

Death of Mr George L. McDonagh

Passing of Distinguished Limerick Journalist

The announcement of the death of Mr George L McDonagh, chief reporter "Irish Independent," which took place on Monday morning at his residence, Dunlaoighaire was heard of with deep regret in his native city.

A member of one of the oldest and best known journalistic families in Ireland, Mr McDonagh began his career as a journalist on the "Munster News" in Limerick some 60 years ago, and after some time went to the "Morning News" in Belfast, later incorporated with the present "Irish News." He worked in Belfast for two years, and after that went to the "Leinster Leader," being district representative of that paper in Maryborough for a number of years. He was later transferred to the staff at the head office at Naas. Subsequently he became editor of the "Kildare Observer," then in the ownership of the Grey family. Having spent some five or six years in this position he returned to Limerick to edit the "Limerick Leader," and while in that position he was elected a member of the Limerick Corporation.

Mr McDonagh left Limerick again in 1906 to edit the "Carlow Nationalist," and two years later joined the "Irish Independent," becoming assistant chief reporter in 1910. He was appointed chief reporter on the death of Mr R J O'Dwyer in 1917.

Another member of this well known family of writers and journalists is Mr M McDonagh, London, the well known biographer, and the late Mr Frank McDonagh, who was for many years the London correspondent of the "Cork Examiner."

Another brother, Mr Thomas McDonagh, also connected with the newspaper industry, died only a few weeks ago, and Mr John McDonagh, a retired Civil Servant, is now living in Limerick.

Mr George McDonagh leaves a widow (daughter of the late Ald M McDonagh, Nicholas street), a son and a daughter, with whom the sincerest sympathy is felt in their sorrow.