

**NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS**

In consequence of the earlier departure of evening trains from Limerick, and the tailment of the hour for posting to at the General Post Office, it has become necessary to issue the editions of the *Chronicle* at an earlier hour than usual. Advertisers will, therefore, note that the latest hour at which insertions can be received at this issue days is 3.30 p.m. Publication of any notices received after that cannot be guaranteed on that day.

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**PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.**

The recent municipal election in Sligo has aroused more than ordinary interest, as it was the first held in the United Kingdom since 1914, but it was conducted on the Proportional Representation system, the voting being on the extended ballot provided under the Representation of the People Act. The result from a comparative point of view was satisfactory, the voters' Association having returned 100, and so did political interests, and thus, the Council is representative of all sections of the people of Sligo, an experiment in connection with the Proportional Representation system that was, therefore, decidedly interesting and significant. The result has been to show the application of P.R. at local level, as the principle goes far to ensure the representation of minorities, and of men who may aspire to a part in government. The Press of various opinions of political thought have written in favour of the scheme, and many people have been speculating as to whether it is to be put in general operation in this country. Colour to this view is given by the announcement made last week on "good news" that the Irish Government is preparing, and proposes to introduce in the next session of Parliament, a bill for the introduction of the proportional system of voting at local elections to County and Rural District Councils, and to Urban and other Municipal Councils in Ireland. The next County and Council elections will take place

**DEATH OF MR HUGH McMAHON.**

We regret very much indeed to announce the death, which took place this afternoon at his residence, Donegall, O'Connell Avenue, of Mr Hugh McMahon, principal of the firm of Jas McMahon, Ltd., timber merchants. The deceased, who was a very enterprising and popular citizen, was in his forty-second year. He was in his usual health up to a week ago, when he took ill of a cold, developing on Sunday into an acute attack of pneumonia that terminated fatally at midnight, to the great sorrow of his widow, family, and relatives. Mr McMahon devoted himself energetically to the timber trade and its prosperity in Limerick, and in this he was eminently successful, extending his business in the city and district and outside to a degree that promised the building up of a widely increased trade. His premature death has come as a great trial to his people, and with the numerous friends of a very popular citizen, unexpected as the sad event was, has provoked their deep regret and sorrow. Mr McMahon was a member of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce, the Limerick Harbour Board, up to recently, and of the South of Ireland Timber Merchants' Association, and his advice and counsel were greatly appreciated on all occasions. With his immediate relatives, his widow and large family, there is wide and sincere commiseration expressed by all classes of the fellow citizens of the lamented deceased. The remains will be removed to St Michael's Church at 9 o'clock to-morrow night. Requiem Mass at 11 o'clock on Thursday, and funeral at 12 for Mount St Laurence Cemetery.

**DEMANDS OF IRISH LABOUR.**

A national labour programme for a maximum 44-hour week, a wage not less than 150 p.c. over pre-war rates, or about 20 p.c. over pre-war real wages, and a minimum of 50% for adult workers who are at present receiving, or would after the 150 p.c. increase be in receipt of less than the amount as submitted by the Executive, was unanimously endorsed at a conference of the Irish Labour Party and Trade Union Congress in the Mansion House, Dublin, on Saturday, attended by delegates of over 100 unions.

**PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.**

**THEATRE ROYAL.**

At the Theatre Royal last night the management presented a singularly taking programme of pictures, and one that was greatly enjoyed by the audiences at both houses. The dramatic photoplay, "Satan's Private Door," featuring Miss Mary Charleson as "Edith Conway," proved to be a film of undoubted merit. It possesses a Miltonian purport, and was followed with interest all through. The Triangle Keystone, embracing the essentials of justice and equality, entitled "Playwright's Wrong," was also an entertaining and pleasant subject. The same programme will

**OPENING OF PARLIAMENT**

**The King's Speech THE WAR.**

**The Enemy Surrender**

**The Position in Ireland**

**BETTER SOCIAL ORDER FORESHADOWED.**

**Housing and Health Measures**

**Agricultural and Industrial Development.**

(Special Telegram).

London, Tuesday Evening

Parliament was opened to-day by their Majesty the King and Queen. The State function, which for the death of Prince John and the fact that the Court is still in mourning, would have been one of the most brilliant ceremonies of the recent years, was of a quiet and restrained character. The Peers came in ordinary morning dress or uniform. The whole of the Diplomatic Corps in London signified their intention of being present—a thing unprecedented since Edward VII opened his first Parliament. The new Ministers, those of Greece and Bolivia, had been accredited to the Court of St James' Palace the last opening of Parliament.

Their Majesties were heartily cheered all along the route from Buckingham Palace. The scene in the Royal Gallery was deeply impressive. The King read the Speech in loud, clear tones, referring to the labour unrest, his Majesty placed emphasis to his words. On the return to Buckingham Palace their Majesties were again cheered. The following is the text of