

Irish General Election

Labour Debacle Complete.

Conservative Majority of Nearly 500

The General Election in Britain has resulted in an overwhelming defeat of Labour in the polls.

The totals for the National Government returning to this morning's figures are—Conservatives, 469; National Labour, 13; National Liberal, 63; National Independent, 4. Total, 549.

The Opposition consists of—Labour, 11; National Liberal, 7; Independent, 3. Total, 61.

There are only five more seats to be secured, and these, of course, will not affect the situation.

The Conservative gains are 208, National Labour 13, National Liberal 25, Independent 3. Total, 249.

The Opposition Losses—Labour, 229; Liberal, Independent, 8. Total, 249.

Mr Lansbury is the only former Minister returned. Amongst outstanding defeats Mr Arthur Henderson, Leader of the Labour Party; Miss Margaret Bondfield, Minister of Labour; Mr Ben Tillett, veteran Socialist; and Mr J. R. Clynes, Home Secretary.

Mr Ramsay MacDonald was successful at Southampton, where Labour's greatest strength was mobilised against him. His majority was 5,951. Mr Lloyd George was also re-elected yesterday's elected members.

Last night the Premier, Mr Snowden, and Baldwin issued messages to the nation. In response, Mr MacDonald said, had been the dream of the most enthusiastic, Mr Snowden said the decision would be a square in facing her difficulties.

The "Times" says—The General Election given the National Government the largest majority ever recorded in British electoral history. The verdict of the electorate is as deliberate as it is decisive.

County Health Board.

Condition of Graveyards.

Mr M. Ryan, chairman, presided at a meeting of the County Board of Health yesterday. There were also present—Messrs Hyland, D. Fahy, P. M. O'Connor, E. L. Lyd, T. Scanlan, S. Quin, with Mr C. J. Jary, Assistant Secretary, and Dr J. Polin, County Medical Officer.

PROPOSED COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Secretary to the County Council submitting a communication from the Department of Local Government dealing with a resolution asking that a committee of inquiry be set up to investigate the question of a proposed scheme for the purchase by tenants of their cottages. The Department had, however, deferred dealing with the subject pending the decision by the various Health Boards of the county sent out asking for details of occupation and position in life of each tenant. The Chairman said with the exception of all the collectors had completed the forms sent them with regard to the position of each tenant. Mr Mackey asked that before these lists were submitted to the Department they should be circulated amongst the members

FATALITY AT THE Sarsfield BARRACKS.

Not Electrocuted.

The Inquest.

An inquest was held at Barrington's Hospital last evening by Mr J. S. McNeice, solr., Deputy Coroner, touching the death of John Dorgan (28), electrician, who collapsed while working at the Sarsfield Barracks on Tuesday evening and died in a short time. He was not electrocuted as at first reported.

Superintendent Stack appeared for the authorities, and Mr P. G. Collins, solr., for the next-of-kin of the deceased.

Patrick Dorgan, 15 Rutland street, father of the deceased, gave evidence of identification. He was 28 years of age, and unmarried. Witness saw his son alive for the last time at about 1.30 on Tuesday, and he was then in perfect health.

Private Bernard McCartan, a member of the Army Corps of Engineers, stated that he was working with the deceased on Tuesday at the erection of an electric apparatus at the rifle range. Some time about 4 o'clock the deceased complained of having pains in his stomach, and witness advised him to take a rest, which he did. After being seated for some time the deceased stood up and remarked that he was getting dizzy. He then lay down, and witness proceeded to cut off the main switch. As he was leaving he heard something like a shuffle, and on looking back he saw the deceased sink to the ground. On going to his aid witness found that the deceased was unconscious. Spiritual and medical aid was requisitioned.

In reply to the Superintendent, the witness said that when the deceased at first complained he was not near the wires.

Mr Collins—What was the occupation of the deceased?—An electrician.

Before he complained was he working at the electrical installation?—Yes.

Dr Francis J. Power, of the Army Medical Corps, stated that he was called to attend the deceased. The body was on the ground and life was extinct. There were no marks on the body, and witness came to the conclusion that death was due to some natural cause.

Dr T. Morris, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, deposed that, with Dr Dundon, he carried out a post mortem examination on the body of the deceased, who was of average physique. There was no evidence of injury. An internal examination showed heart and lungs normal, as was the brain. The examination of the abdomen revealed a hæmorrhage into the pancreas. Death, in his opinion, was due to an acute hæmorrhage in the abdomen.

Supt. Stack—Were there any signs of electrocution?—No.

Dr W. P. Dundon gave corroborative evidence.

Private McCartan, recalled, stated that he was an electrician of 15 years experience. The voltage at the rifle range was 230. The ordinary household voltage was from 230 to 250.

That concluded the evidence, and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

Sympathy was tendered to the relatives of the deceased, in which the Coroner, Supt. Stack, Mr Collins, and Capt Power, on behalf of the military authorities, joined, as also Mr Angley, B.C.

RUGBY REVIEW.

(BY "UMPIRE.")

GARRYOWEN'S VICTORY.

The weather was, I dare say, largely responsible for the very small attendance at the Markets Field on Saturday last, when Sunday's Well and Garryowen met in their return friendly. It was bitterly cold, no doubt, and whether this fact had the effect on me, of not being able to enjoy the game, or whether the game was really poor in itself, anyway I left the Markets enclosure on Saturday feeling that the exhibition provided was the poorest so far this season. I have heard it said by members of other Limerick teams that it is always difficult to settle down to real orthodox football when up against Sunday's Well. 'Tis true, the Cork team depend for the greater part on their forwards to pull them through, that back play seldom sees them in a promising way, while Limerick football is always inclined exactly the opposite way. These differences in styles may contribute to make a match as uninteresting as Saturday's game appeared to me. The one satisfactory thing about the fixture was that the Limerick men won, and won deservedly; secured also their first victory of the season, and, incidentally, avenged their recent rather heavy defeat at the hands of the "Well" recently in Cork. There is little to describe in the game, apart from the actual scores—two tries in favour of Garryowen. The first score was the result of strong and clever running by G. Griffin, and the second of an opportunity quickly snapped up by Brown, a junior. This latter player, who is a mere boy, with Paul O'Sullivan, who appeared as centre, shows much promise. Paddy O'Sullivan, the Limerick scrum half, was again unfortunate in having to leave the field at half time, owing to injuries. He had only just barely recovered from the injuries to his head which he received in the last match with the "Well" in Cork. Coffey deputised for O'Sullivan in his absence in a creditable manner, and the best of the home pack were O'Halloran, Quin, Purcell, and Dunworth. By the way, Mr Des. J. O'Malley (Bohemians) had his first experience as a senior referee, and, should he be seen more regularly at it, will continue to give general satisfaction.

ROCKWELL BEATEN.

As was generally expected, Young Munster comfortably accounted for the Tipperary students at the College grounds, Cashel, on Sunday last. The Limerick men travelled at full strength, and had a very fine game. The backs of both sides had a deal of the ball, and with keen tackling and plenty of dash, the match produced very bright passages. College were the first to score ten minutes from the start an unconverted try. Then McDonnell, Larkin, and Deegan scored in the order named for Young Munsters. McCormack and Cantillon converted two of the tries. Before the close Deegan had an unsuccessful shot for goal, the ball hitting the upright.

FINAL MUNSTER TRIAL.

The first of the annual trials, preparatory to the selection of the Munster provincial team, took place yesterday in Cork. There were numerous defections from the teams originally chosen to figure in the trial, notably Noel Murphy, M. Powell, and M. T. Murphy, whilst A. Walsh, M. O'Connor (Garryowen), and F. Graham (Bohemians)

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