

withdrawn. It is, however, important as indicating the feelings of the Association of Chambers of Commerce on the transport proposals of the Government which have been so prominently before the country of late, and vigorously criticised.

## DEATH OF MR T. A. FERGUSON.

We deeply regret to record the death, which took place yesterday morning at his residence, 80 George-street, of Mr Thomas Archibald Ferguson in his 82nd year. He had been but a week or so ill. His demise has removed from our midst a gentleman who was held in the highest regard and esteem in the city, with whose mercantile activities he was conspicuously identified for more than half a century. A native of Limerick, Mr Ferguson began his business career in 1855 in the great milling firm of Messrs James Bannatyne and Sons, and in the course of time became the moving spirit in the conduct of its affairs. Some twenty years ago, in conjunction with the late Mr James Fitzgerald Bannatyne, he formed the present Company, James Bannatyne & Sons, Ltd, of which he was for some time managing director, and he continued as a director up to the time of his death. He was also a director of the Limerick Clothing Factory, George McKern and Sons, and the Fergus Reclamation Syndicate, so that his life almost to the last was a remarkably busy one in the field of commerce and industry. A keen business man, possessed of a most amiable and courteous manner, he was held in the highest regard by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance either in business or private life, and to everyone, well-to-do or humble, he evinced the same kind and unassuming disposition. A word must be said of his benevolence, though it is the last subject he himself would have touched on, for though there was not a local charity or deserving object that he did not generously support, yet he did so silently and unostentatiously. Indeed, to "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame," aptly sums up the life and character of Mr Ferguson. He took a keen interest in the Protestant Aid Society, and as Hon Secretary was a weekly visitor to the Home at Ryves' Path, where he had ever a cheery word for the inmates of the Institution. He was an Elder of the Presbyterian Church for more than half a century, and it may be remarked that he was prominently identified with the erection of the handsome edifice in Lower Mallow Street, which many years since replaced the old Church in Glentworth Street. Mr Ferguson was also superintendent of the Sabbath School in which he took an active interest and was held in affectionate regard by the young people of successive generations. He was a trustee of the Protestant Young Men's Association. He took no part in ordinary public affairs, though pressed to do so on many occasions, but, as stated, his whole career in life was confined to trade and commerce, in which he took a leading and an honoured part. The passing away of such a captain of industry, as Mr Ferguson was, creates a void that will not easily be filled, and by all sections of the community the deepest sympathy is expressed with the deceased gentleman's widow and family in their bereavement.

There will be a service in the Presbyterian Church, Lower Mallow-street, on Monday next at 12 o'clock. Funeral from the church to St Mary's Cathedral cemetery at 12.30.

## LIMERICK DIOCE AN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Sunday School Examinations are to be held this year between May 19th and June 7th, and the

living outside the military area will resume work, but the general impression to be that with a general resumption difficulty will not stand in their way. Yesterday a number of the shops and to-day there was a general resumption of business in the retail trade following the employers at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday which was in the following: "The announcement that the strike yesterday afternoon was not conveyed to the employers, who learned of this fact to-day, decided to open the shops to-morrow at the usual time; flour mills to be the same day, and the factories generally possible, on Monday."

By Monday it is hoped that the mills will be in a position to start when there is sufficient supply of raw hands to permit it.

Some people from the Thomond, assembled this morning at the Clonmel Bridge and obstructed a number of pedestrians crossing into the city, holding that they should not be permitted to do so for the purpose. The police, however, refused to use the permits which were by their employers, to be used when they were delivered to the city however, that the strike is practically over and that next week with the opening of the factories the city will see its pre-strike business. The markets to-day, and the country people in large numbers as usual, owing to the causes.

## The County Council Restrictions.

At a meeting of the Limerick County Council to-day, Mr W. R. Gubbins, J.P., presiding, a letter was read from Messrs. J. J. O'Mahony, Rathkeale, the Council, declining to ask permission to discharge the duties which they had elected them to discharge. They then did not attend the meeting, and entered their protest against the restriction which prevented them from attending.

Mr Bennett said the Council should be excluded from such restrictions if the employers of labour had obtained the issue permits to their employees, and that the Council should get permission to attend to the members of the Council.

The Chairman said he had written to the military authorities if that meeting were held the rates could not be struck, and so to the road workers.

## SPORTING.

### ABEXANDRA PARK MEE

Welter Handicap—Stainton, 1; The Blueground, 3. Six ran. Betting—Blueground, 4 to 1; Stainton, 6 to 1. The Priory Selling—Saintly Maude, 1; Begorra, 3. Six ran. Betting—3 to 1; Digby, 160 to 7; Saintly Maude. Juvenile Plate—Hibernia, 1; San Monody, 3. Five ran. Betting—9 to 1; 11 to 2; Santa Cosa, 100 to 6; Hibernia. Three-Year-Old Handicap—Polly 1; Cydonia, 2; Holborn, 3. Nine ran. Betting—1 to 1; Polly Hopkins. Handicap Stakes—Loro, 1; Inyl, 2; Four ran. Betting—9 to 4; Loro.