

more need this year for the grading of moss than ever before, owing to the fact that we are trying to get the Irish moss established in the American market, but since the Government has withdrawn the grading system, we would like to see the moss properly handled and marketed according to its grade, and we would like to appeal to the gatherers to handle the moss properly, and sell it to the dealers and buyers when perfectly clean and dry, and we would also like to appeal to all the buyers to insist on those conditions when buying the moss from the gatherers. If those rules were carried out fully, I feel certain that there are big things ahead of the Irish moss trade. With the war now over in Europe, we have to reckon on France being a very keen competitor in all markets for Carrageen Moss, but if our moss is handled properly, we need never be afraid of any competitor, and our moss export trade, instead of falling back into the old rut it was in before the war, will be looked on as one of our brightest export trades, if, as already pointed out, it is properly handled."

Additional shipments of Irish moss will be speeded to the United States, via Pan American World Airways, this summer.

KILMALLOCK L.D.F.

The Kilmallock Platoon, L.D.F., has won the Bruff District Platoon Competition, held to ascertain the best Platoon in the Southern Command, and they will represent Bruff District in the Area Competition to be held on June 10th. The officers of the winning Platoon are:—Platoon Leader William Cregan, Assistant Platoon Leader Sean Wall, Section Leaders Michael Fitzgerald, Christopher Clifford and Matthew Ryan.

ABBEYFEALE MARKETS (4th June).

Buying was slow for the 700 calves on sale at prices from £1 10s. to £3 10s.; in odd cases, £4 for four weeks' heifers; victuallers' calves, 10s. to 15s. Butter, 2/1 per lb.; eggs, 2/1 per doz.; chickens, 1/10 per lb.; no change in other fowl rates; turf, 30/- per ton; potatoes, 1/6 to 1/10 per stone.

DEATH.

BROWNE (Limerick)—June 5th, 1945, at St. John's Hospital, Mrs. Johanna Browne, relict of Edward (Ned) Browne, 32 Pennywell Road. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. John's Cathedral this (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock (S.T.). Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 3 o'clock (S.T.) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. (Sp)

evening from 7.30 to 9 o'clock. The band was small in number, but well balanced with reed and brass. The programme was all that could be desired—music to suit all tastes; time, tune, precision and harmony perfect. I do admit the spectators were few, but those who were not there missed a treat in one way; but, on the other hand, they had nothing to regret, for the noise of the children was beyond conception. At times when the band was at M.F. they could not be heard owing to the screeching of the children. Of course, youth will have its fling, but this is going the limit.

As a remedy all I could suggest is—let the band play at Russell's Pier, Shelbourne Park, Rutland St. Park and St. Mary's Park. That may cure it for a while. I do not wish to insinuate any slight towards any other band in the city by my suggestion, viz., the Boherbuoy Band performing all over the city, but there is only one brass and reed band now remaining—the prize band of all Ireland 1885, '86, '87—and the people in the other parts of the city would like to hear the music from time to time from the famous No. 1. I remember in my youth six brass and Reed bands in Limerick. The original St. John's Band, afterwards the Victuallers or Pork Butchers, the oldest band in Limerick; then the Boherbuoy, the St. Munchin's, the Mechanics, the League of the Cross, and the Foresters. I would like to see some enthusiasts in music to try and revive more brass and reed bands in Limerick.—Yours sincerely,

JNO. REDDAN,
Ex-Secretary, Boherbuoy Band.

FOYNES NEW GARDA STATION

The rapidly growing importance of Foynes was further enhanced on Monday, 29th May, when an additional force of eleven Guards arrived to take up duty there. Seven more are expected in a very short time. These, with the force already here, will make a total of 4 sergeants and 27 men. The new force occupy the modern station, which was built and equipped recently. This station is most up-to-date in design, structure and equipment. It contains a spacious, well-ventilated day-room, recreation room, dining hall and kitchen, with two corridors of comfortable dormitories. It also has the most modern and excellent of sanitary arrangements, bathrooms and shower baths.

RELIGIOUS RECEPTION.

The Reception took place on 21st May at the Convent of Mercy, Alwick, Northumberland, of Miss Christina Moloney (Sister M. Carmel), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Moloney, Ballydaly, Elton, Knocklong, Co. Limerick.

men who achieve fame and in foreign lands and by the low-countrymen at home and grumble at "the state country," while doing about it, the answer would be yes.

Is there some electrical quack the air of New York or which awakens the ambition, nourishes the abilities of our countrymen in exile? The answer is no.

The real explanation lies in the fact that initiative is a mental daring and this we lack because of our tendency to regress, whether social or economic, in the light of "Isn't it a fact that the Government wouldn't do anything about it?"

The primary function of Government is to govern and to guide people in their genuine effort at self-help. Communities should advance this and when the question of advancement of their interests arises, should remember that it helps those who help themselves and forget their grumbles and orderly bustle of disinterestedness for the common good.

A body which is making strides in the right direction in this matter is the East Clare Farmers' Club with headquarters at Scariff and already a branch at Whitegate. The club is entirely and emphatically non-political. Its name is a mark of expediency, as it aims at furthering the interests of all members of the rural community, whose membership is representative of every walk of life. Not yet 20 years standing, the club has already much tangible credit to its credit. It has organised agricultural matches, debates and has added its weight in a very practical way to the effort of national afforestation by co-ordinating with the County Council of Agriculture in the selection of forest and fruit trees. In view to making the people of the area vegetable conscious and to improving the national health, the club has subsidised a vegetable scheme among its members. In September the club organised a very successful agricultural and home craft exhibition in Scariff, and this year it will hold a bigger and better show on September 13th.

With a view to raising funds for this and other equally laudable purposes the East Clare Farmers' Club "went to town." On Saturday night, June 2nd, the Club held a successful dance in the Rink, Limerick. This should help to break down the puerile relics of bygone days and bade the countryman and his brethren of the city and the man look askance at the tilling of the soil.

More important, if less noticeable achievements are to the credit of this Club. Gradually but surely