

Reply to Statements.

A. McLaughlin, Managing Director City Supply Board, in the course of a statement made at the public meeting held in Ennis (a report of which is on page four), states that large towns such as Dublin, always are, and will be, entitled to a cheaper supply of electricity than a town such as Ennis. Revenue from the sale of electricity in Ennis is at the present approximately £100 per annum. On the charges levied by the Board a town such as Ennis would yield a revenue of about £3,000 per annum. In the matter of power charges towns like Ennis have been treated very well. Their rates are very little higher than the rates issued for Dublin. They are also lower than the town of Ennis ever produce or hope to sell power at. They are tried to stand on its own. Ennis may think that the Shannon scheme is a national scheme, and that everybody is, therefore, entitled to electricity at the same price, whether he lives in Dublin or Ennis; but the fact that the scheme is a national one does not release the State from the duty for running it on business lines. Mr. McLaughlin adds that various statements were made at the meeting in Ennis which were not correct, and which were probably based on a false understanding of the rates issued by the Board. The rates levied on Ennis will give the private consumer lighting at an average price of 6d per unit which compares extremely well with the Dublin price of 4d. The Board will be very happy to send a representative to Ennis to discuss individual cases of hardship which may have arisen under the rates, but there can be no question whatever of a re-arrangement of the system of charge or a general reduction of the rates.

THE SHANNON EEL FISHERIES.

No Reason for Pessimism.

In reference to the statement recently published that the eel fisheries of the Shannon would suffer through the operation of a hydro-electric scheme, it has now been ascertained from enquiries instituted that such is not the case, and that there is little reason for an unduly pessimistic view of the position. The close season commences at the end of January, and by that time the eel fishery is practically over. The Killaloe weirs have been put out of action by the Shannon scheme, but this, it is stated, will make the weirs at Connell more valuable, as the fish would have in ordinary circumstances been taken at Killaloe, and in future come to Connell. As to the suggestion that the eels will go into the power canal, this can be dismissed as highly improbable.

time to drag it out, as blazing timbers descended with an ominous crash and hiss.

When the town fire engine and appliances arrived the roof had fallen in, and the timber flooring was also beyond saving.

It is not known how the fire originated, but it is thought it was purely accidental. The premises are said to have been partly covered by insurance.

The damage caused must certainly run into about £4,000.

The premises belong to Mr Geo. Griffin, Friar-street, Cashel, and are rented by Messrs. M. H. Hannigan and Co., motor engineers, who converted the place at considerable expense into a commodious and comfortable cinema hall.

DEATH OF COUNTY LIMERICK CLERGYMAN.

Canon Reeves, P.P., Ardagh.

We regret to record the death of a highly respected and esteemed County Limerick clergyman, Very Rev. John Canon Reeves, P.P., Ardagh, which took place last Sunday morning at the parochial house in the 70th year of his age. A native of Ballynoe, Parish of Coolcappa, he was ordained at Paris, and after ministering some years in England was appointed curate at Newcastle West, where he spent fifteen years. He was then appointed Parish Priest of Cratloe, and later on, on the demise of Father Hallinan, P.P., was transferred to the pastorate of Ardagh. During the six years spent in the latter parish, Canon Reeves carried through several much-needed improvements. He had the parish church beautified, and built a new parochial house. His death is much regretted, not only by the people of Ardagh, but also by those of the other parishes with which he was connected as parish priest and curate.

MYSTERY PLAY.

Beautiful Acting.

The production of "The Three Kings," a mystery play by Mr F. J. Bowen, at St. Michael's Temperance Society Hall last night was a commendable testimony to the caste, composed of the Children of Mary Sodality of the Presentation Convent. The play lacked nothing in the method of treatment and reverential portrayal, and the general opinion of the audience was envisaged in the reception accorded a theme of great impressiveness and beauty. A feature of the production was the setting and scenic effects, while the music incidental to the drama, by Miss Godwin-Foster, was rendered with fullness of tone by the orchestra, conducted by Mr T. J.

hope for the successful market was in the organisation of a marketing which would enable people to compete on level terms for foreign meat, and to do this it was to revolutionise existing methods to secure continuity of success in it was essential that the scheme be advantageous to everybody concerned. Anything less could only lead to the ultimate collapse of the scheme. The situation in Great Britain at the end of the war was that the land was over-crowded with farmers, and now incapable of producing in sufficient quantity to pay the farmer on the other hand could not profit by turning over to grazing. The profit would be offset by increased consequent on increased unemployment. The position, therefore, seemed to favour the establishment of a huge abattoir. Irish beef could be marketed in Great Britain in a manner that would be successful competition with the

Mr G. R. Ryan, C.E., strong in favour of the setting up of such an abattoir in the country.

Lt.-Col. Haddick agreed that it would be eminently desirable if practicable, and added that he would represent the case to Mr P. Hogan, Minister of Agriculture.

THE ALL-INDIA NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Liberal Campaign for Government.

Reverse for Mr. C.

Mr Gandhi suffered his first reverse at the All-India National Congress yesterday, when the Subjects Committee rejected a de-centralisation scheme put forward by the Working Committee. At the sitting of the Subjects Committee, he narrowly escaped another reverse. In his appreciative reference to the proposal of a round-table conference he was outvoted in the original resolution by only one vote.

On the other hand, Mr Gandhi's proposal of non-violence was put into effect in a rather striking fashion when a fracas with police officers, he was obliged to surrender of two "Volunteers" in the affair. The surrender of the men probably averted a further disturbance.

Meantime, the Conference of the Liberal Federation of India has just unanimously passed resolutions condemning the bombing of the Viceroy and urging all parties in India to co-operate in the purpose of securing a Constitutional