

TICE TO ADVERTISERS

In consequence of the earlier departure of the evening trains from Limerick, and the curtailment of the hour for posting to 3 p.m. at the General Post Office, it has been found necessary to issue the editions of the *Chronicle* at an earlier hour than hitherto. Advertisers will, therefore, please note that the latest hour at which advertisements can be received at this office on issue days is 3.30 p.m. Publication of any notices received after that hour cannot be guaranteed on that evening.

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AGRICULTURAL TOPICS

The monthly statistical statement of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction just issued refers to the favourable effect of the unusually mild and dry character of October on agricultural operations. There was a fine tilth for the sowing of winter wheat, and in some counties the crops were well over ground at the end of the month. The weather too facilitated the raising of potatoes, the yields of which, we are told, were "over-average to 100 per cent" and what is still more satisfactory the tubers are of excellent eating quality. Injury from second growth was not so great as expected at one time and the percentage of diseased tubers is returned as low. The mild weather encouraged also the early sowing of stubble ground which is now well advanced than is usual at this season. The crops have continued to grow vigorously in the latter part of October, and dairy cows which were allowed to remain longer in the open fields are milking satisfactorily, despite the considerable shrinkage that usually takes place at this time of the year. Some time since there was a fear of a shortage of feeding-stuffs during the winter and coming spring, but this anxiety must be sensibly relieved by the statement in the report that in the southern counties certain catch crops are

DEATH OF MR W J HALPIN, IRISH PEACE NEGOTIATOR

It is with feelings of deep and sincere regret we announce the death of Mr William James Halpin, 4 Crescent Villas, which took place at Wyndford, Youghal, on Tuesday night. The deceased had been on a visit to his *fancée*, to whom he was to have been married yesterday, and the circumstances of his unexpected demise are therefore all the more poignant. He was the elder son of the late Mr Edward M. Halpin, of this city, and in city circles his charm of manner made him highly popular and a great favourite with all who knew him. For a number of years he was representative of the firm of Messrs. E. and M. Halpin and Co., manufacturers and commission agents, and was a capable and businesslike young gentleman. The news of his untimely death was received in Limerick with profound sorrow, and the great sympathy is felt for his mother and family in the bereavement that has befallen them. He was greatly appreciated for his many acts of kindness and charity. He took a deep interest in everything connected with the welfare of his native city, and took a prominent part in the promotion of social and other entertainments. By his all too early demise the city loses a young gentleman of much promise, and his mother an affectionate and lovable son.

The Funeral.

The remains of the late deceased arrived in Limerick by the 2.5 train to-day, and were interred in Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. There was a large and representative concourse of mourners at the railway station to pay a final tribute of respect to the deceased, who was held in great respect by the citizens, and to show their sorrow for his mother and family in their bereavement.

The chief mourners were—Joseph and Edward Halpin (brothers); William Delany and Joseph Halpin (uncles); Daniel O'Callaghan and—Cantwell (brothers-in law); James, Joseph, and Edward Halpin (cousins).

The clergy present were—Rev Fr Dwane, Adm, St Michael's; Rev Fr Kelly, S.J.; Rev Fr Robinson, C.S.S.R.; Rev Fr McLoughlin, S.J.; Rev Fr Carroll, C.C.; Rev Fr Thornhill, C.C.; Rev Fr Hannan, C.C.; Rev Fr Tracy, C.C.; Rev Fr Fitzpatrick, C.C.; Very Rev Canon Keane, P.P., Glin; Rev Fr Tracy, C.S.R.; and Rev Fr Leonard, O.F.M.

Amongst the general public were—J Quin, Dr J Roberts, R Nash, solr, Dr M S Mograth, Sr Vincent Nash, D.L., T J Loughrey, E D Hunt, solr, J A Quirke, P O'Flynn, B.C., W M Nolan, Town Clerk; P Ganley, P J O'Sullivan, solr, W Shanahan, E L Wickham, G R Ryan, C.E., J O'Toole, M J Russell, J Egan, W Herriott, Very Rev Dean Hackett, M O'Sullivan, P N Tracy, O'Brien, J J Quid, J P Hertigan, W G Peacock, J A Bourke, A Hall, M Fitzgerald, M Egan, C Geraghty, J Barry, C Cunningham, P J Barry, R Hayes, Dr W J O'Sullivan, P E O'Donnell, solr, F E Bourke, J Shannon, A McNeice, T A Hartigan, S Tubridy, J Corboy, T McGrath, J S Gaffney, C.S.; J H Roche, R T Hartigan, T Murphy, A J Eakins, S P Moloney, A Nestor, T Hickey, P O'Donovan, A Egan, J Barry, P O'Halloran, R Fahy, T H Brett, J G O'Brien, M Guerin, W J South, W J Cutbush, E Holliday, C H Power, J Scanlan, E Lloyd, J Bourke, H Blaskall, solicitor; W Huggard, M C Burke, solicitor; J O'Neill, Dr Pearse, E Leahy, solr, etc.

Father Dwane officiated at the graveside.

New Proposals by Premier

A Press Association message says:—The Prime Minister to-day saw some of the Downing-street during the day the Sinn Fein delegates, Mr Collins, and Mr Duggan, George and a couple of others who have been connected with Irish negotiation. The proceedings the following day issued:—A meeting on the 10th took place at No. 10 Downing-street to-day, when there were George, Mr Austen Chamberlain, and the following—Mr Griffith, Mr Michael Duggan.

The Press Association learned that a new set of proposals was at issue with the result that the Irish Government is threatening a totally different phase. The proposals have been in existence for some time and were made known to Sinn Fein leaders last Friday.

The problem is now being considered on a new angle, and at to-day's meeting suggestions for an Irish Peace Conference are under careful consideration. The acceptance or rejection of the proposals is stated to be no longer tenable in concrete form, rests with Sinn Fein. It has been finally approved by the Sinn Fein leaders will it be placed before the Northern Cabinet, and the knowledge, official or otherwise, of the nature of the plans.

The Ulster Question

"The Times," in the editorial article dealing with Sir James Craig's speech to the Parliament of Northern Ireland, is assuming this attitude:—In assuming this attitude of doubtless, acted within the limits of constitutional rights. It is to be seen to what extent the Government have warranted their rejection, and whether in the interests of Ulster Unionists to the great Imperial and British interests that are involved in an Irish settlement.

Sinn Fein has already expressed its willingness to grant liberal concessions, and it may now consider going further. This, however, in which Sinn Fein must decide, it can no longer doubt the British to establish Irish peace on a generous basis. On the other hand, the dangers that attend a Conference.

If this, indeed, be the result of the decision, it is also one for the part of Ulster. It is the interests of Southern Ireland that a step should now be taken to meet the requirements, but it is reasonable to expect that Sinn Fein alone should manage