

To facilitate the closing of accounts, subscribers of the "Chronicle" who have not already done so are requested to remit forthwith subscriptions for the past year.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Assizes Calendar.

The business of the Limerick Spring Assize Commission concluded on Tuesday evening, and from the point of view of expedition in dealing with the cases, criminal and civil, constituted something like a record. In the City Court there was only one Crown case listed for hearing, and the accused person pleading guilty to the indictments. Lord Justice O'Connor was able to take up the appeals early. Sir John Ross, who opened the Commission in the County Court, had a heavier criminal calendar to dispose of, some four cases in all, including a charge of manslaughter, finished on Monday evening, and his Lordship was engaged on Tuesday in investigating a record case. Lord Justice O'Connor, on his first visit to Limerick as a circuit Judge, in his address to the Grand Jury, observed that the report received from the County Inspector indicated a marked decrease in drunkenness, an element characterised by his lordship as very satisfactory. A congratulatory resolution was passed by the Grand Jury, with the Lord Justice on his elevation to the bench. In his address to the Grand Jury of the County, Sir John Ross said he had the advantage of hearing from the County Inspector that the general state of the county was gratifying. Drunkenness had decreased, and there was very little ordinary or agrarian crime. He referred to the unrest abroad following the war, and expressed the hope that respect for law and order would be maintained in this county, an expression that will be re-echoed by every well-disposed member of the community.

DEATH OF MISS M HARDIMAN

We regret to announce the death of Miss Mary Hardiman, which took place at her residence, 8, The Crescent, yesterday. The deceased lady had only been ill a short time. She was elder daughter of the late Mr John Hardiman, Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Peace for Limerick, and by a large number of friends and acquaintances her demise will be learned with sorrow, and sympathy felt for her family in their bereavement. The funeral will leave St Michael's Parochial Church to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock for the family burial place.

It was announced in the Commons on Tuesday that no cheap travelling facilities can be given at Easter.

CONSTABLE PROMOTED.

At Kilrush Petty Sessions, the magistrates presiding being Mr G H Meier, R.M (in the chair), Mr Wm Carmody, and Mr Thomas Nagle. Mr Nagle congratulated Constable Michael O'Shea on his promotion to the rank of sergeant. He was for a number of years stationed in Kilcush, and during that time discharged his duties in a most straightforward and efficient manner. He was only voicing the opinion of the public generally.

Mr Carmody—He deserves it all. I agree with every word Mr Nagle has said.

Chairman—This is very gratifying.

Mr D Barrett, D.I.—He is a most capable officer.

Mr Blackall, C.P.S., was directed to forward a copy of the resolution to the Inspector-General.

LIMERICK SPRING ASSIZES.

Departure of the Judges.

The business of the Limerick Assizes concluded on Tuesday evening, and this morning the Judges, Lord Justice O'Connor and the Hon Sir John Ross, left by the 11.30 train for Wales, where the Commission for the County of Kerry is to be opened to-morrow. The Sheriffs, County and City, were in attendance, and a guard of honour of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and the City Constabulary, under command of District Inspector Craig, were present at the railway station as the train departed for its destination.

THE LATE MR P J WELSH.

A meeting was held in the Town Hall last evening with the object of raising a testimonial for the wife and children of the late lamented Mr Patrick J Welsh. In the unavoidable absence of the Mayor, the chair was taken by Mr J H Roche, J.P., High Sheriff, and there was a large and representative attendance of the citizens present to show that they were in sympathy with the object for which the meeting was convened. After a general conversation and an exchange of views, it was decided to open a fund, and several subscriptions were handed in.

ACCIDENT TO DISTRICT INSPECTOR.

District Inspector Townsend was admitted to the Mater Hospital, Cork, suffering from slight concussion of the brain. He was later transferred to St John's Private Hospital. It appears that while stepping off a tram just outside the jail gate he was knocked down by a passing motor. His condition is not regarded as serious.

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