

unity. The causes of soaring prices are varied, and though explanatory from time to time been given as to why, the heavy burden on the consumer still shows no sign of being relieved. Feeling in England is insistent that the Government last week should appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the situation, and present an interim report on the prices of bread and the two most essential commodities of our daily life. The Commission, it is expected, will have very wide terms of reference. In addition to the two articles mentioned, it will deal with the price of milk, and other articles which are also likely to be taken for consideration in the setting up of an Imperial Economic Council, with a view to more efficient economic methods being provided for the marketing of produce from the British Empire. There is still, according to the experts, a world shortage of foodstuffs, of course, is one of the primary causes of the present high cost of food, but the Commission will, doubtless, explore the entire question, and tell us what can be done to reduce the cost of food from the time it leaves the producer till it reaches the consumer. It is expected amongst the various interests affected by the problem can be solved, and relief brought to the suffering public, then we shall have cause to be grateful. The proceedings of the Commission will be followed with interest in Ireland, where the cost of food is heavy, if not in some respects heavier than across the Channel, and if a solution can be brought about in Britain it will at least have a favourable effect as to "cut" in this country. A greater proportion of home produce would tend to solve the problem. For instance, as stated in the "Daily Mail" yesterday, only one-fifth of the meat dealt with at Smithfield is home-grown. Australia and New Zealand supply about the same proportion; America one-half, and other foreign countries the remainder. The remedy lies in largely increased production of home-grown meat, and of wheat

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 McNamara, 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 Dwane, Adm, St Michael's; Rev Fr Breen, P.P, Bruree; 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, Manister; Rev Fr Reeves, P.P, Ardagh; Rev Fr Reeves, P.P, Ballyragan; Rev Fr Reidy, Askeaton; Rev Fr Kelly, P.P, Templeglantine; Rev Fr Fitzgerald, P.P, Efin; Rev Fr Fitzgerald, P.P, Killoleeman; 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 Tirconail by-election was declared at Lifford last Saturday night as follows:—
 D. McCullough (Cumann na nGaedheal).....24,919
 E. Daly (Republican).....18,371

Majority 6,548
 The constituency, the largest in the country, has an electorate of 96,977, and returns eight members to the Dail

armagh on Sunday. Canon Tichborne, rector of Arr St Mark's Church said that as the Church of Ireland in Armagh on their behalf, to express their sympathy with the members of the Roman community in the great loss through the removal by death of Cardinal Logue. He was a man of capacity, had endeared himself to all who came in contact. A lover of all in subscriptions to all philanthropic was the friend of all. Speaking in the Roman Catholic Church had the deepest sympathy with the people of the Roman Catholic Church. Knowing how much they valued as a friend and a chief pastor he loss to them was irreparable.

The Rev David Dowling, P.P, Armagh Presbyterian Church on said—I would not be truly sentiments of the Presbyterians withheld public acknowledgment with the members of the Roman in the loss which they have sustained of his Eminence Cardinal Logue. Primate was a faithful shepherd distinguished citizen of our and generous supporter of all the part that had for their aim the relief in spite of all the religious and political which of recent years have been embittered, those of our community the honour of his acquaintance he him a courteous and kindly gentleman that he has gone "Where beyond is peace," we can only regret that were so clouded by a tragedy Irishmen deplore.

Preaching in Armagh Methodist Rev John H Walton said—The Eminence Cardinal Logue, whose ever been so long identified with Armagh the life of our city in an intimate drawn forth from all denominations sympathy with the Church who signally bereaved. We, as representatives of the Methodist Church in Ireland many others in this and in other parts of the world, in other sympathy with the Catholic Church in Armagh she has suffered.

Limerick Carnegie Committee.

At the monthly meeting of the Library and Museum Committee, Cronin, P.C, presiding, Council referred to the loss which the Old Nation had just sustained by the death of Cardinal Logue, and proposed the following resolution which was passed in respectful sympathy with the members of the Committee of the Carnegie Free Library and Museum:—
 "That a copy of this resolution be placed on record the deep sorrow common with all sections of the community on the passing to his eternal reward of the distinguished Prince of the Church, Cardinal Logue, who, by his brilliant genius, shed a lustre on the Church in Ireland, and who was the successor of the long line of illustrious Bishops of St Patrick."
 "That a copy of this resolution be presented to his Lordship the Most Rev Dr. Cullen in a respectful request that it be conveyed to the Holy See."

Mount St Alphonius

As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Cardinal the bells of Mount St Alphonius