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The Government's attitude on the question of land settlement, on the other hand, does not strike us as being nearly so defensible. Responsible Ministers have committed themselves to the view—and on this it is to be presumed they speak for the entire Cabinet—that the soil of this country cannot carry any more people than it is maintaining at present. It is very strange to find official justification of this kind from such a source for the policy carried out by Britain and her agents in the past in clearing people off the land to make way for the bullocks!

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No sensible person suggests that a whole lot of new slum buildings of miserable area be set up throughout the country. Most people will realise, however, that after making fully uneconomic holdings uneconomic there will still be much land available for parceling out into farms of reasonable size on which deserving and suitable landless people could be planted. Every young farmer thus set up would be a valuable asset to the nation by contributing to its health and in that and other ways helping industry and business in general.

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Much comment has been heard of late to the effect that some of those who were given parcels of land have made very poor use of them. Even if such criticisms be true—and indeed they are, to some extent at least—they

Irish officers, protested and sent a memorial to the Minister of the Interior, pointing out that these endowments were intended for the education of the relatives of the Irish officers who wished to study for the Church, the law, medicine or the army. They won their point and the burses remained, very properly, in Paris.

DEATH OF MR. FRANK O'SULLIVAN

With deep and sincere regret we chronicle the demise of Mr. Frank O'Sullivan, which took place at his residence, "Maryville," Rosbrien, Limerick, this morning.

The late Mr. O'Sullivan, a member of an old and honoured Limerick family, was principal of the firm of Messrs. D. O'Sullivan & Sons, builders and joiners, and the news of his demise at a comparatively early age, must come as a shock to the citizens, amongst whom he was deservedly popular and highly esteemed for his many sterling qualities.

In his heyday the late Mr. O'Sullivan was an outstanding rugby player. He played as a junior with the Young Munster Club, later donning the Garryowen colours, in a short time he established a reputation for himself as a full-back and not only did he represent his team in many engagements for the Munster Cup, but the province as well. He was captain of the Garryowen senior team in the seasons 1911-'12 and 1913, and later was honoured by being elected President of the Munster Branch of the I.R.F.U. In recent years his services as a referee were much sought after, and on one occasion he had charge of the whistle in the final of an Irish trials game. He was a golfer, too, of note, and was an ex-captain of the Limerick Golf Club.

A man of high motives and principles, he commanded the confidence of the general public. His buoyant, good natured disposition, coupled with an independent outlook on affairs in general, were traits of character that singled him out as a personality and a citizen of an unusually high order. Deep and heartfelt sympathy, in which we join in full, will be extended to his widow and family, brothers, sisters and numerous other relatives in their bereavement.

APRIL'S WEATHER (1946)

The following is a summary of weather observations taken at the Crescent for April:—Atmospheric pressure—Highest barometer, 30.58 inches on the 21st and 22nd. Lowest, 29.68, on 29th.

Temperature — Highest thermometer or day temperatures were

by Miss Gough, there were proceedings to fix the standard instituted by the tenant. Both proceedings were taken at the hearing, but the application to the standard rent was adjourned for further hearing. It transpired during the hearing of the rent that the tenant had paid two years' rates in the meantime, and, accordingly, he was allowed this payment so that the claim for rent under the circumstances could not be sustained, but his Lordship, in dismissing the case, refused to allow costs to the defendant.

Yours faithfully,

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16th May, 1946.

FATAL SEIZURE

Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, Duane Street, Newcastle West, was taken suddenly ill and died shortly after midnight of the family Rosary on Sunday night. Her husband, Mr. D. Murphy, the only other occupant of the house, immediately summoned spiritual and medical aid. He ceased, who belonged to a highly esteemed and respected family, mother of Mr. J. Murphy, I. geeha; of Mr. Michael and M. Murphy, New York, and Messrs. Tom and Davy Murphy, Miss Betty Murphy, now residing in England. There was a large and representative attendance at the funeral to Church Street on Tuesday.

ONE BLOW COSTS £2

At Ennis District Court on Monday, Thomas P. Costello, Darragh, was fined £2 for assault.

Guard Cronin gave evidence that he saw a crowd collected on a public street and a man who defendant had hit in the ear falling to the ground. Defendant, who had drink taken, told witnesses he had an argument with the man in a publichouse, and that he went to the row in the street. He had written a letter apologising for his non-attendance at Court and admitting the offence.

Defendant was fined £2.

MURROE FETE

As will be seen in our advertising columns, a two-day fete will be held in Murroe on 29th and 30th June under the auspices of Muirna Tire. The fete is in the capable hands of Rev. J. Gilmartin, and the Murroe Parish Council. Among the attractive prizes being offered are a lady's or gentleman's bicycle and a free trip by air to Rineanna to Dublin and back.

RETREAT AT ABBEYFEA

There was a large attendance at the retreat of the women of the town and par-