

increase would have a serious effect on business. And so on with regard to other classes of merchandise, the declaration being made that the effect of the increase in Ireland would be to send up prices all round. Mr. Hewat, a member of the Port and Docks Board, observed that "the increase undoubtedly would have a serious effect on the community generally, but it was not the fault of the railway companies; it was due rather to the exigencies of the time." The proposed increase in rates is not pleasant reading for the public, and probably a great deal will be heard on the subject ere long. "We have admitted," says the "Irish Times" of yesterday, "that the railway companies have made a good 'prima facie' case for re-consideration of the existing rates. The point is that this is not the affair of the companies alone, but of the public as well," and it suggests the need for friendly counsel with a view to the joint settlement of the question. This would manifestly be a wise and practical step to take in the circumstances. The question was under discussion at the Londonderry Chamber of Commerce yesterday, when Mr. Frank Gilliland remarked that "As the Irish companies were not a party to the settlement of the great railway strike two years ago they did not imagine that the promise the Government gave to the railway companies then, to bring in a Bill authorising them to increase rates, would affect Ireland. He proposed that the secretary write to the Belfast, Dublin, Cork, and Limerick Chambers, with a view to securing their support to combined action in the matter." This motion was agreed to.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. SCANLAN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. H. Scanlan, which occurred at his residence, Ascot Villas, Military-road, this morning, at a comparatively early age. The deceased had been in bad health for the past four months, and had in consequence relinquished his position as manager of the Longstone Quarry Company. Prior to his appointment to this position he was connected with the firm of Messrs. J. McBirney and Co., and in the promotion of the Shannon Power Bill and the Munster-Counaught Exhibition he took an active interest. He leaves a wife and family to mourn his demise, which will be regretted by all who were acquainted with him.

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have been lodged in the Abbeyfeale Barracks.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. ROBERT VERE O'BRIEN.

Our Ennis correspondent writes:—The remains of the late Mr. Robert Vere O'Brien, D.L., were removed yesterday from Ballyalla, for interment at St. Mary's, Limerick, at 10.30 a.m. Notwithstanding the heavy rain, there was a huge assemblage of residents of the surrounding districts when the cortege started, and the numbers were largely augmented before Ennis was reached. The chief mourners are given below.

Amongst the clergymen present were Rev. T. H. Abrahall, Rector, Ennis; Rev. Mr. Grainger, Ennis; Rev. Mr. Foot, Rector Kilkeedy; Rev. Canon Stanistreet, Newmarket-in-Fergus; Rev. R. T. MacLaurin, Tomgraney.

In the general public were his Honor, County Court Judge Bodkin, K.C., Sir Michael O'Loughlin, Colonel O'Callaghan-Westropp, A.D.C., Messrs Thomas Crowe, D.L., H V Macnamara, D.L., R J Staacpoole, D.L., R O'Brien Studdert, D.L., F Blackburne Henn, W F Crowe, J.P., Major S C Hickman, D.L., Poole Hickman, B.L., F W G Hickman, solicitor, Captain Cooke, R.E. F Naunton Studdert, Sec. to Co Council, J W Scott, J.P., R T Tweedy (Dublin), W J Macnamara, solicitor, Col John W Macnamara, Dr G N Macnamara (Corofin), Capt F Brady Browne, J.P., W Healy, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; R R Studdert, J.P., Dr J Counihan, Dr J B McClancy, F C Pilkington, solicitor, Dr A Greene, Dr O'Mara, R.M.S., Clare Asylum, Dr Coghlan, Dr Gilbert, Dr James MacClancy (Miltown Malbay), Joseph King, Governor Inebriates' Home, Richard Maunsell, Thomas Maunsell, Deerpark; T H Pilkington, C.E., R Lane-Joynt, J.P., E Crowe, solicitor, T. J. Hunt, solicitor, P J Linnane, J.P., Co.C., R J Tottenham, Col. Knox, T J Westropp, C.E. (Dublin), J A Studdert, T Crowe, junr., E Crowe, solicitor, W S P Waring (Manager, Provincial Bank, Ennis), T A Morrow (Provincial Bank), J F Cullinan, S.C.S., R H Cullinan, B.L., James Lynch, (solicitor); J B Lynch, (solicitor); Charles W Healy, (auctioneer); A Macnamara, B.L., P Power, Mat O'Dea, M Tierney, U.C., P Sullivan, (Manager West Clare Railway); D J Nono, M Considine, (O'Connell Street); J H Haddon, (Manager Bank of Ireland); M J Carey, (Assistant Secretary to Council); H Webster, John Barrett, H Stewart, Martin Molony, M Downes, W J Carter, (West Clare Railway); etc.

The remains arrived in the city by the one o'clock train from Ennis, and were met at the station by a considerable gathering of mourners, who were present to pay a final tribute to the memory of a gentleman who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. The cortege was of large dimensions, and fully representative, a fact which testified to the popularity of the deceased gentleman, who in Limerick, as in Clare, where he held the office of Clerk of the Peace for many years, was greatly appreciated for his courteous disposition towards everyone. On arrival at the Cathedral the remains were received by the Dean who conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. Precentor Aderley, and the Rev. T. F. Abbott, Succentor. The Lesson having been read by Canon Aderley,

The Dean referred in feeling terms to the death of their dear friend, his cousin. He spoke of the kindly and courteous relations which characterised the deceased's life, and went on to say that Mr. O'Brien's father, the Hon., Robert O'Brien,

morrow (Wednesday) at the purpose of inaugura

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

At all the public and private establishments, played to-day in honor of the King's birthday. The regiment specially honored was the New Barracks of the 1st Battalion of the Corps of Royal Engineers, under the command of Major Isherwood, who was given, and, at the same time, the officer, three hearty cheers for the King, the troops being in quarters. Since the arrival of the cavalry and artillery to take place at the New Barracks, the King's Island.

THE CHESTERS

On the resumption of the Old Bailey of Mr. Cecil De Vere, Comendatore Maunsell, with Mr Godfrey Isaac, confidence in his ability, his integrity. Neither the Postmaster General nor Mr Isaacs' appointment Mr Marconi said if Mr De Vere placed half a million A the thing would not have been done. The case for the prosecution was heard this afternoon.

was prominently identified with that Cathedral. He was a friend and he (the Dean) went to school occupied the same class, and legiate course. Toward the end of the year the Dean was tributed by saying that of a dear friend.

The chief mourners (wife); Miss Vere O'Brien; Wm. Vere O'Brien, (son); Murrough O'Brien, (son); (brother-in-law); Mr. Lord Inchiquin, Very Rev. Monteagle, Mr. D. O'Brien, and Mr. Dermot O'Brien.

The general public included Right Rev. Dr. Orpen; Sir Vincent Nash, D.L.; R D O'Brien, Captain A Caulfeild, J.P.; J McDonnell, J.P. (High F G Hickman, solicitor; Rev Canon Robertson, I Croker, D.L.; W H Sor Studdert, Secretary of the Society; J P; E M Russell White, T Rea, J O'Brien, B.C.; J Gubb McCarthy, C H Fitt, C Day, R Ievers, J Brennan, J Kerin, etc.

Carriages were sent to the funeral by Mr O'Brien, South Hill; J Erinagh; J N Russell, Murray.

A number of beautiful flowers were placed on the grave.

Mr R S De Vere was the funeral through illness.