

Death of Mr. A. Mackey

A veteran Fenian has passed away in the person of Mr Anthony Mackey, of The Fisheries, Castleconnell, whose death took place at the Atlantic Hotel, Achill Sound, Co. Mayo, on Monday.

Ever an uncompromising Nationalist of the extreme school, the late Mr Mackey who was in his 88th year, was a prominent figure in the public life of the country, both as a patriot, public representative and a shrewd and successful businessman. After the '67 movement, he became an ardent supporter of Parnell, and later was a strong upholder of the policy of Sinn Fein. A man of splendid physique and engaging personality he contested three remarkable elections in the Nationalist interest for the Castleconnell division of the Limerick Co. Council, triennially after the inception of the Local Government Act of 1898, his opponent being Mr John B Barrington, of Ashroe, Barrington's Bridge, who was then a well-known County Land Agent and espoused the Unionist cause. This journal at the time, and its late proprietor, Mr Christopher O'Sullivan, put themselves unreservedly on the side of Mr Mackey and Ireland against powerful interests. He was defeated on two occasions by very narrow margins, but on the third he won a smashing victory over his opponent, and thus roag the death knell of Unionist representation on the Limerick County Council. On the occasions of his defeats Mr Mackey was co-opted unanimously on the Council, who also honoured him by electing him as vice chairman on several occasions. In business life he had varied interests, but his principal concern lay as proprietor of the Shannon Eel fisheries, which he developed into a flourishing industry, which has now been taken over under the Shannon Fisheries Act by the E.S.B. To deceased's bereaved relatives we tender our most sincere sympathy.

The remains were brought to Castleconnell by road on Tuesday, and the interment took place in the family burial ground after Requiem Mass on Wednesday morning before an immense cortege. The Mayor of Limerick (Ald. D Bourke, T D), represented An Taoiseach at the funeral.
