

draught mares, £60 to £73; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £45; aged do, £17 to £30; upstanding carriage horses, £25 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £25 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £20 to £28; light hacks, £10 to £18; extra good hacks, £20 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £5 to £8.

The Linen Industry of Ireland

There is scarcely a prettier sight in the world than a field of Irish flax in August (says a writer in the 'Los Angeles Times'). The stalk grows from 20 to as much as 40 inches high. The seed is put in the ground in April. In May the blade is well above the ground, and in August the bloom appears, as level as if artificially produced, from end to end of a field, a bright, deep-blue bell on the top of a vividly green stalk, the whole top of the field being a sea of bloom, as the breeze sweeps over the blue heads all swaying on the tough, flexible, graceful stalks, not waving like fields of gram, but all swinging in rhythmic time together, forward, then back, the blue and green mingling in the most beautiful interchange of color. The sight is one never to be forgotten.

About this time a band of sturdy Irish women invade the field and each grasping a double handful of the flax, they pull the stalks out from the roots, clean and whole. These handfuls are laid out in swaths to dry. Then the flax is steeped for days in ponds of fresh water until the fibre becomes as tough as spun cord. It is dried once more, then hackled to get the outer casing off the fibre, which lies within as in a pipe.

The North of Ireland is where flax is spun and linen woven, and Belfast is the centre of this great industry. There are linen dealing establishments here that cover an entire block, bounded on four streets. The buildings run six stories high. The factories owned by these firms are in the country, and here in the city the linen fabrics coming from the factories are converted into all sorts of forms ready for use.

A great deal of the linen is hand-spun and hand-woven. The big companies have 1500 to 2000 hand looms let out to the cottagers in the country where tablecloths, napkins, and other fabrics are woven. The pay rolls of these factories will carry 25,000 names and upward.

The linen exported each year comes to 160,000,000 yards. This would make a girdle for the earth at the equator three yards wide. There are 900,000 spindles at work, and 32,500 power looms. There are 70,000 persons in Belfast employed in the various branches of the industry. The value of the products amounts to £8,000,000.

An advertisement with reference to the additions to and alterations in the train arrangements for the Easter holidays appears on page 30 of this issue...

Messrs. Louis Gille and Co., of Melbourne and Sydney, have placed a new triple photo-picture on the market, particulars of which will be found in advertising pages...

Mr. A. W. Hendy, toilet specialist, Princes street, Dunedin, calls attention to 'Koloré,' which, it is claimed, will transform grey hairs into brown and black. It is not a dye but an invigorating compound, and is sold under positive guarantee...

The Dominican Nuns, Bluff, remind holders of books of tickets for their art union that the drawing of prizes will take place on September 8, when a bazaar will be held, both events being for the purpose of assisting in reducing the heavy burden of debt on the convent...

'The publication of an advertisement in a Catholic paper shows that the advertiser not only desires the patronage of Catholics, but pays them the compliment of seeking it through the medium of their own religious journal.' So says an esteemed and wide-awake American contemporary. A word to the wise is sufficient.

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The King's Speech

The King's Speech (says the 'Irish Weekly') contains two paragraphs of special significance to Irishmen. In the forefront of the Ministerial programme is put an announcement that the Government have under consideration plans for a twofold purpose—first, for improving and effecting economies in the system of government in Ireland, and second, for introducing into that system of government 'means for associating the people with the conduct of Irish affairs.' The exact schemes by which these purposes are to be accomplished are not, of course, revealed. We shall have to wait a short time before we learn by what means the Government propose to improve and economise the administration of Ireland—their first avowed object—and before we learn how the people are to be associated with the conduct of Irish affairs. Since the introduction of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bills an announcement of this kind has not been foreshadowed in any Ministerial programme. We cannot suppose that this forecast will be allowed to remain a dead letter.

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