

the small sailing vessels to the big ocean-going steamers that have for a long time been coming to the port, one of the most important distributing centres in this country. In this connection the proposed line connecting the terminus with the docks is of great importance for the development of our trade and commerce. The subject of the railway link is not a new one. On the contrary it has been on the tapis from time to time for years past, and it can only be hoped now that in due course it will materialise successfully. The Committee's report on these two important projects will be awaited with more than ordinary interest.

Registrar-General's Report.

The births and deaths registered in the Dublin Registration Area and in eleven provincial Urban Districts of the Irish Free State, with the annual rates per 1,000 of the population represented thereby, which, for the purposes of these returns, is estimated at 666,253, are given in Table I of the Registrar-General's report for week ending Saturday, 19th May. The births are represented by 271 in the Dublin Registration area; Cork, 45.6; Limerick, 24.4; Waterford, 30.4. The deaths from all causes appertaining to the undermentioned areas for last week and for the past four weeks, respectively, were equal to the following annual rates per 1,000 of the population:—Twelve Town Districts, 16.3 and 15.2; Dublin Registration Area, 17.3 and 15.3; Dublin City, 19.1 and 16.3; Cork, 16.3 and 14.5; Limerick, 23.0 and 19.6; and Waterford, 15.2 and 17.6. The deaths from certain epidemic diseases registered in the 12 town districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 1.6 per 1,000. Among the 17 deaths from all causes for Limerick are 4 from measles, two from whooping cough, and one from diphtheria.

DEATH OF COUNTY LIMERICK GENTLEMAN ABROAD.

We regret to record the death which occurred at Victoria, British Columbia, on the 29th April, of Mr Charles MacDonnell, third son of Dr Charles MacDonnell, Eastwood, Glin, County Limerick. The sad event, which occurred after an operation for appendicitis, is deeply regretted in Glin, where very sincere sympathy is expressed with his highly respected father, as well as the widow and other relatives of the deceased gentleman.

photographs of old Dublin and of the city as it appears to-day, while others are associated with the reconstruction schemes. It is a most interesting publication, admirably turned out, and there can be no doubt will be eagerly sought by the public. As a source of reference it is most valuable, and should therefore be treasured up.

MUSIC IN THE OPEN.

The Boherbuoy Brass and Reed Band, under the conductorship of Mr E J Moloney, B.M., provided a very enjoyable treat for the public at Ballinacorra on Sunday evening, when they played between 8 and 10 o'clock a very attractively arranged programme, which was heartily applauded by a large audience. The weather was bright and fine. It is to be hoped that similar treats are in store for the public during the coming summer.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Mr John Rice has taken up managerial charge of the Listowel branch of the National Bank, having been promoted thereto from Abbeyfeale.

Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather, May fly fishing on Lough Derg is good this season. It is also satisfactory to note that visitors are numerous.

Mrs Stafford O'Brien will, on Thursday next at 3 p.m., perform the opening ceremony of the Gift Sale in aid of the Organ Fund of St Michael's Church, which will be held in the Diocesan Hall, Pery Street.

Fishing on the Shannon at Dromineer, Mr M F Flanagan was most successful with the May fly. He was fortunate in catching half a dozen 5 1/2 lb trout, besides having the unusual experience of landing a pike scaling 20lb.

At the last meeting of the Feakle, Co. Clare Committee of Management, Dr H McDonough was unanimously elected dispensary medical officer of the village in succession to Dr Stuart, who has taken an army appointment.

Eleven men of the fishing community in the Ballyduff district were charged before Mr P P O'Donoghue, D.J., at Listowel District Court, for illegally fishing with nets in the River Cusher, and, on the grounds of poverty, fined in the mitigated penalty of £2 each and costs.