

of 215,000 houses provided with State assistance, 161,000 were required to meet the normal increase in the population, leaving but 54,000 as the contribution towards the reduction of the shortage. The result is that great masses of the people are herded together without privacy or comfort, and as the right hon gentleman very truly remarked, this state of things has been responsible for much unrest and social discontent. The Bill, though not perfect, will at all events hasten the erection of houses for the working classes. We hope that in Ireland it will be found possible at no distant date to grapple with the housing problem on lines similar to those outlined in the British Bill. It will be the earnest desire of the Irish Government to deal with the question on broad and comprehensive lines that will tend to effectively solve a long standing problem, and one of such vital concern to the community.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN J. W. M. KIMMIT.

The death, which we announce with regret, took place in a nursing home in Dublin last night of Captain J. W. M. Kimmit, Geraldine, Corbally, after a brief illness. The deceased gentleman had been for thirty years an accountant in the head office of Messrs J. Bannatyne and Sons, Ltd, Roche's street, and was held in the highest esteem and respect by the members of the firm and his colleagues. He possessed an affable and courteous disposition, and enjoyed the friendship of a wide circle of friends in Limerick and elsewhere.

Many years since he was an officer in the 5th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers, and retired with the rank of Captain. His demise at a comparatively early age will be regretted by all who knew him, and sympathy extended to his widow and relatives in their bereavement.

MRS M. O'CALLAGHAN.

Limerick County Council has unanimously passed a resolution asking the Government to release from custody Mrs M O'Callaghan, against whom, it pointed out, no charge has been preferred, and stating that in their opinion her release would give satisfaction, not only to the Council, but to the people of Limerick generally.

CITY HOUSING SCHEME.

At the meeting of the Housing Committee of the Corporation last night, the Deputy Mayor (Councillor J Bourke) presiding, it was decided to issue advertisements for the erection of forty-six houses under the recent scheme on the sites selected by the Council and approved by the Local Government Department. The building of these cottages will complete the number allocated for construction under the scheme.

"BLOOD AND SAND."

The Committee approved of the scheme put forward by the I A O S.

The Committee then adjourned.

"COME TO THE FAIR" REVUE.

At St Michael's Temperance Hall last evening before a large and very appreciative audience this very taking revue was excellently produced by the pupils of the Limerick Dancing Academy (Misses L and G Duggan) in aid of the poor of the city.

It will again be staged this evening and tomorrow evening, and no one should miss seeing a very bright and taking performance, and one being held for a most deserving object. Further details in our next.

FOOD PRICES.

Mr. Malcolm D. Shaw, of the firm of Messrs. W. J. Shaw and Sons, bacon curers, Limerick, gave evidence in Dublin yesterday before the Commission of Inquiry into Food Prices. Mr Shaw also gave evidence before the Agricultural Commission on behalf of the Limerick District Bacon Curers' Association.

DEATH OF MRS O'DONOVAN, CASTLE STREET.

The death took place at her residence, Castle Street, on Tuesday of Mrs Mary O'Donovan, wife of an esteemed citizen, Mr James O'Donovan, and mother of Mr James O'Donovan, an active member of the Athlunkard Boat Club, and Secretary of the Shannon Football Club. The deceased, who had been ailing for some time, was very popular with all who knew her, and there is deep sympathy with her relatives in their bereavement.

At the weekly meeting of the I.N.F. Violated Treaty Branch, Hartstonge street, last evening, Brother Moore presiding, the following resolution was passed:—"That we, the members of above Branch, adjourn this meeting as a mark of respect to Brother J. O'Donovan on the death of his wife, and that we tender to him and his family our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement."

REV W. RUTHERFORD.

The Rev William Rutherford, M.A., resigned the Incumbency of Kilnaboy Union from April 1st on being presented by the Patrons, the representatives of the late Mrs Partridge, to the important living of Butterleigh, in the County of Devon and Diocese of Exeter. Previous to his departure from the Diocese of Killaloe (West), Rev William Rutherford resigned the Secretaryship of Killaloe West Glebes Committee, to which Rev J J Griffin, B.A., Rector, Ennis, has been appointed; also the Hon Secretaryship of the County Clare Protestant Organ Society, to which Canon Blood-Smyth, M.A., Rector, Newmarket-on-Fergus, succeeds. Mr Rutherford was also Diocesan Inspector for the Western portion of the Diocese, and a member of the Western Diocesan Council.

THE LATE DR JOHN HOLMES.

The Clare County Council has passed a vote of sympathy with Mr Wm H James, Assistant Co Surveyor, on the death of his brother, Dr John Holmes, Seariff.

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