

MARCH 22, 1932.

## NEW RATE.

A Committee is giving very careful consideration to the proposal of the City Treasurer for the new rate from the 1st April next, at a rate of 27s. 4d. in the £, compared with the present rate of 4d. 4d. compared with the present rate. It would be an imposition on the ratepayers to bear, and the Committee has effected various amendments in various ways towards a reduction of the rate. As yet, however, the largest item in the estimate is the demand of the City Home and Hospital, £23,000 last year, or an increase of 7s. to 8s. 9d. in the £, the largest item in the estimated expenditure. Everyone must sympathise with the plight of the deserving poor, but on the other hand the position of the ratepayers is due to depressed trade and depressed business, national and local, is a very serious one. That position was recently defined by Mr G. E. Deane, President of the Chamber of Commerce, in his report on the Corporation last week. High unemployment, as he showed, means a severe depression, and not alone that, but the advancement of new business with it the possibilities of employment. "New business," he pointed out, "must pay on present-day valuations, and prospective firms, once the rates (here) will transfer

delivery but a general night mail despatch will be afforded. The city letter boxes will be cleared as usual. The public office (Cecil street) will open for the sale of stamps and the acceptance of telegrams from 9.0 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. A continuous telephone service will be provided.

British pensions and allowances falling due for payment on Monday, 28th March, will be paid on or after Thursday, 24th March.

The Post Office Savings Bank will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Perishable parcels for Great Britain or Northern Ireland if intended for delivery by Good Friday should be posted in time for despatch not later than Tuesday, 22nd March.

## DEATH OF MR JOHN P. ALLEN.

The death, which we announce with regret, occurred at his residence, Brookville, Ballinacorra, late last night of Mr John P. Allen, cashier of Messrs Bannatyne and Sons, Roche's street, after a very brief illness. He had been at business so late as Saturday last, and except that he suffered from a slight cold appeared to be in his usual good health. Complications, however, set in later on, and despite medical and nursing skill he has passed away to the great regret of all who knew him. He was some thirty-five years connected with Messrs Bannatyne's firm, for fifteen of which he occupied the responsible position of cashier. A man of a very unassuming and courteous disposition, he was held in the highest regard and esteem by the principals of the firm, and was a great favourite with the staff and numerous other friends. He was a native of Kilrush, Co. Clare. Deep sympathy is expressed with his widow and relatives in their bereavement.

The funeral leaves at 10 a.m. to-morrow for Kilrush.

## THE WEATHER.

The long spell of dry and harsh weather has at last given way to rainfall, which will

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## PROBLEM

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A Dublin company, says:—

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