

ports exhibit decreases. Spirits, for instance, are down from £3,107 to £986, Irish poplins, in which a small trade has done, decreased from £831 in 1925 to £305 last year. Cheaper material account for this decline, but is no reason to think that when Irish becomes better known in Canada, it will hold its own in the long run. At all times it deserves to. Generally speaking, the Free State sent goods to Canada to the value of £30,274 in 1924; in 1925 this had risen to £31,341, and last year it reached a total of £59,817. This is a very encouraging advance, and with an extension of advertising propaganda, and a more intimate knowledge of Canadian requirements, our trade is bound to develop, which will be all the better for business and employment here at home. Good results, it is shown in the "Irish Trade Journal" have accrued from advertising, while another form of publicity is the attendance of speakers at trade conventions. Exhibitions are also recommended as a method of introducing goods at present unknown on the Canadian market. Needless to say, too, the climate, with its extremes of heat and cold, has an important bearing on the materials needed. These and other points will receive every consideration on the part of Irish exporters, for a wide possibilities, as the returns indicate, exist across the Atlantic.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Five-Roomed Houses.
The tender of Mr Patrick Molloy, at 99 15s 9d, for the building of fourteen five-roomed houses in concrete at Farranmore, was accepted at the meeting of the Corporation last night, being the lowest of five received. The other tenders were Messrs J. Ryan & Sons, £5,729; Mr M. Ryan, £6,072; Mr J. Kenny, £6,885, and Mr M. Doyle, £7,059. The accepted tender comes out at £407 per house, and it will be interesting to know what rent the Corporation proposes to charge. It is to be hoped it will be an economic one, and at a figure which will not eventually fall on the rates to make good any deficit. The Cambridge Housing Society the other day proposed to build houses at 5s 6d a week, self supporting, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentnick, M.P., is working on the erection of 22 five roomed houses with gas and electricity laid on, at a cost of £490 a piece.

GENERAL ELECTION DATE.

Second Week in June.
The resident Cosgrave stated in the Daily Herald yesterday that it is hoped to arrange for the general Election in the second week of June. Administrative arrangements were, he is proceeding on that basis. He had no reason to doubt that the registers would be ready in sufficient time to enable candidates to make due preparations. He intimated that a Bill would be introduced to-day to amend the electoral law.

ACCIDENT CROOM MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Informations Refused.
The Croom District Court yesterday, before P. Philip O'Donoghue, B.L., District Justice, Michael Connors, of Ardvalley, Mallock, was charged with the manslaughter of a child named Cornelius Dubig, 4½ years, by knocking him down with a motor car at Croom a fortnight ago. The Justice, having heard the evidence, refused to show the occurrence was an accident, and the defendant was discharged.

part Over-blouses in Crepe-de-Chine, New Yorks and Jumpers, Costumes, Gowns, and Two-piece suits, at most attractive prices, now showing at Messrs Nestor's, 1 Patrick Street.

a verdict accordingly. They passed a vote of sympathy with the widow and relatives of the deceased.

FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Labourer's Death.

An elderly man, named Jeremiah Heffernan, died in the Limerick County Infirmary yesterday morning, as the result of injuries sustained by being knocked down by a two-seater motor car near Newpallas, on the previous evening. The deceased was, it appears, minding a cow, or crossing the road, when he was struck by the car, which was driven, it is stated, by the manager of the National Bank, Clonmel, Mr. P. P. Roddy. Heffernan was a native of Drombane, Dromkeen.

ALLEGED BICYCLE THEFT.

Denis Woods, whose address was not given, was remanded on Tuesday evening by Mr P. Bourke, Peace Commissioner, charged with obtaining by false pretences a bicycle, the property of David Littleton, from a Mrs Barry, Roche's street. It is alleged that Woods represented to the woman that he was told by the owner to get the machine, but this story lacked veracity, and on an information being made the accused was arrested.

LYRIC THEATRE.

"A Country Girl."

This delightful musical comedy is being produced nightly at the Lyric. The sparkling music, clever acting, and very humorous dialogue (with some happy local quips, which last night, for instance, were greatly enjoyed by the audience) reflect the highest credit on a highly talented cast, while a word of praise is certainly due to the orchestra for its rendition of the music, which lacks nothing in brilliant execution.

The only regret is that the houses are not much larger than they are. We can only say that all who desire a most enjoyable entertainment should not miss seeing "A Country Girl," and even apart from the undoubted merits of the production, local talent deserves full and generous support.

There will, as we stated in our last issue, be a matinee next Saturday at 3 p.m. This will afford a convenient opportunity to country people to see the performance, and it will also enable parents and friends to bring the juveniles, who are certain to be delighted with both music and scenic effects, to say nothing of the costumes, which present a blaze of colour.

CANAL NAVIGATION.

The Mayor of Limerick has received a further letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce that it is the intention to adhere to the decision to utilise the Abbey River as the connecting link for navigation between the Shannon scheme works at Ardacrusha and the Grand Canal stores at Lock Mills. This puts out of further contemplation the proposed scheme of direct communication with the Limerick docks.

ARCHDEACON YATES.

Archdeacon J. H. Yates, Ballymackay, Nenagh, was presented by his parishioners with a wallet of Treasury notes on his appointment as Assistant Secretary to the Representative Church Body. A gold statue clock was also presented to Master John Yates.

MR. T. O'DONNELL TO CONTEST CLARE.

At a convention of the National League at Ennis yesterday, Mr Thomas O'Donnell was unanimously selected to contest Clare at the general election.

MR PETER FITZGERALD

Elected Steward of the Turf Club.

At a meeting of the Turf Club held at the Curragh Mr Peter Fitzgerald was elected a Steward, in succession to Colonel R. B. Charteris, whose three years' term of office expires this week. Mr Fitzgerald's election will give general satisfaction, for he has been, and still is, closely identified with breeding and racing, and has bred many high-class winners at the Mondellihy Stud, Adare. His knowledge and experience should be a great asset to the Turf Club.

streets which could be used elsewhere. A water rate of 5d in the £, and a Borough rate of the amount was also adopted.

Mr Casey—Could you take anything out of reserve to reduce the water rate more? There is £4,000 to credit in that fund?

The Mayor—I am afraid not, as we have already eaten into reserve by reducing the impost by twopence.

Mr Fitzell said Councillor Dalton had made a statement at last meeting that the whole rate was false, and did not represent estimated expenditure. Some of them would like to know how it was a false or erroneous rate.

Mr Dalton declined to accept the challenge, adding when the time came he would give his opinion on the rate.

Mr Casey—He agrees with the rate. Alderman Henihan—Nobody takes him seriously.

The Estimates Committee recommended a poor rate of 7s. in the £, but on this there was much desultory discussion, due to the contention of Alderman O'Flynn that the Council had no statutory power to interfere with the demand of the Health Board, which was for a rate of 7s. 6d. in £. He instanced that last year when the demand was reduced the Council had to get an overdraft to meet the deficit on the year's working.

The Mayor maintained that the Council had a perfect right to question the rate, and contested Alderman O'Flynn's contention. The Council without the assistance of the Alderman had done its very best to economise and curtail expenditure all round.

Mr Casey said there may be no necessity to live beyond the 7s rate this year, as last year they had to meet high prices due to the prolonged coal strike.

Alderman O'Flynn moved as an amendment that the poor rate be struck at 7s 6d in the £.

Mr P. Bourke said as a member of the Health Board he was satisfied with a 7s rate, but he did not think it would suffice, in view of the unemployment in the city and the numbers that would require home assistance. The Secretary of the Board, Mr Quilligan, who was a very capable official, had gone very carefully into the estimate, and was of opinion that he would require a rate of 7s 6d to meet liabilities.

Mr Fitzell paid a tribute to the Health Board for the economies effected last year, and thought a 7s rate would do this year.

The Mayor said the poor rate in Dublin was only 2s 6d, compared with 7s in Limerick. They knew the present system was wrong, and they could only hope for relief from the existing burden of taxation from the recommendations of the Poor Relief Commission.

Mr Place—That being so, why not strike a rate for six months?

The Mayor—You could not legally do that.

In the course of further discussion, it was stated that home assistance last year absorbed £7,400, or one-third of the entire rate, and that before the year closed the Council were obliged to obtain an overdraft from the Treasurers for £2,500 to carry on. That represented nearly 3s in the £ for home assistance.

Mr Reidy seconded the amendment, which was defeated by 2 to 1.

Those voting for the amendment, which was for a 7s. 6d. rate, were—Councillors J. J. McNamara, J. Dalton, J. O'Halloran, M. S. Power, J. Reidy, P. Bourke, J. Canty, and J. Cronin—7.

Against, and for 7s. rate—Aldermen P. Donnellan, D. Bourke, P. J. Henihan, J. McInerney, Councillors P. Moore, E. R. Shaw, A. E. Goodwin, W. Hickey, J. Casey, M. Quilligan, H. L. Place, J. G. O'Brien, P. Walshe, J. Fitzell, T. McNamara, and M. Barry—16.

Alderman O'Flynn did not vote, and the vote of 7s. as recommended was adopted, as was a general purposes rate of 1s. 4d. for the half year to end on the 30th September next.

THE REDEMPTORIST ORDER.

It is learned that a change has taken place in the Irish Province of the Redemptorist Order, in so far as jurisdiction applies to Australia and New Zealand. In future Australia and New Zealand will be a province distinct from Ireland, but the latter will continue to exercise control over the Mission in the Phillipine Islands. The effect of the change is that the island Continent and New Zealand will cease to be supplied with priests from this country, the parent house of which is Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick.

consumption of spirits, not increasing, was very little less than in previous years, and no decline was anticipated during the coming year. The revenue from beer was up by no less than £124,000 last year, and the tax on oatmeal yielded £159,000, against the estimate of £120,000.

WIRELESS MATERIALS.

There was no reduction in the tax on wireless materials, and the revenue from this source would, the Minister said, be required for the erection of Athlone high power station.

BETTING DUTIES

yielded £59,028, and this tax was only in operation since the 1st November.

CITY FIRE BRIGADE.

Serious Statement by the Mayor.

The Mayor at a meeting of the Borough Council last night stated that the engine at the Fire Station when tested quite recently failed to carry out its function, which was to pump water. That was a serious matter, and was due to neglect and to the fact that it was not, as it should have been, tested daily. It was fortunate, however, that it was not called on to cope with a serious outbreak of fire, and now he desired to say that if he could he would dispense with the entire staff at the station.

Ald. O'Flynn said there was no satisfaction with the way the station was being worked. Captain Hogan explained that the failure of the engine to function was due to sand getting into the valves.

Mr. P. Bourke—Due to neglect, wilful neglect. My own personal experience is that the Captain is not getting the support he should get from this Council when he makes a report on dereliction of duty by the men.

The Mayor—Quite so, we are never concerned here with the fitness of the Brigade to discharge its duties to cope with emergencies. It is only a question of the men's weekly half holiday's, or providing uniforms or some such paltry matters.

It was decided on the motion of Alderman O'Flynn, seconded by Mr. Barry, to have a daily test made of the fire engine.

TRAGEDY AT CROOM.

Charleville, Wednesday.—A sad case of suicide took place at Croom about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, the victim being an ex-railway milesman named John Mullane, aged about 48 years. The deceased was, it appears, in ill-health for the past eight months, and was frequently complaining of his ailments. Yesterday morning, about 3.30 o'clock, his wife was awakened by screaming and shouting, and when she went to see what was wrong she found her husband standing in the kitchen. He said that he was after cutting his throat. One of the children ran out and told a neighbour, who quickly informed the Civic Guards, and on the latter proceeding to the scene they found Mullane in bed, bleeding profusely from several gashes in the head, while his throat was cut from ear to ear. Medical and spiritual aid were immediately requisitioned, but the deceased died from his self-inflicted injuries about 6 o'clock a.m. The deceased, who was subject to fits of depression, leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his loss. He was at one time one of the best-known hurlers in the County Limerick.

An inquest was held last evening by Dr. Clery, Coroner, Kilmallock, and a verdict of suicide whilst temporarily insane was returned by the jury.

BIG SALMON CATCHES.

The Lax Weir Fishing Company's men had a record catch yesterday morning in the Shannon at the Island Point by taking 60 salmon in the nets. The fish on an average weighed 20 lbs, and were valued for £120.

HOCKEY.

Flynn Cup.

Church Lads' Brigade v. Limerick County Played on Tuesday. Result:—C.L.B. ... 2 goals Limerick County ... nil.

The following scored—D. Stockill and O. Roulston.

The Commissioner administering Ennis U.D.C. affairs has made cottages built by the Council, which were formerly held free of rates, liable to the town rate.

10 to 1 Medea, Won by 3 len. HIS MAJES (A. Barrett), 1; Bannie (Joe C Donagh, Stripped Trained by T. Pe Matireff; 3 to Donagh, 6 to 1 and Shaun, 100 by 2 lengths.

RATHBRIDGE (E. Quirke), 1; Square Town (W Chosen Leaf, J Star, Cartoon, Wessex, Shining Blake, Betting Knowe, and Tre Shining Prince, Won by a head.

BROWNTON (Redmond), 1; F 3. Also ran—E Knockto, This Clung, Ventnor, Betting—6 to 4 Fleeting Memor; Tynagh and other

WELTER PI 1; Carlovina (P. M (T Burns), 3. Burdon, Bird of Charm, Marten Somme Web, Cl Talarea, Orthyr Betting—6 to 4 Talarea and Go Royal Falloch, Lord Burdon, 20 lengths.

SANDY LONG DIST (F Fox), 1; Emma (Jellis); 3 Lamentone, Ir Stilla, Polyphon Betting—13 to 30 Dilemma, 6 to Cheddar and Pat to 8 others.

JUVENILE Jones), 1; Ratl Shot (R. Dick Dandy Dennis, Northward, He Smyth. Betting 5 to 1 Cupboard, Disclosure, 100 t length.

TWICKENH (Sirett), 1; Mar Crag (Smirke), Motley, Pomars spatch, Persever trained by L H agst Silver Cra, Despatch, 8 to 1 Buck and Long Won by a length

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Also ran—G Alan, Hera, Str Fancy Free, Gio The Cheetah, Gr Soliel d'Or, By Winner trained

MARCUS Lightning Artis (Caldwell), 2; 1 Also ran—Rob New Moon, M and Out. W Betting—6 to to 30 Lightning New Moon, 100

Cobham Plat King Pippin (3-1), 3. 28 ran

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