

# Obituary

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## Death of Mr Patrick Belton, Ex-T.D.

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The death occurred in Dublin this morning in his 60th year of Mr Patrick Belton, ex T.D. Deceased was a native of Lanesboro, County Longford, and in his younger days was in the British Civil Service in London, where he helped to found Sinn Fein. He returned to Ireland to an appointment in the Irish Land Commission, and later fought in the Easter Rising in 1916, being subsequently imprisoned for a year. He was elected to the Dail as a Fianna Fail Deputy in 1927 for Dublin County, during the period when that Party did not take their seats. He resigned from Fianna Fail, and entered the Dail, being defeated at the subsequent General Election. In 1933 he was re-elected as a Cumann na Gaedheal Deputy. In 1938 he was elected as an Independent Deputy, and remained in office until 1943. He was a member of the Irish Christian Front in the Spanish Civil War. A man of wonderful activity, he was an extensive farmer and building contractor, being responsible for the huge building scheme of suburban houses in Dublin known as Belton Park. He was a member of the Dublin Corporation and the Dublin County Council and of the Governing Body of the National University, etc, etc.

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