

ment will serve not alone to impress on the powers that be the justice of Ireland's claim for substantial State aid for the provision of healthy and up-to-date dwellings in slum areas, but will also help to forward the movement with that object which is being taken up in Dublin, Limerick, and elsewhere. The housing requirements in Limerick, are relatively as great as they are in the Metropolis. This is evident from the fact that it is estimated that the building of two thousand houses is a necessary step towards the solution of the housing problem in our city, though there can be little doubt that even a larger number is necessary if the ideal could be attained. Of course it is entirely beyond the powers of the Borough Council to grapple with a great scheme of this kind. For years past the Municipal authority, with the limited building powers at its disposal, has done its best to provide proper housing accommodation for the workers. But as Mr Stevenson stated at the meeting of the City Housing Association, reported in our last issue, "one hundred and ninety-one houses have been built in Limerick in 30 years, and at this rate it would take 300 years to settle the housing problem." The question, therefore, clearly resolves itself into a National one, and it will be for the country, through an All-Ireland Congress, which it is suggested should be held on Easter Monday, to look for her due share of the State subsidy for housing, whatever the amount of that may be for the United Kingdom. The Limerick Housing Association is to be commended for the energy with which it is tackling this vital subject of housing reform. The various speakers emphasised the wretched housing conditions in which so many of the workers are obliged to live, to the detriment of the public health and physical well-being. It can only be hoped that these conditions will not prevail for long, especially as there is no question of land being available within the city boundary itself for the building of from one thousand to one thousand two hundred up-to-date dwellings. It is very satisfactory that the whole question, so far as Ireland is concerned, has occupied the attention of Parliament, and, possibly, as a result, will arouse deeper interest in the country itself from this time forth.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Machinery at the Quays.

The Limerick Elevating Company, who are erecting machinery at the Quays for the discharge of vessels using the port, are experiencing some opposition to their work. Recently the carriage of the electric crane was thrown into the river, and on Thursday evening, when some other parts of the apparatus were being removed to the Quays from the railway, under police protection, a hostile demonstration took place. It is generally conceded that the crane will be a decided advantage to the port, and enable cargoes to be handled with celerity. The dockers, however, think otherwise, but it stands to reason that if the port is to be developed and the citizens are to get the benefit of cheap freights, and consequently a lowering of the prices of coals and other commodities coming into the city by sea, machinery is indispensable for discharging vessels,

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Lower Mallow-street).—Morning, 11.30; Evening, 6.30. Preacher at both Services, Rev. W. T. Flack, M.A., Senior Presbyterian Chaplain to the Forces, Curragh Camp. Wednesday, February 20—Short Intercessory Service, 8 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH (George-street).—Morning, 11.30; Evening, 6.30. Preacher at both Services, Rev. Herbert Deale. Special Service for Soldiers at 6.30, in Central Hall, Bedford-row. Mid-week Service, Wednesday, at 8.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Sunday Services, 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Pastor H. E. Spelman Tuesday, 6.30 p.m., Children's Missionary Class; 8 p.m., Young People's Bible Class. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Mid-week Service.

CLARINA PARISH.—Morning Service, 11.30 o'clock; Evening Service, 4.0 (in schoolhouse).

CASTLECONNELL CHURCH.—Morning Prayer, 11.30; Evening Prayer, 5.30.

ADARE PARISH CHURCH.—Morning Prayer at 11.30; Evening Prayer at 6 o'clock.

GOSPEL HALL (Mallow-street).—Usual meeting, 12 o'clock.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Cecil-street).—Sunday, February 17—Morning, 11 o'clock.

ALLEGED PURCHASE OF A MILITARY RIFLE.

The young man John Molony, who was arrested on Wednesday night, has been removed to Barrington's Hospital for treatment. It seems that on the occasion of his arrest he received some personal injuries, how and owing to what cause being variously stated. His injuries are on the head, it seems, but they are said not to be very serious.

DEATH OF MRS O'CONNOR, TARBERT.

The death, after a lingering illness of Mrs O'Connor, wife of Mr F M O'Connor, J.P., Tarbert Island, has evoked feelings of keen regret amongst a wide circle of relatives and the public generally, by whom she was loved for her amiability and benevolence. She was a daughter of the late Mr William Ricknell. The interment took place yesterday in the graveyard attached to the Catholic Church, Tarbert. The funeral was very large and representative.—Cor.

DEATH OF MR F. J. QUILTY.

His many friends in the city have heard with much regret of the death of Mr Frank J Quilty, Thomondgate, which took place on Thursday night at his residence after an illness of some duration. Deceased had had some thirty years service as a clerk with the old Waterford and Limerick and, since amalgamation, with the Great Southern and Western Railway, and was a most courteous official, while in private life he was also very popular. Deep sympathy is expressed with his widow and family in their bereavement. The remains will be removed to St Munchin's R. C. Church at 8 o'clock this evening, and the funeral will take place at 3 p.m. to-morrow for Mount St Laurence Cemetery.

ALLEGED ILLEGAL PLOUGHING.

Eleven men, of the agricultural class, were charged before Mr H R Jones, R.M., at the Listowel Petty Sessions with unlawful assembly and ploughing up at Sliss, a farm belonging to Mr Ml. Griffin, Listowel. It transpired that Mr Griffin recently purchased the farm, consisting of 120 acres, from its owner, who resides in Dublin. There was, at the same time, an agitation on foot for the partitioning of the land amongst the un-economic holders of the district. The prisoners were returned for trial to the Kerry Assizes and bail accepted. Mr J Moran, solicitor, was for Mr Griffin and Mr W J McCarthy, solicitor, for

under an escort of about sixty armed special precautions were taken in a courthouse to prevent a repetition of scenes. Only a limited number of public were allowed into the court entrance was also guarded by armed G M Elroy and P J Kelly, Resident were the presiding magistrates.

Mr F F Cullinan, Crown Solicitor, acted, and the accused were not represented.

John Shalloo and Michael Gleeson charged with cattle-driving at Kilm. Evidence having been given,

Patrick McGrath and Daniel Cooney charged with driving cattle off the Violet Hill, and Kiladerry,

Evidence was also given in this case Patrick McInerney was charged driving at Kilgorey, and similar lowered.

Thomas McGrath and Edward, with unlawful assembly and intimidation discharged.

When asked by the magistrates what to say, Michael Gleeson declared Irishman, and denied the right of try him. They were magistrates of allegiance to the King of England Irishman he did not recognise a Government, which had shown to its tyrannical laws that the emal governed by physical force rather right. He recognised only the law Republic.

Daniel Corry spoke similarly. The Chairman said this was not charge.

After consultation, the Court set to one month's imprisonment; 6 months, and to give bail for his behaviour in £10 and two sureties: Pat McGrath, Dan Cooney, and P. two months' each, with hard labour.

As the prisoners were being court to the barracks a great very hostile demonstration to the pe and groans were freely indulged in that some young fellows flung police, who thereupon charged and used the butts of their guns free of people were knocked down, into the houses and yards close the prisoners were brought to th thence to the railway station, u escort of over one hundred constab

The Court proceedings were dec for a wee.

THE FOOD SUI

Some nine Irish acres of land, Blackboy, were offered to-day for Wm B Fitt's sale. The land is for grazing purposes, but Mr P J of the Limerick Plot-holders' a large number of members atte to have Whitefield rented for to pay a rent of £4 16s per acre, to Mr Fitt having heard the deputa agreed to allow the sale to stand municate with the owner, Mr The deputation thanked Mr Fitt action in the matter.

WM B. FITT'S LAND

Mr Wm B Fitt, Auctioneer, sale of land to-day. One lot be of the lands of Newtown, Cahel 34a Or 33p, I.P.M., held under ti subject to the annuity of £ £47 5-. The holding realised and commission, the purchaser Kelly. Mr Wm Frewen, Sol had carriage of sale for vendor,