

ago the low price of barley was called attention to in the Seanad, and whether wheat barley cultivation the farmer must expect reasonable profit for his enterprise. It is to be hoped that better times are in store for the agriculturist, and that wheat production will sensibly increase at home. The State Government are most anxious to develop and stimulate agriculture, and to encourage home production to the utmost extent. In England the depressed condition of the industry has been under consideration by the late and the present Governments, and legislation will, doubtless, soon be forthcoming to deal with the problem, having regard to the recent report and recommendations of a Royal Commission.

TAILTEANN GAMES.

Official Opening on Saturday.

Impressive scenes will mark the official opening of the Tailteann by President Cosgrave at Phoenix Park on Saturday. The inauguration ceremony will be preceded by a salvo of artillery from Clonliffe College guns, and an aerial display by members of the Royal Air Force. A fanfare of trumpets will herald the arrival of the Head of the State at the stadium, and the bells of city churches will ring a welcome to all participating in what promises to be the greatest athletic display ever witnessed in the Irish capital.

AIR THRILLS AT TAILTEANN CONTESTS.

Thrills will be provided in plenty by the Army Service at the Tailteann Festival on Monday week, when seven exciting contests will be contested over the Phoenix Park. The Music and Art Section receives noteworthy prominence. Three Irish operas will be produced, and two recitals will be given by Mr John McCormack.

THE LIQUOR TRADE.

An honest attempt to grapple with the drink evil which was sapping the country's health, wealth, and character, was the description applied to the Licensing Bill by Right Rev Dr Fitzmaurice at Leighlin Diocesan Synod. The Bill which was good and moderate, was deserving of the support of all who desire to promote the moral and social welfare of the Irish people. The Bishop said he noticed that one of the deputies on the second reading of the Bill said he did not think that mixed trading had any effect as regards temperance. Social and temperance workers, however, were agreed that mixed trading was one of the greatest causes of drunkenness especially among women. The Synod adopted a resolution supporting the Bill.

DANCING AT KILKEE.

spirit. (Applause.) "Of course," added the Bishop, "we are not as many as we were. Some of our people have left the country. Some have been driven out, and their loss has been felt in many ways. But I hear that many are anxious to return. They find that they cannot settle down; they cannot make themselves happy outside their native land, and, in spite of what they have suffered, they would rather live in Ireland than anywhere else. (Applause).

"After all, we Irish Churchmen are real Irishmen, with deep patriotic love of our country and its people, which nothing can destroy, and we believe that we have a place in the life and service of our country, and that it would be vastly the poorer by our loss. And, surely, it is a matter for satisfaction that members of our community are occupying influential positions and doing valuable work in the public service. One must say that by their fairness and impartiality in making recent appointments, the Government have gone the right way to make Ireland a happy and united country." (Applause).

THE BOUNDARY QUESTION.

New Legislation.

The Privy Council's finding reached the British Government yesterday, and there was a long Cabinet meeting. It is believed that it has been decided to introduce legislation putting the Boundary Commission into existence. This will delay the rising of the House of Commons. The Press Association says that opposition is likely from the Unionist party.

DEATH OF MR C. CREGAN.

We regret to learn of the death, which took place this morning at his residence, Grange, Newcastle West, of Mr Cornelius Cregan, father of Mr C. C. Cregan, Editor "Limerick Leader." Deceased, who had attained an advanced age, belonged to an old County Limerick family, and was very highly esteemed and respected. The sympathy of numerous friends will be extended to his family in their bereavement. The funeral will take place to Ardagh from Knockaderry Parish Church at 1 o'clock, old time, on Saturday.

NATIONAL TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Judgment in Test Case.

In Dublin, on Tuesday, Mr Justice Meredith gave judgment in the test case submitted for decision on the question of the salaries of National teachers, and the "cut" of 10 per cent. The judge held that the agreement as to permanent salary was binding on the Commissioners of National Education and their successors. He made no declaration as to the validity of the "cut" in the salaries.

Costs were awarded in favour of the teachers.

INLAND PARCEL POST.

On and from the 1st August, 1924, the rates of commission on cash on delivery parcels, not exceeding £2 in value, will be reduced as follows:—On parcels not exceeding £1 in value, 61; on parcels exceeding £1, but not exceeding £2 in value, 9d. The rates on parcels which exceed £2 in value will remain unchanged.

members of the club. Three have been allotted to each stall. Special prizes will be awarded to the best handler, professional or amateur, and for the best dog in either entry list will not close until a large number of forms are lodged and some very keen provided. The fixture has a great interest and the support of the public should prove very encouraging. The draw will be held at Limerick on Monday afternoon.

TRAGIC BATHING.

Five Lives

Four schoolboys and a teacher were drowned at Bantam, on the Devonshire coast.

BORDEN CAMP BARRACKS.

Execution of Guards

Abraham J. Goldenburg was executed at Winchester for the murder of a man at the Borden Camp Barracks, manager of Lloyd's Bank.

DUBLIN MUNICIPALITY.

Ballot Tomorrow

The municipal strikers will vote to-day whether they will accept of arbitration.

YOUNG MUNSTER FOOTBALL.

At the annual meeting of the Young Munster Football Association, Michael's Temperance Club was elected treasurer and honorary secretary. The following resolutions were read and approved. The election of the new committee resulted as follows:—Mr M. O'Keefe, Vice-President; Mr M. O'Connell, President; Mr M. O'Rahilly, Captain Munster; Mr O'Halloran, Captain Munster; Mr Collins. It was announced that the League Shield had been won by the first match of the season on 6th September, when the Young Bohemians met at the Mar

MEDICAL ORGANIZATION.

The medical profession in Ireland has never been organized at present, and never attempted on any previous occasion. This is mainly the result of the position which the profession occupies in the State. In recent years they have obtained medical certification under the present year the Government for this purpose was altogether a failure. The Free State Government. The Bill, recently read a second time in the Dail, provided for the compulsory pension clause in the Government Act of 1919, away with added years and meritorious services. The profession feels strongly the sympathy when their industry is being dealt with by the Government.

At a very largely attended meeting of the Kildare medical practitioners at Kildare, the following plan