

point we have no assurance just yet, but, as the poet says: "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," and we prefer to look at things at their bright side, and trust that with the cost of living falling in other respects, we shall have a similar experience as long with regard to the cost of coal.

THE AMBUSH NEAR CRATLOE.

Two Sergeants Shot Dead.

Further particulars of the ambush near Cratloe have come to hand.
An British message came—On Thursday morning a party of police proceeding to Limerick in a motor lorry from Ennis was ambushed at Cratloe Wood. Sergeant Curtin, Newmarket-on-Fergus, and Sergeant Carthy, Ruon, were killed, and Constables Dempsey and Child badly wounded through the abdomen, and two other constables slightly wounded. The bodies of the dead sergeants and also the wounded men were brought on to Limerick.

Sergeant Carthy was in charge of the lorry but when it was attacked about a year ago. Sergeant Carthy was in command of Ruon barack when it was recently attacked, while Constables Dempsey and Child were injured in the recent motor smash at Dromoland, Co. Clare.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

It is officially reported that a police lorry while driving from Ennis to Limerick on Thursday was ambushed at noon at Cratloe, five miles from Limerick. Sergeant Curtin and Sergeant McCarthy were killed and two constables were wounded, one seriously and the other slightly. The driver of the lorry succeeded in driving through to Limerick.

THE LATE LIEUT-COL S. D. O'GRADY

A correspondent, writing in reference to the late Lieut-Col Stanislas de Courcy O'Grady, whose demise we have already announced, says:—"Another veteran of the Great War, Lieutenant-Colonel S. D. O'Grady, eldest son of the late Capt O'Grady of Indian Mutiny fame, and heir to Killybeggs estate, died at Malta on 23rd December, 1918. He and his younger brother, Major D. O'Grady, saw much service on the Western Front, almost from the beginning of hostilities, while his distinguished brother, General H. O'Grady upheld the military traditions of that family of soldiers in our late campaign in East Africa. The late Colonel O'Grady married Esther, daughter of Mr Vigers, the head of an old County Wick family, residing at Ballydoon, Bagenstown. He leaves a widow and three children. Casteleconnell, where the O'Grady family were brought up, may well be proud of these and other soldiers whom it gave to the colours."

DAIRYING AND TILLAGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK HERALD.

Sir—Might I trespass with a few facts. In my locality, within a mile radius, the dairy cows have reduced between 200 and 300 during the last five or six years from one cause or another. The locality has been for years immemorial best suited to dairying or fattening. If dairy cows still reduce further, it is very plain to understand how much shorter we will find ourselves in milk, butter, store cattle, etc. I consider the matter should be taken up by those in authority to see for themselves, and give a bonus per cow to those who are still trying to keep up dairying. Tillage land is not suitable or productive while dairying or fattening has always been. Light poor soil can be much improved by tillage, and sound, fair crops obtained without half the waste or labour occurring on heavy dairying land. Dairying in localities most suitable to such should be encouraged, and a plot of arable land tilled.

Yourself,
X.Z.Y.

SALE OF THE CITY BRICK WORKS

On Tuesday last Mr Wm B Pitt, Auctioneer, displayed at the interest in the premises, the land realising the sum of £250. The buildings were sold separately. Mr R Fox, valuator, had a carriage of sale.

Services, Rev. Mr Browne, the Abbey Church, Dublin.

METHODIST CHURCH (George-street)—Morning 11.30; Evening, 8.30. Preacher, Rev. R. J. Elliott, B.A. Mid-week Service—Wednesday, 7.30 o'clock.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Services—11.30 a.m and 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Pastor T. Warwick, Larnac.

CLARINA PARISH—Morning Service, 11.30 o'clock; Evening Service, 4.0 (in schoolhouse).

CASTLECONNELL CHURCH—Morning Prayer, 11.30; Evening Prayer, 5.30.

ADAM PARISH CHURCH—Morning Prayer at 11.30 o'clock; Evening Prayer at 6 o'clock.

GOSPEL HALL (Mallow-street).—Usual meeting, 11.30.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Cecil-street).—Sunday, January 16—Morning, 11 o'clock.

HARTIGAN'S CATTLE PADDOCKS

Corn Market, Mulgrave-st. Limerick.

Friday, 14th January. Number on sale—Cattle 165, sheep 68. Good attendance with keen demand for forward lots. Young stock not as sharp as last day. Local cows, £39 10s to £32 10s; in calf heifers, £37 to £28 7s; fat cows, £39 15s; 2½ yr old bullocks, £31 10s to £28; 1½ yr old bullocks £28 5s to £20; 1½ yr old heifers, £25 to £19. Sheep, £8. A satisfactory clearance.

SALE OF ROCHESTOWN.

At the Sale-rooms, 48 O'Connell Street, Limerick, on to-day Mr Wm B Pitt, Auctioneer, disposed of Mr Finucane's interest in part of the lands of Rochestown, containing 143½ Or 18p, statute, annuity £12 18s. P.L.V £157 10s, the amount realised being £7,600 and commission; purchaser, Mr John Condon, Drominacar, Bruff. Mr T H Kenny had carriage of sale.

EXCESS PROFIT DUTY.

Mr Cochrane Hamilton begs to announce that he has a sleeping partner in his business, this is Mr Austin Chamberlain who claims 75 per cent of his profits and leaves only 25 per cent for the hard working partner, and so profits do not interest him greatly as he is determined to allow his customers to have the benefit of his business activity in preference to the useless and spendthrift member of the firm, but he is intending to encourage his turnover and building up a trade, hence for this week of his Sale he has put all prices below cost so that the surplus stock will be cleared, and he will have the advantage of spending the money thus received for the benefit of his clients. Only a few scarves and woollen-knitted jumpers remain on hands. Blouses and Millinery are lower than ever and above all new goods arrive daily. (Adv)

THE PADDOCKS, LIMERICK.

Weekly Cattle and Sheep Market.

Wednesday, January 12th.—Seasonable supplies; class not as well represented as last day. Conditioned lots quick trade at best rates. Stores and small cattle not as sharp as last day, but a fair exchange. Average all-round trade at current rates; 2½ year old bullocks, £33 to £39 15s; second run, £27 10s to £32 5s; heifers, £34 to £35; second run, £27 15s; strippers, £27 5s to £36 15s; 1½ year old bullocks, £23 to £26 7s 6d; second run, £20 to £22 15s; heifers, £24 to £27 5s; second run, £22 5s. Milk—Small ringers, £25 to £31. Sheep—F. t. £7 3s to £7 16s; stores, £6 14s. A good clearance.

HUNTING.

COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS
Will Meet
JANUARY.

Monday, 17th Croom
Wednesday, 19th Adare
Friday, 21st Ballingarry
Hour—11 o'clock a.m.

place on Wednesday from St Munchin's Parish Church whether the remains had been removed on Tuesday evening. The cottage was of large proportions, embracing representatives of sections of the community, and it afforded ample evidence of respect and sympathy. The most drapey home and various other establishments had their blinds drawn while the funeral passed. Numerous telegrams and letters of sympathy had been received from London, Liverpool, Dublin and Belfast.

Office and Requiem Mass was celebrated at Munchin's at 10.30 on Wednesday. The celebration was Rev Fr Carroll, C.C. St Mary's, assisted by Rev Fr Moloney, C.C. St Munchin's, as deacon, Rev Fr Alfred O.F.M., as sub-deacon, the clergy in the choir being Rev Fr Treacy, C.C., Rev I Thornhill, C.C., Rev Fr Kelly, S.J., Rev Fr Han O.S.A., Rev Fr Leonard, O.F.M., Very Rev Canon O'Driscoll, P.P., V.F. was Master of Ceremonies.

The chief mourners were—John Cunningham (husband), S Cunningham (brother-in-law), J Fitzmaurice (nephew), Mrs S Cunningham (niece), J Fitzmaurice, Harbour Master; Captain Reynolds, relatives.

It would be impossible to give a full list of the general attendance at the funeral.

Amongst those present were—Messrs F O Cleave, D.L.; Cecil Cleave, Aylmer Cleave, T Ryan, J A McMahon, G N Ruttle, H F Gale, M Jordan, J Hickey, W A Hayes, M Moloney, P Fitzgerald, E Lane, E Ly-sight, J Byrne, J Daly, J Blake, J Purcell, M Murphy, D O'Neill, J Flannery, J McMahon, J H Moloney, J Brockert, F E Day, A Flannery, P Hurley, T McGrath, J O'Leary, E Turner, R Lomen, T O'Kane, M McLoughlin, J Manning, J Heffernan, P Heffernan, P Tobin, P Hickey, J P O'Leary, M O'Connell, J O'Neill, E Galagher, J J O'Toole, J Dooley, J Manutz, J Ladden, T Innt, G S & W R; A McIntyre, J Casey, Clyde Shipping Co; T Loughey, L McNeice, J H Roche, Jas Quin, S Tubridy, M Doyle, J Cooper, R W Atkinson, E H Collopy, J Bourke, J Cremin, M Gleason, J J Quilty (C.C.S.F. Co), Ald J Casey, T Conaghan, P Donnellan, T Frawley, A Hutcheon, P O'Shaughnessy, T O'Reilly, J Ryan, J J Ryan, P Ward, P Minahan, S Malone, J Naughton, M Birrane, J Markham, R O'Dea, M O'Connell, T Corbett, T Byrne, C Browne, D O'Donovan, J Hanrahan, T Foster, M Foley, J Cahill, B McGann, J A Baldwin, M McMahon, T O'Mahony, H Persson, J Howard, G Egleston, P Ryan, J Muquene, T Bourke, J Bell, P Enright, etc.

Carriages were sent by Mrs O'Brien (South Hill), Mrs McLoughlin, Mrs McMahon, the Typists at Lansdowne, the Messrs Fitzmaurice, etc., etc.

Wreaths were sent by "Simon and Bab"; Mr and Mrs F C Cleave, Mr and Mrs F J Cleave, Lady Cleave and Mr Cecil Cleave, Mr and Mrs Aylmer Cleave; the Official Staff, Lansdowne; Lansdowne Laboratory Staff; The Foreman and Outside Staff, Lansdowne; P Hickey, Limerick District Creamery Managers; P Tobin and J Heffernan; The Staff J P Evans and Co.

Mr F J Cleave and Mr C O Jones were unavoidably absent, being from home.

Condolence.

At a meeting of the Irish Clerical and Allied Workers' Union (Cleave's Section), Limerick Branch, the following resolution was passed in silence:—"That we, the staff employed in Lansdowne, express our deep sympathy with Mr Cunningham, Lansdowne, in the great loss he has sustained by the death of his wife."—Communicated, P J Hurley, Sec., chairman.

At a meeting of the Creamery Workers' Section (Cleave's, I.T. and G.W.U.) the following resolution was passed unanimously:—"That we, the members of the Creamery Workers' Section I.T. and G.W.U., desire to convey to Mr J. Cunningham, Lansdowne, our heartfelt sympathy with him in his sad bereavement, caused by the death of his wife; and that a copy of above resolution be sent to the Press."—Thos Corbett, Section Secretary.

ADARE AND CROOM PETTY SESSIONS CLERKSHIP.

At Adare Petty Sessions on Tuesday, on the motion of Major Burke, R.M., seconded by Colonel Basil Roche-Kelly, D.L., Mr Richard O'Connell, Grange, Kilmallock, was unanimously elected Petty Sessions Clerk for the districts of Adare, Croom, and Pallaskeery, in succession to the late Mr T Renison. Mr O'Connell served in the Army with commissioned rank, and was seriously wounded in France.