

## Irish News

### ANTRIM—Irish Goods Boycotted

A joint meeting of the Belfast Industrial Development Association and the sub-committee appointed to organise a Permanent Exhibition of Irish Industries in Belfast, discussed at their latest meeting the display of non-Irish goods in local tobacconists' windows, and it was agreed to petition these traders regarding the matter. It is understood that certain English tobacco manufacturers intend entering into a campaign in Ireland with the object of pushing their own manufacturers to the exclusion of Irish goods.

### ARMAGH—Sale of an Estate

The tenants on the estate of the Earl of Caledon, near Middletown, Co. Armagh, have signed agreements to purchase their holdings, non-judicial and first term tenants getting a reduction of 6s 9d in the £1, and second term tenants 4s 8½d in the £1. Sporting rights are reserved to the tenants.

### DONEGAL—A Magistrate on Handball

Three young men, named Hutchinson, McNulty, and Collum, belonging to Ballybofey, Donegal, were summoned before the Stranorlar Petty Sessions, charged by the police with playing handball on the public streets at Ballybofey, thereby preventing the free passage of persons. The prosecuting policeman said the defendants were playing against the gable of Mrs. McGlinchey's premises, and complaints were made that people, especially cyclists, could not pass. Captain Herries-Crosbies, R.M., the presiding magistrate, said he sympathised with the defendants, as the game was an admirable one when played under proper rules, but it must not be played on the public street. He believed that if a proper ball court were provided, and the game played under the rules, large numbers of young men would take advantage of such an excellent pastime. He would be willing to subscribe £5 himself towards providing a proper court, where the game could be played as it should be played.

### The Queen and Cottage Industries

Much satisfaction is evinced by the continued interest of the Queen in the attempt which is being made to establish a new knitting industry. Her Majesty has ordered a second hand-made woollen coat. It is eighteen months since the experiment was started of producing hand-knitted coats in the villages of Donegal. The industry flourished thirty or forty years ago, when the introduction of knitting machinery practically put an end to the hand-work of the Donegal peasants. For the purpose of reviving the industry, classes were established in Donegal, where the populace do the work in their own homes, and visit a central depot once a week to hand in the result of their labors and receive a fresh supply of yarn. The number of workers has rapidly grown from 100 to 1500, and there is still room for further development.

### DOWN—Substantial Damages

In the Nisi Prius Court, Dublin, the other day, before Mr. Justice Madden and a common jury, Henry Kinney, Newry, who claimed £2000 damages against the Great Northern Railway Company for serious injuries at the defendants' premises at Goragwood, owing to the negligence of the company's servants, was awarded £800.

### Sale of a Tow

In the Land Judge's Court on May 10, before Mr. Justice Ross, the offers made by intending purchasers for various lots of the estate of Aubrey de Vere, Beauclerk, in the Co. Down, which were offered for sale by public auction in Belfast, came up for confirmation by the court. The property includes the little town of Ardglass, an important fishing station, about six miles from Downpatrick and twenty-four from Belfast. The town contains the remains of five strong castles, and of these two—St. Margaret's and Jordan's—were purchased by Mr. Francis J. Bigger, Belfast, the well-known antiquary and editor of the *Ulster Journal of Archaeology*, who will see that the monuments are preserved from ruin. In some cases the intending purchasers of lots increased their bids; in others the bids already made were accepted, and the sales were in the majority of cases confirmed.

### A Strange Will Dispute

The hearing began, before Mr. Justice Barton, on May 5, of arguments in connection with the disputed will of the late Patrick Murphy, of Marcus square, Newry, who bequeathed his residuary personal estate, after deducting certain payments, to the Newry Urban Council for the purpose of paying off the debts of the town and relieving the rates, but declared that as he had no confidence either in the ability or the good sense of the present Urban Councilors, the estate should not be handed over to the Council for a period of twenty-one years. The plaintiffs are A. Gartlan, solicitor; A. McCann, merchant; and C. Warnock, commercial clerk, executors and trustees of the deceased, and the defendants are Teresa Kelly, sister of the deceased; the Newry Urban Council, and the Attorney-General. The defendant, Teresa Kelly, said that the bequests were for purposes which were not charitable, and were therefore void as infringing the law against perpetuities, and further con-

tended that the Newry Urban Council had not power to hold the lands for the purposes mentioned. The value of the personal estate amounted to £90,622, and the real estate to £17,422. Certain legacies had been paid, and there now remained the following legacies to be discharged: Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, £5000; Science and Art Museum, Dublin, £5000; Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, £5000; Bodleian Library, Oxford, £5000; poor of Killybeg, £100; and the committee of the Newry Newsroom, £100.

### SLIGO—A Centenarian

The death was recently announced of Mrs. Bridget Clancy, Castle street, Sligo, at the great age of 105 years. The deceased lady, who belonged to an old local family, frequently declared that she had never had a day's illness in her life.

### DUBLIN—The Irish Trade Mark

The Irish trade-mark, said Captain the Hon. Otway Cuffe, who presided in Dublin at the annual meeting of the Irish Industrial Development Association, has now been registered in France, Australia, and New Zealand, and they had great hopes, owing to the action of Mr. John Redmond, M.P., in bringing the matter before President Taft, that they would also have it registered in the United States. The Association, he added, had done much to prevent the public being misled by Irish titles and emblems being given to goods not made in Ireland, and the ease with which the association was now able to put an end to those attempts at fraud had struck a certain amount of terror into the hearts of those who had the inclination to carry on that sort of business. Captain Cuffe thought Mr. Redmond deserved the best thanks of the association for his services to the organisation, and the representatives from Belfast, who said they did not agree with all Mr. Redmond's speeches, at the same time said that the people of the northern city were thankful to him for his good offices with America.

### KERRY—A Very Pleasing Function

A very pleasing function, in which people of different creeds took part, was held in Tralee on May 3, when Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, M.P. for West Kerry, was presented with an address, a gold watch, and a cheque for a substantial sum, by his constituents in recognition of his public services during the ten years which he has represented the constituency in Parliament. Mr. R. Latchford, J.P., a Protestant Nationalist, in associating himself with the tribute to Mr. O'Donnell, referred to the cry which had been raised that the Protestant minority would be persecuted under a Home Rule Government. He said the best friends he had since he commenced business were of the majority, and he had no fear as to the future. He was sorry to see that Irishmen were to be found joining with those who were vilifying their country and their people by raising the baseless charge of religious bigotry. As one of the proposers of Mr. O'Donnell for West Kerry Division, he earnestly joined in appreciation of the splendid services which he had rendered to all his constituents.

### LIMERICK—Excessive Railway Rates

Messrs. Hewson and Co., carbide manufacturers, and acetylene engineers, Askeaton, Co. Limerick, have written to the Cork Industrial Development Association, pointing out 'that while every facility is being afforded the importation of foreign manufacture, the home producer is handicapped on every side. The heavy railway charges to distant parts in this country entirely preclude us,' they say, 'from entering into competition there with the foreign manufacturer, who gets his stuff carried at remarkably low rates.' As proof of their statement, Messrs. Hewson quote rates. For instance, the charge from Norway to Dublin is under 10s per ton for goods similar to theirs, while from Askeaton to Dublin the rate is 33s 4d per ton—that is, 234 per cent. more, the goods being carried many times the distance of the home article for considerably less than one-third of the cost of carriage of the home-manufactured goods. Then, ordinary cross-Channel steamers refused to carry carbide at any price. The Council of the Cork Association were of opinion that when the matter was put clearly before the Cork Harbor Board they would decline to abolish (as they have been requested to do) the restrictions on the landing of foreign-made carbide at the port of Cork.

### WICKLOW—An Address to the King and Queen

Mr. Pierce O'Mahony, ex-M.P., who, at Wicklow, recently, seconded a motion for the presentation of an address of welcome to the King and Queen, said he had been a Nationalist for over forty years, and had not in the least weakened in his Nationalist views, but he had come for the express purpose of showing that he did not see anything inconsistent between holding strong Nationalist views and being devoted loyal to the throne.

### GENERAL

#### Eggs and Poultry

Mr. T. W. Russell, speaking in Dublin on May 4, said the value of the eggs exported from Ireland in 1910 was £2,744,138; poultry exports amounted to £927,075, and feathers to £32,460, making a total of £3,703,673. There