

ult, paying a higher price for their bread, h goes to show that the system—that is, rdng to Mr Dinsen, a century old—is most itable to the requirements of a modern hne bakery, and the sooner it is scrapped the r for the operatives and master bakers. also hold that so long as there are nearly e as many men in the local Society as are rred, and so long as the men's Executive have ole right to determine how many men shall mployed, in each bakery, increase or decrease ot be calculated on a percentage basis, to explain—If a staff of eight bakers is capable handling an output of 100 sacks (this is the mber of bakers employed in Cork, where work- onditions are in every way similar to those of merick) and receive 5s 6d per sack (the present e of wages in Limerick, and the highest in land), the total amount would be £27 10s, and is sum divided, equally, between the men ould secure for each baker a weekly wage of 18s 9d.

Unfortunately, however, for the individua orkman, there are, as I have said, nearly double e number of men in the Society than are rred, and the Executive are contingally faced ith the problem of finding ways and means of roviding for a large number of unnecessary men. To get over this difficulty, the Executive of the ocity (who, it must be remembered, have the ole right of saying how many men must be em- oyed) send two or more men into each bakery, over nd above the number necessary to do the work, nd as there is no corresponding increase in the utput, the wages of the individual baker is educed.

Further, only a proportion of the whole number of the surplus men are sent to work, so as to avoid bringing the wages to such a low level that the men themselves would object.

But the Operative baker is not yet quit of his responsibility as he has to pay a large sum weekly to his Society, to help to support the remaining men, who have nothing to do, this levy still further reduces his wages.

I hope I have succeeded in clearing up a few points that the public found a difficulty in grasping, and thrown a little extra light on an antiquated system, which is the cause of all the trouble.

In conclusion I must ask the citizens to remember that the men have taken up a most unpromising attitude, having refused arbitration, which is the main plank of trade unionism, and flouted the representative of the Food Control Committee (Mr Bestie), who was sent here expressly to try and effect a settlement of the dispute, and who left only when he found the situation hopeless.

Thanking you for giving me so much of your valuable space.—Yours truly,

M J RUSSELL, Hon Secretary to Master Bakers' Association.

[It is much to be regretted that from the public point of view no solution of the trouble has yet presented itself, though the strike is now a fortnight in existence, the result being great inconvenience to the citizens. It is earnestly to be hoped that a "modus vivendi" will be immediately forthcoming. The bakers ask us to state that thirty of their number employed in the small bakeries will have to be without flour in a fortnight, a statement leading up to the conclusion that there is no too near prospect of the end of a difficulty, which all classes of citizens are most anxious to have amicably arranged.—D L C.]

**GREAT MUNSTER FAIR.**

The Great Munster Cattle and Sheep Fair yesterday was a large one, and well attended by buyers, good business being done despite hesitancy owing to shipping conditions. Beef was down on last quotations, something like 4s per cwt, the top price being round about 70s per cwt. Mutton, which was scarce, was firm and sold at from 1/4 to 1/5 per lb on foot. Three-year-old

**IRISH COAL MINES.**

In the House of Commons, Mr Shortt, replying to Mr Landon, said Mr Phillip Kirkup, a well-known mining expert, recently visited various coal mines in Ireland. His visit was entirely unofficial and unconnected with any English or Welsh colliery proprietors. He came, said the right hon gentleman, at my personal invitation, to give me the benefit of his great knowledge and experience, and to make to me any suggestions as to development and methods of working which he thought desirable. His visit was welcomed by all the proprietors of the collieries he visited, and I believe, will have valuable results.

**DEATH OF DR HENRY K BENTLEY, M.D.**

Many friends in Limerick and Clare will regret to observe the announcement, which appears elsewhere in our issue this evening, of the death which occurred at 38 Hamilton Square, Birkenhead, on Wednesday, of Dr Henry Keays Bentley, M.D, in the 49th year of his age. He was the eldest son of the late Mr James Bentley, (Glendon, Parteen, and brother of Mr C J Bentley, Ballyvourneen, Co Limerick, Major James Bentley, M.C, A.I.F, and Mrs W B Smith, Glendon, and Patrick-street. He had a very brilliant collegiate course in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ireland, and became qualified at the early age of 21. With the exception of some time spent at sea, all his professional career has been spent in England, and for many years, he extensively practised in Birkenhead, where he was held in the highest esteem, a striking proof of which is the fact that this year he was made Honorary Physician to the Borough Hospital. To the poor he was a genuine friend and liberal benefactor, and his early demise is deeply regretted by all who had the pleasure of the acquaintance of a genial and very popular citizen. Deceased was unmarried. The funeral, it is announced, took place at Birkenhead to-day.

**DEATH OF MISS FANNY WILSON.**

We regret to record the death of Miss Fanny Wilson, third daughter of Mr W H Wilson, 1 Baker Place, Limerick, which took place on Thursday morning at High Gate, London. The deceased had returned to London after a month's holiday in Limerick. She contracted influenza, and pneumonia supervened, with a fatal result. Miss Wilson was very popular, and her numerous friends deeply regret her death, which has occurred at the early age of 30 years, and sincerely sympathise with her father and family in their bereavement, the third in the past eighteen months.

**THE LATE MRS LAWLOR.**

The funeral of the late Mrs Mary Lawlor, relict of the late Mr John Lawlor, engineer, took place yesterday from St Michael's Parochial Church for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery, and was large and representative.

The clergy present were—Rev W Ewane, Adm. St Michael's; Rev Fr Carroll, C.C, do; Rev Fr Hannon, C.C, do; Rev Fr Treacy, C.C, do.

The chief mourners were—Augustus, Joseph, J F and M A Lawlor, sons; Rose and Lill Lawlor, daughters; Tou and Ivan Aherns, John and Peter Lawlor, Christy Lawlor, grandsons; Mrs A Lawlor, Mrs M Lawlor, Mrs Hobbins, Miss Josephine Hobbins, Miss May Hobbins, Miss T Griffin, Mrs Cusack, Messrs James Killeen, James Griffin, B Waddams, John Hobbins, W Dillon, P Cusack, and M Cusack, relatives.

**THE PADDOCKS, LIMERICK.**

**BUTTER**—2s 4d to 2s 6d per lb.  
**PLANTS**—Common cabbage, 6d to 1s  
**FISH**—Very short supplies. All 1  
**FOWL**—Chickens, 4s 0d to 8s  
 young ducks, 4s 0d to 8s 0d per  
**EGGS**—Hen eggs, 5s 0d to 5s 6  
 mot eggs, 5s 0d to 5s 6d per doz  
**FRUIT**—Eating apples, 10s 0d  
 basket; baking apples, 10s 0d to 12  
**POTATOES**—There were 30 loads  
 to-day. Price—11d to 1s 9d per  
**BREADSTUFFS**—Wholesale Prices  
 —Bakers' Flour, 44s 3d per sack;  
 44s 3d per sack; Oatmeal, 85s per  
**MEAT**—All roasting joints, bee  
 1s 10d per lb; boiling beef, 1s 7d p  
 mutton, 1s 9d per lb; steak and  
 per lb.

**CORN**—There were 218 barrels of  
 of wheat, and 12 barrels of barley  
 day. White oats sold at from 2s  
 stone; black oats, 1s 11d to 2s;  
 barley, 2s 1 1/2d.

**HAY AND STRAW**—There were 3  
 18 loads of straw, and 5 loads of  
 to-day. Good hay sold at from £7 5  
 secondary, £8 10s to £7 0s; infer  
 £5 17s 6d; oaten straw, £4 11  
 wheaten straw, £4 10s to £4 15s;  
 £6 to £6 7s 6d; rye reed, £5 15s.

**PIGS.**

The following are to-day's pri  
 Pigs (1 cwt, 1 qr, 0 lb, to 1 cwt,  
 156 9d per cwt; Stout (1 cwt 2 qrs  
 2 qrs, 156s 9d per cwt; Overweig  
 1 lb, to 1 cwt, 3 qr, 14 lbs.), 15  
 Heavy Overweight (over 1 cwt,  
 156s 9d per cwt; Do. (over 2 cwt  
 cwt; Do. (over 2 cwt, 1 qr, 17 lb  
 cwt; Unfinished, special price; B  
 stone), 156s 9d per cwt; Sixes  
 under 10 stone), 156s 9d.

**CORK BUTTER MARKET THIS DAY.**

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

Supply medium; demand at  
 showery. Firsts, 232s; Seconds,  
 Centrifugal Creamery Market  
 245s; Second, 240s; Third, 235s.

**NO WINTER RACING IN**

The Stewards of the National  
 have now received a reply from  
 the Board of Trade, intimating  
 the difficulty in the matter of  
 possible for a list of fixtures to b  
 this season.

**THE CITY TANNERY**

It is understood that negotiatio  
 in connection with the strike at  
 which, it is hoped, will lead to  
 the dispute. The men demand  
 10s a week in their wages, and  
 that they have compromised the  
 extent that will bring about a set  
 ment of the dispute.

**WARMING WINTER**

Puddings made with nut  
 "ATORA," the Handy Beef Su  
 fying and sustaining. A spoon  
 to milk puddings adds nouris  
 and deliciously creamy. 1s 2d