

ive a full average yield. Due to grass prospects the cattle was somewhat brisker than in month, and prices of some of stock were estimated to fall from £2 to £3 a head. As also in Britain, a spell of fine is what is now needed for the crops, and as we have Midsummer, this is certainly should not be long in its

AND THROUGH RATES.

ders have an undoubted grievance very high cross-Channel rates in comparison with those applying in ports. The subject has been before months back, having been discussed at the Chamber of Commerce and resolutions passed urging that I have the same advantages with cross-Channel rates as are enjoyed in competition with this city. A complaint of Limerick traders still pressed, and, as a result, the Chamber yesterday placed the matter once before the Harbour Board, which is the reaction with regard to it. The Chamber stated that application should be made to a Court of Arbitration to decide the issue, as provided for by the Arbitration Act of 1900, or, as an alternative, at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, which is to be referred to the Railway Commission to be set up on the new Railways Bill. The need for such action was evidenced by the fact that Mr. M. D. Shaw, who pointed out the difference in the rate between Limerick and London in pre-war days was only 2s. Now it is 23s a ton, a startling fact which needs no argument to prove what a disadvantage this is on the trade of Limerick. It is noted that Cork and Waterford, in preference to Limerick, enjoy advantages with regard to through cross-Channel rates. It may well be asked how long Limerick will remain an important distributing centre, to the disadvantage of which it has so long suffered, and is it not possible to remove this undue handicap on our commercial interests? The Harbour Board has taken the step of appointing a deputation, representing the Chamber of Commerce, the Board and Chamber of Commerce, and the Corporation of Limerick before the Ministry of Commerce. It is to be hoped the result will be satisfactory to the commercial interests. We feel assured, too, that

tying success considering the adverse weather which prevailed on some evenings at least. The attendances of the public were large, particularly during the closing days. It is estimated that there were some six thousand people present on Saturday night, and again Sunday night brought a big number. The attractions of the Fete were thoroughly enjoyed, and the various stalls did a brisk business. Too much credit cannot be given to the ladies who presided at the various stalls, as well as their assistants, for the whole-hearted zeal with which they worked for the success of the Fete. All concerned in the other departments, ladies and gentlemen, are also to be heartily congratulated.

THE LATE VERY REV. FR. P. HARTIGAN, C.S.S.R.

In the Church of St. Alphonsus, Limerick, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, solemn Requiem High Mass was sung for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Fr. P. Hartigan, C.S.S.R., Rector, St. Patrick's, Esker, Athenry, who passed away on Wednesday night at Boyle, Co. Roscommon, where he was giving a mission. There was a large congregation present at the Requiem, at which the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, presided.

The celebrant was the Rev. Fr. McDonnell, C.S.S.R.; deacon, Rev. Fr. Carroll, St. Mary's; sub-deacon, Rev. Fr. Hickey, C.S.S.R. and master of ceremonies, Rev. Fr. MacNamara, C.C., St. John's.

Amongst the clergy in the choir were—Very Rev. Canon Oregan, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's; Very Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald, C.S.S.R., Provincial; Very Rev. Canon Cauty, P.P., Dromin; Very Rev. Canon Lee, P.P., Kilsfinane; Rev. Fr. Kilbride, C.S.S.R., Rector; Rev. Fr. Murphy, P.P., St. Patrick's; Rev. Fr. O'Connor, P.P., St. Mary's, and Rev. Fr. O'Carroll, P.P., Banogue.

DEATH OF MRS E KIVLEHAN.

The death, which we announce with regret, took place last night of Mrs Elizabeth Kivlehan, after a brief illness, at her residence 2 O'Connell street. The late Mrs Kivlehan was widow of the late Mr John Kivlehan merchant, of this city, and mother of the Rev M Kivlehan, C.C., Co. Dublin. She was a very kindly and charitable lady, beloved by a wide circle of friends, who will mourn her death, and extend sincere sympathy to her family in their bereavement. The remains will be transferred to St Michael's Church at nine o'clock to-night, and after Requiem High Mass at 10 o'clock to-morrow, the funeral will leave for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.

THE IRISH TREATY.

Questions in British Parliament.

London, Monday evening.—In the House of Commons this evening,

Viscount Curzon asked if the Prime Minister had received representations from the Government of the Irish Free State to the effect that no question as to the interpretation of the Irish Treaty could be referred to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and whether any change in the proposed procedure was contemplated.

Mr Thomas, who replied, said the answer to both parts of the question was in the negative.

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injuries sustained by being knocked off motor van. That the necessary precaution not been taken by the driver of the motor not having a horn on the car; and they exonerate the driver from blame."

PRISONER SHOT.

Ex-Officer Charged with Murder

James Larkin, a native of Clare, ex-Officer of the National Army, was returned for trial by District Justice Johnson, charged with the wilful murder of Thomas Prendergast, Hartnett's Post, Castleisland, on Jan 1922.

It was alleged in evidence that deceased was shot by the accused while a prisoner in military post. Deceased, after arrest, was accused that he knew where a dump of rifles kept by the Irregulars. He was asked for information regarding this. He refused to give any information.

The accused, according to Guard Traill, at the time of the tragedy was in the 1st Army at Castleisland, then threatened to kill a man in the town with a revolver, and two shots were fired. Prendergast then fell dead. Before the trial, according to the evidence, the accused was accused because he did not give the information he asked for. Larkin, witness added, was at the time. He could not say whether the shots fired by Larkin were accidental or deliberate.

LARCENY UNDER ORDERS.

When John Cleary and Thomas O'Connell, West Clare, were charged at Kesh, Sessions with the larceny of two bicycles, a statement signed "M. S. O.C., 5th Brigade, I.R.A." and addressed to County Court Judge Bodkin, was read. The statement set out that the accused men were not responsible for the acts with which they were charged, because they were acting under the orders of officers. These orders were given to the accused men in pursuance of a military campaign directed by the general headquarters of the Irish Republican Army, and the acts of the men had been a necessary part of the war for which general headquarters accepted responsibility, as stated by the Chief of Staff, I.R.A. in his public statement of January 1922. The accused men strongly protested against the attempt to brand them as robbers. They were found guilty by the jury and recommended to the judge for mercy. The judge directed that they should be detained in custody until the rising of the sun and then discharged.

GRAND CENTRAL.

A very attractive bill of fare is provided for the patrons of the Grand Central Cinema. Last night a very entertaining film "A Gentleman in Multi," featuring Arthur Taubert, was produced, and was followed with keen interest by a big house. There were also comedy and feature films. The picture will be again produced to-night and Wednesday. On Thursday the remainder of the week a well known popular film "The Mound of the Baskin," a Sherlock Holmes drama, by Sir A. Conan Doyle, will be screened, and should attract big houses.

LIMERICK GOLF CLUB COMPETITION

Match Play—Final—L. Byrne beat J. McCarthy. 28 strokes.