

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for insertion in Saturday's Chronicle, and these should be brief, are requested to let us have them on Fridays, where at possible. Otherwise insertion in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to want of space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS

Advertisers will kindly send in all statements for standing advertisements on Friday mornings. We cannot guarantee to insert in Saturday's issue any advertisement received after 2 p.m. on that day.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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THE KELP INDUSTRY.

Passing along the Clare coast recently one might have noticed increased activities in connection with the burning of kelp, an industry which in former years was extensively carried on along our western seaboard, and on the northern and western Scottish islands and coast line. It used to be a remunerative trade for the hardy toilers of the deep, as kelp was much in demand because of its iodine content, and, therefore, of value in connection with chemical processes. In this connection the kelp of different classes of seaweed varies much in composition. These seaweeds are thrown up on the coast, or collected during low water, and, after drying in the sun, are ignited, and slowly burned at as low a temperature as possible in order to prevent the dissipation of volatile iodides. Hence, the clouds of smoke that one now sees here and there beside the sea, showing that the kelp industry is reviving with already successful and promising results. Some time ago the Free State Fisheries Department gave special attention to this interesting subject. They appointed a Committee with the officials to explore the possibilities of the industry. The result is that expert advice is now given as to the iodine content, and it is stated that remunerative markets have been found for all the kelp that can be produced, not only in West Clare, but at various other places along the Atlantic seaboard. Government financial aid is to be given towards making the industry a sound business proposition, so that one may henceforth see revived a simple branch of industry which was a commonplace in the past along our coast. It will add to the precarious earnings of the fishermen—so much at the mercy of the sea and bad weather—and provide employment for themselves and their families, apart from fishing pursuits proper. Another product of the sea is carrageen moss. This can be converted into a delicate dessert sweet; it furnishes a healthy food, and, in addition, is said to be a remedy for pulmonary disease. Steps are being taken by the Government to provide a market for the sale of carrageen moss, and we should think that when the virtues of the plant become generally known there will be a widespread demand for it. Kilkee, Lahinch, Quilty, and other places on the Clare coast should benefit considerably by these two industrial efforts, and we have no doubt that the fisher folk will avail themselves of the opportunities of reaping a harvest of the sea where these products, kelp and moss, are available.

LIMERICK CORPORATION.

WILL A COMMISSIONER BE APPOINTED?

Government's View.

The Free State Government, it is understood, is, writes the "Irish Times" of to-day, not disposed to agree to the demand of the Limerick Corporation that a Commissioner should be appointed to run the City's affairs. The usual preliminary to the appointment of a Commissioner is a sworn inquiry into the business of a local authority, and it is upon the report of the inquiring officer that a decision for or against appointing a Commissioner is taken.

It is only when the Department of Local Government considers that a local body has failed to perform out the duty that it was elected to perform that a Commissioner is appointed, and, so far, no serious complaint has been made about the conduct of municipal affairs in Limerick.

The Dublin correspondent of the "Cork Examiner" says:—"The Limerick Corporation having decided by a majority of two out of a 'house' of thirty to resign as a Council, is likely to have to proceed definitely in neglect of its

THOMOND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Visit to Askeaton.

Thomond Archæological Society visited Askeaton in their second excursion of the season, a large party availing of the day's outing to a district rich in antiquarian remains and historical associations. The party were shown over the Franciscan Abbey and Desmond Castle by the Very Rev. Canon Abbott and the Rev. Fr. Wall, P.P., Stonehall. These old fabrics are in a good state of preservation, but the members of the Society were greatly disappointed with the neglectful manner in which the approaches to the Abbey and Castle are kept. In this respect they are of opinion that the Board of Works, which is responsible for the preservation of the ruins, should carry out its trust. The interior of the Abbey and garth are overgrown with weeds and brambles, and the position with regard to the castle is even worse, the basement being utilised as a pig sty. This is not at all creditable to a Government department, and it is to be hoped steps will be taken to have the representations made by Mr J. N. Wallace, honorary secretary to the Society, to have measures taken to have the state of affairs complained of remedied. Askeaton Abbey and Castle are, during the summer season, the Mecca of archæologists and antiquarians from every part of the country, and the Board of Works should at least see that they are properly kept.

FUNERAL OF MAJOR COOPER, T.D.

Large and Representative Gathering.

The funeral of the late Major Bryan Cooper, T.D., took place yesterday morning, the body being conveyed for interment to Collooney, Sligo, following the first part of the funeral service, which was held in St. Ann's Church, Dawson street, Dublin.

The church was unable to contain all who desired to attend the service. Seats were occupied by representatives of the Dail and Senate, the professions, commercial life, and by ex-Service men. Before and during the service Dawson street, in the vicinity of the church, was thronged with people of every class, desirous of paying a last tribute of respect to the deceased major.

Quite a large section of the body of the church was occupied by ex-Service men, all of whom wore their medals and decorations, while in the front pews immediately behind those occupied by the chief mourners sat the Vice-President of the Executive Council of the Free State, Mr Ernest Blythe, and prominent members of the Government party as well as leading members of the Upper House.

The officiating clergymen were the Rev. Canon Crozier, Rector St. Ann's, and the Rev. C. S. Collins, Rector, Dalkey.

Full military honours were paid to the remains of Major Bryan Cooper when they arrived at Collooney for burial in the afternoon.

Lieutenant P. Power was in charge of a party of thirty non-commissioned officers and men of the 1st Infantry Battalion (an Irish-speaking battalion) from Finner Camp. All the commands were given in Irish.

When the remains arrived at the crossroads bordering the Markree Estate they were removed from the motor hearse to a horse-drawn farm cart by employes of the estate, and the cortege moved slowly forward to the churchyard.

At the graveside the guard of honour presented arms, and, preceded by the Ven. Archdeacon McCormick, the coffin was carried to a moss-lined grave in a spot where many generations of the Cooper family repose.

There was a big attendance, including the Sligo ex-Service men.

DEATH OF MRS MUSPRATT.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs Frances Jane Muspratt, wife of Mr Frank Muspratt, organist of St. Mary's Cathedral, which took place last evening at Barrington's Hospital, after an illness of some weeks duration. Mrs Muspratt was a member of an old Limerick family, being the only daughter of the late G. F. Handel Rogers and Mrs Jane Rogers (nee Phillips). Mr Rogers was Organist and Choir Master of St. Mary's Cathedral for 50 years (1842-1892), and Vicar Choral for 30 years. The late Mrs Muspratt was a lady possessing many fine traits of character. Candid and open-minded in her views, she was of a very kindly and warm-hearted disposition, which endeared her to a wide circle of friends in Limerick and far outside it. In the cause of charity she played a life-long and unostentatious part, and more than one institution in the city will be the poorer by her death. She was sister of Colonel Sir John Rogers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., and Admiral Bechoy Rogers, R.N. The sympathy of the citizens will go forth to Mr Muspratt in his great sorrow, and also to his daughters, Mrs Roper and Mrs Lowdell, who were in loving attendance on their mother in her last illness.

The funeral will take place from St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday next, at 11 a.m., for the family burial place at St. Munchin's.

DEATH OF MR TIMOTHY RYAN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Timothy Ryan, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen, which occurred at his residence, India Villa, Corbally, last Saturday night, in the 74th year of his age. Mr Ryan had been ill for some weeks past, but his convalescence had been hoped for. His passing removes from our midst one who for half a century was prominently identified with commercial life in Limerick, and whose name was well-known in Ireland and across Channel. He was manager for many years of the late firm of Messrs J. P. Evans and Company, oil and colour merchants and druggists, and agricultural machinery. And as Consulting Engineer of the Condensed Milk Company of Ireland, then owned by Cleeve Brothers, he was responsible for the erection of branch creameries in various parts of the South of Ireland, and with the late Sir Thomas H. Cleeve, D.L., he travelled extensively on the Continent in connection with the business of the firm.

Mr Ryan in his day took an active part in municipal life. He was for many years a member of the old Corporation. He was Mayor of the city in 1906 and the two following years—a striking tribute to his popularity and zeal for the interests of his fellow-citizens, without distinction of class or creed. It may be remarked that in May, 1910, as Chief Magistrate, he officially proclaimed, in conjunction with the late Mr William Holliday, J.P., then High Sheriff, King George's accession to the Throne. During his Mayoralty, Mr Ryan was the centre of a most enjoyable civic function, when he entertained the members of the Corporation, the Press, and other friends to a steamer trip to historic Scattery Island. A man of generous heart, ever courteous, and painstaking to a degree, he was a steadfast friend and a valuable asset in public life. He was widely read, and a most interesting raconteur. Besides the Corporation, he was for a time a member of the Harbour Board and Chamber of Commerce, and a Justice of the Peace for the City of Limerick. For several years past he had been living in retirement at Indiaville, Corbally, but always kept in touch with city affairs. He was a native of Tipperary, but, as stated, most of his life had been spent in Limerick. Widespread sympathy is expressed with his widow in her bereavement, and also with his sons, one of whom is a doctor in London and who was with him in his last illness, and the other, who is studying for the legal profession.

The Funeral.

At 10 o'clock this morning, in St. Patrick's Parochial Church, Requiem High Mass was celebrated for the soul of the deceased. At the close of the Mass the remains were removed from the church, and the funeral left for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. In the cortege the Borough Council, Harbour Board, and Chamber of Commerce were represented, as well as the mercantile and professional community—a fitting tribute of respect to the memory of a gentleman who was in his day a prominent figure in the municipal life of the city and its commercial activities.

The chief mourners were—Dr Thomas Ryan (London), and Mr J. D. Ryan, B.A., LL.B. (sons); Messrs E. J. Long (Dublin), P. Duggan (Ennis), J. Duggan (do.), D. Duggan (do.), and J. A. Quirke, brothers-in-law; Mr J. Ryan, nephew; Messrs D. Clune, J. Clune, and M. Clune, cousins.

The clergy present were—Very Rev. Canon O'Leary, P.P., St. Patrick's; Rev. Father Halpin, C.C., do.; Rev. Father MacNamara, Adm., St. John's; Rev. Father Kelly, C.C., do.; Rev. Father O'Rielly, S.J.; Rev. Father Chryssostom, O.F.M., Ennis, and Rev. Father O'Regan, C.C., St. Mary's.

Amongst the general public were—The Mayor (Alderman P. Donnellan), F. J. Cleeve, President Chamber of Commerce; J. H. Roche, F. Duggan, Thurlies; M. Breen, Listowel; J. O'Halloran, Dublin; T. J. Hunt, solr., Ennis; A. Blood-Smyth, solr.; Dr P. F. Graham, Dr W. J. O'Sullivan, J. G. O'Brien, B.C.; W. Ford, B.C.; J. Morrissey, City Treasurer; M. F. Donnellan, Water Secretary; J. S. Gaffney, solr.; E. T. Halvey, B.C.; E. L. Lloyd, W. G. Peacocke, S. Tubridy, M. J. Russell, J. Kelly, P. O'Donovan, J. J. McMahon, P. McCarthy, M. P. Riordan, P. A. Carroll, V.S.; M. Fitzgerald, Asst. Borough Surveyor; R. F. Ryan, W. G. Nolan, P. Dillon, R. O'Sullivan, A. Pitt, J. J. O'Malley, C.E.; N. Gaffney, solicitor; M. Quillinan, B.C.; E. Kennedy, A. Quillinan, M. Cahill, M. Griffin, J. O. Power, C. Sexton, C. H. Pitt, Alderman P. O'Flynn, A. J. Sexton, E. Holligan, J. McDermott (Secretary, Harbour Board), P. Walsh, J. J. Quaid, P. J. O'Sullivan, solicitor; J. Dalton, B.C.; J. Weiply, R. Holliday, F. Vanessbeck, J. Quin, O. Ryan, M. Costelloe (Registrar, District Court).

Mr and Mrs F. J. Cleeve sent a beautiful wreath of natural flowers. Canon O'Leary officiated at the graveside.

THE AERIAL DERBY.

CIVIC WELCOME FOR MISS BROWN.

Miss Winifred Brown, who on Saturday won the air race around Britain for the King's Cup, and who lives at Higher Broughton, Salford, attended last night the concluding performance of Salford Historical Pageant at Buile Park, and was accorded a

ADARE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB.

Open Summer Trial.

The Adare Motor Cycle Club held their annual Open Summer Trial on Saturday last. The start was from McDonnell's corner, Ballinacurra. There were 16 entries, including riders from Cork, Adare and Limerick. The route led through Rearcross and Curreney Commons to Silvermines, thence to Cromwell's Road, and through Newport to Limerick. Curreney Commons had five observed sections, three of which were bonus. The penalty section only claimed six victims, who either footed or stopped. The first bonus section was a rather deep water splash through which only one competitor, R. W. Mulligan, got clean. Only five got through with foot assistance. On the next section, of Curreney Commons, only two competitors, R. W. Mulligan and J. I. Horgan were clean. After this the next tit-bit was an old favourite Cromwell's Road, which was divided into three sections, one of which was bonus. The two penalty sections claimed eleven victims, while on the bonus section only Mulligan was clean.

A brake and acceleration test was held between Newport and Limerick. The best times in this were W. J. Doherty, R. W. Mulligan and J. I. Horgan. The time being, respectively, 22 2-5 secs., 23 2-5 secs., and 24 secs.

The provisional results showed that only two competitors, P. J. Hogan and R. W. Mulligan, had lost no marks, and of these Mulligan had gained a very bonus mark out of a possible 40, while Hogan gained 15. Mulligan thus won the premier award. The novice award was won by F. Purcell, who put up a very creditable performance considering that this was his first experience of trials riding. The provisional results are as follows:—

Premier Award. The Manufacturers' Vase—R. W. Mulligan, 4.98 h.p. A.J.S.

1st Class Awards. No marks lost—R. W. Mulligan, 4.98 h.p. A.J.S.; P. J. Hogan, 4.98 h.p. A.J.S.

2nd Class Awards. Not more than 10 marks lost—F. Purcell, 3.10 h.p. Rudge-Whitworth; W. J. Doherty, 4.95 h.p. Matchless; G. G. Myles, 3.40 h.p. Lewis; J. Miller, 4.98 h.p. A.J.S.; J. H. Whitton, 3.46 h.p. Rudge-Whitworth; W. Cavanagh, 3.40 h.p. Rudge-Whitworth; O. Smyth, 5.50 h.p. Ariel.

3rd Class Awards. Not more than 20 marks lost—F. Cullon, 3.42 h.p. Francis-Barnett; J. Shier, 2.50 h.p. Ariel. Also finished E. V. Myles, 4.98 A.J.S.; Z. Ledger, 4.94 h.p. Triumph.

LIMERICK MAN'S GALLANTRY IN PORTSMOUTH.

Children Saved After Long Struggle.

A Limerick visitor who had been spending a holiday in the Portsmouth district was one of the heroes of a gallant rescue of children from drowning last week.

The details were published in the Portsmouth "Evening News," which supplemented them with the following interview with Mr James I. Locke, of The Crescent, Limerick, the visitor in question:—

"We were coming along the Front from the South Parade Pier to dinner, and were just passing Southsea Castle when my wife drew my attention to two little girls—aged about 5 and 7—playing on the slope of the wall, and she had scarcely finished her observation when both children slipped and were unable to recover themselves. They went right down into the sea. I immediately recognised their danger, and I did not divest myself of any of my clothing, but jumped right in.

"I got near one of the little girls and told her to catch hold of me by the back, which she did. I swam towards the wall, but found to my horror I could get neither a footing nor a hand-grip to help me out of the water. My wife appreciated my predicament and ran up and down the promenade shouting for help. I looked round and saw that the other little girl was drowning, and immediately an old gentleman—who I see by your paper is Rear-Admiral Vining—appeared, and without hesitation came to our assistance and jumped into the sea to the rescue of the second girl.

"Meanwhile the little girl holding on to my shoulders became hysterical, and I feared she would lose her grip, while I was becoming exhausted. I must have been in the water at this time for four or five minutes, and I also shouted for help. I really thought I would drown and the little girl with me.

"A bluejacket rushed to the scene, apparently having heard my cries for help. He summoned assistance, and men, and women, too, in the immediate vicinity succeeded, under the direction of the sailor, in forming a human chain in order to rescue us from the sea. This was done, and I was brought ashore exhausted, and the little girl still clinging to my shoulders.

"It appears that in the meantime someone had thrown a lifebuoy to the assistance of Admiral Vining, who was, I understand, very exhausted, but I did not see how they got him ashore, because I was lying flat on the promenade at the time.

"I did my utmost to find out the name of the sailor, because I was most anxious to thank him personally. I think it was his coolness in forming the human chain that saved my life. I shall be obliged if you will, through your paper, pass on to him

STOP PRESS NEWS.

LAMBETH CONFERENCE.

Three Hundred Bishops at St. Paul's.

Three hundred Bishops from all parts of the world were present in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, when the Archbishop of York preached the inaugural sermon of Lambeth Conference, which opened yesterday. The attendance of Bishops at present Conference is greater than on any previous occasion. It includes nearly a hundred from overseas.

SPORTING.

NOTTINGHAM MEETING.

NETHERFIELD PLATE

Rosina (9 to 4)
Slave Trade (11 to 8)
Apron Strings (20 to 1)
Also ran—Richard Sarrail, Craven

RATCLIFFE PLATE.

Great Sand (10 to 1)
Cadenabbia (100 to 8)
Bucks Maiden (5 to 1)
Also ran—Cabman, Adel, Compo

BOLSOVER H'CAP.

Belligerent (7 to 4)
Eastern Song (9 to 4)
Blue Passion (10 to 1)
Also ran—Miss Colin, Pirate Prin

DUKERIES FOAL PLATE.

Botany Bay (5 to 4 on)
Dark Light (20 to 1)
Cedarwood (5 to 1)
Also ran—Tankard, Bridgend, Owl

CLUMBER PLATE.

Cardinal (11 to 10 on)
Fairy Friend (4 to 1 agst)
White Slave (6 to 1)
Also ran—Sandy Lad, Winepress,

NEWARK PLATE.

Castellane (2 to 1)
Ducks and Drakes (11 to 2)
Peradventure (7 to 1)
Also ran—Trochee, Bushboy, Ste

SALISBURY MEETING.

BUNBRIDGE PLATE

Norland (2 to 1 on)
Bankhead (100 to 8)
High Minded (100 to 6)
Also ran—The Torch, Mauge.

OPEN PLATE

Nonn (20 to 1)
Silver Sword (6 to 5)
Goildcote (20 to 1)
Also ran—Obedience, Exclam

AMATEURS' CUP

Medarlin (7 to 4)
Orange Tip (5 to 1)
Tor (100 to 6)
Als ran—Cherry King, Silver Lake,

NORMAN COURT STAKES

Lord Bobs (4 to 1)
Heraclida (5 to 2)
Rattle Brook (100 to 6)
Also ran—Moysesque (evens), W

WILTON HANDICAP.

Mollin (7 to 1)
Tutbury (15 to 2)
Marble (11 to 2)
Also ran—Probita, Canfield, Ori

Teacup, Early Closing, Optimist,

meter. Won by a head.