

provisions of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934. There is no conceivable reason why Limerick should not be made a better and nicer place in which to live. It is pleasantly situated, admirably served with rail, road and water transport, but unfortunately the bulk of the inhabitants are indifferent to the things which make for civic responsibility, better known as civic pride. They do not take that interest in their city which they ought, but are quite content to jog along, unmindful and oblivious of the social changes taking place under their gaze. With a little more push and by everyone playing his or her part, Limerick could be made a place worth living in—progressive and beautiful—and it is, therefore, to be hoped that every help will be given to the Manager in the realisation of the programme adumbrated by him.

RECENT DEATHS.

Lt.-Col. F. R. Maunsell, C.M.G., C.B.E., late Royal Artillery, who has died, aged 73, was the son of Mr Richard Maunsell, of Ballywilliam, Rathkeale. He was educated at Cheltenham College and at the the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and he entered the Royal Artillery in 1881. He saw service in Malta, Gibraltar, and India, and made two journeys of exploration in Turkey-in-Asia and Kurdistan, and wrote books on the subject.

Miss Mary Noble Jephson, who has died in Exeter, aged 74, was the daughter of the late William Holmes Jephson, M.D., and grand-daughter of the late John Jephson, J.P., of County Limerick.

to-day stated that he has notified all Deputies to hold themselves in readiness for a special meeting of the Dail to-morrow.

It is understood that the only business before the House will be the introduction of a Bill to recognise the new King.

A message received before noon to-day stated:—

The Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, is to make a most important statement on the constitutional crisis in the House of Commons this afternoon, and it is expected that the King's decision on a matter that has occupied the attention of the entire Empire for some days will be made known.

Mr. Lyons, Prime Minister of New Zealand, has announced that he sent a message to King Edward asking him to continue to reign.

No statement was issued to-day regarding the meeting of the Irish Free State Cabinet, presided over by Mr. de Valera, President of the Executive Council, which was held late last night.

Queen Mary visited the King at Belvedere yesterday, accompanied by the Princess Royal and the Earl of Athlone.

It now transpires that the third Duke of Devonshire is to travel to Cannes in an air liner on Tuesday to interview Mrs. Simpson, and that Mr. Anthony Eden will accompany him.

A FORECAST.

In our issue of December 3rd, under the caption—"Will the King Abdicate?" the following appeared—"In political circles closely associated with Downing Street it is believed that the King will abdic-