

hat in these islands the rainfall of last December was but 92 per cent of the average. In January the figure was as low as 63 per cent. In February it sank in England to 49 per cent, and in Scotland to 54 per cent. Ireland, curiously enough, reversed the experience of Britain during that month, and suffered an excessive fall, which brought the humidity average up to 129 per cent. March was so remarkably dry that the average fall throughout Great Britain and Ireland was but 18 per cent, and in England but 13 per cent. of the normal. As said, an excessive rainfall would not be welcomed by the farmer, and certainly not by the tourist, but a few days real moisture would be refreshing, and undoubtedly welcome from every point of view. As it is, there is a slight rainfall across the Channel, and possibly a similar change will come in this country very soon.

### WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE.

The prolonged spell of dry weather has had a serious effect on the city water supply and has obliged the Corporation, as may be seen by advertisement, to take steps to regulate the supply, which will be rationed as from to-morrow. The Secretary to the Water Committee has given notice that the supply will be cut off between prescribed hours of the day. A strong appeal is made to the public to conserve the supply until the conditions warrant the cancellation of these restrictions.

### THE BUILDING TRADES.

The Transport Workers' Union of the city has asked the Master Builders' Association for a conference in regard to the rates of wages paid to the builders' labourers' section of the union. It is stated that the request, which was made recently, was not entertained for some reason which so far has not transpired. As the rates paid at the moment and for some time past vary, it appears to be the object of the union that the one rate should operate. The minimum, it is stated, is a shilling per hour for a 47-hour week, and the proposal is to raise it to 1s 3½d an hour.

### VISITORS TO SHANNON POWER SCHEME.

is now drawing to a close, has been the poorest for many years past, but, we learn, this condition of things also applies to other rivers in Ireland and across Channel as well. The captures round Limerick were very few and no definite reason can be assigned for the great shortage in the run of fish.

### THE KING.

#### Return to Buckingham Palace.

The King was warmly welcomed by cheering crowds in London yesterday on his return to Buckingham Palace after his convalescence. His Majesty, who was looking well, drove part of the journey in an open State carriage.

### LORD FERMOY'S GIFT.

The "Daily Herald" announces that Lord Fermoy, Conservative member of Parliament for the King's Lynn Division of Norfolk, has made gifts totalling £5,000 in friendly gratitude to his constituents, "who re-elected him at the last election by a majority of 3,695."

### DEATH OF MRS MARY E. TAYLOR.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs Mary E. Taylor, widow of Mr David Taylor, of this city, which took place yesterday morning at an advanced age at her residence, Eden Terrace. Deceased lady, who had been in failing health for a considerable time past, was very highly respected and esteemed. Her late husband was in his day identified with commercial life in this city. He was the owner of Eden Terrace, and erected the Turkish Baths in Sarsfield street in 1887.

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends will be extended to the late Mrs Taylor's family in their bereavement. The funeral will take place from her residence to St. Munchin's on Thursday at 12 o'clock.

### DEATH OF MR H. L. TIVY.

The death took place at his residence, Barnstead, Blackrock, Cork, on Saturday, of Mr Henry L. Tivy, at an advanced age. The deceased was formerly a prominent figure in the commercial life of the city, while he was also connected with various charitable institutions. Proprietor of the "Cork Constitution" and "Cork Weekly News," he was a member of a well-known and respected Cork family. A staunch Unionist, he was keenly interested in the development of the industrial and commercial life of the city. He was for many years associated with the Chamber of Commerce, while he acted as a Butter Market Trustee, and held the position of a Justice of the Peace.

he worked six weeks for his ordinary wages with John McNamara was about building of the house. There was no mention of the house.

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A decree for the house was granted.

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### LIMERICK PROSECUTIONS.

The annual meeting of the testant Orphan Society was held in the Diocesan Hall this morning. Right Rev. Dr. Wilson presided in our next.

### A HUCON.

While fishing for trout, 12lbs 2ozs. only an amateur angler on her catch—the best for many years.

### PRESENTATIONS.

All classes and societies were represented yesterday which was made at the Shelbourne Hotel. L. Morrow, D.D., Moderator of the meeting in Ireland.

### RAINFALL AT LIMERICK.

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3	0.8
4	1.1
5	3.0
6	2.0