

THE AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

Discussion at Co. Council.

Limerick Co. Council Finance Committee at a meeting to-day had before them a letter from the Minister for Local Government relative to the agricultural grant.

The Secretary (Mr L. O'Donnell) read the letter, which showed that the agricultural grant to the county had been reduced from £123,000 to £90,000.

Mr D. J. Madden said when the Government in February, 1932, were seeking the suffrages of the people they gave a definite promise that they would de-rate agricultural land and retain the land annuities. Now they found that instead of de-rating, which they had abandoned, they had deprived the County Limerick of £30,000 of the agricultural grant, and which was equivalent to a rate of 1s 3d in the £.

Mr S. Quin—They have reduced our annuities by half, which is better than de-rating.

Mr G. Hewson proposed a resolution to the effect that the Council enter a strong protest against the reduction of the agricultural grant by £31,706, and called upon the Dail representatives for the county to oppose the proposed extra tax of £31,706 thereby imposed on the ratepayers for the coming year.

Mr Madden seconded the resolution.

The Chairman (Mr McCormack) thought the Council should equally congratulate the Government on reducing the annuities by half.

Mr Hewson—When the time arrives.

The Chairman—When we are going to get a reduction in our annuities, I think we should congratulate the Government as well as protesting against a reduction in the agricultural grant.

Mr J. W. Canty said anybody who was at the fair of Rathkeale during the week would not thank the Government for cutting down the agricultural grant.

The Chairman said before the Council embarked on a criticism of the Government they should put their own house in order, as during the year they had added considerably to the estimate in the matter of new works.

Mr Canty was of opinion that every section of the community should bear its equitable share of the economies to be effected as well as the farmers.

The Chairman agreed.

Mr Canty said that a reduction in the agricultural grant was in the nature of a bribe to the small farmer. It would have the effect of unemployment as far as the large farmer was concerned.

In reply to Mr Colbert, Mr Madden said the alternative for the present condition of the country was a settlement with Britain of the economic dispute.

Mr Colbert—The country has given its emphatic opinion on that issue. In a reduction of the land annuities and a fund-

DEATH OF MASTER SACKVILLE B. TAYLOR.

The death occurred in Armagh Infirmary on Wednesday, after an operation for appendicitis, of Master Sackville Brisbane, younger son of Canon and Mrs Sackville Taylor, of Kilmallock, Co. Limerick. The deceased, who was aged fifteen, was a brilliant young student, with a decided prospect of distinction in his collegiate career. He was for three years a pupil in the Castle Park School at Dalkey, from which he proceeded to the Royal School, Armagh, two years ago, bringing with him a scholarship value £ 00. He was the first mathematical scholar of his year, and of a winning and manly disposition was a great favourite with his fellows, so much so that quite recently he was made captain of the junior Rugby club of the school. In addition to football he was an all-round athlete, and won the Junior Cup last year. Nowhere is the cutting short of a bright young life more deeply regretted than by those with whom he was in close companionship at Armagh, and their deep sympathy, as well as that of a wide circle of friends in city and county of Limerick, is extended to his bereaved parents.

The funeral service was held in Armagh Cathedral by the Very Rev. Dean Tichbourne. The remains were subsequently conveyed by motor hearse from Armagh to Kingsbridge, and thence by train to Limerick, where, on arrival at 1.15 p.m. yesterday, the funeral left for the family burial place at St. Mary's Cathedral. The cortege was large and representative, including parishioners from Kilmallock and Bruree, many of the diocesan clergy, and friends of the family residing in the city.

The chief mourners were—Canon and Mrs Taylor, father and mother of deceased; Marcus Beresford Taylor, brother; Cecil A. Slade and Alfred J. Taylor, uncles.

The officiating clergy were the Dean of Limerick, the Archdeacon of Limerick, and the Rev. Treasurer Abbott. The hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" was sung, and Mr F. Muspratt, who presided at the organ, played "O, Rest in the Lord" at the opening, and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" at the close of the Service.

A large number of beautiful wreaths, including the following, were placed on the grave:—"Mummy, Dad and Tip"; "From Uncle Cecil, Aunt Edith, Eddie and Beryl"; Lord and Lady Daresbury; Mr David R. Browning; Mr H. M. and Mrs Fildes; Rev. W. R. and Mrs Manning; Daisy, Tom, and Muriel Taylor; Mrs J. Bailey, Kilmallock; Mr and Mrs Frank Browning "Parishioners of Kilmallock"; Mr and Mrs Fitzmaurice; Mrs Harding; Mr J. C. Blundell; Mr Standish H. Harris; Mrs Wilkinson; Mr Alfred Taylor; the Matron of Armagh Infirmary. There were other wreaths on which no names appear.

The Lord Bishop was unavoidably absent from the funeral, being from home.

NEXT WEEK IN CITY CINEMA

**THE LYRIC.
"Grand Hotel."**

"Grand Hotel" will be shown all next twice nightly and at matinees on Thursday and Saturday. It is a talking picture marks another progressive step in the history of the screen. "Grand Hotel" merits the superlative can be fashioned to describe outranks by far the stage production of the Vicki Baum novel, both in mounting, characterization and story unfolding, not to ignore unparalleled on stage or screen. The at "Grand Hotel" centres upon a number of characters who are drawn together who spend a night in the fashionable Berlin hotel. There is Grusinskaya, played by Greta Osgood the most natural and powerful performer of her career. Grusinskaya is a temperamental Russian ballerina, who finds herself at the peak of her popularity. A thief, impersonated by John Barrymore enters her room to steal her pearls, and renounces his love with her. Another outstanding performance is that of Joan Crawford who as Flammchen, the little typist whose love proves disastrous to Preysing, a domineering industrial king, brilliantly portrayed by Beery. Then there is Kringlein, a factory clerk, told he will die in a few days, spending his savings for an eleventh hour life in the Grand Hotel. Lionel Barrymore in this role. Lewis Stone is stirring as the shocked doctor, and Jean Hersholt scores as the chief porter. The cast is too numerous to mention, but too much credit cannot be given to the supporting players right down to the most insignificant "bit" players.

In addition to "Grand Hotel," Ian Hardy will appear at their best in a comedy, "Any Old Port."

**THE COLISEUM.
"The Last Man."**

Novelty and thrills enter into the "The Last Man," Columbia's sea adventure, to be seen at the City Cinema next week. It suggests a memorable film "Beau Geste," in its appeal; and for thrills, the single rip-tearing fight on shipboard that Bickford puts up as Bannister, the Director for a London Insurance Company, in the scuttling of heavily insured ships, has probably rarely equalled on the screen for fast and thrilling action. Lovely Cummings supplies her usual charm as Marian Wingate, the daughter of Wingate, ship owner, who has been in the cat's paw of a dastardly band of rascals who hide behind him and make it appear as if he has scuttled his own ships to collect insurance money. The plot is dark but well worked out.

**THE ATHENÆUM.
"Big Broadcast."**

Six new musical numbers, specially for the picture, will be featured by the 14 radio stars, featuring with Erwin, Bing Crosby, and Leila Fier, the "Big Broadcast," romantic radio-land, which comes to the Athenæum all next week. They are written by Rainger. "Please" and "Here Li

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