

Lands and Agriculture explained, the farmer is still paying out of his land more than 75 per cent. of the rate paid out of houses in towns, though he has not the benefit of water, lighting, and health schemes, which are enjoyed by the urban areas. It is just at this time that the Rates Bill will be welcomed by the farmer, and it will be conceded that the Free State Government gives an earnest desire to ease the heavy burden resting on the farmer's shoulders, at a time when prices are low, though they are being stabilised, and things, as Mr. Hogan says, "seem to be taking at least a slight turn for the better." The Co. Dublin Committee of Agriculture has, as stated, just expressed its views on the Bill. The Chairman thought it should be pointed out that the measure does not go far enough, and that the Minister of Agriculture should be asked to introduce "a more satisfactory adjustment of the rating of land as compared with that of houses." In the result, a resolution was adopted expressing the view that the Bill should be amended in order to allow for the relief of a larger percentage of rate charges, such as those for water, lighting, heating, and sanitation, which are at present assessable on agricultural land. The farmers' case is certain to receive the sympathetic consideration of the Dail, and if further concessions are possible they will, doubtless, be forthcoming, because, as stated, there can be no doubt of the spirit and the intention of the Government to come to the relief of Irish agriculture in a practical and business-like manner, and to the utmost extent of their resources.

DEATH OF VERY REV. P. HARTIGAN, C.S.S.R.

The death, which we announce with regret, took place suddenly at Foyle, Co. Roscommon, last night, of the Very Rev. Patrick Hartigan, C.S.S.R., Rector of St. Patrick's, Esker, A. Henry, in his fifty-first year. The deceased clergyman was a son of the late Mr. Martin Hartigan, Bellview, Barrow, Co. Limerick, and had a distinguished ecclesiastical career. He served in the Redemptorist Mission in many parts of Ireland, and at the time of his death was giving a mission at Foyle. He was up to a few months ago Provincial of the Irish Redemptorist Order at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, and was a zealous, devoted, and untiring missionary. The interment will be at St. Patrick's, Esker, and at 11 o'clock on Monday there will be Solemn Requiem Mass in the Redemptorist Church, Limerick, for the repose of the soul of the deceased clergyman.

THE LATE MR. T. P. LEDGER.

The remains of the late Mr. T. P. Ledger, O'Connell Street, whose premature demise is keenly regretted by a wide circle of friends, were removed yesterday afternoon at 2.30 for interment at St. Munchin's Cemetery. The cortege was large and representative of all classes and creeds, evidencing the esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held, and the sympathy which is expressed with his widow, young family, and other relatives. The blinds in numerous business houses and other buildings were drawn during the funeral. The chief mourners were—Z. J. Ledger (son), W. P. Ledger, and G. A. Ledger (brothers of the deceased).

The clergy included—The Dean, Chancellor Swain, the Archdeacon, Proctor Atkinson, Canon Robertson, Rev. W. K. Keillor, Rev. R. J. Colthurst, Rev. R. Connolly.

The officiating clergy were the Dean and Chancellor Swain.

SERIOUS CO. LIMERICK CHARGE.

At a Special Court in Limerick to-day, before Mr. J. M. Flood, District Justice, John J. Dwane and Patrick Dwane, Palla-green, were charged with assaulting and shooting at with intent to maim Oliver O'Callaghan on the 6th May.

Patrick Dwane was returned for trial on bail, and informations were refused in the case of the other accused.

Mr. M. Tynan, solicitor, defended.

IN DEATH NOT DIVIDED.

William Fitzgerald, Brokers' Range, Upper William-street, died at Barrington's Hospital on Tuesday, after a brief illness, following the death of his wife in St. John's Hospital the evening previous after an operation. The deceased, who was nearly sixty years of age, was an industrious, hard-working couple, and their demise has been learned with regret by a number of friends. The funeral took place last evening for St. Lawrence Cemetery.

with common sense, there is no reason why this land should not by degrees become one of the most prosperous countries in Europe. It is the wish of the overwhelming majority of members of our Church to live at peace with all men; and we hope that the exodus of our people from their native land will cease, and that not only will our Church grow in numbers, but also that in Ireland will be averted the disaster of losing citizens whose sobriety, industry, moral courage, and mental independence are among the most valuable assets of this land.

Two members of our Council have been, in each case, suddenly called from their earthly life—Dr. Blood and Mr. T. A. Walsh. We deeply regret the loss of our colleagues, and have expressed to their relatives our sympathy.

We have also, though happily not by death, lost the services of our valued friends, Mr. Courtney Croker and Mr. Travers. They were for many years among the most active friends and wise advisers of this diocese. We thank them cordially for their long continued help.

During the past year a Committee appointed by the Council have been considering what amendments are necessary in our Diocesan financial scheme. This diocese has been fortunate in having had since its establishment a succession of competent financial advisers; and our scheme has, in its main lines, stood the test of time. But it has already been necessary, more than once, to fit its provisions to changing circumstances, and another revision is now imperative owing to our new conditions caused by recent Church legislation; which, in its turn, was forced upon us by the social and political revolutions following the Great War. When this work of revision has been completed by the Council, it must come before you for adoption or amendment, before it can be submitted to the Representative Church Body for their final approval.

One of the most important duties to be discharged by you to-day is the election of your clerical and lay representatives in the General Synod. In this matter, we who live in the South of Ireland have been generously treated by the Church, returning as we do, to the General Synod, a number of members calculated rather on the areas than on the population of our dioceses. This is a policy of faith and hope as regards the future of the Church; and, I may add, of that Christian love with which the whole Church of Ireland, never to be divided, regards its scattered brothers and sisters. Our comparative isolation and special discouragements are appreciated by our friends throughout our native land, North and South.

I submit for your consideration that those selected for the high honour of representing Limerick in the General Synod should be men both able and willing to attend its meetings. It is, as a rule, natural and right that those chosen should be in personal touch with our diocesan work. But your choice is not restricted to members of the Diocesan Synod or residents in Limerick. Any communicant member of the Church of Ireland is eligible for election.

In the "Preamble and Declaration" adopted by the General Convention in 1870—to which every man admitted to Holy Orders, or to a Cure, must give his assent—it is laid down that:—

"The Church of Ireland, deriving its authority from Christ, Who is the Head over all things to the Church, doth declare, that a General Synod of the Church of Ireland, consisting of the Archbishops and Bishops, and of Representatives of the Clergy and Laity, shall have chief legislative power therein, and such administrative power as may be necessary for the Church, and consistent with its Episcopal Constitution."

It is well to point out that this is the concluding paragraph of a solemn declaration that the Church of Ireland continues to profess the faith of Christ as professed by the Primitive Church, and will continue to minister its doctrine and sacraments and discipline as the Lord commanded, and will maintain inviolate its succession of Holy Orders.

Revision of our Formularies is always subject to those limitations.

Neither at the Reformation, nor at the revision of the Prayer-Book nearly half a century ago; nor again in the revision now approaching its final form, did the Church invent a new Creed, or set aside any truly Catholic teaching or discipline.

To destroy foundations is one thing; to renew, strengthen, and beautify the superstructure is another. This distinction was in the prophet's mind when he spoke in encouragement of those who serve God by building the old waste places, by raising up the foundations of many generations—and who thus become restorers of the breach, and restorers of the paths overgrown by weeds, or half obliterated by neglect. The ancient Catholic Church of Ireland which we represent was such a restorer and restorer in the sixteenth century—and, in a smaller way, it has, within recent days exercised its right of improving and re-interpreting its formularies, trusting in the guidance of that living Spirit of God Who continually guides the Church of the Lord, and helps its teachers to bring things new as well as old out of the Divine treasury.

In this work laymen have had their share. Why not? The unbaptised, semi-pagan Constitution had no small influence in his day with the Fathers of the Church. Kings and statesmen, and men of wealth have, in all ages, used their authority in helping to shape the policy of ecclesiastical assemblies.

The laymen who have the responsibility of taking part in our General Synod are not outsiders. They are communicant members of the Church, freely chosen by their fellows. Lay rights are with us openly acknowledged; but so far as our creeds and articles and public prayers are concerned, the unanimous desire of all the laity in the Irish Church could not, without the consent of Bishops and clergy, alter even the punctuation of a sentence in our formularies: nor could the clergy do so without the assent of their lay brothers.

The revision of the Prayer Book which has been in progress for many years is now nearly complete.

The "Church of Ireland Gazette" and "The Church Family Newspaper" or "Guardian" would keep us in touch with the work of our whole communion throughout the world, and help us to realise that, few though we be here, we are outposts of a great Army of the Lord. (Applause).

Rev. Mr. Manning proposed that two supplemental lay members instead of one be elected for the Board of Patronage. He asked the Synod to change the existing system, and so fall into line with other dioceses, in order to secure that on all occasions when the Board was called together the lay element should be properly represented.

Mr. D. R. O'Brien seconded the motion. Chancellor Swain said the resolution could not be enforced this year, as several of the members had already recorded their votes.

Lord Montague suggested that the resolution should apply to the future.

Rev. Mr. Manning said he was quite willing. The resolution was adopted.

The Dean proposed the adoption of the Diocesan Council report, in which reference was made to the fact that there was a total decrease of £383 in subscriptions to the Sustentation Fund since 1922. He remarked that the minimum stipend was being paid to the clergy, but if the subscriptions continue to decline they would not be able to fulfil that engagement, and he was sure none of them would like that. An effort should therefore be made to keep up the subscriptions. Many of their people were giving as much as they could, and all kinds of business were very much depressed. But what about their young people? There were, for instance, three or four members in a family earning a good income who should bear their part of the burden of keeping up their religion. It was a splendid thing that this Diocese had anticipated the minimum stipend, and as the Bishop had stated had conducted its finances well, and had never encroached on its capital, which they should extend and transmit to their children untouched. They should take courage and not be pessimistic. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. W. Barrington seconded the motion. In putting the report, the President referred to the unwillingness of many of their young men to become candidates for Holy Orders, which he pointed out was a serious matter for the Church. The report was adopted.

The Archdeacon, proposing the adoption of the report of the Diocesan Board of Education, said it had carried on its work as far as possible during the year, and the results of the examinations had been good. They had to deplore the scarcity of teachers in their small schools, and a letter had been received from Rev. Dr. King-mill Moore on the subject. The Board would help any suitable candidates for the teaching profession, and they were sure of a good income. It was satisfactory to state that some of their schools had increased their numbers. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. M. D. Shaw, seconding the motion, suggested that all interested in schools should make a special effort to improve the memory of children. The report was adopted, t.d.

The report on Temperance was adopted, on the motion of Rev. R. J. Colthurst, seconded by Mr. S. Kidd.

The report on Missions was adopted on the motion of Proctor Atkinson, seconded by the Dean.

[Diocesan Council and Education reports appear in our fourth page.]

Rev. Treasurer Abbott mentioned that the Diocesan Choral Festival would be held on Thursday, 28th instant, in St. Mary's Cathedral, and that the preacher would be the Bishop of Cash.

ELECTIONS.

The result of the voting for the elections was declared as follows:—

- REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL SYNOD
- Clerical—Canon Orpen, 19; Treasurer Abbott, 18; Dean of Limerick, 18; Chancellor Swain, 18; Canon McClean, 17; Proctor Atkinson, 16; Archdeacon of Limerick, 15.
 - Lay—G. E. Farmer, 30; R. Hunt, 29; W. Waller, 29; Major Langford, 29; D. R. O'Brien, 27; M. D. Shaw, 27; T. W. Browning, 25; A. Blood Smyth, 25; J. M. O'Brien, 25; Lord Montague, 22; Hon. W. C. Trevelyan, 21; H. V. M. Conroy, 21; Senator W. Barrington, 19.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

- Clerical—Canon Orpen, 19; Treasurer Abbott, 18; Rev. R. J. Colthurst, 18; Canon Robertson, 18; Rev. T. Studdert, 17; Canon McClean, 17; Chancellor Swain, 17; Canon Taylor, 16; Rev. J. H. Moran, 14; Rev. W. F. Manning, 14; Rev. W. R. Keillor, 9.
- Lay—Major Langford, 31; M. D. Shaw, 31; Cooper O'Donoghue, 29; A. Blood Smyth, 29; Hon. W. C. Trevelyan, 28; O. H. Pitt, 28; D. R. O'Brien, 28; Senator W. Barrington, 27; Lord Montague, 26; R. Hunt, 24; H. V. Morony, 23; Capt. H. Finch, 20; T. D. Atkinson, 11; Lieut. Commander R. Cooper, 11; Capt. Delmege, 11; Peter Fitzgerald, 10; E. F. Conyers, 10; Dr. A. V. Shins, 11.

BOARD OF PATRONAGE.

- Clerical—The Dean, 42; the Archdeacon, 33; W. Waller, 14.
- Supplemental—Treasurer Abbott, 29; Chancellor Swain, 26; T. W. Browning, 14.

DIOCESAN COURT.

Major Langford.

The Synod closed with the Benediction pronounced by the President.

BISHOP'S VISITATION.

The Bishop held his visitation of the Clergy of the Diocese at St. Mary's Cathedral yesterday.

of 10s was imposed. Several decrees for rates were made at the instance of Mr. Neil McDonnell, rate collector, of Limerick Co. Council.

Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan, solicitor, appeared for the collector, and the defendants were represented by Messrs. A. Blood-Smyth, J. S. Gaffney, and P. E. O'Donnell, solicitors.

NATIONAL ARMY EX-SERVICE MEN.

A large meeting of the ex-service men of the National Army was held at Frederick Street on the 9th inst., under the chairmanship of Mr. Richard O'Connell, T.D.

The object of the meeting was to organise and establish co-operation in the ranks of the ex-service men in order to bring their grievances before the Government, and to try and relieve unemployment, which is very prevalent at the moment.

An Officers' Board was formed, representative of two members from each Ward in the City, to devise and draft a scheme of working which could be submitted to all the members later on.

At the conclusion of the meeting the following resolution was passed by Mr. John Keogh, seconded by Mr. Thomas Hanley, and carried unanimously:—"That we, the members of the Limerick Branch of Ex-Service Men of the National Army, tender to Mr. O'Connell our heartfelt congratulations on his recent victory in the Limerick Election, and in future he can rely on us to do all in our power to further his cause."

Mr. O'Connell in returning thanks said that being an ex-serviceman himself he was thoroughly acquainted with the grievances of the members, and he promised to do all in his power to remedy and remove, if possible, the present grievances.

A resolution was also unanimously passed thanking Mr. Hodkins for his kindness in letting the meeting have the use of his Hall.

P. J. CARNEY, Secretary.

CRATLOE WOODS.

Permission Withdrawn.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE

DEAR SIR,—It has been my custom to allow the public to go through my gardens and grounds on Sundays and holidays owing, however, to the way this privilege has of late been abused—viz., insults to the person and damage to trees and property—I am compelled to withdraw all such permission from this date. A notice to this effect appears elsewhere in this issue.

Yours faithfully,
E. S. O'PRIEN.

Cratloe Woods, Co. Clare.
9/6/24.

PRESENTATION TO MR. P. F. O'MALLEY.

A presentation was made to Mr. P. F. O'Malley at Geary's Hotel on Thursday evening last on the occasion of his marriage, the chairman of the occasion being Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald.

In making the presentation the chairman referred in felicitous terms to Mr. O'Malley's many excellent qualities and wished him and his bride every happiness in their married life.

Mr. O'Malley briefly replied, expressing gratification at the presentation.

The health of the guest was next honoured, and was followed by an enjoyable musical reunion. Mr. J. S. Hasset being thanked by the chairman for the admirable manner in which he had presided at the piano.

SUDDEN DEATH.

An old man named John Glynn collapsed this morning at the railway station, where he was employed as a porter, and died in a short time. The deceased, who was over seventy years of age, resided at Thomondgate, and his remains were removed later in the Corporation ambulance.

LIMERICK STOCK LIST.

To-Day's Prices.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS.	
5% National Loan	92½
BRITISH FUNDS.	
War Loan 5% 1929/47	101½
BANKS.	
Bank of Ireland	273½
Hibernian	7½
Munster and Leinster	6½
National	19½
Provincial	22
RAILWAYS.	
Gt. Southern & Wes. Orig.	46½
Great Northern	62
Mid. Great Western	34
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Guinness Ord.	41½
Coats Ord.	61.9
Fine Cotton Spinners	48/8
English Sew. Cottons	52/0
Bradford Lysers	62/6
Courtauld	59/0
Marconi Ord.	29/10
Marconi Marine	27/6
Radio Corp. Com. on	17/6
Radio Corp. Pref.	18/3 x d
Dunlop Or. Inaty	7/11
Imperial Tobacco Ord.	72/4
British American T. Bacco	106/0
Canbrook & Co.	4
Mex. Eagle Oil	13/10
Shells	4

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