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Departure for Cork.

(BY TELEGRAPH).

Belfast, Tuesday.

The Irish Canadian Rangers left Belfast to-day for Cork. They had an enthusiastic send off.

DEATH OF MR PATRICK J RYAN.

Very sincere regret is felt by his friends and relatives over the death of Mr Patrick J Ryan, an old member of the Limerick Postal Telegraph Service, at his residence, Osmington Terrace, in this city, last week. Mr Ryan, who had attained his sixty-eight year, retired from the service some years ago on the full pension to which he was entitled. Never over strong, he was in failing health for a long time previous to his demise, and indeed it was mainly owing to the care and attention of his relatives that the illness, chest affection, from which he suffered, was not mere troublesome, until it took a fatal turn. The Limerick telegraph branch of the public service had a very busy and onerous duty to discharge during the years that Mr Ryan did duty in Limerick, and he was in the front rank of the skilful operators who made a name for the local Office by the efficient and very capable manner in which telegraph work was done in Limerick all through the agrarian agitation, preceding the legislation which gave Ireland the Land Purchase Act. That name the Limerick Office has kept against all comers, and this the deceased and his colleagues were always delighted to recognise. In the service Mr Ryan was a kind and considerate officer to those serving under him, and it naturally followed that he enjoyed the great regard of the staff, while at the same time having the utmost confidence placed in him by the telegraph authorities for attention and ability in all business matters. He had eventually to retire, owing to ill-health, receiving, as said, the maximum pension allowed in the circumstances, and living to see most of his old colleagues pass over to the majority one by one. The funeral, for Mount St. Laurence Cemetery, took place on Friday afternoon from St Munchin's Roman Catholic Church, and among the mourners who followed the remains to their last resting place were the Limerick Postmaster, Mr M. Guerin, the members of the Telegraph and Postal Staffs, and several civilian friends and sympathisers. The clergy who attended were the Rev D. O'Driscoll, P.P., St Munchin's; Rev F. Moloney, C.C., do; Rev F. Colbert, C.C., St Munchin's College; Rev F. O'Reilly, S.J., and Rev F. Kelly, S.J. Father O'Driscoll officiated.

TO PAY FOR THE WAR.

Raleigh, Treasurer; Wm Hickey (Central Council).

DEATH OF MRS PERIUM GRAHAM.

A very estimable and attractive personality passed away in the death of Mrs Perium Graham, at her residence, 17 William street. The deceased, who had reached well into middle life, was the eldest daughter of a popular citizen, the late Mr Patrick Herbert, a member of the Limerick Corporation, and in her early years she was well known in city literary and dramatic circles as the authoress of several fugitive pieces in prose and verse which gave proof of much taste and no light touch in a metier that, however, she eventually did not pursue. For years she took an active part in the business of her father, and more especially since her marriage with Mr Graham to whom sympathy will be largely extended on the loss he has sustained by the death of one who was so endeared to him. Mrs Graham's illness was a somewhat protracted one.

THE CHILDREN ACT.

At the last meeting of the School Attendance Committee, Rev Father O'Driscoll, P.P., presiding, the following extract from the School Attendance Inspector's report was directed to be sent to the Press, viz:—"We desire to direct your attention to the action taken by the magistrates in the case of the boy _____, as exemplifying the little assistance we get in trying to enforce the Act, viz:—An application was made to have the boy committed to an Industrial School under section 58 of the Children Act, and the following statements were sworn to—"That the father of the boy was in regular employment, and in receipt of (about) 36s per week. That the boy had been absent from school for practically two years. That to the Inspector's knowledge he had never during the three years he was under observation worn boots, and clad in rags he might be seen begging in O'Connell street any day during the past two years, and that it must have been at the parents' instigation, as they had been previously warned about the matter. In spite of the evidence the magistrates declined to make the committal and put the father of the boy under a rule of bail."

BARRINGTON'S HOSPITAL.

Acknowledgment

The Matron returns thanks for the following sent for the wounded soldiers:—

Mrs J. Goodbody, jam, cake, vegetables, and oranges; Misses Gavin, cigarettes; Mrs Gavin, vegetables; War Supply Depot, two dozen gauze pads, forty bandages, fifty swabs; Mrs A. Cleeve, buns, vegetables, jam, and oranges; Lady Nash, buns, jam, vegetables; Mrs Morley, playing cards; Mrs Norman Goodbody, apples, vegetables, and buns; Mrs Yates, jam and vegetables; Mrs Levers, (Richmond Park) jam, apples, oranges, and vegetables.

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