

SOME COMMENTS ON MEN'S FASHIONS.

By "Hipsley."

What a vast difference the past quarter of a century has made in men's attitude to dress!

A generation ago men were obsessed with the fear of being accused of showing themselves off if they departed ever so slightly from the standard set in the circle in which they moved. To-day, every man is a law to himself and insists upon being supplied with just those garments which appeal to his sense of fitness.

Possibly the higher education from which the present generation has benefited, and certainly the pictures seen at the cinema have done something to draw men out of their conservative ways. Whatever the cause may be, it is a fact that men dress better to-day, and more in accord with their individualities, than ever before in the history of the world.

Style is now the primary consideration in the choice of men's wear.

That being so, it is natural that men should want to know not only how good the cloth is, and how clever the workmanship employed to put it together, but just how smart, how effective, the completed garment is going to be before they decide to purchase. My firm, Messrs Hips, Limited, realised this position some years ago, and built up an organisation expressly for the purpose of securing advance information of the trend which fashion will take, so that they could place that knowledge at the service of their customers. They are consequently in the position to offer the very finest and smartest clothes immediately they become the vogue. They realise, nevertheless, that however beautiful a cloth may be, it will not look well unless it is perfectly tailored, hence the garments made by Messrs Hips, Limited, are always produced in a manner which will do the wearers credit in the highest circles in the Kingdom. Apart from any desire to purchase, the public are always very welcome to inspect the newest materials, the latest fashions, and specimen garments at any of Messrs Hips' establishments, of which there is one in nearly every important town. Visits of this kind would go far to remove many a perplexing problem of dress, and would be found of great interest and benefit to those who wish to look and to feel well dressed.

THE LATE VERY REV. CANON RYAN, P.P.

Yesterday the obsequies for the late Very Rev John Canon Ryan, P.P., Ballingarry, took place in the Parish Church, whither the remains were removed from the Parochial House on Sunday evening. There was a large congregation present at the solemn ceremonies, which commenced at 11 o'clock with Office and Requiem High Mass, at which the Bishop Most Rev Dr. Keane presided. The celebrant was Rev S. Connolly, P.P., Adare; deacon, Rev P. Carroll, C.C., Newcastle West; sub-deacon, Rev D. Fitzgerald, C.C., Bruff; master of ceremonies, Rev M. Fitzpatrick, C.C., St. Michael's. The chanters were—Rev T. Murphy, C.C., Rathkeale, and Rev S. O'Dea, C.C., Kildimo.

The clergy in the choir included—The Right Rev. Monsignor O'Donnell, P.P., V.G., Rathkeale; Very Rev. Dean Canty, P.P., V.G., Dromin; Very Rev. Canon Begley, P.P., Drumcollogher; Very Rev. Canon Fitzgerald, P.P., Shanagolden; Very Rev. Canon Lee, P.P., Bruff; Very Rev. Canon Lee, P.P., Newcastle West; Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P.P., Abbeyfeale; Very Rev. Canon Reeves, P.P., Ballygran; and Very Rev. Canon Curtin, P.P., Croom.

The interment was in the church grounds, the Bishop officiating.

RAILWAYS & AGRICULTURAL RATES.

Sir Walter Nugent's expression of the desire of the railway companies in the Irish Free State to meet the farming community half-way in the marketing of their produce has been welcomed by the farmers, who are anxious to see improved methods of transport and lower freights inaugurated at the earliest moment.

The Irish butter industry expects to benefit largely by the railway company's new policy, and there is an idea of marketing Irish creamery butter in bulk in the future.

Senator O'Hanlon, General Secretary of the Irish Farmers' Union, in an interview, said—"One thing which is holding up trade is transport charges. As an example, I might mention that the carriage on four heifers from Kerry to Wicklow recently amounted to £8, and the cattle arrived at their destination in a most exhausted con-

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