

ST OF LIVING.

Living in these islands is a concern that concerns all classes of the people because of soaring prices of foodstuffs, and though explanations have from time to time been given as to the cause, the heavy burden on the people shows no sign of being relieved. Living in England is in a different position, and the Government last week appointed a Royal Commission to investigate the situation, and present a report on the prices of bread and other most essential commodities. The Commission, it is expected, will have very wide terms of reference. In addition to the two articles mentioned, the price of milk, which is also likely to be taken for consideration, and of an Imperial Economic Commission, with a view to more efficient methods of producing foodstuffs from the British Empire, there is still, according to the reports, a world shortage of foodstuffs. Of course, the cause of the present high cost of food is the Commission will, doubtless, inquire into the question, and tell us how to get food from the time it leaves the field until it reaches the consumer in the most economical way. Amongst the various interests affected by the problem are the farmers, the traders, and the public. If the problem can be solved, and relief brought to the public, then we shall have a very successful result. The proceedings of the Commission will be followed with interest in Ireland, where the cost of living is, if not in some respects lower, it is brought about in Britain it will have a favourable effect as well in this country. A greater production of foodstuffs would tend to solve the problem. For instance, as stated in the report yesterday, only one-fifth of the foodstuffs dealt with at Smithfield in London were grown. Australia and New

lawful and reasonable instructions, or the instructions of those placed over them; and that we shall dismiss instantly any person so refusing to perform their legitimate duties."

THREATENED STRIKE.

Of Dublin Publicans' Assistants

By a majority of five to one the Dublin publicans' assistants have decided to go on strike. The decision was taken at a ballot in Banba Hall, Rutland square, on Sunday, when 1,175 members of the Grocers and Vintners' Assistants' Association recorded their votes. If, as now seems probable, the public-houses of Dublin are to close, some 1,400 assistants and apprentices will be affected.

The strike is being declared as a result of the refusal of the publicans to grant certain demands which were made some time ago. These include a flat rate of 85s per week for qualified assistants, 75s per week for charge hands, the inauguration of the living out system, and the employment of none but certified members of the Union in the filling of all ordinary vacancies.

The Publicans Assistants' Union has decided to call a strike on December 2nd unless the demands for higher wages and improved conditions are granted.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE VERY REV CANON KIRBY, P.P.

The obsequies for the late Very Rev Robert Canon Kirby, P.P., Patrickswell, took place yesterday. At 11 o'clock Office and Solemn Requiem Mass was sung in Lurriga Church for the repose of the soul of the deceased churchman. The Right Rev Monsignor O'Donnell presided at the Mass, the celebrant being the Very Rev Canon Griffin, P.P., Adare; deacon, Rev Fr Connolly, Adm, St John's Cathedral; sub-deacon, Rev Fr Carroll, O.C, St Michael's; and master of ceremonies, Rev Fr MoNamara, O.C, St John's Cathedral. There was a large and representative congregation.

The chanters were—Rev Fr Hayes, P.P, Stonehall, and Rev Fr Thornhill, O.C, St Michael's.

Amongst the clergy in the choir were—Very Rev Canon Russell, P.P, Parteen; Very Rev Canon Lee, P.P, Newcastle West; Very Rev Canon Lee, P.P, Kilsnane; Very Rev Canon Begley, P.P, Dromcollogher; Very Rev Canon Fitzgerald, P.P, Shanagolden; Very Rev Canon Murphy, P.P, Abbeyfeale; Rev Fr Dwan, Adm, St Michael's; Rev Fr Breen, P.P, Brucee; Rev Fr O'Connor, P.P, St Mary's; Rev Fr McCarthy, P.P, Cratloe; Rev Fr Curtin, P.P, Croom; Rev Fr O'Leary, P.P, Mungret; Rev Fr O'Dwyer, P.P, St Patrick's; Rev Fr O'Shea, P.P, Glin; Rev Fr Carr, P.P, Manlister; Rev Fr Reeves, P.P, Ardagh; Rev Fr Reeves, P.P, Ballygran; Rev Fr Reidy, Askeaton; Rev Fr Kelly, P.P, Templeglantine; Rev Fr Fitzgerald, P.P, Effin; Rev Fr Fitzgerald, P.P, Killooleman; Rev Fr Foley, P.P, Knockaderry; Rev Fr Hartigan, P.P, Tournafulla.

The interment took place in the grounds of Lurriga Church, Canon Griffin officiating at the grave.

TIRCONAIL ELECTION.

Big Majority for Government Candidate.

The result of the Tironail by-election was

by the Most Rev Dr O'Donnell.

Tributes in Protestant Churches.

Pulpit references to the death of Cardinal were made in the several Protestant Churches of Armagh on Sunday.

Canon Tlobborne, rector of Armagh, preaching at St Mark's Church said that as a representative of the Church of Ireland in Armagh, he would on their behalf, to express their sincere sympathy with the members of the Roman Catholic community in the great loss they had sustained through the removal by death, of his Eminence Cardinal Logue. He was a man who, in his private capacity, had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. A lover of the poor, generous in subscriptions to all philanthropic objects, he was the friend of all. Speaking personally he had the deepest sympathy with the clergy and people of the Roman Catholic Church in Armagh. Knowing how much they valued the late Cardinal as a friend and a chief pastor he realised the loss to them was irreparable.

The Rev David Dowling, preaching in Armagh Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning said—I would not be truly representing the sentiments of the Presbyterians of this city if I withheld public acknowledgment of our sympathy with the members of the Roman Catholic Church in the loss which they have sustained by the death of his Eminence Cardinal Logue. The Primate was a faithful shepherd of his flock, a distinguished citizen of our ancient city, a generous supporter of all the public institutions that had for their aim the relieving of distress. In spite of all the religious and political differences which of recent years have been so acerbated, those of our community who have the honour of his acquaintance had always held him a courteous and kindly gentleman, and that he has gone "Where beyond the voice of peace," we can only regret that his latter days were so clouded by a tragedy which all Irishmen deplore.

Preaching in Armagh Methodist Church Rev John H Welton said—The passing of his Eminence Cardinal Logue, whose name has ever been so long identified with Armagh, to the life of our city in an intimate way, and drawn forth from all denominations a sympathy with the Church which has been signally bereaved. We, as representing in this city the Methodist Church in Ireland, join with many others in this and in other lands in condolence with the Catholic Church in the loss she has suffered.

Limerick Carnegie Library Committee.

At the monthly meeting of the Carnegie Library and Museum Committee (Councillor Cronin, P.C, presiding), Councillor O'Flynn referred to the loss which the Church of the Nation had just sustained by the death of Cardinal, and proposed the following resolution which was passed in respectful silence:—The members of the Committee of the Limerick Carnegie Free Library and Museum do hereby place on record the deep sorrow which is common with all sections of the community in the passing to his eternal reward of the great distinguished Prince of the Church, his Eminence Cardinal Logue, who, by his saintly and brilliant genius, shed a lustre on the Church of Ireland, and who was a worthy successor of the long line of illustrious prelates of the See of St Patrick.

"That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Eminence the Most Rev Dr O'Donnell."