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 On this particular question the Bishop of Galway, Most Rev. Dr. Browne, had something very telling and pertinent to say in the course of a recent address. He was speaking at the ceremony of cutting the first sod on the site of the Western Regional Sanatorium to be built at Merlin Park, Galway, at a cost of about £1,000,000. The curing of the sick, he said, was only the negative side of public health work. The positive and really important part, he added, "included everything that could be done to improve the prosperity of the land, and improvement of housing, food and sanitation."

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 From this his Lordship went on to say that the more that is taken in rates from the earnings of the farmer and the worker "the less there is for food, good clothing, boots and shelter," and "when people have not enough of these the public health is lowered and sanatoria have to be built." Dr. Browne was issuing a general and very necessary warning against the present-day trend of taking too much out of the pockets of the people for public schemes of all kinds.

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 The Bishop of Galway is not only a distinguished prelate but a keen and well-informed observer of the facts and circumstances in connection with temporal affairs. Speaking, as he said, with all the responsibility of his office, he made an urgent appeal to those in charge of such matters to retrench as far as possible before it is too late. "For," he added, "while people are anxious to have fine, modern institutions, they are now concerned about the rising cost of maintenance and the ability of the people to afford it." In view of certain marked tendencies that have been showing themselves in steadily growing degree, it is entirely to the good to have this timely warning and exhortation from his Lordship.

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 It is right and proper, said Dr. Browne, "that we should do everything we can for the sick and ailing, but there are two limiting conditions to all expenditure. First, that we can afford it, and, secondly, that we should not make the condition of the non-working better than that of the working, and thereby reduce the incentive to be up early at work." In these words there is a world of wisdom that should be taken to heart by both the Government and the local authorities. Some of our public men speak and act as if this was the last generation of Irish people and that all the neglect of the past should be overtaken and completely set right in our day! There is such a thing as moving too fast and that policy has now reached the point at which it is draining too large a proportion of the people's incomes and earnings, thus hampering and endangering our whole economic position.

who died at the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Ashfield, Australia, recently, had been professed for nearly 50 years.  
 Born at Charleville, on June 24th, 1869, she entered the Novitiate of the Good Shepherd at Limerick on December 8th, 1900.  
 During her long religious life, she was noted for her faith and spirit of joy.  
 Sister Mary of St. Kevin admitted to the Good Shepherd Orphanage at Limerick, "Little Nellie of Holy God," and often related the child's story.  
 After her profession, Sister Mary of St. Kevin volunteered for the Australian mission, and in 1909 went to the Convent of the Good Shepherd at Perth.  
 In February, 1921, she came to Ashfield, where she did valuable work for the Order.  
 Sister was anointed on the Monday before her death.  
 The Rev. Father R. Macken, C.M., and her cousin, the Rev. Dr. J. Wigmore, C.M., who gave her the final Absolution, visited her.  
 Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Dr. Wigmore, with the Rev. Father McAuliffe, a native of Banogue, Co. Limerick (a close friend of the family), as deacon, and the Rev. Father Keady sub-deacon.  
 Father McAuliffe officiated at the graveside at Rookwood Cemetery.—R.I.P.

### CALLED HOME EARLY LITTLE BOY OF GREAT PROMISE

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we chronicle the death of George Clune, the third and darling child of James and Elizabeth Clune, Ardbohill, Rathkeale, which sad event took place at the County Hospital, Croom, on 13th instant. Of a loving and gentle disposition he was beloved by all, as can be testified by the large and representative concourse that attended both his funeral to the church as well as to his resting place the following day. Town and country alike shared in their deep expressions of sympathy. His little class-mates at school marched behind his little coffin and showed the great love which their little hearts had for him. Called to Heaven at the early age of eleven years, it is a consolation to his grief-stricken parents that the good God took back their darling in all his innocence and purity. Gifted with rare intellectual abilities, he was a little boy of great promise.  
 Very Rev. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.P., Rathkeale, and Rev. Father G. Enright, C.C., officiated at the graveside.

### LATE CANON HANNAY AND LIMERICK

An esteemed correspondent writes—The death in London, some time ago of Canon Hannay, novelist and playwright, whose writings over the penname of "George A. Birmingham" are familiar to most of the reading public, recalls a visit he paid to this city. In the early days of the Gaelic League the Canon visited Limerick, where he lectured on the "Irish Language Movement" in the recreation hall of the P.Y.M.A., O'Connell St.  
 Rev. Mr. Adderly, a local cleric, presided on that occasion. The hall had a capacity audience, which included a big attendance of Gaelic League enthusiasts.  
 Canon Hannay, in one of his earliest published works, dealt with the land agitation, with Charles S. Parnell as the central figure. His best known work, "Spanish Gold," is both amusing and entertaining.

### BANK APPOINTMENTS

Amongst the successful candidates at the recent examination held by the Munster & Leinster Bank, Ltd., was Mr. M. J. O'Mahoney, eldest son of Mr. M. O'Mahoney, Creamery Manager, and Mrs. O'Mahoney, Castle View, Bruree (writes our Bruree correspondent). All his numerous friends and acquaintances wish this popular young gentleman every success in his future career.  
 Mr. Patrick Scully, The Square, Dromcollogher, has, following a successful examination, been called to the staff of the Provincial Bank (writes our Dromcollogher correspondent). He has taken up duty at the Fleet St., Dublin, Branch and in his new sphere takes with him the best wishes of his numerous friends in the town and district.

### COLLAPSED AT THE FIRE

While sitting at the fire at her residence on Sunday night, Mrs. Bridget Lyons, Mountangle, Bruree, collapsed and died shortly after (writes our Croom correspondent). She was over 60 years of age. An inquest was not deemed necessary as death was due to natural causes.  
 Widow of the late Mr. James Lyons, the late Mrs. Lyons belonged to a well-known farming family, and her demise so suddenly evoked the deepest sympathy over a wide area.

POSITION IN CO. LIMERICK  
 (To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")  
 Sir,—I submit for publication figures showing the road expenditure for County Limerick, 1948/49, and 1949/50, also the grants allotted and the rate in the £ in respect of the roads.  
 1948/49—Expenditure on repairs and improvements, £269,193. Road grants, £174,577. Rate in the £ in respect of rates (pence), 43.568.  
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 Total rate, 1948/49—17/6 in the £. Total rate, 1949/50—£1 in the £.  
 From the foregoing figures we find that while the road expenditure was reduced by £48,601 in 1949/50, the rate in respect of roads was increased by 2/2. In simpler language, if the road grants were not cut for 1949/50 the rate would be 17/9, instead of £1, while the amounts available for roads would be £269,193, instead of £220,592.  
 In view of the fact that the Department of Local Government has notified County Councils that Road Fund grants for 1950/51 will be on the same scale as those for 1949/50, our Dail representatives should make an effort to have the fuel tax paid by the road user, amounting to £3,000,000, diverted to the Road Fund, thereby enabling the Department to restore to the local authorities the grants available in 1948/49.  
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### EXPORT OF PEOPLE AND EXPORT OF WEALTH

Addressing a meeting on the Square at Abbeyfeale on Sunday afternoon, Mr. Sean MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, said that a number of problems still remained to be solved in this country, including the main national issue of Partition. As one of the wealthiest countries in the world, relatively speaking, they had invested abroad a total of 400 millions which, if it had been invested at home would now be worth 15/- or 16/- in the £ instead of the 5/- or 6/- it was worth at present. There were two things they could not afford in this country—the export of people and the export of wealth, because they had neither a surplus of wealth nor a surplus of population. Yet they had in the past persisted in the policy of exporting their man-power and investing their wealth abroad at a very cheap rate of interest.  
 The Minister also addressed a large meeting in the Square, New-castle West.

### POSTAL PROMOTION

Regret is felt in Bruree district by the departure of Miss Mary Burke, member of the local Post Office staff, who has left to take up an appointment at the more important Croom Post Office. Miss Burke, though only still in her middle teens, entered the Bruree office some time ago under the supervision of Miss B. Coll, postmistress, and Miss Tierney, assistant, under whose guidance she gained a thorough knowledge of the business in all its details. A most courteous young lady, possessed of a genial and kindly disposition, she was a warm favourite both with the entire post office staff and general public. She is a past pupil of the Convent of Mercy, Charleville.

### BILLIARDS AT ADARE

There was keen interest taken in the beginners billiards tournament in the Village Hall, Adare, for a silver cup presented by Mr. Larry Fitzpatrick. There were over 40 competitors, and in the final, between Messrs. Michael Cagney and Michael Allen, the former won by 6 points.  
 Mr. Fitzpatrick presented the cup to the winner amid great applause.

### REHEARSING NEW PLAY

Knockainey Dramatic Society are now rehearsing their new play, "The Bugle in the Blood," by the well-known Kerry author, Bryan MacMahon. Previous productions by this group of players have been much admired and their forthcoming performance is being eagerly awaited.

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### MEDICAL POST

#### RECENT APPOINTMENT

The Limerick County Manager, on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners, has appointed Dr. Timothy J. Mullins, of the Knoll, East Ardoley, Wakefield, England, as Medical Officer, Broadford Dispensary District, Co. Limerick. Prior to obtaining this appointment, Dr. Mullins held the post of Medical Superintendent, Carr Gate Isolation Hospital, Wakefield. He is son of the late Timothy Mullins, for many years manager of Glenwilliam Creamery, Ballingarry, Co. Limerick.

### NEW COMPANY FORMED

A new Company has been formed in Limerick—P. O'Malley & Co. (Limerick), Ltd. The nominal capital is £35,000 in £1 shares. The Company are exporters and importers, wholesale tea, wine and spirit merchants.  
 The Directors are Mr. P. E. O'Malley, Ard Machree, O'Callaghan Strand, Limerick, and Mr. B. G. O'Malley, same address.

### FELL FROM ROOF

While repairing the roof of Mr. John Bovenizer's house at Killreedy, Adare, Leo Battles, carpenter, Kildimo, fell about 20 feet and received a broken arm and other injuries. After medical attention he was conveyed to Croom County Hospital, where he is progressing satisfactory.

### STONEHALL HARRIERS

Stonehall Harriers met at Shanongrove on Friday, 18th inst., and enjoyed a good run, winding up in the evening in the neighbourhood of Ballymartin.

### FOYNES SHIPPING

On Monday last, the 20th inst., the tanker, s.s. "Basset Hound," arrived in Foynes harbour, bringing 1,100 tons of petroleum for the Irish Shell Oil Company.

### COURTS OFF

Justice C. S. Kenny will not hold the usual monthly sittings of Shanagolden and Glin Courts next Wednesday.

T. F. Quaid, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Surgeon, has changed from Curtin's Hotel to Donal Scanlan's, Upper Main Street, Newcastle West.

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