

interest in the matter except in the spiritual aspect, and reported accordingly to the Holy See. The result was that they had in Ireland as fine a body of Bishops as was to be found anywhere. Continuing, Dr. Healy said on his own behalf and that of his colleagues, that when they came to Ballina to consecrate Dr. Naughton they did a good day's work, for his Grace believed they consecrated a prelate whose personal virtues, zeal, and learning and energy would uphold the ancient honor of the See of St. Muredach, which was also that of St. Patrick.

### GENERAL

#### The Co-operative Movement

At a Conference of Co-operative Societies of Sligo, Roscommon, Leitrim, and Longford, a resolution was passed, on the motion of Rev. T. A. Finlay, S.J., protesting against the majority of the Council of Agriculture in refusing to recommend the Development Commissioners to grant a subsidy to the I.A.O.S., as has been done in the cases of similar societies in England and Scotland. Father Kinlay, in criticising the action of the Department, which, he said, to all intents and purposes was Mr. T. W. Russell, pointed out how the Co-operative movement had spread from Ireland to other countries, and the benefits it conferred on Irish farmers.

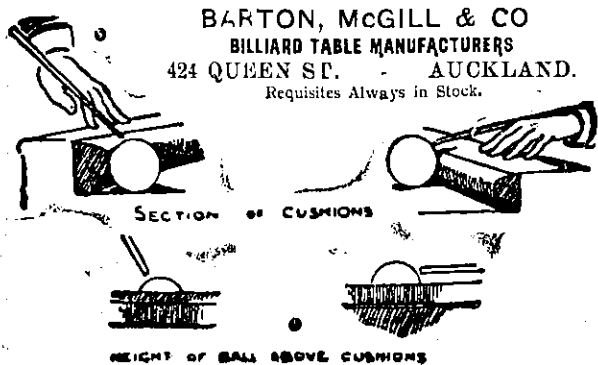
#### Playing at Treason

In a scathing article on 'Playing at Treason' the *Manchester Guardian* says Sir Edward Carson is under the delusion that a public man can first spend half a lifetime in preaching to other people the absolute duty of submitting to a kind of Government they hate, then turn round and scout the idea of submitting to a Government that he himself hates—and yet keep his character as a public man.

#### The Question of Agricultural Credit

The following have been appointed by the Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture to inquire into and report on the question of agricultural credit in Ireland, viz., Mr. George Murnaghan, J.P., chairman (formerly M.P. for Mid-Tyrone and chairman of the Irish Poor Law Commission); Mr. R. K. Knox, LL.D. (late chairman of the Northern Banking Co.); Mr. C. F. Bastable, M.A., LL.D., Professor of Political Economy and Regius Professor of Laws, Dublin University; Right Hon. W. F. Bailey, C.B., one of the Estates Commissioners; Rev. T. A. Finlay, M.A., Vice-President of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, and Professor of Economics in the National University of Ireland; Sir Robert Anderson, J.P., (of the firm of Messrs. Anderson and Macauley, Belfast); Mr. W. MacMorrough Kavanagh, D.L. (formerly M.P. for Carlow); Mr. T. P. Gill, Secretary of the Department. Mr. H. G. Smith, M.A., LL.D., has been appointed secretary to the committee.

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## People We Hear About

A cable message received on Friday announced the resignation of the Catholic President of the Legislative Council of Newfoundland, Sir Edward D'Alton Shea, after having occupied the position for a quarter of a century. The veteran politician, who retires at the age of 92, was Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland from 1874 to 1886, when he was appointed to the position from which he now retires. He is chairman of the Newfoundland Savings Bank, and was knighted in 1902. He has been for 57 years a member of the Upper House.

Judge Bodkin, who is equally well known as a writer of sensational fiction and an Irish politician of considerable vivacity and resource, is about to publish another novel. 'Matt,' as his Honor was familiarly known in his journalist days, took an active part in the stirring press life of Dublin twenty years ago. He was associated for a time with Mr. William O'Brien in the production of *United Ireland*. Other times, other manners. The rebel journalist of those days is now a County Court Judge of these, peaceably dispensing the King's justice to the peasants of Munster, and filling in his spare time with the production of 'shilling shockers.'

Messrs. John and Alexander Chisholm, two Scots Catholics, were recently recipients of the King's Police Medal. Their records are as follow (says the *Edinburgh Catholic Herald*):—Mr. John Chisholm is the late Deputy-Chief Constable, Edinburgh Police—32 years' service, distinguished by exceptional ability and merit, and by success in the discharge of the duties attaching to his responsible position. Mr. Alexander Chisholm, Inspector, Inverness-shire Constabulary—31 years' service, distinguished by merit and by success in dealing with outbreaks of public disorder. He has also rendered special service on the occasion of a Royal visit.

Mr. John J. Clancy, who has sat for North County Dublin since 1885, is not the only Irish member, as has been stated, who has continuously represented the same constituency since its formation in that year. The names of four Irish members come to hand. These are Mr. John Dillon, East Mayo; Mr. T. J. Condon, East Tipperary; Mr. P. J. Power, East Waterford; and Mr. James Gilhooly, West Cork. Mr. T. P. O'Connor is another Nationalist member who has continuously represented the same constituency—the Scotland Division of Liverpool—since 1885. Mr. O'Connor, by the way, is now 'the father' of the Nationalist Party, in the sense that he is the only member of the original Irish Party that elected Parnell in 1880 who has been continuously in Parliament ever since. Mr. John Dillon and Mr. James J. O'Kelly, who are still in Parliament, also voted for Parnell in 1880, but there has been a break in their Parliamentary service.

Miss Miriam Alexander, an Irish lady, has been unanimously selected by the adjudicators as the winner of the 250 guineas prize for the best novel in the competition organised by Mr. Andrew Melrose, publisher, of Covent Garden. The adjudicators were Messrs. A. C. Benson, W. J. Locke, and A. E. W. Mason, three well-known literary men, and the prize-winning novel is *The House of Lisronan*, an Irish story of the eighteenth century. Mr. Melrose speaks with enthusiasm both of Miss Alexander and her story. 'This is Miss Alexander's first novel,' he explained. 'She is a charming-looking young Irishwoman, who lives with her parents in County Dublin. She has written short stories in Irish papers, but this is her first attempt at a long novel. *The House of Lisronan*, he added, 'will certainly be one of the novels of the year. The three adjudicators never even met to talk it over. Each one wrote to me, and each of them selected Miss Alexander's novel as being far in advance of any of the others.'

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