

s. are happily of a mild type. There is an epidemic in Cork and other places. The epidemic is, however, much more severely felt in England, especially in London and in the provincial towns. According to a paper the epidemic is attacking teachers, medical men, and nursing out the fullest efforts to cope with it being made by the responsible Municipalities. One can only hope that the epidemic will soon pass away, but it is not surprising that with the change from mild to severe weather so many should be on the sick bed in various parts of the country. It is certain that it is better we should have a touch of real wintry weather at the seasonable time, than later on in the spring when we should be less prepared and when it would be anything but welcome to the farmer. The weather in the islands is proverbially fickle. At present a contest would seem to be going on in Britain between a large anti-cyclone blowing from Finland and an extensive depression off the West of Ireland. The one means cold and the other mild, muggy weather. We have had a taste of both quite lately. One effect of the late incessant rain has been abnormal flooding in the lower reaches of the Shannon. It is reported that in the Counties of Leitrim and Roscommon vast sheets of water have cut off large districts, causing great hardship and inconvenience to the inhabitants of the flooded areas. The same sad tale has been told more than once in comparatively recent years, and there can be no doubt that an extensive scheme of drainage, which for many years past has been advocated, is one of the economic projects that our Home Government will tackle at the earliest available opportunity.

to Buckingham Palace at the week-end, probably on Saturday morning, and what with ordinary functions and the arrangements for Princess Mary's wedding on February 28, their Majesties will have a busy time during the next month. The first levée will be held on February 8, and the second on the 14th. On February 9 there will be an investiture of recipients of New Year's honours.

D. LEONARD & CO.

It will be seen by advertisement that Messrs Bernard Mulholland and Donat Cantrell have purchased the old-established premises of D. Leonard and Co, ironmongers, etc, 67 William street, Limerick. The premises are about being re-opened, and, having favourably secured the stock-in-trade, the proprietors announce that they are in a position to offer them, at exceptionally cheap prices, ranges and stoves, grates and mantel-pieces, builders and plumbers materials, brass, iron, and wood bedsteads, bedding, and general household goods. The customers of the firm can rely on every courtesy, moderate prices consistent with excellent quality, and with this guarantee the new firm deserves every success in its enterprise.

DEATH OF MR JAMES NORMAN, RATHKEALE.

We regret to record the death of Mr James Norman, J.P., of Rathkeale, which took place on Tuesday night at Barrington's Hospital after a short illness. Deceased was an extensive trader and farmer, a member of an old County Limerick family, and was aged about 50 and unmarried. He was very highly respected and esteemed, and the news of his demise has been heard of with sincere regret by a wide circle of friends, who sympathise with his bereaved mother; his brother, Dr Norman, LL.D, solicitor, Dublin, and other members of the family. The funeral is announced to take place to-morrow (Friday) morning from Barrington's Hospital at ten o'clock for the family burial place at Rathkeale.

EX-R.I.C. MEN.

At a meeting of the men who had resigned or been dismissed from the Royal Irish Constabulary, held in the Dublin Mansion House on Tuesday, a resolution was adopted declaring that they placed themselves at the disposal of Dail Eireann and the Irish Republican Army "in case England resumes her unjust aggressions against our country."

A further resolution stated that in the event of the establishment of a new police force with national goodwill, they desired to co-operate and assist in the difficult and urgent task of maintaining law and order.

It was agreed that a deputation be sent to Mr Arthur Griffith and the Provisional Government, to place before them the present position of the men who resigned or were dismissed from the

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