

review about 600 applications for loans which have accumulated within the past year or so. The scheme brightens the future of the farmer in the Free State, and the Government offer is a wise and timely effort to help him.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Registrar-General's Report.

The births and deaths registered in the Dublin Registration Area and in the eleven principal provincial urban areas of Saorstát Éireann, with the annual rates per 1,000 of the population represented thereby, which, for the purposes of these returns, is estimated at 670,256, are given in Table I of the Registrar-General's report for week ended 11th October. The births are represented by 24.9 in the Dublin Registration area; Cork, 31.3; Limerick, 51.4; Waterford, 26.6. There were three cases of scarlet fever and one of enteric recorded in the period Sept. 20th October 11th. Otherwise Limerick was free from infectious diseases. 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, 12.1 and 12.9; Dublin Registration Area, 11.9 and 13.0; Dublin City, 12.4 and 13.4; Cork, 7.5 and 12.3; Limerick, 14.9 and 11.2; and Waterford, 22.8 and 16.6. The deaths from the principal epidemic diseases registered in the 12 town districts during last week were equal to an annual rate of 0.5 per 1,000.

CITY SUDDEN DEATH.

The death took place suddenly on Sunday morning of John Kinnerk, at his house Roxborough Road. The deceased was in middle age, and was up to some time ago employed at the Magdalen Asylum laundry. He was out on the previous day apparently in his usual health, and on Sunday morning he took ill, and died in a short time.

COUNTY MEDICAL APPOINTMENT.

Mr B. Laffan, C.C., chairman, presided at the meeting of the County Health Board on Saturday, when a letter was read from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health stating that the Board should now consider the question of appointing a fully qualified Resident Surgeon for the County Home, Croom.

The meeting decided to issue advertisements for the position, subject to the approval of the Ministry, who asked that a copy should be sent to that Department.

A meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction has been convened for to-morrow to dispose of a miscellaneous agenda, including the framing of Live Stock and Agricultural Schemes for 1925-26 and to visit

ASSOCIATED SOCIETY.

General Meeting.

A largely attended meeting of the above Association was held at 19 O'Connell Street, on Saturday, the 18th instant.

Mr P. Stritch presided, and the following were present:—Messrs M. O'Hartigan, Ballyolough, Jas. Murnane, Mt. Catherine; M. McMahon, Clonmacken; John Hickey, Coonagh; J. Hickey, Ballysheedy; Patrick Dillon, Cloncarree; W. Hefferuan, Shanakyle; John Fitzgerald, Ballysimon; Patrick McCormack, Castlebank; Robert Holmes, Athlunkard; John Madden, Shranakee; Denis Ryan, Borheen; John Crehan, Lickadoon; Patrick Naughton, Ballysimon; Patrick Mullin, Coolrane; Matt McNamara, Mayonstone; John Dillon, Derry Island; John Hartigan, Ballynanty; John Malone, Graune; M. O'Hartigan, Ballyolough; P. Verling, Derryknockane; Arthur Brennan, Meelick; John Hickey, Clondrinagh; C. A. Shine, Creora; John Garvey, Firhill; M. O'Grady, Rosmadda; John McNamara, Redgate; Thos. McNamara, Clondrinagh; Martin Sheehar, Roxboro; M. Clancy, Rathurd; John Fitzgerald, Ballysheedy; R. Slattery, Ballysimon; John Lahiff, Crassagalla; James Hurley, Borheen; John Clancy, Rathurd; Thos. McCormack, Graune; Maurice Kirby, Roxboro; John Griffin, Rosbrien; John Olampett, Borheen; A. O'Neill, Rathbane; Ed. Hayes, Redgate; Patrick Madden, Graune; Tom Lane, Quinpool; Patrick Boye, Ardnacrusha; Thos. Small, Parteen; Martin O'Reilly, Lisnagry; John O'Grady, Ballyolough; Patrick Mulqueen, Rosbrien; Patrick McMahon, Blackwater; Mrs. Clancy, Rathbane; and Mrs. B. Meloney, Ballysheedy.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Kilmastulla road bridge on the main road from Limerick to Nenagh, which has for a considerable time been undergoing repairs, is now completed.

The successful candidates at the recent examinations at the Central Mid-wives Board for Ireland, include Helen Mary Hazelbeck, Limerick Lying-in Hospital.

At a meeting of delegates of the Clar Fishermen's Association, Rev. M. Breen, P.P. Kilkee, was unanimously selected to represent the organisation at a forthcoming meeting in Dublin.

Members of a representative Ennis Committee are making strenuous efforts to obtain funds for the provision of boots and clothes for poor children. With this object in view the first of a series of whist drives, etc., has been held.

South Tipperary County Council have adopted the Carnegie Rural Library Scheme and have undertaken to provide local funds for its maintenance after the period it has been maintained by the Carnegie Trust.

Mr W. Hurley, Munster and Leinster Bank Nenagh, has been transferred on promotion to Callan, and Mr J. McCann from Cork to Clough Jordan; Mr D. P. Mulcahy from Charleville to Nenagh.

A Whist Drive in aid of the Bedford Row Hospital will be held in Catholic Institute on Sunday evening next at eight o'clock. We feel assured that no deserving object will be liberally supported. Tickets may be had from the Ladies Committee or from Nestor Bros., O'Connell-St.

It will be seen by advertisement the well known poem, "Drunken Thady: A Legend of Limerick," by the late Baird of Thomond, has been published by Mr D. J. Glavin, 1 Park-street.