

be liable for repayment of the loan and we cannot see what the Department has to say as to the terms when the Bank is satisfied with the arrangements made by the City Manager for repayment of the loan. The longer period would press heavily on the rates, and it transpires that if the Department is on its direction a sum of sixpence a pound will have to be provided in the next three estimates to meet the principal and interest. That will make a heavy drain on revenue, and be the cause of postponing the date on which the citizens expect to get relief from the tax incubus. It is no wonder that the members of the Council took strong objection to the methods of the Department in relation to the financing of the principal controlled works of utility. Compared with the County Councils, the position is quite different, as it is more exacting and difficult. For example, in a relief scheme a County Council will get a grant of 60 per cent. from the Government, whereas a Corporation or Urban Council must be satisfied with a 50 per cent. grant. That is not fair dealing, as it casts a greater burden on the urban dwellers, who are already hard hit to make ends meet. It is about time that a little more consideration would be given the people dependent in city and town, but this can hardly be expected in view of our staple industry being agriculture. Anyhow, to get to the question of the relief loan, the Corporation should insist that the

and held castles at Glyncarbury and Beigh, Co. Limerick. He was succeeded by his eldest son, Sir John FitzJohn de Glyn, from whom was descended Thomas FitzGerald, attainted and executed by Queen Elizabeth. The family have held the Glyn estates for between 600 and 700 years.

LATE MR R. S. VERE De VERE.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Robert S. Vere de Vere, J.P., which occurred in London on Tuesday, after a protracted illness.

He was the eldest son of the late Major Aubury Stephen Vere O'Brien, 6th Rifles, of Curragh Chase, Co. Limerick, and succeeded to the estate on the death of his father, to whom it had been conveyed by his uncles, Sir Stephen de Vere and Aubury de Vere, the poet.

The deceased gentleman was 64 years of age, and took the name of de Vere in 1899. In his lifetime he held important posts in the Colonial Service, and in 1928 was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Seychelles. He resigned that position in 1931 to take up a similar appointment in Grenada, West Indies.

Mr. de Vere took a deep interest in social services at home and abroad, and was at one time a member of the old Rathkeale Board of Guardians. He was the author of articles in the "Nineteenth Century," and the "Law Quarterly," and in that connection inherited much of his literary tastes from his kinsman Aubury de Vere.

The late Mr. de Vere married in 1906, Isobel Catherine, daughter of the Right Rev. H. G. C. Moulton, Bishop of Durham. She survives him.

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