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### THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

(ESTABLISHED 1766)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1928

#### DECEMBER WEATHER.

The year is quickly slipping by, and we are now into the last month, with Christmas not so far off. It is a time when one speculates with, perhaps, more interest than at other periods of the calendar on the possibilities and vagaries of the weather. Will it be a frosty or a "green Christmas"? that is the question, but we have got to wait and see. So far as a week of December has gone, the weather has been unusually mild and calm. A striking contrast to the storms and the incessant rains of the preceding month, with serious flooding, unfortunately not uncommon at this season, of the lands adjoining the Upper Shannon and other large rivers. Great damage has been caused to agricultural produce, to say nothing of personal discomfort and privation to dwellers in the inundated areas. November was a particularly rainy month. Taking Limerick as an example, the guage at the Garryowen Bacon Factory shows that only five days out of thirty were dry. The total rainfall so far this year is 4347, compared with 36'27 in 1927. So that the flooded and sodden state of the country, which has stopped ploughing and other preparations for the early spring, is not suprising in the circumstances. Live stock are, of course, also adversely affected by the miserably inclement conditions, and taken all round, a change atmospherically is much to be desired A period of fine weather, with a moderate amount of sunshine, would soon dry up the flooded lands, and help the farmer in his every-day work. From a trade point of view, too, it would be decidedly welcome, especially with the Christmas season soon to begin, and if there is not frost or snowwhich, indeed, have been conspicuous by their absence at this festive time for many years—it is to be hoped that rain will, at all events, disappear for sometime to come. So far, as said, December is calculated to put us in a cheery mood, and to modify coughs and colds, which were the sequel to the low temperature and continuous rain of the past month. Our climate is a fickle, but a very healthy one compared with other countries. Yet, a change in the weather from extreme cold to something approaching summerlike heat may come at any time. And this is what is happening just now, when primroses are blooming and violets are growing in the open air.

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A short service for the late Very Rev. T. A. P. Hackett, D.D., Dean of Limerick, who died in Fitzwilliam Nursing Home, Dublin, on his 74th birthday, on Tuesday last, was held yesterday morning in St Ann's Church, Dublin. It was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Yates, assisted by Canon R. A. McClean (formerly Rector of Rathkeale), Canon Connell, and Canon Crozier. Among those who attended the service were Mr W. B. Murphy, K.C.; Dr. Johnstone, Dr. Drury, Mr H. Maunsell, the Rev. R, Northridge, and Mr Loftus Townshend.

The remains were removed yesterday by motor hearse for St. Mary's Cathedral, where they lay overnight.

The coffin was borne into the Cathedral by six ex-Service non-commissioned officers of the Limerick Branch of the British Legion.

The funeral took place this afternoon at 3 o'cleck.

There was a full attendance of the clergy from the Diocese, and representatives also from the Dioceses of Killaloe and Cashel. The Cathedral was crowded by the general public from town and country, and it was in short a touching and widespread testimony of the respect and esteem in which the late Dean was held by all classes and creeds in Limerick. The coffin, which had rested on trestles in the chancel, was not alone strewn with beautiful wreaths of natural flowers, but numerous others had been deposited beside it.

The Service, which was deeply impressive, was partly choral, the music being very impressively sung by the Cathedral choir. Mr F. Muspratt, who presided at the organ, played "O, Rest in the Lord" at the commencement of the Service, after which the hymn "For all Thy Saints" was sung. The Dean of Killaloe, Very Rev. J. H. Gillespie, read the lesson, and after this came Lord Tennyson's hymn, "When I have Crost the Bar."

The Bishop of Limerick then ascended the pulpit and said—We meet here to-day as members of a family who have lost the cheering presence, the kindly helpfulness of an elder brother.

We are all at one in our affection for the dear friend taken from us. In this great assembly from many parts of the county and diocese we have men and women of varied callings and outlook. There may be wide differences between us even about matters of moment. We are all of one mind in feeling that life in our city and diocese will be the poorer because we no longer have Dean Hackett going in and out among us. And our sorrow is shared by our fellow-citizens generally.

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# NEW SENATORS ELECTED.

The result of the second triennial election to the Free State Senate was disclosed by the Returning Officer at Leinster House, Dublin, on Tuesday night.

The names of the successful candidates are (the figures give the order of their election)—

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(19)—Colonel the MacGillycuddy of the Reeks.

#### CLARE CENTENARIAN.

#### Kills a Hare with a Stick.

Mrs Ellen McMahon, of Labasheeda, West Clare, at the age of 100 years, killed a hare with a stick near her residence this week. The hare had been hunted by dogs, when he ran into Mrs McMahon in a field. She struck the hare with a stick which she carried and killed it instantly. She is over 75 years married, and enjoys the best of health, her eyesight being perfect.

#### JACKSON TESTIMONIAL.

We are informed by the Mayor (Councillor M. J. Keyes) that it is proposed to close the above Testimonial on 15th December, 1928, and intending subscribers should forward their subscriptions to him at his office, Town Hall, before that date.

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#### WEDNESDAY

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Mr M. V. Fitzgerald (instructed by Mr T. O'B. Kelly, solicitor) appeared for the City Board of Health; and Mr T. O'Donnell, solicitor, for the Citizens and Ratepayers Society.

Mr J. J. Quilligan, recalled in reply to Mr Fitzgerald, stated in 1921 an undated letter was received from the Ministry for Local Government. It suggested the disestablishment of the old Limerick Work house, and the substitution of the City Home and Hospital for a period of two years. The existing scheme of poor law was drawn up by Dr O'Dwyer and Di Kelly, and submitted to the Ministry for approval. The valuation of Limerick No 2 Rural District was £31,514; Limerick No. 1, £102,299, and the City, £76,823, for the year ending March, 1922. The present valuation of the city was £83,212. The gross expenditure for the old Limerick Union was £28,811 19s. 5d., and the ne expenditure £27,831 7s. 7d.

Mr Fitzgerald—What was the city's proportion of the net expenditure?--£10,086 18s 2d. That was prior to Union amalgamation.

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Did you make an average for these thre years enting the 31st Man, 121?—Yes What was the average gross and net expenditure for these years?—£34,211 19s. 4d gross and £33,495 3s. 2d. net. The city' proportion was £12,181 6s. 0d.

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#### DEATH OF CLARE PRIEST.

Rev. Marcus McGrath, C.C., Clarecastle, whose death is announced, aged 57, was a native of Newmarket-on-Fergus. He was on the mission for some years in Glasgow, and later ministered at Killanena and Ruan before his appointment to Clarecastle, where the interment took place. Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, presided at the Solemn Requiem Office and Mass. Over a hundred priests and a large congregation attended.

# PROPOSED ENNIS CIVIC WEEK.

Close on sixty of the principal traders of Ennis were invited on the instructions of Mr P. J. Meghan, Commissioner, to attend a meeting with the object of taking steps to organise a Civic Week, in order to stimulate trade in the town. Only sixteen traders attended the meeting. Mr M. Collopy commented strongly on the absence of traders, and said that even if those present organised anything it was ten chances to one that they would not get any support from the absentees. It was decided to adjourn consideration until the new year, in view of the apathy displayed the general body of traders. A vote of thanks was tendered to the Commissioner for his interest in the matter.

# FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Mr Henry Dixon, law clerk, 16 Parnell Square, Dubliu, was knocked down by a motor car outside his office on Tuesday afternoon, and seriously injured. He was at once removed to the Mater Hospital, where he died about 4.30 p.m. It appears that Mr Dixon, who was almost 70 years of age, left his office at a quarter to three. He stepped into the roadway, when he was struck by the car.

### FASHIONABLE INTELLIGENCE.

Latest colourings in Overcoatings and Riding Breeches can be had from Thos. Donovan, 29 O'Connell Street. No gument is so severely ested in wear as an Overcoat or Riding Breeches Place your order, therefore, with the Tailor who will have them made to stand the severest test.

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The useful and kindly life for which we are now thanking God was also, I think, as happy as is consistent with our mortal lot. Sorrows, bereavements, hard struggles, disappointments, came to him from time to time as they must come to all who reach even the centre years of man's life. How else could it be in God's training school of immortal spirits.

But he was happy in his parish, in this Cathedral, in his home, and may I respectfully permit myself to say, on behalf, I have no doubt, of everyone here, that our loving sympathy is with our friends—especially with one of them who is very much in our thoughts and grayers—to whom this bereavement has come with special poignancy.

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Prayer and the Nunc Dimittis followed the address, and at the close of the service in the Cathedral, Chopin's funeral march was played on the organ. A party of ex-Service men of the Limerick Branch of the British Legion bore the coffin from the Church to the graveside, where the committal sentences were read by the Bishop of Limerick. The grave was beautifully lined with moss, and chrysanthemums and evergreens.

The chief mourners were—Major Dalby Hackett, son; Mrs Robinson, daughter; Mr W. F. Hackett and Mr Edward Hackett, brothers of the deceased.

A list of the clergy, amongst whom was the Bishop of Killaloe, as well as many of the general public, and a list of wreaths, will appear in our Saturday issue. The Church Lads' Brigade were present, under command of Captain Pearson.

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HAY AND STRAW—There were 30 loads of hay and 10 of straw in market yesterday. Rye hay sold at 75s 0d to 77s 6d per ton upland hay, 55s 0d to 75s 0d; corcass hay, 45s 0d to 55s; oaten straw, 50s to 55s 0d.

Corn—There were 165 barrels of oats and 15 of wheat in market yesterday. White oats (R), 1s  $0\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1s 2d per stone; white Tartary,  $10\frac{1}{2}$ d to 11d; black oats, 11d to  $11\frac{1}{2}$ d; wheat, 1s 2d to 1s 3d.

FORTNIGHTLY BONHAM MARKET.—There were 471 bonhams in market on Tuesday. They sold at from 18s 0d to 25s 0d each.

#### PIGS.

December 6, 1928.

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# CORK BUTTER MARKET.

THIS DAY

BY TELEGRAPH.

The market continues unchanged. Creameries, 176s to 180s per cwt.

# DUBLIN CATTLE MARKET.

This DAY.

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Numbers:—Beasts, 4,915; sheep 7,591. The market was more active for choice qualities. Stall-fed cattle, 44s to 47s 6d; prime grass-fed, 42s to 45s; rougher, 33s to 40s. Choice mutton, 11d to 1s 1d per lb.; medium, 9d to 10½d. Hoggets, 60s to 80s apiece; shipping qualities, 45s to 60s.

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#### The Legion Club.

At the weekly Committee meeting of the Limerick Branch of the British Legion held last evening, a sincere vote of condolence was passed to Mrs Hackett on the great loss she had sustained in the death of the Very Rev. Dean Hackett. The meeting was then adjourned as a mark of respect.

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Mr Fitzgerald—What would the flabe for a joint scheme?—On the basis existing county rate of 2s 6d, it wo about 3s 2d in the £.

Mr Geraghty asked for the amount in home assistance since amalgamation

The witness mentioned that after an mation the Local Government Insp suggested that inmates of the should be urged to leave, and be 7s 6d a week relief. The was that a large number of left the institution and got relief of For the year ended March, 1923 (the war period), the amount was £5,868 2 1924, £6,037 6s 6d; 1925, £5,332 6s; (the year the Minister issued the ord the relief of all the destitute able-by £5,231 6s; 1927, £7,726 9s 5d, and f half-year ended September, 1928, £5,4

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