

For a long period, extending to some thirty years, the Irish Cattle Trade has had nothing more serious to deal with than the economic considerations which affect every business pursuit. It has come, within the past few days, however, to face a situation which, minimise it as we may, is one of very great gravity, and fraught with serious results to the whole country. It is but the other day when an order prohibiting the importation of English cattle into Ireland was issued, through reason of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the North of England, and now we have a similar order from the English Board of Agriculture excluding all Irish cattle from every port and landing place in Great Britain. Foot and mouth disease has been traced, it is stated, to the County of Dublin, and this is the cause of the drastic action taken by the English Department. That action has to be dealt with, and the Department of Agriculture are already acting with praiseworthy energy, and have succeeded in locating the disease, which, happily, up to last evening, at least, was found to be confined to one particular district in the County of Dublin. We may take it that the precautions and the efforts to confine the disease in question will not be relaxed, and in the activity displayed by the English and Irish Departments and their officials to grapple with the condition of things that has so suddenly and so unexpectedly arisen, room for hope is abundant that the disease will be stamped out with all the despatch possible. This is the most that can be expected, so far. The English Board are quite within their right, and no action, other than the one they have adopted, would suffice to meet the danger threatened to the cattle of the country, and the great financial loss impending to owners and producers if time were lost or effort spared to root out the disease and keep the herds of horned stock in the country immune. The Irish Department and the English Board are at one in arranging that this shall be done swiftly, surely, no matter how their measures of repression may concern individual owners. Nor can there be objection made to the course which experience and veterinary knowledge point out. There will, no doubt, be heavy financial losses incurred in this country if the English markets are for any length of time shut against Irish cattle. England is Ireland's chief market for her stock, the number of animals shipped to ports other than those in Great Britain is insignificant in proportion, and in the circumstances all of us will hope that this abnormal state of things which has so unfortunately arisen will not continue for long. The indications are that the disease will be stamped out in a short time, for the activity displayed by the officials of the Departments concerned is a guarantee that the outbreak will be successfully prevented from being one of long duration. They are directing their efforts to this end, and every one affected in Ireland by the danger threatening one of the staple industries of the country will sympathetically anticipate that these efforts will

previous to the appointment of Mr. Cloran, the Council referred the then applications for the office to Mr. Aubrey V. Clayton, an electric engineer expert, and that gentleman placed second on the list of those with the highest qualifications the name of Mr. Bernard B. Grainger, of Paisley, who, with others, was passed over at the time. Last night the question of the appointment of Mr. Cloran's successor having been taken into consideration, Alderman Donovan, seconded by Mr. James Gilligan, proposed that a recommendation be made to the Council that Mr. Grainger be written to and asked to take over the appointment. To this Mr. Michael O'Brien proposed an amendment to the effect that the applications be sent to an expert for selection of the most desirable candidates, among whom Mr. Grainger is included. This amendment was subsequently modified, and the discussion was continued. The Mayor, intervening, said the proposition with regard to Mr. Grainger was a wise one, as it meant the saving of time, trouble, and money, and he would suggest its adoption. The amendments, after some conversation, were all withdrawn, and Alderman Donovan's proposition was then unanimously adopted. There was a large meeting, 22 members being present out of the total 40 constituting the Council.

THE LATE MRS. E. LANGLEY HUNT.

The remains of the late Mrs. Hunt, relict of the late Mr. E. Langley Hunt, whose lamented demise at her residence, Donnybrook, we recorded in our last issue, arrived in Limerick yesterday afternoon at 1.45 p.m. for interment in the family burial place at Raheen, County Limerick. A large number of friends assembled at the Terminus to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of a highly esteemed lady and of sympathy with her family in their sorrow.

The chief mourners were—Staff Surgeon H. Hunt, E. D. Hunt, solr., Captain R. N. Hunt, R.A.M.C. (sons); Vere D. U. Hunt, Captain G. M. V. Hunt (nephews); Wm. Hunt (grand nephew); R. Hunt, Inshirourke, Captain A. Caulfield, Miltown, G. P. Griffin, Altavilla (cousins).

The clergy present were—The Dean, the Archdeacon, Canon Waller, Canon Atkinson, Rev. T. F. Abbott.

Amongst those who were also present, or sent carriages were—J. W. C. Barry (Provincial Bank), T. E. Lloyd, Heathfield; Wm. M. Beauchamp, E. Moroney, Major Mawe, G. Belslaw, E. Christy, Mrs. Hunt (Friarstown), Mrs. O'Brien (South Hill), J. Russell (Glenview), T. H. Brett (Munster and Leinster Bank), L. O'Brien Kelly, B. L., J. Legear, E. C. Winter, V.S., M. G. Slade, H. Russell, J. T. Barry (Sandville), Gerald Goodbody, T. Lloyd (Dooneen), C. Heaton Armstrong, B. Sheehy, J. Thompson (Ulster Bank), R. Nash, solr., E. L. Wickham, M. Russell (Glenview).

The officiating clergy were—The Archdeacon, and Rev. Canon Waller.

There were no flowers by request.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS.

The various excursions out of the city on Sunday was extensively patronised although the morning did not promise well. With lowering clouds the outlook for a fine day was anything but encouraging, yet many ventured away, and the railway station presented a busy appearance. The chief attraction for trippers was the Pioneer Excursion to Dublin, which was visited by upwards of 800 people. The train left at a quarter to nine, and the Metropolis was reached a little before noon. The trip to Waterford and Tralee

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY

John Gleeson, who did not appear for being drunk and disorderly May.

Constable Kelly stated that the wheeling, and when remonstrated to desist. This was, however, and a nominal fine was imposed.

ROADSIDE QUARREL

Michael Sweeney, a farmer, Lifford, was charged with a serious woman named Johanna Laffan of Head Constable Healy prosecuted H. Enright, solicitor, defended.

The prosecutrix stated that her originated in an old the defendant and herself. noon of the date in question Sweeney named Frawley were endeavoring husband away with them when in the melee the defendant threw and struck her on the left side was knocked down, and so badly was attended by a doctor.

In reply to Mr. Enright, the she had no knowledge of a row and Frawley anterior to the case the first occasion Sweeney had her.

John Laffan, husband of the next examined, and stated he home on Sunday, the 9th ult., wife and son at Gardenhill or they were joined by Sweeney entered into an argument which led to a scrimmage which ever defendant producing a stone for flinging it at his wife. She blow, and had to be surgically treated.

Answering Mr. Enright, witness intervention in the scramble with of saving him from chastisement Frawley. His object in interfering in the attack on his son. The five yards away when the stone

Timothy Laffan, son of the posed to the assault, and added spleen between Frawley and years.

Dr. Ryan deposed to examine on the evening of the date in when in a very weak condition consider that her life was out of days. There was an incised wound half long on the left temple, freely.

Sergeant Cummins stated after hearing of the occurrence statement, but asked who it was information against him.

The defence, as stated by that the Crown was made out of a mole-hill. There was between young Laffan and on this occasion they met at Garden got into hand-grips, and Sweeney them, when Mrs. Frawley joined the act of striking Sweeney with struck her with either his stick and she fell on the road. The thrown by the defendant, who and purposes in the nature of a

The accused was convicted a month's imprisonment, and at that term he was ordered to fit two sureties of £5 each, or an imprisonment.

THE IMPERIAL ME

Edward Murnane, publican, prosecuted for supplying drink measured.

Constable Bourke stated that May, he entered the defendant two women drinking what was as two "medians" or "t. As he was leaving he drew Michael Murnane, the publican