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PROGRESS MADE BY CFFY

The first annual dinner of the Limerick Licensed Vintners' Association, held in Cruise's Hotel on Monday night, was a most successful and enjoyable function. There was a big attendance of members, while representatives of the trade from different centres, including Northern Ireland, were present on invitation. Mr. P. M. Quilty, chairman, presided:

The guests included—The Mayor (Aid. J. Reidy, T.D.), Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D.; Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J.; Mo, J. W. Canty, Chairman, Limerick Co. Council; Mr. G. E. Brady, Chairman, Dublin; Mr. W. Mackessy, Chairman, Dublin; Mr. W. Mackessy, Chairman, Cork; Aid. T. Agnew, Belfast; Mr. Reddan, Organiser; Mr. T. J. Merry, Publicist, etc.

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The toast of "The City of Limerick" was proposed by Mr. J. M. Flood, who, at the outset, said that his relationship with the trade in Limerick had always been most cordial. His 23 years in Limerick as District Justice had been very happy ones, and he had no very difficult task in the administration of justice, because the citizens of Limerick were, above all things, most law-abiding. During his time here he had witnessed many changes for the better. Twenty years ago Limerick streets were a byword, but now they had, perhaps, the finest thoroughfares in the country. Similarly, with regard to housing, there had been very great improvements. Hundreds of people living in slums had been provided with comfortable, hygenic dwellings, and there had also been a wonderful improvement in commercial life. Not the least of these were the erection of a highly successful and modern flour mill by Messrs. Rank, Ltd., and the successful and modern flour mill by Messrs. Rank, Ltd., and the development of the cement and tobacco industries. The bacon trade, for the moment, had suffered a set-back, which they hoped would not continue for long more, but, generally speaking, the Limerick of to-day, which they all loved, was a far better and preparents of these far better and prosperous city than

for hetter and prosperous city than it had been when he first came. That position was due in great measure to the successive City Councils, and a series of splended Mayors, not the least of whom was the present occupant of the office, Ald. J. Reidy (applause).

Replying, the Mayor said he desired to extend a specially cordial welcome to the visitors from Northern Ireland, whom he was happy to see in Limerick and to welcome on behalf of the citizens. Limerick, as pointed out by Mr. Flood, had progressed very much, industrially and commercially, in modern times, and it was a city which was well worth living in. They were all very proud of their association with it, and he was particularly proud to be its Mayor (applause). In 13 years 2,300 houses had been erected here, and were it not for the emergency Limerick's housing needs would now be satisfied.

The Mayor paid a special tribute

The Mayor paid a special tribute to Mr. Flood, who, he said, was a citizen in every respect. He suited Limerick admirably as a District Justice, and had done more than his share in promoting its cultural life, not the least of his achievements being the proposed new art ments being the proposed new art

gallery (applause).

Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D. proposing the toast of "The Association, said the licensed trade was an important and integral part of com-mercial life. Its influence was widespread and the members were to be congratulated on the virility of its branches. Organisations were excellent things, and he was glad that the Licensed Vintners Association was so healthy and progressive. In Limerick the Assoprogressive. progressive. In Limerick the Association had a most energetic committee, which left no opportunity pass of improving conditions for the trade generally. They were also fortunate in having Mr. Frank Locke as a most efficient secretary, who was the epitome of courtesy and energy. The Licensed Vintners' Association in its work and organisation was acting a headline that could usefully be followed by other Associations. other Associations.

Responding, Mr. M. J. Gleeson reviewed the progress of the organisation since its foundation here, and said he was one of the few remaining original members. Any success achieved to-day was due to the youth and enthusiasm of the founders and the work of the secretary, Mr. Locke, who started with them as a very young man. The Association had progressed along broad lines, with always the interests of the trade as its foremost object. They were proud of the success that it had become.

The toast of "The Guests" was proposed by Mrs. E. Clohesy (vice-chairman), who, in a pleasant speech, welcomed the visitors individually, and paid tribute to the Northern Ireland members particularly. the youth and enthusiasm of the

Mr. J. W. Canty, Mr. G. E. Brady, Ald. T. Agnew and Mr. W. Mackesy all responded.

Musical items were contributed by Miss J. O'Mahony, Miss Breda Col-bert, Mr. Augustine Hogan and Mr. Thomas O'Brien,

GREYHOUND MAKES £1,500.

hound by Lights O' Brooklyn out of Rose of Castledown, which arrived recently in England with a big reputation, has been purchased for 11,500 by Messrs, Caristiansen, Oyler and Weston, He will be trained by Stanley Biss, of be trained by Stanley Biss, of Clapton, and will compete in open races in the near future. Fair

Government Funds.
5 p.c. National Loan
43 p.c. Third National Loan
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OBSEQUIES OF CANON

LAID TO REST

O'DWYER The interment of Very Rev. Canon O'Dwyer, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's, took place yesterday

Munchin's, took place yesterday amidst manifestations of regret and sorrow. The church was packed to capacity for the obsequies, while over 150 priests assembled within the sanctuary to take part in the soleain ritual of the Church. The remains, encased in a massive oak coffin, rested in the centre of the remains.

sive oak coffin, rested in the centre of the apse. On the hier were laid his biretts, stole and chalice.

Right Rev. Monsignor O'Neili, D.D., P.P., V.G., Bruff, presided at the obsequies, in the absence of his Lordship the Bishop.

Requiem High Mass was sung by Very Rev. P. Canon Thornhill, P.P., Adare: deacon, Rev. H. O'Connor, P.P., Knockaderry; subdeacon, Rev. J. White, C.C., St. Michael's, Rev. J. Brassill, Adm., St. John's, was master of ceremonies, and the chanters were nonies, and the chanters were— Rev. Dr. Cowper, Adm., St. Michael's, and Rev. W. J. O Grady, C.C., St. John's.

Amongst the clergy present were

Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan.
P.P., V.G., Newcastle West; Right
Rev. Dean Mulcahy, P.P., V.F.,
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O'Brien, D.D., P.P., Effin;
Very Rev. Canon Mangan, P.P.,
Rathkeale; Very Rev. Canon
Wallace, P.P., Kildimo; Very Rev.
Canon Macnamara, P.P., Patrickswell; Very Rev. Canon Wall, P.P.,
Ballingarry; Very Rev. Canon Wall,
P.P., Croom; Very Rev. Canon
Carroll, P.P., Abbeyfeale; Very Rev.
Canon Liston, P.P., Ardagh; Rev. J.
Moloney, P.P., Fedamore; Rev. W.
J. Carroll, P.P., Glin; Rev. C.
O'Sullivan, P.P., Killeedy; Rev. F.
Rice, P.P., Donoughmore; Rev. S.
O'Dea, P.P., Dromin; Rev. D. Amongst the clergy present were O'Sullivan P.P., Killeedy; Rev. F. Rice, P.P., Donoughmore; Rev. S. O'Dea, P.P., Dromin; Rev. B. Riordan, P.P., Kilmeedy; Rev. J. Moloney, P.P., Parteen; Rev. P. Moloney, P.P., Parteen; Rev. P. Finn, P.P., Manister; Rev. Ed. Punch, P.P., Mingret; Rev. P. McNamara, P.P., Ballyagran; Rev. P. McNamara, P.P., Ballyagran; Rev. P. Connolly, P.P., Athea; Rev. P. J. Lee, P.P., St. Marv's; Rev. Michael Moloney, P.P., St. Patrick's; Rev. M. Leahy, P.P., Bulgaden; Rev. M. Leahy, P.P., Bulgaden; Rev. Michael Quin, P.P., Templeglantine; Rev. P. J. Coleman, P.P., Glensoe; Rev. T. Mortell, P.P., Banogue; F.ev. James Carroll, P.P., Ardpatrick; Rev. R. Dunworth, P.P., Cappagh; Rev. P. C. Lynch, P.R., Sionehali; Rev. T. Murphy, P.P., Croagh; Rev. Michael O'Brien, P.P., Castlemahou; Rev. P. Lyons, P.P., Monagea; P.ev. D. Kelly, P.P., Bruree; Rev. P. Ruddle, P.P., Tournafulla; Rev. M. J. Quinlan, P.P., Cratloe; Rev. J. Barry, P.P., Sixmilebridge; Very Rev. J. J. Dolan, President, St. Munchin's College; Very Rev. Hugo Kerr, C.SS.R., Provincial; Very Pev. Father Coogan, C.SS.R., Rector; Very Rev. J. T. Kelly, S.J. Rector, Very Rev. J. T. Kelly, S.J. Rector; Very Rev. J. T. Kelly, S.J. Rector, Kerr, C.SS.R., Provincial: Very Pay Father Coogan, C.SS.R., Rector; Very Rev. J. T. Kelly, S.J. Rector, Mungret; Very Rev. R. Roche, S.J. Rector, Limerick: Very Rev. J. O'Flynn, O.S.A., Prior; Very P.ev. T. J. O'Connor, S.C., Rector, Pallas-kenry; Very Rev. L. T. McArdte, O.P., Prior; Very Rev. Father Ephrem O'Shea, O.F.M., Guardian; Rev. P. J. O'Chilaghan, Diocesan Secretary, etc. etc. At the conclusion of the Requiem High Mass the interment took

High Mass the interment took place in the church grounds in the of mourners, including the Mayor (Ald. James Reidy, T.D.) and members of the City Council. The Co. Council was represented by the Co. Manager (Mr. P. J. Meghen, B.E.).

The Final Benediction was given by Very Rev. Canon Thornhill.

Boy Scouts, drawn from St.

Munchin's Troop, formed a Guard
of Honour as the coffin was lowered

VOTE OF SYMPATHY. At the meeting of the Limerick Corporation last night, the Mayor (Ald. James Reidy, T.D.) presiding. Mr. James McQuane referred, to the death of Very Rev. Canon O'Dwyer and said that by his demise Limerick had lost a saintly and brilliant churchman. He proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Lord Bishop in his bereavement. Bishop in his bereavement.

The vote was seconded unanimously and passed in silence.

Brooke won nine out of his eleven races in Ireland. In the final of the Trigo Cup at Ceitic Park he beat some of the hest Irish track-

doubt, the Maritime Institute of Ireland is still a name and nothing more. Most people have but the haziest idea of what it means and aims at. They know it is an organisation having something to do with the sea but beyond that they seem to be badly informed and very little inter-

The Institute represents a very practical and necessary movement that deserves full encouragement and support. Its object, in a nutshell, is to create fruitful interest in the development of Irish shipping and all that pertains to that vitally important question. It has been called into existence by the present war. which has brought home to us all in such an impressive manner the need for a mercantile marine of our own.

What the Maritime Institutstands for is described in a very illuminating and stimulating article in the latest issue of Maritime Magazine This enlightening contribution is from the pen of Mr. Stanislaus Lynch, the Organising Secretary, and is an ably-written and well reasoned presentation of the case for building up and maintaining strong Irish shipping service to do as much of our neces sary carrying as possible. It shows why we must buy more ships and have control of higher percentage of the shipping that uses our ports.

Mr. Lynch examines the arguments usually trotted out to discourage the idea of an Irish mercantile marine. He admits that some of these ar-weighty but rightly contends that "if applied to every phase of life no individual would ever attempt anything." Having examined and answered the points against such an enterprise, he shows that those in its favour are much more convincing. Ireland, he says, should not be shy of entering, on a scale commensurate with her needs, the business of owning, manning and operating her own shipping lines. He adds that "she has the money, she has the men, she has the training ground-she only needs the courage."

This country has suffered a great deal through having so much of her shipping business in the past in foreign and unsympathetic hands. Those who argue against an Irish mercantile marine make no mention, as Mr. Lynch points out. of the millions of pounds in hard cash which we lose yearly by not purchasing our requirements in their country of origin. They forget, too. that "if we had our own ships we could buy from the producer and save for ourselves the vast profits which we are at present paying to middlemen of other countries.

Mr. Lynch's article gives a fair indication of the eentral aim of the Maritime Institute. The organisation, which is entirely non-profit making, has very worthy objects and merits the widest support it can get. Limerick has already an active branch, which has on more than one occasion won high praise from the central governing body. The Institute was established to encourage maritime enterprise in every shape and form and we agree with Mr. Lynch that. despite the difficulties that lie ahead, there should be a great maritime future for this coun-