

Irish News

CORK—A Well Known Public Man

The death took place on April 16, at his son's residence, Ivera, Youghal, of Mr. Robert Uniacke Fitzgerald Townsend, head of the well known firm of land agents, Messrs. Hussey and Townsend. Mr. Townsend was for many years a member of various public boards and a magistrate for the county, and he was nephew of Mr. Charels Uniacke Townsend, who occupied a very prominent position in Dublin. He was a keen business man, and the firm with which he was connected acted as agents for the principal landlords of the South during the land troubles of a quarter of a century ago. Mr. Townsend was a musician of cultured taste and much ability, as well as an amateur florist and a rearer of poultry, displaying much interest in improving the breeds of fowl in this country. He was a member of the Governing Body of Cork University College.

DOWN—Excessive Emigration

Every week since the beginning of February (says the *Irish News*) batches of emigrants of both sexes have left Newry, via Greenore, for the United States and Canada. One shipping agent alone has booked no less than 52 emigrants for Canada, 44 for the United States, and 7 for Australia. They belonged to the artisan and farming classes. Most of them are farmers' sons and daughters, and they are in many cases going to join relatives who have aided them to go out. The district around South Down and South Armagh is being rapidly depleted of the young people of both sexes, and farmers state that soon there will be none left but old men and old women in the country.

DUBLIN—Royal Dublin Society's Spring Show

The Royal Dublin Society's Spring Show opened on April 18 at Ballsbridge. Though there were no English exhibits owing to a recent outbreak of disease in England, the total exhibits numbered 1174, as compared with 1098 last year. The display of road-making and other machinery had a special interest in view of the meeting of the Roads Congress; and some Irish firms, notably Mr. Bolger, of Ferns, had a display of agricultural implements equal to anything turned out in America or England. The cattle shown were pronounced by good judges to be excellent and wonderfully uniform in quality. The swine, too, were good; and a large number of them were selected for premiums.

Legal Appointments

Mr. T. F. Molony, K.C., Dublin, has been appointed Sergeant-at-Law in succession to the late Mr. Sergeant Jellett. By the appointment Mr. Molony becomes Third Sergeant-at-Law. Mr. Sergeant O'Brien is advanced to the Second Sergeantcy, and Mr. Sergeant Moriarty becomes First Sergeant.

KILKENNY—A Brilliant Career Cut Short

Deep regret was felt at the announcement of the death of the Rev. Thomas Francis Brophy, B.A., D.D. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. Thos. Brophy, Shankill, County Kilkenny, and brother of Rev. F. Brophy, V.P., Carlow College, and Rev. M. Brophy, Abbeyleix. Having completed his intermediate studies at Carlow Lay College, he entered Holy Cross College to study for the priesthood in the archdiocese of Dublin. After he had there graduated in the honors course of the R.U.I., he passed on to the Propaganda College, Rome, where he obtained his Doctorate of Theology in 1909, and was ordained to the priesthood on Trinity Sunday, June 5 of the same year.

LIMERICK—A Centenarian

The death of Mr. James Cotter, of Killeenlea, Abbeyfeale, at the grand old age of 102, removes from West Limerick the oldest resident. Mr. Cotter, who was an old age pensioner, and who, up to twelve months ago, was able to call personally at the local post office for his pension, was a man of robust health, a stranger to illness, and a devotee of the pipe. He was a young man when the Liberator passed periodically from Derrynaun to Limerick, and often recounted the inconvenience he experienced in crossing the flooded Feale previous to the erection of Feale Bridge in 1837. His knowledge of the history of the Whiteboy movement in the early twenties was most interesting, as was also his recollection of West Limerick incidents of the '48 and '67 periods.

ROSCOMMON—Sale of an Estate

Official intelligence has reached Athlone (writes the correspondent of the *Freeman's Journal*) of the completion of the sale of the very extensive St. George estate, situate in the counties of Galway and Roscommon. The price had been arranged for some time back, but the sale was not effected in consequence of a dispute over extensive grass lands, tenanted and untenanted, which remained at issue. Portion of the estate runs into the parish of Cam, within a few miles of Athlone, which is a very congested locality. The tenants and others claimed that the lands referred to, all of which are situate in the parish, should go with the sale of the estate proper for redistribution. To this the owners were willing, but the difficulty arose that the grass

lands had been let on short grazing leases, and the occupiers on the strength of them got fair rents fixed by the Sub-Land Commission, and held out for compensation. The tenants and the owners then took the cases to the Chief Commission, where the Sub-Commission's decision fixing fair rents was reversed, a condition which the Estates Commissioners insisted should be effected before they would advance money for purchase. The decision of the Chief Commission enabled the sale to be proceeded with, and the Estates Commissioners have now written that the sale is now completed, and that 'the owner will hand over possession to the Commissioners as soon as he has settled with the tenants as regards the rent due by them.' The breaking of the graziers' 'leases' in untenanted land, and on the strength of which they got the fair rents fixed, is due to an effective local agitation which had the active assistance of the Rev. Father Hughes, P.P., to whom the greatest credit is due, Mr. John P. Hayden, M.P., and Mr. John Fitzgibbon. The intelligence of the completion of the sale has evoked the greatest enthusiasm in the district.

TIPPERARY—A Presentation

The people of Lattin and Cullen are devoted to their pastor, the Very Rev. M. P. O'Neill, D.D., the new Canon of the archdiocese of Cashel and Emly. To manifest their joy at his promotion the people of the parish met in Lattin, when the ladies of Lattin and Cullen presented an address and his canonical outfit to Canon O'Neill. On behalf of the ladies of Lattin and Cullen, Miss Hammersly read a congratulatory address.

WATERFORD—Heroic Priest Honored

The gold medal of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, accompanied by a vote of thanks, has been awarded to Rev. Father O'Shea, who led the rescue party in a gallant attempt to save the crew of the schooner Teaser, wrecked in Ardmore Bay, County Waterford, on March 18. The story of the heroic rescuers' gallant fight with the storm is a thrilling one. Early on the morning of Saturday, March 18, the schooner Teaser was driven ashore in the height of a heavy gale on the Black Rocks, Curragh, Ardmore. The Helvick lifeboat was launched, but for want of sufficient water was unable to approach the wreck. There were three men on board, the master, T. Hughes, of Cennah's Quay, and two men named Fox and Welsh, of Flint. A heavy sea, lashed to fury by an easterly gale, blowing right on shore, was sweeping over the ill-fated vessel. The local coastguards made gallant efforts to establish communication with the wreck, five rockets being sent over the craft. The men on board were, however, too exhausted by their sufferings to haul the rocket lines aboard, and thus be taken ashore in the breeches buoy. Seeing their peril, Coastguardmen Neill and Barry attempted to swim out to the vessel with lines, but were driven back, Barry being nearly drowned in the attempt. At this point the Rev. John O'Shea, C.C., wanted to launch a small boat—the only one available—but others intervened, and a delay ensued whilst a larger boat was being conveyed to the scene from Ardmore on a dray. Father O'Shea was the first to volunteer to go out in the boat, those who joined him being Wm. Harris, the Hotel, Ardmore; Constable Lawton, Coastguards Neill and Barry, Pat Power, C. O'Brien, and J. O'Brien. On reaching the wreck, after great difficulty, it was found that one of the men on board was dead, another dying, and the third completely exhausted. The three were taken ashore amidst indescribable perils, but the two who were alive soon died. Silver medals have been awarded to Coastguards Barry and Neill, and suitable awards to others.

WEXFORD—Scarcity of Laborers

In several districts in South Wexford laborers are so hard to be got in sufficient numbers that many farmers are placed in a rather serious plight. The difficulty of finding suitable and sufficient hands means late sowing and harvesting. It is expected that the erection of laborers' cottages on a large scale will materially help to remedy this state of things. Were it not for the advent of machinery farmers would be compelled to change their present system of cultivation and agriculture altogether on account of the dearth of labor.

GENERAL

The Real Position

The real condition of things, political and religious, in Ulster, was explained at a Nationalist meeting in Edinburgh by Mr. Valentine Gill, a County Antrim Protestant, who marvelled at sensible men in Britain or anywhere else paying the smallest attention to the claptrap emanating from certain Unionists in the North of Ireland. He belonged, he said, to near Lisburn—a regular hotbed of Toryism—and could guarantee that a Catholic would not be allowed in an Orange Lodge or at an Orange meeting there as he had been received that night by the members of the United Irish League. That in itself showed the intolerance of the Orange body on the one hand, and the toleration of the Nationalists on the other. He was brought up in a parish where there were three Orange lodges, and they could well understand it was not a healthy place for a Home Rule plant. Ulstermen were not, he assured them, what the Unionist party represented them to be; but he admitted there was a section or clique who would not let the native Irish have a say in their country's