

progress and appreciation, been a big expenditure of the telephone system up and in a statement just issued the operators are prepared to ten million calls of all kinds, divided up between Dublin, rest of the country." These cater the enlarged facilities the public, and it is noted now 483 exchanges in the ed with 297 four years ago. ew exchanges are in the thus bringing them into rge centres of business. And enerally speaking, that the d much improved arrange-ving encouraging results, subscriber installations have m 12,510 to 16,725, and cluding extensions from 169. It is disappointing, l that in the rural districts portionate success is not meet the requirements of hers, rural party lines are cost of £4 per annum to local calls, provided there ivers per mile of route. So is service "has not proved a ction." It certainly should utility to the farming com- doudt, it only requires time his rural system, which is ure of agricultural life in . There is one reference t of particular interest to It is pointed out that a new ge of the latest American ly installed here, and that ell and giving satisfaction. f interest to business men, be mentioned—that is a rease in trunk calls between Britain, and Northern omunication may also be nce and other European the whole, Mr Walsh's extension of the telephone g fruitful results, and it is from the point of view of nents, and deserves the rt of the community in

legislation providing for the observance of Saturday as the weekly half-holiday throughout the Saorstát, for the purpose of the Shops Act, and stating he was bringing the resolution to the notice of the Minister for L.G. and P.H. The Postmaster-General wrote acknowledging copy of the same resolution, and stated he was in entire agreement and sympathy with the resolution, as he thinks the present arrangement of a half-holiday on any day of the week, as the shopkeeper pleases, is detrimental to trade.

LATE MR S. O'MARA'S ESTATE.

The late Mr Stephen O'Mara, Strand House, Limerick, left £42,669, of which £38,669 is personal estate in England. He left his property in equal shares to his daughter, Mrs Rynne, and his sons, Alphonsus and Stephen, requesting them not to part with shares in O'Mara's, Ltd., except to members of the family.

CITY STATE SOLICITOR.

Mr J. J. Power, State Solicitor for County Limerick, has been appointed to a like office for the city, in succession to Mr H. O'B. Moran, solr, who some time since was appointed Registrar of the Limerick Circuit Court

LORD DUNBOYNE.

Lord Dunboyne, who was 53 on Sunday, is the 17th Baron by patent and the 26th by summons. He was formerly in the Royal Navy, and served in the Great War. Lord Dunboyne married Dora Isolde Butler, daughter of Comdr. F. F. Tower, and has issue one son and two daughters. The family seat is at Knoppogue Castle, Quin, Co. Clare.

JOSEPH C. GOOD'S AUCTIONS.

The sale of piano, furniture and effects on to-morrow (Wednesday), 23rd March, will be held at 52 O'Connell Street, and not at the Salesrooms, William street, as advertised.

SALARIES IN CLARE.

Clare Co. Council officials declined to agree to a voluntary reduction in their salaries on a graded scale, which the Council said was desirable owing to the financial condition of the county, and the fact that the salaries could not be reduced by order of the Council.

CUMANN NA NGAEDHEAL.

The Mayor (Mr P. A. O'Brien) presided at a meeting of the City Branch of Cumann na nGaedheal in the City Courthouse on Sunday when steps were taken to perfect the organization in the city in view of the

Although the epidemic has visited man homes in the town, it is much milder than in former years, and so far very few deaths have been reported. This fortunate state of affairs is attributed to the precautions being taken by the medical profession and a greater respect for hygiene on the part of the general population.

A FOUR-OUNCE DRESS.

Ruined by Soup.

A tragic-comic story of a lady's evening dress, which weighed four ounces, and was ruined by soup falling on it, was told in the Manchester Co. Court yesterday.

The plaintiff, Mrs Jackson, wife of Mr J. C. Jackson, K.C., was awarded £25 15s against Messrs Woodcourt, Ltd., owners of a hotel at Brooklands, near Manchester.

Mr Jackson said he first tried to take off the dress when it had been sent from the cleaners after the mishap by using the method called "skinning the rabbit." It had shrunk so that finally he had to resort to a pair of scissors.

Mr Laski, for the plaintiff, gave particulars of the shortcomings of the waitress (the defendant) as follows—(1) Allowed certain soups to fall; (2) failed to control the plates; (3) failed to keep the soups in the plates; (4) failed to keep the plates on the table; and (5) failed to keep a proper look out where she was going.

The dress, he added, was eventually cut into rags and used for cleaning a motor-car.

BRITISH EX-SERVICE MEN'S HOUSES

The first report of the Irish Sailors and Soldiers' Land Trust, covering the period from January 1, 1924, to March 31, 1925, states that the total number of houses occupied or ready for occupation in the Free State is 1,692, and in Northern Ireland 73—a total of 2,425.

"In the Free State," says the report "the garden is often cleaner and in better order than the inside of the house. In Northern Ireland the interiors as a rule are better ordered, but the gardens generally do not appear to be so well cultivated as those in the Free State."

In Northern Ireland there is no evidence of any concerted no-rent campaign, but in the Free State the failure to pay is frequently due to organised agitation." Arrearages in the North are 4 p.c. of the gross annual rental, and in the 26 counties 14 p.c.

COMING ELECTIONS.

Another Clare Candidate.

It is announced that Mr Nicholas Griffin, Ennistymon, will be a candidate at the forthcoming general election as a supporter of the Government. Mr Griffin was Clerk