a verdict that injuries received, there how the fire occurred. Corporation to seek Parliament to make over the erection of existing buildings, with so that the safety of pe

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The Electric

The pictures of the Pink last night were large audience present. The several scenes of portrayed, and the and the touching incidents and with all the extra detail which photograph. The pictures will be shown Friday night at 8.30 Saturday at 3 p.m.

A.B.C.

The Athlunkard Bo "At Home" and Seren the Abbey river. It was re-union had to be owing to the inclemency. The programme for this a varied one, and show