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D PRICES TRIBUNAL.

Cost of living comes home to all the community in the Saorstát, therefore of considerable interest. We learn that a Tribunal is to be appointed by the Government to inquire into the subject generally. It will be at some two years ago a Food Commission sat in various centres, in the provinces, and reported their investigations, but, as one of us of the Senate said a few days ago, abortive, and now once more we have the problem considered, to be hoped, a solution that will bring down the prices of commodities, which past have so heavily lain on the

The Tribunal will inquire into prices, and wholesale rates if necessary, of general consumption, and methods of effecting reductions. In this connection special regard had to the prices received by importers, and those paid by the. The scope of the inquiry is, therefore, general character, which is all to as reference to any particular product would not, of course, tend to a conclusion on the food question. High prices are the root of it, causing, as they do, severe economic pressure on the household; and what the anxious to know is the cause of the existing cost, which shows no reduction, despite the fall in of agricultural produce in recent times, the housewife reaps no benefit,

to which, it is understood, the dockers have, it is understood, refused to handle the material for the scheme that is lying on the wharves as a protest against the "Arabia's" cargo being given to the National ex-Servicemen. As against this the representatives of the contractor state that they have kept to the arrangement made, namely, to give the unloading of the cargoes consigned through the Limerick Steamship Co. to the dockers.

At the meeting of the City Board of Health on Thursday night, the Steward, Mr P. Barry, drew attention to the large number of persons who had come from outside areas seeking work on the Shannon Scheme, and having failed to obtain work sought admission to the institution as being destitute. He added that in the circumstances he had no alternative but to admit them.

The Board decided to direct the attention of the Ministry to the matter.

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURE.

Committee's Investigations

During the past week a Committee of the Corporation in co-operation with Mr Geraghty, Inspector to the Ministry of Local Government, has been engaged in looking into the salaries and wages of Municipal officials and employes, with a view to bringing about a reduction in expenditure. It appears to be the accepted view that a reduction is necessary, and the Committee feel that this can only be done by cutting salaries and wages. No recommendation has, so far, been made, as the Committee has not yet completed its enquiries.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH HERRIOTT.

The death, which we announce with regret, occurred at the Home Hospital, Tullow, County Carlow, on Thursday, of Mr Joseph Herriott, veterinary surgeon. The deceased gentleman was third son of the late Mr Michael Herriott, Lansdowne Terrace, Limerick, and brother of Mr W. Herriott and Mr F. J. Herriott. He was in practice in Tullow for a number of years, and his death at an early age will be mourned with regret in his native city, and sympathy extended to his family in their bereavement. The interment took place to-day at Rathoe, County Carlow.

BARRINGTON'S HOSPITAL FLAG DAY.

The Flag Day in aid of Barrington's Hospital was held in the city to-day. The weather was fortunately fine and bright, and the ladies engaged in selling "tokens" did a

large amount of work, and a sum of £3-10/- was recorded, and part of it fell between midnight and 1 a.m. Rivers and streams have over-banked, and much damage has been done.

At Windy Arbour, Dundrum, Dublin, twenty families were rendered homeless. The patients at the Lincoln Home, Blackrock, had to leave the upper rooms of the institution because of the floods.

The Shannon near Banagher overflowed its banks for miles, and looks like an inland sea. The water at Banagher bridge is several inches lower than it was during the floods of 1924, and several families near the river have been forced from their homes.

UNEMPLOYMENT BILL.

Replying to Mr Johnson, whether he intended to introduce an Unemployment Bill to enable a new title to benefit was exhausted by existing legislation, to draw a further period; and, if not, what he proposed to take to alleviate the condition of the unemployed?

Mr McGilligan, Minister for Commerce, in the Dail on Thursday, in answer to the first part of the question, took a negative. Taking into account contributions employers and employees of administration, and advances to the Central Fund, the productive energy of the country in 1925 amounted to £1,077,000. In the circumstances he did not see as suggested in the question, the latter part of the question, refer the deputy to the explanation given by the Minister of Finance in the Supplementary Estimate for 1926, in December last.

Mr Johnson—Can't the Minister estimate of the cost of unemployment be given? State apart from monies paid into the Exchequer.

Mr McGilligan—That is the question.

THE CHURCH.

TRINITY CHURCH AND ST. JOHN'S PARISHES.

The Rev. C. D. Clarke, M.A., has accepted the duty as curate of the United Parish Church and St. John's. Mr. Clarke has been working in England, near Rothwell, and was hitherto associated with the church of Tuam.

Sunday Services.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—Service on Sunday.—Matins and Holy Communion.