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DEATH OF MR J. A. BALDWIN.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we announce the death of Mr John Augustus Baldwin, which took place at his residence, Bellevue, Ballinacurra, last evening. The deceased gentleman had not been in the best of health for some time past, but the end came unexpectedly. Mr Baldwin was associated with the profession of journalism for half a century, and, with the exception of a couple of years, he spent all his life in the service of the "Limerick Chronicle," first on the reporting staff, and then as Editor. He was appointed to the latter position in March, 1908, and it is the merest truism to say that he filled it with ability and rectitude. He was a man ever conscious of the claims modern journalism imposed on those who practised the profession, and was always very helpful to junior members. He was one of the best known journalists in Ireland, and in his time his duties carried him to many parts of the country. Ever unassuming, he combined qualities rare in the average individual, and which endeared him, not only to his immediate colleagues, but to the public, with whom his business brought him into daily contact. Possessed of a quiet dignity, he was a man of charitable and Christian attributes, which were shown in all his dealings. He was an old member of the Institute of Journalists, and of the Newspaper Press Fund, in which he took a great interest, and never spared himself in the promotion of those valuable organisations. He was a member of the congregation of Trinity Church, and of the Protestant Young Men's Association.

By his death a well-known and respected figure passes out of the life of Limerick, and in their bereavement the sympathy of the public will be given to his widow, daughter, and other relatives.

in respect of milk, butter, cattle. From 1st January to 31st December 7,948 cattle had been sold against 4,200 for the whole of 1908. This year about 3,000 head have been sent to the Continent.

The Mayor said that the great loss was that their revenue had fallen by £4,000.

Secretary—The Board showed surprise at that. Three years ago it was warned by the Government that there would be a decrease in wheat. What has taken place shows that it was anticipated.

Mr Roycroft—The point is whether our liabilities are increasing?

Ald. Reidy—There is one drop in wheat imports that a city body—the Market Trustees—stated that the home grown wheat could be imported into the city without paying duty.

The Mayor—That is so, and it is to settle that question.

The Secretary said that though it is as at present, he is not able to meet his obligations, but he (Secretary) would like to see a further reduction in imports.

The matter was not further discussed.

Messrs J. L. Scallan & Co., Dublin, wrote on behalf of the Limerick Products Co. stating that they were only awaiting details with reference to the lease in order to complete the letter to the Board's solicitor. It was stated that the furnishing of details was a matter of urgent necessity to have the lease put before the Public Issue of shares which will take place within the next few days.

Mayor—It is now clear from the above that it is not the fault of the Board that there is any unnecessary delay.

The Secretary said he had instructed his Law Agent, who had now supplied the necessary details required.

Mayor—Can the Engineer supply the information regarding the cost of the lease?

Engineer—I was speaking to Mr. Pedersen, who is acting for the proponent, and he told me that the proposal had been pushed forward with all possible haste. Mr. Pedersen assured me that so far as was concerned all technical details had now been overcome.