

progress would be virtually impossible.

★
To describe the agricultural industry as the most important in the country is simply to assert an obvious truth. This truth, however, is vitiated and weakened by wholly absurd and exaggerated statements frequently made in connection with it. We find people who ought know better often declaring that the farmers are carrying everyone else on their backs and that, in effect, no other class in the community serves any useful purpose! It would be difficult, if not impossible, to discover any contention so palpably foolish and so much calculated to do harm. Those who indulge in such utter nonsense may mean well, but they are creating a wholly erroneous obsession and are unquestionably proving themselves inimical rather than helpful to the true interests of those on the land.

★
The farmer serves not only a useful but an indispensable function. But he is not the only one contributing to the general welfare. What about the people who produce flour, boots, clothes, soap and the thousands of other requirements manufactured from the commodities of which farm animals and other produce are the raw material? What about the men who run the factories, make machinery for the farmers themselves and render the innumerable other services, professional and otherwise, without which existence would be very backward and colourless, indeed, for all classes? These are pertinent questions and to ask them is virtually to give them an answer. Then, again, it must never be forgotten that the urban population and those engaged in manufacturing industry constitute the best market for the farmer's produce and shoulder a huge share of the burden of taxation, while the cities and towns absorb in employment the boys and girls who cannot be kept on the farms and would otherwise have to emigrate. The rural community and the urban population are vitally essential to each other and statements calculated to create prejudice or antipathy between them are pernicious in the extreme.

would dismiss on the merits the summons against the man who said he came to call the licensee's son, and would fine the other three 10/- each.

BISHOP WHELAN

VISIT TO RAILWAY PREMISES

Most Rev. Dr. Whelan, C.S.Sp., Bishop of Owerri, yesterday paid a visit to the different departments of the Limerick railway system. The Bishop was accompanied by his brother, Rev. B. Whelan, O.P.

On arrival they were received by Mr. D. Sheehan, District Superintendent, who conducted the distinguished visitors on their tour of inspection and introduced them to the heads of the various departments. His Lordship engaged in animated conversation with the men, recalling the time when his late father was an employee of the railway company.

Before he left, Dr. Whelan imparted his blessing to all staffs.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The resumed annual meeting of Limerick Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday. Mr. G. E. Russell, B.C., President, who was in the chair, delivered a lengthy address, reviewing events of the past year and other matters, including the improvement in supplies of imported goods. He also read the Directors' Report for the year under review. Mr. Russell's speech and the Directors' Report will appear in full in Monday's issue.

The ballot for election of Directors took place and the following were declared elected:—Messrs. G. E. Russell, B.C.; M. W. McGuire, B.C.; Ald. John Carew, J. O'Keeffe, P. E. O'Malley, J. A. McMahon, A. E. Goodwin, L. de Courcy, E. Holliday.

At the November monthly meeting, held the same day, Mr. James G. Lyons, solicitor, 98, O'Connell St., was elected a member of the Chamber.

DEATH OF MR. D. D. LEAHY, ABBEYFEALE

The death of Mr. David D. Leahy, elder son of the late Daniel Leahy, solicitor, which occurred suddenly at Dublin in his 59th year, was regretted by many friends and relatives (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent). Deceased belonged to one of the oldest families of the district, one of whom was proprietor of one of the best known hotels between Newcastle West and Tralee 150 years ago, where often O'Connell was entertained while the horses of his coach were replaced on occasions of public importance. There was a large attendance of the public when the interment took place in the family plot of the old Abbey Cemetery, when the prayers for the dead were read by the Very Rev. P. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F.; Rev. J. Halpin, C.C., and Rev. J. Liston, C.C. Many expressions of sympathy were tendered to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Leahy, Mrs. Nancy B. Harnett, and Mrs. W. B. McMahon, chief relatives.

operated by electricity and so is his sterilising equipment. It can quite easily be imagined how serious can be the consequences of having electric current cut off in such cases.

OTHER COMPLAINTS.

We have received several other complaints of the high-handed action of the E.S.B. in cutting off supplies of current without full justification and ample notice beforehand.

YOUNG LADY'S TRAGIC END

Deep sympathy will be extended to Mr. J. C. Reardon, Sports Editor, "Cork Examiner," on the death of his daughter, Aileen, under particularly distressing circumstances. Miss Reardon, who was aged about 30 years, received fatal injuries while motoring yesterday from Thurles to Cork. She was driving her father and a friend home to Cork at the conclusion of the races in Thurles when, at a road crossing a short distance outside Thurles her car came into collision with another motor car. In the impact Miss Reardon sustained injuries that proved fatal. She died after receiving spiritual aid. Miss Reardon was home on a holiday from England.

Copies of photographs in the "Limerick Leader" may be bought at the "Leader" Office, 54, O'Connell Street, or by post. Price 3/- each.

CONGRATULATED BY HIS PARISHIONERS

At a recent meeting of Martins-town Parish Council (writes our Kilmallock correspondent) the members passed a vote extending their congratulations to their worthy parish priest, Very Rev. M. J. Leahy, on the occasion of his elevation to the dignity of Canon, and wished him many years of health and happiness to enjoy this merited distinction.

FOR PARKING PLACES

It is quite probable that in the near future the city streets set aside for the parking of vehicles will be marked so as to indicate the 30 feet from a road junction in which distance vehicles cannot be parked.

Justice D. F. Gleeson, at the City District Court to-day, made the suggestion to Supt. Collieran, whose intention is to convey the remarks of the Justice to the City Manager.

BOHERBUOY BAND

A Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Boherbuoy Band on Sunday next, November 14th, in the Redemptorist Church at 12 o'clock. The Band will parade for the Mass.—Leo Johnson, Hon. Sec.

FONES SHIPPING.

On Wednesday morning, 3rd inst., the tanker s.s. "Daxhound" arrived in Foynes Harbour, bringing 1,100 tons of aviation spirit for the Irish-American Oil Co.



The new Intertype which type setting machines. the first of its kind in Ir

RECENT WEDDINGS

ADARE GIRL MARRIES IN ENGLAND

At Mount Carmel Church, Redditch, Worcs., England, the wedding took place on Saturday, 10th October, with Nuptial Mass by Rev. Father Jack Redditch, officiated. The bride, Miss Anna O'Connor, youngest daughter of the late John Thomas O'Connor, and Mrs. J. T. O'Connor, 10, Greville Halford Road, Adare, and Mrs. Greville Halford stepson and Mrs. J. Sealey, of 75, Redditch, Worcs., were bridesmaids.

The Rev. Father Jack Redditch, officiated. The bride, Miss Anna O'Connor, youngest daughter of the late John Thomas O'Connor, and Mrs. J. T. O'Connor, 10, Greville Halford Road, Adare, and Mrs. Greville Halford stepson and Mrs. J. Sealey, of 75, Redditch, Worcs., were bridesmaids. The bride wore a dress of white figured silk with an embroidered veil and a headdress of white blossom. She carried a bouquet of deep pink carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Jean O'Connor (bride's sister), Miss Patricia O'Connor (bridegroom's sister), Miss Beulah Sealey (bridegroom's sister), who were attired in satin dresses and pink head-dresses to match. The bridesmaid carried a bouquet of white anemones. The reception was held at the Talbot Hotel, Redditch, and about 30 guests were entertained.

DWELLING GUARDIAN

The dwellinghouse of Mr. J. Canty, farmer, New Limerick, Charleville, was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday night, about 9.30 p.m., when the fire was first observed on the roof. Efforts were made by the fire brigades to subdue the blaze, but the fire was blowing at such a force that it was impossible to fan the blaze. Fire Brigade subsequently arrived on the scene and laid a hose from a hydrant, but the fire was well alight at this time and nothing further could be done. The roof, which was a thatched roof, was covered with slates, collapsed in a short time. Fortunately, the furniture and household goods were saved before the fire got under way.

LIAM LYNCH

A motion standing in the name of the Chairman, Mr. Seamus T.D., of King's Street, Limerick, and Mr. Con Mearns, of Mitchelstown, was adopted at the North Limerick Committee of Public Assistance, held at Millstreet on Monday.