

previous prices, while supplies of fat cattle were insufficient to meet the demand in the market. Coming to domestic industries we notice that owing to the lateness of the hatching season a much smaller proportion than usual of young birds were ready for the market in June, with the result that supplies were insufficient. Prices, as a rule, were satisfactory, except where the stoppage of transport facilities caused a slump. The poultry industry is steadily expanding in this country, and these days is an important source of revenue to those engaged in it. And it is doubtless evidence of the popularity of the home product to find that the imports of poultry into the United Kingdom are much less than in pre-war years. The total quantity of sea fish exported from Ireland during the last twelve months amounted to only 27,000 tons, of which something more than half consisted of mackerel, and 19 per cent of herrings. The figures show that the mine of wealth along our coasts is capable of far greater development than is at present the case.

FATAL CITY ACCIDENT.

Soldier Shot Dead

A fatal accident took place in the Boy's School of the Limerick Workhouse last evening when Private Stonnell, of the Oxford and Buckingham Regiment, was shot dead. For some time past a detachment of this battalion has been quartered in the Workhouse, and yesterday evening a patrol was after returning to their quarters. One of the party, who was to proceed to Ballycannon range a little later, left his rifle standing by the wall in the bedroom loaded. While another soldier was examining the rifle, and being unaware that it was loaded, it went off the bullet entering Private Stonnell's head causing instantaneous death. The remains were transferred to the Morgue at the New Barracks later. The deceased who was unmarried, had five years' service.

PEACE IN LIMERICK.

It is gratifying to record that the truce entered into some time ago between the Rev. Fathers Robertson, C.S.S.B., and Phillip, O.F.M., and County Inspector Marcinan is being loyally observed. The city is free from anything like acts of irritation or aggression on the part of police or civilians, and good order and tranquillity have been shown. This is a matter upon which the city may congratulate itself, and it is hoped that nothing will occur to affect the satisfactory situation thus created.

INVESTITURE BY THE LO LIEUTENANT.

By command of his Majesty the King Lieutenant held an Investiture at the Lodge, Phoenix Park, yesterday, when of officers, non-commissioned officers and were invested with the insignia of the five Orders for services rendered during Recipients of the Military Cross included James Leahy, Royal Irish Fusiliers; William Magnier, Royal Munster 1 Second Lieut Herbert Wylde (Limerick), Regiment, Lieut Francis O'Farroll, do.

OPERATIONS AGAINST AFGHAN

Mentions for War Service

Amongst those who have been brought notice of the Secretary of State for War for distinguished services during the operations against Afghanistan, while serving under Sir C. C. Monro, G.C.B., are the following: Command and Staff and Miscellaneous: Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. F. I. Hodson's Horse; De Courcy, Major the W. R., D.S.O., 28th Punjab; O'Connell (temp Major) C. B., D.S.O., L.N., Lan. R.; Brevet Col. (temp Brig.-Gen.) H. de C. C. Roche; Capt. (temp Major) V. W., 2nd Albert's Som. L.I.

MAIZE AND MAIZE PRODUCTS

Removal of Export Restriction

It will be seen from the announcement appears in our advertising columns to-day restrictions on the export from Ireland and Maize Products have now been withdrawn.

CLAREMAN RELEASED.

Mr Ernest Corbett, Bunratty, who was recently under the Defence of the Realm Act been released from custody. Mr Corbett, at the time of his arrest, which was effected by military, was alleged to be in possession of ammunition, and has, it is understood, been liberated unconditionally.

NEWSPAPER POSTAL RATES

The Postmaster-General's Proposal Criticised.

The Post Office and Telegraph Bill, which proposes to repeal the statutory limits on rates for inland postcards and printed matter, and to vary the statutory limits on telegrams and inland registered newspapers, providing for the repeal and amendment of former Acts where necessary, came before the Standing Committee of the House of Commons yesterday.

Lieut.-Colonel Jackson expressed regret that the Postmaster-General proposed the raising of paper postage from a half-penny, which would be a direct tax on rural districts, in which there were no newspaper shops, and owing to the increased price of newspapers would be imposed on poor people taking from them the educational effect of papers at a cheap rate.