

ected in fulfilment of promises made last year. Of this latter amount 15,000,000 tons represent coal purchased under contract last autumn.

THE DUBLIN SHOW.

Silver Medal Award to Messrs Francis Spaight and Sons

At the Royal Dublin Society's Show bridge last week the Sharples mechanical milk machine was shown by the enterprising firm of Francis Spaight and Sons, Ltd, Limited, No. 76, Anglesea Hall, West. It was an interesting show, and excited keen interest amongst cow-keepers and breeders. Demonstrations were given in the working of the machine, and onlookers marvelled at its operation. The mechanical milker in operation was as natural as calves suckling their dams. As naturally as calves suckling their dams, the demonstrators applied the machine to cows, and had never before been touched by a mechanical milker, and the animals submitted as perfectly to the process as if operated by the hand. The Sharples test cup acts more like the teat-cup, and hence its success. Spaight and Sons at a neat stand in the Great West Yard also showed another effective Sharples' suction tubular cream separator, which attracted much notice. The silver medal was awarded to Messrs Spaight and Sons for their Sharples mechanical milker exhibit.

Registrar-General's Report.

The births and deaths registered in the Dublin Registration Area and in the eighteen principal provincial Urban Districts of Ireland, with the annual rates per 1,000 of the population represented thereby, which for the purposes of these returns, is estimated at 1,167,268, are given in Table II of the Registrar-General's report for week-ending Saturday, May 8th. The births are represented by 32.5 in the Dublin Registration Area; Belfast, 32.3; Cork, 23.8; Londonderry, 40.3; Limerick, 60.9; Waterford, 36.1. The deaths from all causes appertaining to the undermentioned areas for last week and for the past four weeks, respectively, were equal to the following annual rates per 1,000 of the population:—Nineteen Town Districts, 20.9 and 23.9; Dublin Registration Area, 22.9 and 27.5; Dublin City, 23.1 and 28.9; Belfast, 21.2 and 24.4; Cork, 17.7 and 19.1; Londonderry, 14.2 and 23.4; Limerick, 21.7 and 15.6; and Waterford, 19.0 and 18.5. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered in the 19 town districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 2.1 per 1,000. Among the 163 deaths from all causes for Belfast are 1 from enteric fever, 2 from scarlet fever, 2 from whooping-cough, 1 from diphtheria, 4 from diarrhoea and enteritis in children under 2 years, 9 from influenza, 1 from pneumonia. The 28 deaths from all causes for Dublin include 2 from diphtheria and 1 from whooping-cough of a child under 2 years. In all causes for Dublin, 1 from whooping-cough. Of the 7 deaths from all causes for Londonderry, 1 is from whooping-cough. Among the 5 deaths from all causes for Limerick, 1 is from measles, and one death from whooping-cough is recorded for Wexford, the death from all causes numbering 7.

COUNTY LIMERICK BARRACKS EVACUATED

The Glin Police Barrack was evacuated on Friday, the garrison, comprising the sergeant and eight constables, being transferred to Limerick by a military lorry, containing a number of constables, who conveyed the police to their destination.

KILLALOE PETTY SESSIONS

At Killaloe Petty Sessions before Major R.M. (in the chair) and Mr T Hogan, business transacted was the transfer of a house to Miss M A McKeogh. Mr J E Moran, solicitor, appeared for the applicant.

THE BUTLERS OF BANS

Lieut-Col Patrick Butler, D.S.O., R. Regiment, who has written a stirring tale of war, is the only son of the late Lieut-General William Butler, the distinguished author, and of Lady Butler, the painter of war pictures. Colonel Butler is at Bansha Castle, Tipperary.

EASTER VESTRY.

ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S.
The annual Easter Vestry for the above churches was held in the Chapter-room, St Mary's, on the 2nd inst. The Very Rev the Dean, D.D., presided. The following appointments were made:—Wardens—At St Mary's Parish—Malcolm and D R O'Brien; St Patrick's Parish—Sir J C T Day, C Croker, J Walsby, F A Blood-Smyth, C H Fitt, J A Haydn, Frederick C Cleave, G Angley, W I Glebe Wardens—W Barrington and C

DEATH OF MR T F PEEL.

Many friends in the city will learn with extreme regret of the death of Mr Thomas Frederick Peel, which took place a few days ago at his residence, Chicago, where he held a prominent position for several years. The deceased was a celebrated and popular member of the Garryowen Football Club, and up to quite recently was in the enjoyment of good health. This year he intended re-visiting his native city after an extended stay in the United States, where he made his home. To very many in Limerick his demise will cause sincere regret, a regret that will be shared in every part of Ireland where Rugby football is played. He was an expert exponent of the code, playing in turn in all departments of the game. Early in the nineties his skill as a footballer was recognised by the Irish Rugby Football Union, who selected him in the team that played England at Manchester. He was also a member of Beotive Rangers, and played with that team one of the years they won the Leinster Cup. To his widow, family, and relatives the sympathy of the citizens will be extended in their bereavement.

CITY LARCENY CHARGE.

At a special court yesterday, a man named J Cox was charged with the larceny of a sum of money from a worker named John Collins. Having heard evidence, Colonel Williamson, R.M., refused informations, and the defendant was discharged.

The Clonmel Horse Show will take place on August 5th and 6th.

The annual meeting of the Limerick Orphan Society will be held in the Diocesan Hall on Tuesday, June 1st, at 8 p.m.