

REPUBLICAN VIEW OF NEW PACT.

Mr. Maurice Twomey, speaking at the commemoration ceremony at Gortaglanna, North Kerry, said that there was no doubt that British Imperialism recently had scored a great success, the extent of which would not be realised until the shouting had died down. It had always been the policy of the English to hold their Empire by enrolling the natives to do the work for them. They felt confident, now that they were on the road to make Ireland a contented Dominion like South Africa and Australia. They are likely contemplating some federal scheme to knock the edges off partition, but the English and Irish politicians were fooling themselves in ignoring the centuries old tradition of a distinct Irish nationality. Ireland never will be a contented Imperialist colony or dominion.

RECENT RAINS.

Boon to Farmers in County Limerick.

The recent change in weather conditions, resulting in a considerable downfall of rain during the past week, has proved a boon to the agricultural community in Co. Limerick. To dairy farmers in particular, the ending of the drought has been a source of much welcome relief in that pastures are now rapidly coming to hand, and with a continuance of moist conditions there is little to fear in the matter of scarcity of grass and water supplies. Meadowing, as a result, should also come up to normal requirements, while the germination and growth of crops, such as potatoes, turnips, beet and mangolds, and cereals, in addition to table vegetables, will be forwarded in the conditions obtaining, though it is felt a higher temperature would be more favourable.

Ireland and Great Britain. It is difficult to assign the cause, but it was largely attributed to Government intervention. There has undoubtedly been too much State interference outside the ordinary recognised compass, and it may be trusted there will in future be less to complain of in this respect. Let our food producing industries have freedom of action in output and price, and competition will be keener and redound to the benefit of the consumer. One cannot get away from the fact that under the Agreement our manufacturers will have to look up; they will have to enter into competition with British industrialists, but they will still enjoy an advantage. While the measure of protection will not be as steep as in the past, it will be sufficient to enable them to compete successfully, unless it be they are out for inordinate profit-making. The Federation of Irish Industries is apprehensive, and have not concealed its fears. Everyone in this country is solicitous for the welfare of native industries, but at the same time is not prepared to pay an excessive price for the privilege of supporting the home manufactured article. It is only too obvious that some Irish manufacturers overcharged, but the number was small. That is the very thing which defeats its purpose and unfortunately reflects on the manufacturers who seek a reasonable return and to which they are in equity and justice entitled.

DEATH.

LYNCH—May 19, 1938, Daniel Lynch, 25, Thomas Street, Limerick.—E.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church to-morrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. Funeral on Saturday after Requiem Mass at 10.30 a.m., to Mt. St. Laurence Cemetery.

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