

TO ADVERTISERS

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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 all possible. Otherwise insertion in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to pressure of space, be guaranteed.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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THE NATIONAL FESTIVAL.

As is usually the case—and it is a remarkable coincidence—fine and invigorating weather was associated with St. Patrick's Day. In Limerick the conditions overnight were none too promising, high winds and a subsequent rainfall not betokening an ideal holiday. But the pessimists, if there were any, were disappointed, as the day proved up to expectations. The first "break" in the routine of everyday life since Christmastide, it was a most enjoyable time for thousands of the work-a-day world in this country whether in the enjoyment of sports and pastimes, or in a trip to the country, or even to the seaside. The National Festival has, of course, in the first instance its great religious significance which was duly observed with all reverence throughout the country. Then, the social aspects of the National Festival were observed in a traditional spirit. It was a general holiday, and outdoor attractions of various kinds throughout the country were patronised very liberally by the general public. While Ireland, as usual, celebrated the day with the utmost cordiality and kindly feelings, Irishmen the world over fully entered into the spirit of the National Festival. This was so in London, where Irish fellowship was most pronounced in the many festivities held in honour of the day. And a notable feature was President Cosgrave's broadcast to America. He spoke from his private office in Government buildings, and his words were heard all over the United States. And

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH STEWART, M.P.S.I.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Joseph Stewart, M.P.S.I., late of Limerick, which took place at his residence, "Bracken Brae," Glenageary, Co. Dublin, on Tuesday last, after a short illness. Mr Stewart, who was the oldest surviving member of an old Limerick family, was the founder of the firm of Stewart, Chemists, Ltd., 44 O'Connell Street, and retired from active participation in the business twelve months ago, since which time he had resided in Dublin. He was a gentleman very highly esteemed in the city and county. Of a retiring and kindly disposition, he took no part in public affairs, but in musical circles was known to take a keen interest during his long and honoured life, and was himself endowed with high talent in that respect. He was also an old and valued member of the Limerick Field Club. He was one of the oldest surviving members of the congregation of St. Munchin's Church, and was for some years up to his departure from Limerick a Governor of Villiers Endowed School, Henry Street. Here he evidenced a keen interest in educational matters. In this connection it may be remarked that the pupils of the Schools made Mr Stewart a suitable presentation a year or so ago on his recovery from illness, the result of an accident. The news of his demise has been heard of with deep regret in Limerick, and the sympathy of numerous friends is extended to his sons and daughters in their bereavement.

The remains arrived in Limerick at 1.20 p.m. to day from Dublin, and were met at the terminus by a large and representative concourse of the citizens. Numerous wreaths of beautiful flowers were placed in the hearse, and the cortege started for St Munchin's, where the service was taken by the Bishop (Dr White), the Archdeacon, Rev. A. E. Hewetson-Jones, and Canon Adderley. Other clergy present included—The Dean, Precentor Atkinson, Treasurer Abbott, and Canon Orpen. The P.Y.M.A. had its blinds drawn, and also many of the business houses en route.

The chief mourners were—S. Stewart and B. Stewart, sons; J. Stewart and H. Stewart, nephews; F. J. Robinson, son-in-law, and Sir Thomas Robinson (Dublin), relative.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—"Peg," "Molly and Fred," "Percy and Freddie," "Barney," "Nora and Stan," "The Grandchildren," Sir Thomas and Lady Robinson, "Lily," "Emma, Dorothy and Harry," "6 The Crescent"; Governors, Teachers and Pupils Villiers School; St Munchin's Select Vestry; Staff at Stewart's; Mrs Baker and Miss Hawker; Mrs and Mr W. B. Crawford; W. T. Percy.

SHANNON SCHEME AND THE

HARBOUR BOARD

The Mayor (Ald. P. Donnellan) presided at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board on Monday. There were also present—Aldermen J. McInerney, T. J. W. Messers. S. J. K. Roycroft, G. E. Good D. O'Dwyer, P. N. Treacy, G. R. C.E.; L. Forde, B.C.; P. Bourke, and P. Moore, B.C.

The officials present were—Mr McNeice, Secretary; Captain Hanly, Harbour Master; and Mr T. F. O'Sullivan, Engineer.

THE RAILWAYS BILL.

The minutes of the Port Development Committee contained an allusion to the evidence given by members of the Committee before the Parliamentary Committee regarding the Port Tramways Bill.

A letter was read from Senator Barrington, C.E., stating that when the Bill comes before the Senate for consideration he would do everything possible to expedite its passage into law.

Mr O'Dwyer referred to the very manner in which the engineer, Mr Cavanagh, had given his evidence before the Committee, as a result of which the bill will pass through the Committee stage in time. The Mayor had also given his assistance, while Mr M. J. Keyes from the point of view of Labour, also impressed the Committee favourably, and the result was that the Committee could not challenge the Bill on any material point. The result of the efforts of the three gentlemen in question was that the project was now well on its way to being started, and he was confident it would not be long until the actual work proceeded with.

The Mayor thanked Mr O'Dwyer for his remarks, and said that anything accomplished was the work of the engineer and his assistants, and that those who appeared before the Committee as well have stayed at home.

The Engineer also returned thanks for the complimentary references to his work. Mr Ryan said compliments were all but something more was wanted in the recollection of the last bill of this Board, that the Engineer got a separate fee for his work in connection with the presentation of the scheme in Committee, which was apart from his services in carrying out the actual work of the scheme. He proposed that the Engineer get the same fee in the case of a former scheme.

Mr Moore seconded the proposition, and it was passed.

SHANNON NAVIGATION.

A letter was read from Mr H. P. O'Connell, general manager of the Grand Canal Company, Dublin, with reference to the opening of the Shannon navigation. He pointed out that after the conference