

THE COLLECTION OF RATES.

Discussion in the Dail.

A Warning.

The matter of non-payment of rates in the provinces was raised in the Dail on Friday by Mr Davin, who said that the outstanding rates in Leitrim and Offaly were £41,000 and £29,000 respectively. He expressed the opinion that, if necessary, the assistance of troops should be provided in carrying out the work of rate collection.

Mr O'Higgins, Minister for Home Affairs, congratulated Deputy Davin on the service he had rendered in calling attention to this subject. Mr Davin had put his finger on a very vital factor in connection with the administration of the country. Vested interests had grown up in connection with civil tumult, and people were so shortsighted as to offer resistance to the present Government, not in any doctrinaire spirit, but because the establishment of any Government would mean that they would have to pay their debts, rates, and Land Commission annuities.

They were not so much at grips with "isms"—Republicanism or otherwise—as with that foolish, shortsighted policy which had a vested interest in anarchy. People who kept their rates in their pockets, owing to political conditions, were striking at the sick and the insane just as much as at the workers, whose weekly wages were dependent upon the collection of the rates. Deputy Davin, he proceeded, was right when he said that the courts would be shortly functioning in that regard, and the magistrates and Civil Guards would get instructions to do everything possible to expedite and enforce the collection of the rates. In addition, however, they must have the intelligent support of the public as an auxiliary.

DIOCESE OF KILLALOE.

Elections at Synod.

The elections at Killaloe Diocesan Synod resulted as follows:—

Diocesan Council—Killaloe East—The Bishop, Chairman, Ex-Officio. Clergy—Revs Canon Rainsford, W Daly, F R Lawrence, B Loughheed, G A Earle, F R M Hitchcock.

Laity—G F Kent, S G J Parker-Hutchinson, F Smallman, J C Willington, C M Carroll, G W Drought, A V Gross, Capt Poe, Burtoe Jackson, Capt Whitfield, J Wallace, M D, J Mounsey.

Ex-Officio—Ven H E Patton, Hon Sec; Rev Canon McDowell, Hon Treas; J C Darby, and H P Bridge (jun). Hon Secs; Lord Dunalley, Hon Treas.

Supplemental—Rev F R McCullagh, H R B Gilchrist, A V Smyth, W A Morton, M D; Sir F Synge.

Board of Education—The Bishop, chairman, Ex-Officio. Clergy—Rev F R Lawrence, Canon Rainsford, Revs B Loughheed, Canon McDowell, The Ven H E Patton, Rev F R Hitchcock.

Laity—G F Kent, C M Carroll, Capt Poe, G W Drought, J C Willington, and Lord Dunalley.

Supplemental—Clergy: Rev W Daly, Rev F R McCullagh, Rev Canon McMartin, Laity—J C Darby, A V Gross, S G Parker-Hutchinson.

Member of Representative Body—G F Kent. Supplemental—Col O'Callaghan-Westropp.

Temperance Committee—Killaloe East—Re-elected, adding the names of Dr Hitchcock, J C Willington, and Barton J Keane.

Board of Missions—Killaloe East—The Bishop, Chairman, ex-officio.

Ven H E Patton, Revs Canon Rainsford, Canon McDowell, G A Earle, F R M Hitchcock, B Loughheed, W Daly.

Capt J H Fox, J C Darby, C M Carroll, Lord Dunalley, Rev F R M Lawrence hon sec.

CLARE FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

At Clonlara, Mr C Quir, Co Secretary, delivered an address to the farmers of this district on Sunday after Mass.

It was decided that a special meeting be held on Sunday, 10th December, to have the branch fully established and have every farmer present. Great interest was taken by those present in the work of the Union.

Meetings were addressed recently at several centres by the County President, Col O'Callaghan Westropp, and Mr C Quinn, Co Secretary.

Speeches were also delivered at Kiltenera, Lisdacovarna, and Moy by Mr T Falvey, Chairman, West Clare Executive.

DEATH OF MRS M M'DONNELL, RATHKEALE.

We regret very much to announce the death of a deservedly popular and esteemed West Limerick lady in the person of Mrs Mary McDonnell, Rathkeale House, Market Square, Rathkeale. The deceased—who was widow of the late Mr James McDonnell, a gentleman widely known and respected not alone in Rathkeale but throughout Munster—had reached an advanced age, and passed away after a brief illness on Thursday, 23rd November, to the inexpressible grief not only of her immediate relatives but of a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She was a member of one of the most highly respected families in the county, her maiden name being Dempsey, and was related to and connected by marriage with several of the leading families in West Limerick and elsewhere. Of a kindly genial and generous disposition, she was a particular favourite with all who knew her—and their number was legion. To the poor she was a kind, charitable, and sincere friend, and by them she will be missed for many a day to come. She was, indeed, in every respect, a lady of truly excellent qualities of head and heart, and her demise has caused the deepest and most widespread sorrow and evoked the keenest sympathy with her many relatives and friends in Limerick county and city and elsewhere. The deceased, it may be mentioned, was sister of the late Very Rev Dean Dempsey, Crawfordville, Indiana, U.S.A., a very prominent and revered churchman, and was herself the mother of a very brilliant family. One of her sons, Rev P. McDonnell, had a very distinguished educational career, and is at present a highly esteemed priest in Sydney. He was, by the way, an athlete of high merit in his student days. Another son, James, was also intended for the priesthood, but death cut short his promising career, while he was a student in the Irish College in Paris, whither he had gone to complete his ecclesiastical studies after a singularly successful course at St Munchin's College, Limerick. A third son, Timothy, is at present a brilliant member of the Christian Brothers' Training College of Mount St Mary, N.S.W., his name in religion being Brother Patrick. Deceased came of a stock, too, that gave several other members to religion and the professions. Two of her nieces are nuns in the Mercy Convent, Sligo; while she was aunt of two esteemed city professional gentlemen in the persons of Dr Charles McDonnell and Mr Joseph McDonnell, L.D.S. One of her daughters, Miss Mary ("Dot") McDonnell, is at present residing in Sydney with her brother, Rev Father McDonnell, and another is the wife of a highly respected and deservedly very popular citizen, Mr John McNamara, Sarsfield Bar.

The funeral of the deceased took place on Friday, 24th November, after Requiem High Mass in the Rathkeale Parish Church. The interment took place in St Mary's Cemetery, Rathkeale.

The clergy present were—Right Rev Monsignor O'Donnell, P.P., V.G., Rathkeale; Rev J O'Shea, P.P., Carrigrohane; Rev J Murphy, P.P., Coolespigg; Rev W J Mulvagh, P.P., Croagh; Rev Father Hart, C.C., Rathkeale; Rev Father O'Brien, C.C., Coolespigg; Rev Father Hannon, O.C. St Michael's, Limerick (cousin), and Rev Father Thornhill, C.C., St Michael's.

The chief mourners—John McDonnell, Rathkeale (son); Mrs Annie McNamara (daughter); Mrs White, 7A Summerhill, Dublin (sister); John McNamara, Limerick (son-in-law); John McNamara, Patrick McNamara, and John Joe McDonnell (grandsons); Mrs Ryan and Miss McDonnell (sisters-in-law); Miss Maggie McDonnell, Miss Ryan, Deborah Dempsey, and Gretta Dempsey (nieces); Dr Charles McDonnell, Joseph McDonnell, L.D.S.; John Hurley, Joe Hurley, Timothy Dempsey, and Tom McDonnell (nephews); Maurice Dempsey, Mrs Dempsey, Miss Hannah Dempsey, Miss Nora Dempsey, Michael Dempsey, John Hannon, Pat Hannon, Mrs Hannon, Miss Hannon, Mrs and Miss Butler, Mrs McDonnell, Miss McDonnell, Mrs Cahill, Mrs Enright, the Messrs Power (2), and Miss Josie Power, etc (cousins).

So large was the attendance of other relatives and the general public that it would be altogether impossible to give anything like a full list of those present.

It may be added that several beautiful wreaths were laid on the grave. R.I.P.

Coal and Industry.

England's output of coal is improving. Last

GATWICK MEETING.

To-morrow's Programme.

1.0—THE TINSLEY (S) CHASE, £150. Second £5. 2m. Age at lb
Somerville, Mrs G Bennett G Bennett a 11 0
Memento, Mr B Fitch G Poole a 12 0
Con Cregan, Mr H Hall Dale a 11 0
Neurotic, Mrs J Huston G Poole a 11 9
Ned Carver, Mr E Tattersall G Poole a 12 0
Raeburn's Glass, Mr Thrall Doyle a 12 0
Governor Wood, Mr M Weil W Nightingall a 12 0
Tim, Mr J Wood Private a 12 0

1.30—THE THREE-YEAR-OLD (S.) HURDLE RACE, £150. Second £5. 1 1/4 m. at lb

Quarnerolo, Mr J R Thorn Dodd a 11 0
Young Honey, Mr Anson W Nightingall 10 7
Chorus Girl, Mr E Beer C Young 10 7
Yewden, Mrs G Bennett G Bennett 10 7
Castalian, Mr H Boam Smyth 10 7
North and South, Mr H Bradford Bradford 10 7
Saufi, Mr J Christoforide Private 10 7
Jim Dandy, Mr W Dixon Lines 10 7
Posados, Mr G Duller Duller 10 7
Bimbia, Capt A Gollan G Poole 10 7
Maraskin, Mr T Hartigan G Bennett 10 7
Lola, Lt-Col C M Jickling Kemp 10 7
Cato, Mr H Lawrence Reardon 10 7
Brotherhood, Mrs N Phillips Hyams 10 7
Bachelor's Gamble, Mrs C Stevens Stevens 10 7
Bradella, Mr H Swain Butchers 10 7
Greenwell, Mr R Willett Hammond 10 7
Peneroso, Mr S Wootton Wootton 10 7
Taree, Mr S Wootton Wootton 10 7

2.0—THE PEGASUS CHASE (H'cap), £200. Second £30. 3 m. Age at lb

Shaun Spadsh, Sir M McAlpine G Poole a 12 10
Square Dance, Mr H Curtis G Poole a 12 2
Vico, Mrs J Putnam G Poole a 11 9
My Rath, Mr P Ivall G Bennett a 11 4
Pay Only, Mr W Snayke H A Brown a 11 1
White Surrey, Sir H Meux F Hunt a 11 1
Copper, Ld Londesborough H A Brown a 10 10
Lydie White, Mrs N Brownlee Batho 6 10 7
Greenogue, Capt T Brinkman Butchers a 10 5
Daisy Cutter, Mr R Willett Hammond a 10 6
Lord Ollart, Mr G Martyu Bennett a 10 3
Masterful, Mr F Keene Gore a 10 3
John Cheek, Mrs G Needham G Bennett a 10 1
Crest, Mr T Blenkiron W Nightingall 6 10 1
Hackham, Mrs C Stevens Stevens a 10 0

2.30—THE CROYDON HURDLE H'CAP, £300. Second, £30; third, £15. Two miles. Age at lb

Morganatic Marriage, Mrs Heyburn J M Bell 5 12 8
White Heat, Mr C Stevens Stevens 6 12 7
Zirane, Mr J Colman Butchers a 11 10
Santavon, Mr H Linton Batho 5 11 10
Ullekelf, Mr H Stewart G Poole 6 11 8
The Kiwi II, Sir W Goulding Gore a 11 5
Count Ross, Capt S Wilson Whitaker 5 11 5
Dorsido, Mr G Hutton G Poole 6 11 3
Firing Line, Mr J Miss T Leader 4 11 0
Golden Hero, Mr D Sullivan Whitaker 5 11 0
Sea Voyage, Mr W Blythe G Bennett a 10 13
Victor Noir, Mrs G Morris Smyth 5 10 13
Golden Melody, Mrs B Fitch G Poole a 10 13
Chubb, Maj W Buller Tomlinson a 10 12
King's Coat, Mr A Tennent Turner a 10 9
Lord Thanet, Mr T Edge G Poole 5 10 8
Ninon, Mr P Shaw G Bennett 6 10 7
Steady Scotch, Mr D Cogan Private a 10 7
Charlie Wise, Mr O Rayner East 5 10 6
Jaelen, Ld Denman Higham 6 10 2
A.A., Mr R Wigram G Poole a 10 0
Frills, Mr T Edge G Poole 5 10 0
Craig, Mr C Anson W Nightingall 4 10 0

3.0—THE AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP CHASE, £110. Second £5. 2m. Age at lb

Irlendale, Mr F Thurlow G Bennett a 12 7
Silken Prince, Mrs D Baker E Martin a 12 5
Memento, Mr B Fitch G Poole a 12 4
Loch Allen, Capt R Vivian Gore a 12 3
Craganook, Mr H A Brown H Brown a 12 2
Armada, Mr E Holley Holley a 12 0
Knockcroghery II, Ld Londesborough H A Brown a 11 4
Tim, Mr J Wood Private a 11 2
Archbishop, Mrs C Stevens Stevens a 11 0
Tomfoolery, Lt-Col P Stewart Wittington a 10 13
Fly Boy II, Mr P Berney Private a 10 11
Ormskirk, Mrs J Hutton G Poole 6 10 11
Gamebook, Mrs D Shaw Brisbane a 10 10

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