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LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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FORMS AND FLOODS.

As we are quickly passing through the month of "leafy June," the weather is again suggestive of early summer. The temperature is comparatively low, and the winds are, to say the least, disagreeable.

But to hear of devastating winds and floods at this advanced period of the year makes us feel that the time is out of joint in some parts of the world at all. In the Netherlands, for example, Dutchland has suffered particularly in respect. Reports show that not only Amsterdam and Rotterdam were

troubled by terrible thunderstorms during the week, but that in numerous towns and villages great destruction was caused, with a resultant heavy loss of life and property. In several areas the crops and a wide area of fruit trees were completely destroyed by violent hail. Some of which were found to weigh as much as one with a length of twelve centimetres. In the Netherlands a large tract of the country was inundated by abnormal floods, and the resultant damage to property is the heaviest since the war.

Coming nearer home, a heavy gale struck off the Suffolk coast; and so far as the East of England is concerned, the recent unpropitious weather is described as the worst since the war.

It has had a marked effect on the growing crops, and even when the summer warmth may come, it is now too late that cereals cannot prove as bountiful as last year. Fortunately, we have not had anything like this experience in Ireland, but at the same time we can be no gainsaying the fact that real summer-like weather—heat and seasonable winds—is now needed for agriculture. The holiday season is just opening, and the weather is looked for by families going for their annual vacation by the sea. To-day, the 21st June, the "first day," showed no appreciable prospect of an immediate change, but the

by the rev. gentleman to the men of St. John's Division last night in the Church of St. Alphonsus.

Father Cleary has now held the office of Spiritual Director of that great religious organisation for almost four years, and during that time he has accomplished work that has made a deep impression on the men and on the city. His greatest and by far the most important task, was the reorganisation of the Arch-Confraternity and the resultant establishment of a third division, due to the growing membership in recent years. A gifted preacher, Father Cleary is also an erudite scholar, and in missionary work he will find a true outlet for his great abilities. He was beloved by the men, who will long remember him with kindly affection, not alone for his wise counsel but for the deep interest he ever evinced in their spiritual welfare.

BATHING ACCIDENT IN LIMERICK.

Fatal Result.

A sad bathing accident, which occurred in the Shannon at the Island Bank on Sunday last, ended fatally yesterday. It appears that a young man named Joseph Browne, of Peter street, had taken a high dive when his head struck a submerged object in the river, and when he rose to the surface his companions noticed him to be in a dazed condition. When taken out of the water he was unconscious, and he was immediately conveyed by motor car to Barrington's Hospital. During the night his condition became worse, and yesterday he succumbed to his injuries, it is stated a fracture of the neck. Deceased was in his twentieth year.

The circumstances under which deceased met his death having been communicated to the Coroner, Mr J. S. McNeice, he did not consider an inquest necessary.

CORPORATION CLERICAL STAFF.

Suggested Reorganisation Plan.

Far reaching suggestions are contained in the report Mr Geraghty, Local Government Inspector, has made to the Ministry for Local Government anent the Corporation staff at the Town Hall. The most important, however, relate to the Town Clerk's, the Water, and the Electricity departments. While it appears to be generally admitted that a little reorganisation is necessary, some of the Inspector's recommendations are rather drastic, and will doubtless be opposed by the Corporation when the document is discussed. The already high rate existing in the city cannot be increased, and if the suggestions

grows busier regarding probable developments in the acute situation will be arisen.

A statement which was broadcast from the Dublin Broadcasting Station on Friday night announced that, under no circumstances would the Cumann na nGaedheal Party consider alliance with any other group, and strong opposition existed to the party's participation in government under existing circumstances.

This statement was later declared to have been issued without the knowledge of the Government, but the Minister for the Environment asserted it represented the view of the Government and file of the Government Party.

It is generally understood that when the new Dail meets the Ministry will have an attitude laid down by President Cosgrave, namely, refusal to take office, but in response to the appeal of the H. J. Kelly refusal will be withdrawn and a preliminary agreement made on the conditions under which office will be accepted.

It is not expected that any Fianna deputies will attend for the swearing-in process, but that the whole party, including reporters from various parts, will be in Dublin on Thursday to claim the seats won at the election.

Mr De Valera, in a message broadcast through the Dublin Broadcasting Station last night, referred to the oath which, he said, should be removed from the national unity may be brought about.

All day yesterday the Executive Council discussed the political crisis, and a resolution to be adopted when they meet on Dail on Thursday.

Farmers' New Leader

A meeting of the Farmers' Party Dail was held last night, at which Mr Baxter was elected chairman and Mr M. Doyle, vice-chairman; Mr. J. J. Heffernan, leader, and Mr. M. R. Heffernan, whip.

A Fianna Fail Demonstration

At next Thursday afternoon's meeting in the Dail the reading of the proposed convening Parliament will be followed by the announcement by the Clerk of the names of the deputies who have been elected to represent the different constituencies, and the names of those who have subscribed to the oath.

It is announced that the Fianna Fail will hold a demonstration in Dublin on Friday afternoon that the Dail meets to discuss the opening of an anti-oath campaign in the country.

CLARE FARMERS THE OATH.