

**CURRENT COMMENT.**

**REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S REPORT.**

Births and Deaths recorded for the Registration Area and for the ten provincial urban areas of Saorstát, with the annual rates per 1,000 of population, which, estimated to the end of 1928, is 652,023, are given in the Registrar-General's Report for the week ended 5th May. The births presented by 25.9 in the Dublin Registration Area; Cork, 24.6; Limerick, Waterford, 29.4. In the four weeks 14—May—5, but two cases of diphtheria, were recorded in the County Borough of Limerick. The deaths from all causes appertaining to the above-mentioned areas for last week for the past four weeks, respectively, are equal to the following annual rates per 1,000 of the population:—Eleven Town Districts, 17.7 and 16.6; Dublin Registration Area, 17.3 and 16.1; Dublin County, 18.3 and 16.5; Cork, 17.9 and 17.1; Limerick, 17.1 and 19.1; and Waterford, 3.2 and 12.2. The deaths from the principal epidemic diseases recorded for the Town Districts during last week are equal to an annual rate of 7.1 per 1,000. Among the 27 deaths from all causes for Cork was one from diphtheria; the 13 deaths for Limerick was from all causes; and of the 6 deaths for Tralee one from whooping-cough.

**RECENT FIRE AT SHANNON WORKS STORES**

In connection with the recent fire at our Amusement Stores we desire to return thanks to all who helped to extinguish the same. We also return thanks in a special manner to the City Fire Brigade, and also to the

**COUNTY LIMERICK FARMER'S CITY TRADERS' RATES AND DEATH.**

Patrick Cotter, a farmer, of Ballybehy, Abbeyfeale, who was admitted to the County Infirmary last month suffering from a wound in the throat, self-inflicted with a razor, died in the institution last week end. The deceased, who was married with a wife and family, was in comfortable circumstances. An inquest was held by the City Coroner, Mr J. S. McNeice.

Evidence of identification was given by William Cotter, son of the deceased, who stated his father was 55 years of age. After being called to his father's bedroom on the morning of the 18th April, he found blood on the pillow of the bed and a partly closed razor. Spiritual and medical aid were requisitioned, and later in the day the deceased was conveyed to the County Infirmary, Limerick.

Dr A. Murnane, house surgeon at the Infirmary, described the injuries in the throat, and stated deceased was in a low state of health after admission; he was in a state of collapse, and died three weeks after from asthenia consequent on loss of blood.

A verdict of death from a self-inflicted wound whilst deceased was temporarily insane, was returned.

**FEIS COIL.**

**Opens in Dublin.**

The Feis Coil competitions started in Dublin yesterday in four different centres, the Abbey Theatre, the Metropolitan Hall, the Abbey Lecture Hall, and the Scotch Church Hall.

In addition to last year's competitions there are a number of new classes, including the Jos Sarto Memorial Cup for plainsong, for choirs of not less than ten; and the Caroline O'Reilly Cup for the senior piano competition. The record number of entries for any one competition is 65, for the Plunket Green Cup, but the Schubert Memorial Cup runs it close with 63 entries.

**BUS DRIVERS FINED.**

At Nenagh District Court, before Mr McCann, D.P., Sergeant Ryan, Nenagh, summoned Jas.

The city merchants have decided to approach the Government for a reduction of rates, at the meeting of the Harbour Commissioners to guarantee a sum of £100,000 expenses that will be met by their case before the T.M.B. Railway Amalgamation. The position of Limerick was the matter of rates, and the city has been placed at a disadvantage in this respect, compared with the country. At the charges for the carriage of goods are reasonably high, and the city in going before the Tribunal has not been taken into consideration. It is a serious matter and in this important question the city will be a considerable relief should they accept their case.

**BREMEN FLIER YORK**

**Why the Union Jack is Displayed**

New York. On the occasion of the arrival of the Bremen flier in honour of the Bremen flier, it was remarked in more than one place, although the streets of the city were decorated with flags of the Union Jack, there was not a single Union Jack to be seen. This omission caused some comment among the English colony, who recalled that Major Fitzmaurice is at present in the Irish Free State a British subject, and leader of the Royal Air Force. This feeling has crystallized into a telegram, addressed to the "Times" to-day, by Sir C. Fitzmaurice, who is at present in the Irish Free State. "Can you explain, Fitzmaurice is a loyal Irishman, Southern Ireland is part of the British Empire, no British flag should be displayed on the flier."