

## FREE STATE TRADE.

### Million Pounds Increase.

### Largest For Five Years.

With a total of £66,103,238, the external trade of the Free State for the twelve months ended July, 1937, was the largest for the last five years. It showed an increase of 2½ million pounds over the figure at July, 1936; 9½ millions of an increase on the total at July, 1935, and 11½ millions over the total trade at July, 1933. The adverse trade balance for the twelve months ended July last was £19,011,114, compared with an adverse balance of £16,959,033 for the twelve months ended July, 1936. Exports and imports both showed an increase in the twelve months; exports rising to £42,807,176, compared with £38,368,609 for the previous twelve months—an increase of almost 4½ million pounds, whilst exports increased for the year ended July 1937, to £32,296,062, compared with £21,409,576 for the twelve months ended July, 1936, an increase of 10½ million pounds.

The upward trend is reflected in the trading for the seven months January-July of the present year. In that period the total volume of trade amounted to £38,428,690, compared with £34,752,527 for the corresponding seven months last year—or an increase of 3¼ million pounds in the seven months. Here the increase was much greater on the import side, the value of imports being £25,424,195 for the seven months this year compared with £22,529,579 for the corresponding period last year—an increase of £2,900,000. Exports for the seven months this year rose to £13,004,495, compared with £12,222,948 for the corresponding seven months last year—or an increase of threequarters of a million.

#### TRADE WITH BRITAIN.

Great Britain sold to the Free State goods value £12,826,551, in the seven months of this year, approximately £900,000 more than in the seven months last year, whilst this country exported to Britain goods value £10,502,300 in the seven months this year or £750,000 more than in the seven months last year. Imports from Northern Ireland were valued at £386,198 in the seven months this year, compared with £349,817 in the corresponding period last year; while exports to Northern Ireland for the seven months under review were valued at £1,199,484 compared with £1,299,454 in the corresponding period last year. Fifty-one per cent. of the goods imported by the Free State for the first seven months of this year were from Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whilst between them Great Britain and Northern Ireland bought 4.9 per cent. of the Free State's exports. After Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the next best market for Free State goods is Germany. In the seven months of this year Germany bought goods from this country to the value of £504,967, whilst we imported from Germany goods value £839,346. Our next best market is the United States, whither we sent goods value £143,040, whilst the U.S.A. sold us goods value £1,261,387 in the seven months.

## CLARE HEALTH BOARD

### Medical Appointments at Killa'oe.

The recent deaths of Dr. P. J. Holmes, Dispensary Medical Officer, Killaloe, and Mr. Matthew Grace, a popular member of the engineering staff of the Irish Land Commission, were referred to in very sympathetic terms at a meeting of the Clare Board of Health on Tuesday, when resolutions were adopted tendering sympathy to the bereaved families of the deceased. Mr. Grace was a brother-in-law of Rev. E. Murphy, St. Flannan's College, Ennis.

For temporary appointment to the office

## OBITUARY.

### MR. E. J. LONG.

Mr. Eugene J. Long, who died at his home, Brighton Road, Rathgar, Dublin, on Sunday, was for many years prominently identified with industrial activity in Limerick. A native of Cork, Mr. Long, who was about 70 years of age, came to this city early in life and took up a position on the clerical staff of Messrs. O'Callaghan & Sons, the well-known tannery firm. He had an aptitude for enterprise, and eventually became Manager, a post he relinquished immediately before the war, when he returned to give personal attention to business he carried on in that city in two centres. The deceased was a man of progressive views, and during his residence in Limerick he found time to devote to public affairs. He was a member of the Corporation, as one of the representatives of the Castle Ward, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Harbour Board, and Technical Education, in the spread of which he evinced a deep concern. Mr. Long filled the office of City High Sheriff, and regularly hunted with the County Hounds. He was a very courteous man, who enjoyed a large measure of popularity. His death, which will be regretted in this city, removes another link with the past, and in their bereavement his widow and family will have the sympathy of the citizens.

### MR. P. CURRAN.

The death occurred at his residence, Ballinacurra, on Sunday night of Mr. Patrick Curran, at the age of 56 years, and following a somewhat brief illness. Poignancy is lent to his passing so soon after the death of his wife, a very estimable lady and sister of the widow of Mr. Matt Barry, G.P.O. Cork. The late Mr. Curran was a member of the Limerick General Post Office Telegraph Staff for over thirty years, and was one of the most competent and efficient telegraphists in the Irish service. He served in that capacity in the South African War on the Headquarters Staff, and again in the Great War with distinction, also on the Headquarters Staff, and was present at the retreat of the Germans back to the Somme.

In private life Mr. Curran was a very charming and valued companion, who enjoyed the friendship and respect of his colleagues and the general public, who tender sincere sympathy to his daughter in her great loss.

### MRS. B. BRAZIER.

The death of Mrs. Bridget Brazier at her residence, Lord Edward Street, Limerick, on Monday will be regretted by very many friends and acquaintances for her warm-hearted and generous qualities. The deceased was wife of our highly respected and popular fellow-citizen, Mr. Walter Brazier, a former official of the Limerick County Council, from the services of which he retired on full pension some years ago. Mrs. Brazier's life was unobtrusive being devoted to the needs of the family circle, but she was at the same time, a good neighbour, charitably disposed and possessed a winning disposition. Her death is a great loss to her husband and children, with whom deep sympathy will be given in their sorrow.

### MR. B. O'LEARY.

While holidaying at Killee on Monday Mr. Benedict O'Leary, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick had a seizure which terminated fatally. The deceased, who was in middle life, had, apparently, come out of the water when he was overcome. Assistance was promptly forthcoming, and restoratives applied, but without effect. Mr. O'Leary was haberdashery buyer at Messrs. Todd & Co., Ltd., for some years back, and was a man of progressive business views. He held the respect and confidence of his employers, and enjoyed the affection of his colleagues, with whom he was deservedly popular, for a cheery and engaging manner. Mr. O'Leary leaves a widow and young family to mourn his loss.

## BATHING IN DOCK

### Letter to Harbour Board

### Warning to Offenders

The Mayor (Ald. D. Bourke T.D.) presided at a meeting of Limerick Harbour Commissioners.

Also present were—Alderman J. Reidy, Messrs. J. P. Goodbody, D. O'Dwyer, P. N. Treacy, T. J. Loughrey, P. J. Donnellan, B.C., J. McCormack, Co.C.

The officials present were—Messrs. D. McNeill Secretary, and Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, Harbour Engineer.

A letter was read from the Garda Authorities stating that Guard Maxwell had found a number of young men swimming at the new dock entrance, and enquiring if it was the desire of the Board that they should be prosecuted.

Mayor—Will a warning be sufficient in this case?

Ald. Reidy said the offence was not a very serious one.

Mayor—It is serious. They are the people who are causing all the damage at the dock. Our property has been broken and in some cases timber on the quays was stolen.

Ald. Reidy—If damage is caused it is certainly a serious matter. We cannot however, prove that these young men are responsible. I would be the first to favour action against these people if they were known to be responsible.

The Engineer said that people were coming from John street and Mary street and other parts of the city to swim in the new dock, and it would have to be prevented. Under ordinary circumstances they could be prevented under the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, but they had actually built huts with the timber on the quays for dressing and undressing.

Mr. Donnellan—As we are on the subject at all I think something should be done about the North quay. Every day young fellows go swimming there, and undress on the quay, which makes it impossible for nurse-maids and children to frequent the place. That quay is very public, and the boys should find some other place for swimming.

Mayor—I agree that such a practice should be discontinued.

The Secretary said that in his opinion action should be taken against the young men found swimming in the docks, because the Board had asked the assistance of the Guards in keeping the place under observation.

### NO BATHING POOL.

Mr. O'Dwyer said that the complaint was due to a lack of a bathing pool in the city.

Mr. Loughrey—The Corporation should provide one, and it should have been done long ago.

Ald. Reidy said that no harm had been done by the men bathing.

Engineer—No, but there is another aspect. The water in the dock is about 22 feet deep, and if anyone got into difficulties it would be very hard to save him. It is our duty to prevent anything like that occurring.

Ald. Reidy expressed the view that in the present occasion a severe warning to the offender would be sufficient.

The Mayor concurred and it was agreed not to prosecute.

### IN PLAIN CLOTHES.

Engineer—They were caught when the Guard went down in plain clothes and sat amongst them. (Laughter)

A letter was read from Mr. A. McIntire, Manager of the Clyde Shipping Co., notifying the Board that he was retiring from business after 50 years, and that Mr. Galin Sheaver, Waterford, had been appointed as his successor. He took the opportunity of thanking the Secretary and the officials of the Board for the courtesy and kindness extended to him in their business relations.

The Mayor expressed appreciation of Mr. McIntire's letter, and the Board decided to extend to him their best wishes in his retirement.

The Secretary reported that 5 coasters, 3 regular traders, and 2 overseas vessels

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## RAIL WORKERS' PENSIONS

### Labour Deputy and Mayor to Head Deputation

An overflowing meeting of Railwaymen was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Sunday, 22nd inst., Mr. Eamon Dignan presiding.

The Chairman reviewed the progress made since the last meeting, and read further letters promising support from Deputies and leaders of all the political parties. He said their next move would be to see Mr. M. Keyes, T.D., and asked the meeting to appoint delegates to discuss the position with him.

This was agreed to, and the following delegates were selected—Messrs. Eamon Dignan, Chairman; J. Cleary, Sec.; J. McDermott, D. McDermott, M. Murphy, and P. Woodhouse.

### LABOUR T.D.'S REPLY.

The deputation called on Mr. M. Keyes, T.D., and put their case clearly before him, and produced a draft pension scheme, which had the unanimous approval of their members in the deputation. They pressed Deputy Keyes to use his influence with the Labour Party to prevail on the Government passing it into law on the next Dail.

Deputy Keyes replied, stating that the scheme had his whole-hearted approval and sympathy, and he would do his very best for the railworkers. He was a railway man himself, and understood the position fully. He advised them to get in touch with the principal trade unions at once, and he was agreeable to head the deputation, accompanied by his friend the Mayor of Limerick, to those unions, and assist them in every possible way.

### RECEIVED BY MAYOR.

The deputation agreed to Deputy Keyes' suggestion, and called on the Mayor of Limerick—Ald. D. Bourke T.D.—who received them very warmly. He said he was an ex-railway man, and