

ish home market worth catering for. It is worth noting that Britain would have taken all the steps to keep it to herself. Little over twenty years have elapsed since a Government began to look for the Dublin and in that very short space of time a great deal has been done towards undoing the effects of the distemper that had been on here under the initial steps of developing its potentialities. We are bound to be blind to create some of the best produce and make as is reasonably possible own requirements.

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We have here in our country a valuable material for the farming was emphasised to one commodity. The use of a speech made by the Minister for Agriculture some days ago at the Agricultural Society of University Dublin. Our consumption of butter and margarine combined before the war had gone up by 30,000 tons. "In addition to this," he went on, "there is an additional potentiality if rationing were introduced and the possibilities of the home market can be

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Our unemployed were engaged in our factories and we had more improved conditions. It would automatically create an extra demand for produce from the home market. This explains why agriculture without the support of manufacturing armaments cannot be really healthy or

CHILD'S DEATH

MOTHER CHARGED WITH MURDER

Eily Quaid (48), of Bishop Street, Newcastle West, was, at a special Court at Newcastle West on Christmas Eve, remanded in custody to Adare special Court on December 31st, charged with the murder of her two-year-old child, Mary Teresa Quaid, between December 15th and 23rd.

The infant's body was discovered on Sunday concealed under two sacks in an outhouse at the back of her mother's house.

Earlier on Christmas Eve, Coroner M. Cussen, solicitor, with a jury, opened and adjourned an inquest on the child.

Dr. J. McGrath, State Pathologist, who, with Dr. H. O'Connor, M.O., performed a post mortem, said an old green cardigan and sock were tied around the neck and a piece of silklike twisted tape was round the neck and tied in front. The condition of the neck indicated an attempt at strangulation. Death was due to broncho-pneumonia. The condition of the body and intestines indicated exposure and starvation.

Mrs. Mary Lane, labourer's wife, Ballynoe, Kilmee, with whom the child was boarded out in December, 1944, said she returned the child to its mother, Eily Quaid, on December 18th. It was then in good health.

On the application of Supt. McKenna the inquest was adjourned sine die.

DEATH OF WEST LIMERICK SPORTSMAN

The death of Mr. Michael Keating, which occurred after a brief illness at his residence, Kilcoleman, Rathkeale, on the 9th December, is deeply regretted. A very industrious and successful farmer, the late Mr. Keating was a keen sportsman and took an active interest in all kinds of outdoor sports. He was one of the principal supporters of the Knockaderry-Cloneagh Harrier Club, very rarely missing a chance to turn up at a meet and follow the hounds to the end of the run.

The funeral, which was large and representative, took place to the New Cemetery, Rathkeale, on Tuesday, 11th December.

The officiating clergy were—Very Rev. C. Canon Mangan, P.P., V.F.; Rev. H. O'Connor, P.P.; Rev. M. O'Brien, P.P.; Rev. P. Lynch, P.P.; Rev. T. Costelloe, C.C.; Rev. J. Bourke, C.C.; Rev. Father Boyce, C.C.

The chief mourners were—Mrs. Keating (widow); Mr. P. Keating (brother); Miss L. Keating (sister); Mr. D. Keating (nephew); Mrs. D. Keating (sister-in-law); Mr. W. Clifford (brother-in-law); Mrs. Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. M. Scanlan, Mr. J. Scanlan, Mrs. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. M. Keating, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keating, Mrs. Mrs. E. Cowhey, W. Keating, Mrs. E. Cowhey, Mr. M. Cowhey, B.E.; Mrs. Mulcahy (relatives).

DEMAND AND PRICE FOR PIGS

order traffic was resumed this year, and on the 20th, 2,500 remittances representing a cash value of approximately £9,000 were received. These were in the hands of the recipients before Christmas and must have added to the Christmas cheer in many a home throughout the Counties of Limerick, Clare and portion of Kerry.

Telegraph and telephone traffic throughout the week was abnormally heavy and our representative was informed that for the city area alone over 2,000 telegraph money orders from workers in Britain were received. These represented a sum of approximately £9,000 and no doubt the influx of this ready cash was reflected in the shopping centre of the city on Saturday evening, the 22nd, when movement within the shops and in the streets was difficult.

CHILDRENS ALLOWANCES.

The decision to pay two weeks allowances during Christmas week was highly welcomed by the recipients. It was noticed that many payees allowed several weeks to accrue, and by this means they got together some of their Christmas shopping money.

DELIVERIES, ETC.

All mails were despatched precisely on schedule, and clearance was effected in every instance. A feature much appreciated by the public was the delivery of letters and parcels provided in the city on Sunday, the 23rd, when a very heavy accumulation of mails secured delivery. Not a deliverable item remained on hands at the Limerick Post Office after the final despatch on the 24th.

WORK FOR LIMERICK MEN.

A large number of temporary sorters and porters was engaged through the medium of the local Employment Exchange—the number being upwards of 100—and a not inconsiderable sum was paid out in wages. The homes of many men, who would have otherwise been unemployed, no doubt reflected that the bread winner had been provided with work.

POSTMAN'S BRAVERY

In connection with the recent death of Mr. Richard Collum, Ballymanackee, Balingarry, who was fatally gored by his bull while leading the animal to the byre to put a ring on him, a correspondent writes: "The courageous action of Mr. Daniel Kelly, postman, in driving off the infuriated animal enabled Rev. Father O'Keeffe, C.C., to administer the last Rites of the Church to the dying man before he succumbed to his dreadful injuries."

HOME TO SEE MOTHER

After three years in the Army of the U.S. (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent), Dan Joe Collins, on arrival at Rineanna from America, visited his mother at Tournafulla, Co. Limerick. Connected with one of the French hospitals, and having been with the Army through Italy, France and Germany, he looked none the worse for his experiences in some bitter conflicts on the Continent.

LIGHTNING STRIKES 'PLANE.

A plane which arrived at Rineanna on Christmas morning had