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WEATHER AND AGRICULTURE.

As just passed, and there is a sense of the inclement and unsettled weather which for so long has been unpropitious to the agriculturist as well as to the public. The past month was the coldest in the past forty years, except 1888, 1900, 1903, and 1912. The total rainfall for the half year ending July 1st, as 22.08 inches, there being more than 102 rainy days, or 4.18 inches above the average. The temperature was low, and there is an absence of sunshine so urgently needed for the ripening of the crops in garden and field. The present is an abnormal state of things, and we have left mid-summer behind us unless a change for the better comes. The outlook for some of the crops is an occasion cause for anxiety. Not a word of need for despair up to this, as a long spell of heat were to quickly improve the prospects of the harvest would be. It is unfortunate that potato blight is making its appearance in various parts of the south and west of Ireland. In order to check the spread of this disease, it became general would be a matter for the crop, which is a most important one for the country, growers should promptly act on the advice recently issued by the Free State Department of Agriculture, and spray early and often. As has been frequently pointed out, the simple and simple process, which will repay itself in increased yields and better quality. That has in former years been conclusively proved by official experiments and it needs, or should need, no further recommendation. The carrying out of this to the fullest extent at present, in view of the adverse climatic conditions which have retarded the maturing

relating to the manufacture of poteen and the sale of methylated spirits.

The attack on the bill was opened by Mr O Byrne, who suggested that the clause which compels publicans to keep their premises closed except between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. on week days should apply only in the Metropolitan area.

Mr Kevin O'Higgins, in resisting the amendment, which was defeated, said that the Government took its stand on the hours in the bill, and that they were proper and reasonable.

The bill prescribed the complete closing of public houses on St. Patrick's Day, Good Friday, and Christmas Day. By 60 votes against 33 the Dail decided that drink should be bought and sold as usual on St. Patrick's Day. The Government Party Whips were withdrawn for the division.

The debate was adjourned.

Presbyterian's Church's Attitude

The following Presbyteries of the Irish Presbyterian Church have adopted resolutions on the Intoxicating Liquor Bill similar to that passed by the Presbytery of Dublin, and including complete Sunday closing—Presbyteries of Connought, Cavan, and Belleborough.

All the Presbyteries do not meet in July, but the Presbyterian attitude is virtually unanimous in regard to the evils of "mixed trading." That attitude has not varied in regard to the desirability of complete Sunday closing since 1878 when Professor Smyth, member for Derry County, carried a resolution in favour of it in the British House of Commons by a majority of 57 against the Government of the day.

FUNERAL OF MR M. J. PURCELL.

The funeral of the late Mr M J Purcell, Castle-ville, Kilmurry, took place yesterday from St John's Cathedral whither the remains were removed on Tuesday evening. At 10 o'clock Requiem High Mass was celebrated for the deceased, the interment taking place afterwards in Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. Rev Fr MacNamara, C.C., St John's, was celebrant of the Mass; deacon, Rev Fr Connolly, Adm. St John's; sub-deacon, Rev Fr O'Carroll, C.C., St Michael's; and master of ceremonies, Rev Fr Dwan, Adm. St Michael's.

The clergy in the choir were—Very Rev Canon Cregan, P.P., V.F., St Munchin's; Rev Fr Murphy, P.P., St Patrick's; Rev Fr Hartnett, C.C., do; Rev Fr Kelly, S.J.; Rev Fr Kelly, O.P.; Rev Fr Keenan, O.P.; Rev Fr O'Quigley, O.P.; Rev Fr Collins, O.P.; Rev Fr Kelly, C.C., St John's; Rev Fr Rice, C.C., do.

The cortege was representative of the public, and during its passage through the city blinds were drawn in many of the business establishments.

The chief mourners were—James, Charles and Thomas Wrenn, Dublin (nephews); Joseph J McCarthy (grand nephew); Ambrose Hall, and Stephen J McCarthy (relatives), and J Maloney.

The general public included—Sir Vincent Nash, L O B Kelly, B.L.; P Barry, W A Delany, L O'Donnell, S F Ebrill, J McDonagh, J Collins, W Fitzgerald, D McMahon, W Ebrill, M Fitzgerald, J P Hartigan, J Clune, B O'Donnell, Dr T K Mulcahy, J Cahill, W B Fitt, Dr O McDonnell, H Nash, J J Quaid, W McGuire, M Roche, F J Herriott, P Mulcahy, O Broderick, J McNamara, A J Saxon, J Egan, J Hurley, J A Doyle, solo, P Corbett, etc.

Fr Murphy and Fr McNamara officiated at the grave.

SPORTING.

NEWMARKET MEETING

T.Y.O PLATE.

Bright Rays
Damon,
Audax
Also ran—Almsido, Beaugeste, Happyland, Pearlmaiden, Running Nell, Polymnia, Wayward and Wir
Betting—2 to 1 agst Audax, 3 to 1 8 to 1 Damon.

EXETER STAKES

Sun Worship 1 -
Chang Chia
Skyeignal
Also ran—Constantine, Vitality, Sainly Sovereign, Kiepath, and Ma
Betting—4 to 1 agst Chang Chia
Worship, 20 to 1 Skyeignal.

JULY CUP.

Drake
Top Gallant
Noughat
Also ran—Precious, and Balders
Betting—6 to 4 agst Drake, 3 to 5 to 1 Noughat.

PRINCE OF WALES ST

Salmon Trout
Farm nio
Obliterate
Also ran—Verdrot, Twelve Poin
Mondamin, and Neiguse.
Betting—100 to 30 agst Parmeni
Trout, 100 to 8 Obliterate.