

consuming every year more and more than they produce. Consequently, it has a splendid chance of capturing a large part of the English market. It is to be regretted that the number of pigs produced in the country in 1913 showed a drop of 20 per cent compared with 1912. The chief causes of the shortage, according to the committee report, were the constantly low prices of pork and the high cost of feeding stuffs during the closing months of 1911 and the opening four months of the following year. With a view to counteracting the high cost of feeding the committee make various important suggestions. Pig-breeders are strongly advised to continue the present practice of giving good breeding and feeding when the prices are low, and again commencing when the price of pork is high. Farmers should devote as large an area of land as possible to the production of home-grown food and thus make themselves, to a considerable extent, independent of imported food supplies, a very important consideration just now. It is suggested that the area under barley, potatoes, and clover might be increased with advantage, and the value of separated milk for pig feeding does not appear to be sufficiently high. It is recommended that, with a view to encouraging its more extensive use, experiments should be conducted locally, the results made widely known through the medium of the Agricultural Instructors. Further experiments conducted by the various Committees of Agriculture, are being made in improved methods of feeding, and an increase in the number of these experiments is recommended in the Report. The suggestions are made with a view to encouraging the breed of pure-bred pigs, and that the price paid by the Department for suitable boars should be increased; and another that the maximum of the premium fixed by the Department should be raised, in order that the County Committees might, at their discretion, offer a higher premium to the best applicants. There are also many suggestions or recommendations under the

of the report, which was agreed to unanimously. On the proposition of Mr Wm Finn, Waterford, a modification of Rule 30 of the Society was agreed to giving power to men in the different districts to elect their representatives, free from interference by outside districts. Mr McCabe, Cork, who moved an amendment, withdrew it after a short discussion. Subsequently a meeting of the Benefit Society took place. The annual report showed that £1,264 11s 9d had been paid in sickness benefits, and that the total benefits paid amounted to £2,277 8s 1d, leaving a credit balance in December of £1,284 17s 3d. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously proposed to the Mayor for giving the use of the Town Hall for the holding of the meeting, and the proceedings terminated.

### THEATRE ROYAL.

A big house at the Theatre Royal last night enjoyed an excellent and varied programme, which has been arranged for the week in connection with the vaudeville season. Miss Gwennie Morgan, comedienne, was heartily applauded for her songs. A very attractive feature was the Four Clovelly Girls in their wonderful club juggling performances, which brought down the house. Amos Howard, the drolle dancing darkie, was also a great favourite; while "Hue er and Bob," in their Pantomimical Comedy Act, created no end of laughter by their drollery and most realistic performances, and they were encored to the echo. "The Record Quartette," in their great spectacular Novelty Banjo Act, were deservedly popular in their unique impressions, vocal and instrumental, and responded to a double encore. The pictures, which included views of wounded Canadians and other war pictures, were of the usual high standard, and a word must be said of the orchestra, which played pleasing selections during the evening.

### CENTENARIAN'S DEATH.

The death has taken place on Sunday at her residence, Ballykeefe, Mungret, of Mrs Mary Dalton, at the age of 103 years. The deceased had been in vigorous health and spirits up to the early morning on Sunday, when she was suddenly seized with an attack, and passed away peacefully after a short time.

### RINK PALACE.

A large audience at the Rink Palace at the two performances last night enjoyed a very attractive and altogether up-to-date programme of perfection pictures and vaudeville specialities, which were followed with great interest and heartily applauded. Views of Punchestown Races will be shown to-morrow and Thursday.

### OUT AND ABOUT.

The annual meeting of the Limerick Protestant Orphan Society was held this afternoon. Report in our next. Mr D Gallery has been re-appointed to represent the barony of Corcomroe as a director on the West and South Clare Railways. It has been decided by the County Clare Sanatorium Committee to re-build the northern of

### Major Nicholson

We are glad to state that the casualty list yesterday of the Major Nicholson, Artillery, is not only slightly wounded in the leg, but Major Nicholson is eldest son of Mr Woodford, Bourne and Co.

### THE LATE MR WM

Mr T S Deane, Manager, Rathkeale, was unavoidably prevented from attending the funeral of the late Mr Wm Deane, of those present should have included Mr and Mrs Deane.

In its obituary notice of the late "Clonmel Chronicle" says that he was heard of with more regret than he was well and favourably remembered in circles. His death recalled the revival of the year 1912, and the great kindness he showed to the boys when competing at Limerick that and subsequent years.

### LIMERICK RACING

The usual Spring-meeting will be held at Greenpark Course to-morrow when excellent sport is anticipated. Entries for both afternoons are now being received and the entries have reached some record. All arrangements have been made by the Executive, the fences have been repaired where necessary, and the course is in excellent order. The various stables in the town are represented, while a big contingent of support is expected from the quarters of Irish racing.

### ATHENÆUM PICTURES

The outstanding feature in the programme presented by the Athenæum this week is the "Ticket-of-Leave" drama of strong incidents, real perils which beset a young man. Apart from its melodramatic power, full of colour, intensely and decidedly engaging. Another of interest is "House of Silence," a comic "Caught in Tights," was presented. With the Belgians in the Sand, a realistic side-light on the war, and the troops operating in that theatre.

### CHURCH DESTROYED

A fire occurred at the Congregational Church, Week street, Maidstone, this morning. The whole building, the largest Nonconformist place of worship in the town, was destroyed. The hard work of the fire brigade. The value of the property destroyed several thousand pounds.

### LIMERICK STOCK

To-day's Price