

THE NEW IRELAND

Impressions of Changes

IEWS OF EX-COMMISSIONER WOUFFE

Our Kilmallock correspondent writes:— Mr. Richard Woulfe, one of the most prominent of the Irish race in America, and late Commissioner of Public Works, Chicago, who has spent an extended holiday in Ireland, while making a short stay at the Dunraven Arms Hotel, Adare, has accompanied by his wife, called on Dr. and Mrs. Woulfe, Grove House, Bruff; also on Mr. Maurice Woulfe, Manager National Bank, Bruff, and on Father Woulfe, P.P., Cappagh, who introduced him to Very Rev. Canon Begley, P.P., V.F., Kilmallock, and Senator Bennett, at Summerville.

Impressions.
In conversation with Dr. and Mrs. Woulfe, and Dr. and Mrs. Clery, Hospital, Mr. Woulfe referred to the remarkable intellectual prowess of Canon Begley and observed that his writings, as well as those of Father Woulfe, are very widely read in America and added that their works are doing much to make known to the outside world the importance of Irish history civil and ecclesiastical, and Irishmen like them and Senator Bennett are viewed by Mr. Woulfe as bringing Ireland to a point of great stability, politically and industrially compelling England for the first time in her connection with this country to take serious notice of Irish progress. That progress has most happily impressed Mr. Woulfe himself, who was last in Ireland 23 years ago, in 1908. He referred particularly to the now bright and prosperous appearance of rural Ireland.

Cessation of British Hold.
The cessation of the British hold, he says, has benefited the Irish people in material things, but much more so because that grip has ceased to hamper our manly self-respect, in which connection one of the happiest things he observed was the almost universal temperance of our population.

English Propaganda.
Visitors to Ireland, said Mr. Woulfe, could see for themselves the utter falsehood of English propaganda and added that it was the same class who attributed lawlessness to America, and particularly to Chicago, who so discredited this country for which he anticipates so great a future.

In reply to Dr. Woulfe, he explained that in the matter of organised relief of the poor we are ahead of America, which has nothing to correspond exactly with our Medical Charities, County Hospitals, County Homes, Home Assistance and Old Age Pensions.

Time of O'Connell Recalled.
The ex-Commissioner learned with pride and interest the details of an incident in the life of his grandfather, Mr. Edmund Richard Woulfe, a well-known personality in West Limerick from the early days of O'Connell to those of the pre-eminence of Butt.

Dr. Woulfe explained the conditions which prevailed in Ireland 90 years ago, three or four decades before the Land Agitation had become an organisation. The franchise was so limited that the great majority of Parliamentary and Poor Law electors were tenant farmers who were unprotected by any security of tenure, and on the other hand the voting was without ballot or secrecy and Parliamentary elections were often decided by one very extensive landlord, who frequently drove his tenantry like cattle to the station where they were left with practically no option but to vote for their landlord or the candidate of his party. In Poor Law elections where the area was comparatively small nobody outside of the landlord and his nominee could dare to seek election. Under those circumstances the "Castle" at Newcastle West was as autocratic as its namesake at Dublin. It was the headquarters of the vast estate of the Earl of Devon, whose agent, as a matter of course, was annually elected unopposed to represent Monegny on the local Board of Guardians. However, in 1842 the grandfather of ex-Commissioner Woulfe went forward as a candidate in opposition to the estate agent, and all who have any idea of the conditions of the time will understand the magnitude of that venture and the task that he accomplished in being about the first farmer in Ireland to defeat, which he did, his landlord's nominee, for a seat on a public board.

Mr. Woulfe has just left Ireland for Germany and will shortly return to America to resume the duties of his present office. He is Secretary to the Commission dealing with the gigantic proposal to make the Mississippi and other rivers navigable the entire way from the Gulf of Mexico to Lake Michigan.

HEROIC GLIN GIRL SAVES LITTLE BOY'S LIFE

A little boy named Sean Casey, aged 10 years, had a narrow escape from drowning at Glin. While playing on the old quay with his little brother Patrick, aged 8, he accidentally fell into the river, there being a spring tide at the time. A little girl named Kathleen Dillane, aged 10, seeing what happened, promptly and thoughtfully raised the alarm, and Miss Josephine O'Connell, who lives at the Terrace, near by, ran to the spot and jumped in at the risk of her life and caught hold of the child in the water and kept him up. Mr. Tim Costello was then lowered down with a rope by a number of men who had collected and brought Miss O'Connell and the boy safely ashore. The greatest credit is due to Miss O'Connell, who is only 15 or 16 years of age, for so pluckily risking her life, and to the others concerned in the rescue. It is to be hoped the Royal Humane Society will suitably recognise the bravery of this young Glin heroine and those who assisted her, for were it not for their timely efforts the little boy would certainly have been drowned.

ASKEATON CREAMERY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Committee of Askeaton Co-Operative Creamery, held on Monday evening, Mr. M. Feeney presiding, Mr. W. O'Shaughnessy proposed and Mr. Robert Sheehy seconded a vote of deepest sympathy to Edward Cussen, Rook Abbey, the respected Chairman, on the death of his cousin, Edward Cussen, Dunboyno.

The resolution was adopted and a copy ordered to be sent to Mr. Edward Cussen and the Press.

THE MASTER BAKERS

At the annual meeting of the Irish Association of Master Bakers, held in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, on Wednesday, Mr. M. J. Russell, Limerick, was elected a vice-president for the ensuing year.

FIANNA HURLING CLUB

At a special meeting of the Fianna Hurling Club the following vote of condolence was passed unanimously—"That we, the members of the Fianna Hurling Club, tender our sincere sympathy to our fellow member, Mr. O'Donnell, and relatives on the bereavement of his mother."

Dr. D. J. Corboy will be absent from 11, The Crescent, until September 1st. (15-22)

LATE MR. P. PUNCH

THE OBSEQUIES

Deep and widespread regret was occasioned by the death of Mr. Patrick Punch, who passed away at his residence, New Street, Limerick, on Sunday last, after a brief illness. The deceased, who had reached his seventy-fourth year, was a well-known licensed vintner and was held in the highest esteem by all classes. Of a kindly, jovial and charitable disposition; and of a singularly upright and honourable character, he was a very popular figure and enjoyed the respect and confidence of a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He was a Golden Jubilarian of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family, which he joined 50 years ago, and at the meetings of that body this week the Sub-Director, in asking prayers for the repose of his soul, paid him a warm tribute, referring to him as an exemplary member. The late Mr. Punch was uncle of Mr. P. Quinlan, B.C., and Mr. J. Quinlan, manager of the Anglo-American Oil Company, to whom and the other relatives sincere sympathy is extended in their bereavement.

The funeral took place on Tuesday from St. Michael's Church for the family burial place at Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, at 11.30 a.m., after solemn Requiem Mass.

The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Father Carroll, C.C., St. Michael's; deacon, Rev. Father Moylan, A.M.; and sub-deacon, Rev. Father Punch, C.C. (cousin).

The clergy present at the funeral were:— Rev. Father Thornhill, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. Father Carroll, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Fitzpatrick, C.C., do.; Rev. Dr. Cowper, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Kirby, C.C.; Rev. Father Punch, C.C. (cousin); Rev. Father Moylan, A.M.; Rev. Father Reynolds, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father O'Shea, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father Hurley, S.J.; Rev. Father Dillon-Kelly, S.J.; Rev. Father Kelly (London).

The chief mourners were:—Michael Punch, brother; Misses Mary Punch, Kate Punch, Mrs. Bridget Fitzgerald (sisters); Mrs. Michael Punch (sister-in-law), Daniel Quinlan (brother-in-law), P. F. Quinlan, B.C.; Joseph Quinlan, Daniel Quinlan, Gerard Quinlan, Michael Fitzgerald, Capt. T. Meenehan (nephews); Mrs. Meenehan, Misses Eileen Quinlan, Bride Quinlan, Madge Quinlan, May Fitzgerald (nieces).

Rev. Father Thornhill officiated at the graveside.

BRITISH FIRM

TO OPEN DEPOT IN LIMERICK

We have been informed by Mr. W. E. Crawford, who has recently been appointed Irish Free State representative of the well-known English firm, The British Creameries, Limited, London and Hull, that negotiations have been completed with the Limerick Steamship Company for the opening of a depot in Limerick. This firm are widely known as the manufacturers of celebrated bakery fats and bakers oils, such as "Bakit," the standard golden shortening; "B.C.L.," the standard white shortening; "Prairie Cwt. Butter," and "Lohis Lily"; also "Lily White" and "Buttapat," oils.

Hitherto it has been the practice to ship all goods for the Irish Free State to the port of Dublin. In future the compounds and oils for use of bakers and confectioners in Limerick and neighbouring counties will be shipped direct to the port of Limerick, and distributed throughout the district from there. The new arrangement will, in addition to giving more employment to local labour, afford bakers and confectioners the opportunity of having their orders more expeditiously executed.

WORST OFFENDERS

CORPORATORS AND STREET DISFIGUREMENT

In reference to the complaints made of the disfiguration of the streets by contents bills and posters, a letter was read at the meeting of the Corporation Improvement Committee on Wed night from the Law Adviser, who enclosed copy of the proposed by-laws drawn up to prevent what was described as a very objectionable practice.

Mr. J. Dalton, while agreeing, said the Corporators were the worst offenders, and that was shown at the recent municipal elections.

The City Surveyor commented on the practice, and Mr. Dalton remarked that the condition of the streets on Sunday morning especially was a disgrace.

GLIN FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Great rejoicing took place in Glin (writes our correspondent there) when the news arrived that the local football team won at Ballylanders the cup presented by Mr. T. Crowley, T.D. The success was all the more creditable seeing that two prominent players (Duggan and Conway) were absent and that another important member of the team (M. O'Connor) was knocked out early in the game.

MUSICAL SUCCESS

Miss Annie O'Brien, 4, Cecil Street, Limerick, was successful in securing the diploma of the A.T.C.L. in pianoforte at the recent examinations of Trinity College of Music. She is a pupil of Mr. Henri C. Begas, Limerick.

BISHOP TURNER HOME ON VISIT

The Most Rev. Dr. William Turner, Bishop of Buffalo, has arrived on a visit to his sister, Mrs. J. Casey, Ardkillmartin, Kilmallock.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE

DISPLAY THAT DREW BIG CROWDS

The horticultural display at the Limerick Show drew particularly large crowds. It was divided between two exceedingly large marquees, and was reckoned the finest staged in Southern Ireland. 9,600 square feet of space was packed with masses of flowers, fruit, vegetables, wonderful dahlias 15 inches in diameter and 6 inches deep, of varied hues. The roses were a remarkably attractive collection, and the same applied to the sweet pea exhibits, while gladiolus furnished a show in themselves. A splendid floral effect was obtained by the combined display of ornamental shrubs, herbaceous flowers, hardy and half-hardy annuals. The fruit section gave an instructive insight into the productive qualities of Irish soil, apples, peaches, pears, plums, grapes and cherries being shown in great variety and colour. A new feature was the educational exhibit staged by the staff of the Limerick County Committee of Agriculture. Here the visitor saw the results of experiments in the scientific methods applied to grassland management, manures, feeding-stuffs, etc. Fruit growing was dealt with in its phases of diseases and remedies, and the ornamental shrubs and forestry section attracted much notice. With regard to the poultry industry, appliances of approved modern type were on show, suitable for all operations from the hatching out of the eggs to preparing fowl for table. The officials responsible for the exhibits were—Agriculture: Messrs. M. Gleeson, A.R.C.S.E.I.; M. J. O'Leary, A.R.C.S.E.I.; horticulture and forestry: Messrs. J. J. Cleary, F.R.H.S., and J. Malone; poultry: Miss A. E. Spratt and Miss Arrigan.

EXPORT OF MEAT

CHARGE FOR CERTIFICATION

A letter was read at the meeting of the Public Health Committee of Limerick Corporation on Wednesday night from the Ministry for Agriculture in reference to the application for certificates for the export of meat and meat products made by Messrs. W. J. Shaw and Sons, bacon curers. The Ministry pointed out that a charge of sixpence per pig would be quite reasonable for each certificate which could be obtained from Mr. J. Dutton, Supervisor of the City Veterinary staff.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Shaw and Sons of the views of the Ministry on the subject.

A discussion took place as to whether payment of fees should be in the nature of an employment to the Supervising Veterinary Inspector or revert to the Corporation funds. It was pointed out that the inspection would scarcely exceed six pig carcasses per month, and in that case the Corporation revenue would not benefit to any extent.

It was decided to refer the question for an opinion from the law adviser.

SHOP LIGHTING

COMING LECTURE IN LIMERICK

There are few business premises in the town and villages supplied with electricity from the Shannon Power Station which have not installed electric lighting. Many of them, unfortunately, are not getting the best value out of the lighting of their windows and shop interiors. In order to assist and advise business people to make the most of the electricity they use the Electricity Supply Board have arranged a series of lecture demonstrations in the principal towns during the next few months.

The first of these will be held in St. John's Hall, Mulgrave Street, Limerick, at 8 p.m., on Friday, the 28th inst.

This Lecture demonstration by Mr. E. J. Davidson and Mr. J. Creagh, of the Board's Lighting Service Bureau, will show the business people of Limerick, who are cordially invited to attend, how a system of good lighting in their shops and shop windows can materially assist their businesses.

During the coming Carnival there is bound to be a friendly rivalry in the city in the illumination of business houses and advice on proposed lighting schemes can be had from the Lighting Service Bureau, free of charge.

ROSE'S AVENUE

At a meeting of Limerick Corporation Committee it was decided, on the suggestion of Mr. P. Casack, to write to the Co. Council asking that body to see after the better public lighting of Rose's Avenue.

ABATTOIR PROJECT

QUESTION OF SITE

It was mentioned by the Borough Surveyor at the meeting of the Public Health Committee of Limerick Corporation on Wednesday night that Mr. Dutton, Veterinary Inspector, had had an interview with Mr. McArdle, Chief Veterinary Superintendent of the Department of Local Government, on the question of providing a public abattoir in the city. Mr. McArdle, he said, would probably pay a visit to the city within a week and report on the two sites suggested for the building. These were the Potato Market, Merchants' Quay, and the Butter Market, Mulgrave Street. He (Surveyor) did not approve of the Potato Market, which was too centrally situated, but considered the Butter Market suitable, but feared they would meet with strong opposition if they thought to acquire it.

It was agreed to await the report of Mr. McArdle before taking any further measures to secure a site.

HORSE SHOW DANCES

The Horse Show dances held in St. John's Hall on Wednesday and Thursdays nights were most enjoyable and successful functions. They were admirably carried out and well attended and all present were thoroughly pleased with the arrangements and with the two re-unions in general.

FOR FOYNES SPORTS

Two special trains will leave Limerick on Sunday for Foynes Sports—one at 12.30 and the other at 2.30. The fare will be 2s. 3d. return. A special train will also leave Tralee for Foynes the same day at 10.45 a.m.

BIRTH

Keane—On August 13, 1931, at Bedford Row Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Keane, Fairfield, Roxboro' Road—a daughter.

DEATH.

Hoare—On Thursday, 20th August, 1931, at Rosbrien Road, Michael Hoare, age 74 years. Deeply regretted. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Friday) evening, at 9 o'clock. Interment at Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery on Sunday next, 23rd inst., at 3 o'clock, p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

O'Grady—Mrs. O'Grady wishes to tender sincere thanks to all who so kindly sent messages of sympathy in her recent bereavement. As it would be impossible to reply individually, she trusts that this grateful acknowledgment will be accepted by all.

