

The former were, perhaps, a trifle unlucky to be vanquished, but Garryowen rarely looked dangerous. The trophy has now passed from Limerick, having been held by Garryowen, and the final should be a hectic struggle between College and Constitution, both of whom can be relied upon to give a finished exhibition of a game that is a severe test of endurance and fitness.

## Current Comment.

### Fruit Growing.

Fruit growing in the Free State is capable of much development, but all depends on the question of supply and demand. In this connection the request made at a Conference held at Mount Mellry last Saturday, under the auspices of Muinntir-na-Tire, to the Department of Agriculture to prohibit the importation of all fruit which can be grown at home, is not an unreasonable one. Although sales have been made in the industry in recent years, the fact remains that a great amount of fruit is imported into this country, with the result that the home grower often finds himself left with his produce on his hands, all the more so because the marketing system is far from perfect. This is a matter that should be capable of adjustment, and at the conference the establishment of local markets in various parts of the country was advocated as a beneficial and necessary step if growers are to enjoy an adequate return for their labour and enterprise. Growers would not be obliged to bring their produce long

of Down, yesterday, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, as Bishop of Cashel and Emly, Waterford and Lismore, in succession to Right Rev. Dr. McNeice, appointed Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore. In addition to the Archbishop, six Bishops assisted at the consecration. They were—Right Rev. Dr. Orr, Bishop of Meath; Right Rev. Dr. Day, Bishop of Ossory; Right Rev. Dr. Patton, Bishop of Killaloe; Right Rev. Dr. Barton, Bishop of Kilmore; Right Rev. Dr. Flewett, Bishop of Cork, and Right Rev. Dr. King Irwin, Bishop of Limerick.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Stevenson, M.A., Rector of Lerne, who referred to his many years of close friendship with the new Bishop. He remarked that year after year Dr. Harvey as a student won honour after honour in the fields of learning and athletics. Humility was one of his most charming characteristics.

### DEATH OF MR. WM. J. PHAIR.

The death took place at his residence, Terrace, of Mr. Wm. J. Phair, late cashier in the firm of Messrs Robert McCowan and Sons. He had been in failing health for the past few months, and his demise has occasioned deep regret in the town and district, and sincere sympathy is expressed with his widow and relatives. He was brother of the Rev. G. C. Phair, Rector of R. Keale, and of Mr R. H. Phair, Messrs J. and G. Boyd, Ltd., Limerick. The funeral took place on Saturday last, and was attended by all classes and creeds.

### ROAD ACCIDENT AT BALLINACURRA.

A youth named Desmond Downes was knocked down in Ballinacurra last evening by a military lorry and sustained a fracture of the right leg. The boy was crossing the road, and were it not for the promptitude of the driver in pulling up so quickly the results might have been fatal. The injured youth was removed to hospital and detained for treatment.