

no really effective solution has been arrived at. Mr. Hobhouse has said what most thoughtful men have been thinking, that there are causes at work below the surface of these strikes and lock-outs which deserve the attention and inquiry of Government. In view of the tremendous losses inflicted by trade stoppages, there is a duty devolving upon those in responsible positions to try to arrive at an understanding of the causes for the repeated suspensions of work which are taking place, and to devise some scheme to secure fair play between employers and work people without a costly resort to industrial war. It is a common ground that within recent years there have been very considerable changes in industrial conditions, but when we come to consider the variety and extent of the adjustments in hours and wages which are necessary to meet these changed conditions, the diversity of opinion is very pronounced. Leading London newspapers have been commissioning well-known publicists and litterateurs to propound their theories, and many interesting and suggestive suggestions have been said in relation to the various aspects, casual and curative, of the prevailing unrest. If there is a remedy it can only be the result of some practical and well-considered policy. A committee of the Cabinet is engaged at the present time in considering the whole subject, and some useful lead may emerge from that body. The Commission will not only deal with existing disputes, but will do something to render a recurrence of them improbable. Such a summation is devoutly to be wished for. As far as the dockers dispute is concerned, the Government's offer for the establishment of a Conciliation Board is engaging the attention of the London shipowners, a deputation from the latter body had an interview yesterday with the Minister. The result of the deliberations is not stated, but future action will possibly depend on the issue of the Conference between the men's representatives and the Government. So far as can be gathered the Government are favourable to a settlement, and the men are for the better.

CURRENT COMMENT.

American Electioneering.

Incidentally, the United States Presidential election is a comparatively dry affair, to most of us at this side of the Atlantic, but the battle between Taft and Roosevelt is being followed with optional interest because of the personal elements it has stirred. Personalities, rather than issues, are what the citizen of the United States cares most about, and to appeal with any chance of success to such a vast electorate, a candidate requires a tremendous personality. That is probably the main reason why Mr. Roosevelt has secured so large a measure of support in the West. A forceful, massive figure, of whom one has heard, from the farmers of New Mexico to the miners of Colorado, he looms large in the public eye, and captivates the imagination.

Mr. Kelly said he was in agreement with the petition as the change was a matter of public convenience.

Mr. Croker also agreed, and the application was granted.

TRANSFERS OF LICENSES.

The following were granted transfers of licenses' certificates:—Catherine Dwan, Sarsfield-street, Killmalkonk; Hattie Forde, Blackboy; Thomas Harty, Knicker, Pallasgreen; Annie O'Grady, Main-street, Cappamore, and Bridget Phelan, Galbally.

APPEAL CASE.

Charles Quaide, publican, Croom, appealed from a decision of the magistrates at Croom Petty Sessions on the 7th April, imposing a fine of 20s and costs on him for an alleged breach of the Licensing Laws.

Mr. J. S. Gaffney, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. D. T. Sherlock (instructed by Mr. P. Ryan, solicitor), appeared for the appellant.

The evidence given in support of the Crown case was that in the afternoon of the date in question five men drove up to the publican's hotel. They were admitted, and were followed in by Sergeant McGrath, who told the publican that he had committed an offence in permitting three of the five to enter his premises, as they lived within the three mile limit.

The case for the defence was that the men fully believed that they were bona fide travellers, and precautions were taken to ascertain that they were.

The Court unanimously affirmed the conviction.

CHARGE AGAINST A MOTHER.

Hanora Sullivan was charged with having on the 10th May, at Knockphelan, exposed her female child in such a manner as to endanger her life.

The accused pleaded guilty, and Sergeant O'Donnell, in reply to Mr. J. S. Gaffney, Crown Solicitor, stated that the child was found on the roadside with an envelope pinned to it bearing the words—"Baptise this child." The child was well clothed, and appeared to be well nourished.

His Honor said this was a very sad case. The accused had very properly pleaded guilty, and in all the circumstances he would give her the benefit of the Probation of Offenders Act.

The prisoner was then discharged on her own bail of £20, and the Court took up the hearing of undefended ejection processes and civil bills.

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE CITY.

Two carpenters, Thomas Carroll, and another man named Rourke, arrived in the city yesterday from Dublin to work for a local builder, and in the evening they paid a visit to the Theatre. After or during the performance, it is stated, they had a drink or two, and Carroll, who is said to be aged about 50, and of corpulent physique, complained of feeling unwell, attributing it to a crushing he got while in the crowd leaving the Theatre. He was eventually conveyed in the ambulance to Barrington's Hospital, but on arriving there towards midnight he was found to be dead. The Coroner was communicated with, and an inquest is to be held late this evening. The deceased was a married man, and his relatives have been communicated with by the Constabulary.

THEATRE ROYAL.

"Macbeth."

"Macbeth," the finest of Shakespeare's tragedies, was produced in the Theatre Royal last night by Mr. Alexander Marsh and his talented Company. It was indeed pleasant to find the house crowded. The generous response of patronage which we bespoke for the cultured actor was fully realized last night, and let us hope it will be continued until Saturday night when the engagement terminates. After all it is in the works of the great Elizabethan dramatist that the moral is pointed and the mirror held up to nature. We profit by a reading of any of his

water as well as *terra firma*. There will be usual, many attractions on the pier, following programme will be discoursed by band of the York and Lancaster Regiment will be present by kind permission of Byass and Officers:—

1. March....."Diplomat".....
2. Overture....."Zampa".....
3. Cornet Solo....."The Rosary".....
Soloist—Corporal Bolton.
4. Selection....."Iolanthe".....
5. Intermezzo....."Cavalleria Rusticana".....
6. Selection....."The Quaker Girl".....
Interval 15 minutes.
7. Overture....."Poet and Peasant".....
8. Tubaphone Solo.....Selected
Soloist—Boy, Painter.
9. Selection....."The Catch of the Season".....
10. Piccolo Solo....."Dance de Satyn".....
Soloist—Band Sergt. Blaze.
11. Valse....."Dreaming".....
12. (a) Dance....."In the Shadow."
(b) Two step....."Arra Wannah."
GOD SAVE THE KING.

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

And the Home Rule Question.

At to-day's meeting of the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church, it was decided to have a debate on the Home Rule question Friday. Several motions have been handed in for consideration. One declares unopposed opposition to Home Rule, and another a proposition to say it is inexpedient to make a pronouncement on the Bill, on the ground that the Church should refrain from discussion on political questions, this action not to be regarded as expressing sympathy with the Bill.

MASTER OF THE ROLLS RETIRES.

Attorney-General to Succeed.

Dublin, Monday. The Press Association's Dublin correspondent informed that the Master of the Rolls in Ireland, the Right Hon. Richard E. Meredith retired.

The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Right Hon. C. A. O'Connell, K.C., to be Master of the Rolls in Ireland in place of the Right Hon. R. E. Meredith, resigned.

SUFFRAGETTE MEETING IN DUBLIN.

At a mass meeting of Irish suffragettes, held in the Ancient Concert Rooms on Saturday evening, a resolution was passed expressing regret at a proposal to establish a new Constitution in Ireland on a purely male franchise, and calling upon the Government to amend the Home Rule Bill by adopting the Local Government Bill. Speeches were delivered by Miss Hayden, Mrs. Chambers (of Belfast), Mrs. C. (Sligo), Mrs. Sheehy-Skeffington, Mrs. C. (Limerick), Miss Day (Cork), and others.

INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF TOBACCO.

Several of the English and Irish tobacco manufacturers have issued circulars to the effect of announcing an increase in the price of the chief kinds of tobacco in consequence of the increased cost of the raw material.

RAILWAY PROSECUTIONS AT LISTOWEL.

On Saturday, before Mr. J. W. Flanagan, J.P., and Messrs. John Creagh Harnett and Philip J.P., two men named Denis Carroll and J. Jones, were prosecuted by the Great Southern Western Railway Company for travelling without tickets.