

ins, and the chargers in the squadrons cavalry are the better for their work by reason of what the Royal Dublin has done towards maintaining the excellency of Irish horses." Ireland is

and justly so, as a horse-breeding country, and the Royal Dublin Society, through its wonderful exhibitions at Ballsbridge, has contributed greatly towards the getting up of the splendid reputation which Ireland enjoys in connection with this most important industry. The love of sport is in our people, rich and humble, and Wimborne, himself a sportsman well known and admired in Ireland, has paid society and the country a compliment which is certain to be appreciated to the full. But he showed, too, that in other ways of usefulness the activities of the Royal Dublin Society are fully apparent. "In the contribution to the food supply of the United Kingdom from within its own borders, now a matter of such vital importance, the constant attention which has been paid to improving the various breeds of cattle is also having a marked and valuable effect." And it is very gratifying to see that the present Spring Show, despite the gloomy and circumstances of a world-war, has been a great success from the point of view of exhibits, as well as attendance from town and country. In connection with the fixture was the Flower Show of the Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland, to which their Excellencies also visited. In this institution, too, Lord Wimborne, as shown by his reply to an address, evinces a keen interest, as does also her Excellency, who observed— "We shall esteem it a great privilege to be allowed to associate ourselves with efforts which you have made so long with such great success to encourage the cultivation of flowers and the making of gardens in this beautiful country. We gladly come to your exhibitions, and I esteem it an honour to be able to do so as vice-patron of your body." The Lord Lieutenant has thus inaugurated his régime under very happy auspices, and clearly indicates his desire to come into close touch

Presentation of Addresses.

Yesterday His Excellency was presented with addresses of welcome from the Corporation, the Corporation of Belfast, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, and the Ulster Liberal Association.

A NEW KNIGHT OF ST PATRICK.

"One of the first great ceremonial acts of Lord Wimborne as Vice-roy will," says the "Evening Standard," "be the installation of his relative, the Earl of Bessborough as a Knight of the Order of St. Patrick."

DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCES.

Dr Maenamara, has informed Mr Hohler, member for Chatham, that the Admiralty have now decided that the widows of the men in the Pathfinder, Hogue, Aboukir, and the Cressy, which were sunk, shall be dealt with as regards allotment and separation allowances as if the men had lost their lives subject to the institution of the Admiralty scheme of naval separation allowances.

DEATH OF MR MICHAEL McDONNELL.

The death took place this morning, at his residence, Nicholas street, after a long illness, of Mr Michael McDonnell, who for a number of years was a member of the Limerick Corporation, sitting as one of the councillors for the Abbey Ward. Mr McDonnell, who was in his seventy-sixth year, was also a member of the Fishery Board, and of the Board of Guardians, but for some years back he had retired to private life owing to failing health. His son succeeded to the seat he held in the Corporation. Mr McDonnell was a quiet, inoffensive citizen, usually taking the practical side in municipal affairs, of which he had a long experience. The remains will be removed to-night to St Mary's R. C. Church, whence the funeral will start at 3.30 p.m. to-morrow for the interment at Mount St. Laurence Cemetery.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO OFFICER.

Second Lieutenant Cyril B. Hornby, 9th Battalion Shropshire Light Infantry, died in Tenby Cottage Hospital on Thursday from injuries sustained on the 8th inst by being thrown from his motor bicycle.

OUT AND ABOUT.

The arrivals at the Shannon Hotel, Castleconnell, include—Sir D. F. Gooch, Bart., Mr H. A. Gooch, Mr A. Creswick, Miss Creswick, Miss Wynne, Captain A. B. Vickers, Mr W. Harrison Cripps, Mrs Cripps, Mr R. W. Hall-Dare, Mr A. H. Benson. The departures include Dr Scriven, Mr R. S. Allen.

At the Police Court to-day, before Mr P. J. Kelly, R.M., a man named William Shine was charged by Constable Walsh with being drunk last night in Catherine street, and breaking a pane of glass in the window of John Hogan's public house. The accused was remanded to Petty Sessions.

ing three vigorous attacks at Ostend the enemy suffered heavy losses and have dropped bombs on the buildings of the German Imperial Staff, at military buildings at Ostend.

Russian Progress in the Carpathians.

The Russians, it is understood, have won a big victory in the Carpathians, repulsed, with enormous casualties, an Austro-German attack, opponents back on all sides, added, are being pursued through the mountains to the fringes of the mountains to the cultivation begins.

The Dominions and Australia.

We join with Mr Fisher, Prime Minister of Australia, in welcoming Mr Harcourt's latest proposal to postpone the Imperial Conference. The Imperial Government has undertaken that the Dominions shall be consulted as to the terms of the conference. Consultation is to be full and franked with the Prime Minister. The undertaking is to be observed "in the spirit as well as in the letter." We quite clear what all this means in connection with the Dominion. It is to take place "when the time is ripe." May there not be grave difficulties? The peace terms are actually being prepared. The Imperial Government will be so grave problems of Europe that to overlook the views of the Fisher evidently thinks so. However, press these and other documents will be content to express. Harcourt will see the necessity soon and completely.

Killed in Action.

The Late Mr Gavan Duffy.

In a telegram yesterday to Mr John E. Redmond, M.P., said—

"All of us of the Irish Party share the deepest sorrow of the death of Mr Gavan Duffy and send his family, through sympathy. The whole Irish people mourn with them at the end of one who worthily carried on the tradition of devotion to freedom."

Ireland and the War.

At a meeting of the Irish General Council in Dublin yesterday was unanimously adopted a resolution expressing the conviction of the members of the county and county throughout Ireland, that Mr Redmond's relation to the present war, commands the firm support of the overwhelming majority of constituents.

"Ireland," said the Chairman (Mr. J. P.), "has for the first time become an integral part of the Empire. The obligations impose new obligations. We must be prepared to accept such altered conditions as may be demanded."

The attendance included—Mr. J. P., M.P., Mr. O'Shaughnessy, J.