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NEW FACTORY ANSWER TO CYNICISM

World-wide Markets For Products Of Galway Textile Printers Ltd.

THE magnificent new factory established by Galway Textile Printers Ltd., at Sandy Road, was officially opened by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr. S. Lemass, on Monday.

The premises, which cover over twelve acres, were blessed by Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Galway. Over 150 operatives, mostly male, are at present employed and the factory will eventually employ over 200.

Welcoming the establishment of the industry, Most Rev. Dr. Browne said it supplied the answer to so much of the cynicism and pessimism that was unfortunately rife today.

The factory is capable of printing six million yards of textiles per year. Two types of printing are undertaken—roller printing on machines that can turn out five million yards per year of a width up to forty inches, and screen printing to a capacity of about one million yards per annum. The screen printing, employed for the more artistic textiles, has the advantage that more brilliant shades of colour can be obtained and a greater variety of cloths used.

The amount of colours that can be used in any one design through screen printing is almost unlimited, although twelve to fourteen colours are usually the maximum in order to achieve the most effective results.

COLOUR AND DESIGN

The Continent provides the designs but the colours are chosen in the Galway factory and by repeating in various colours the designs on hand at any one time up to a thousand choices are made available.

The project has been locally referred to as a cotton printing industry but it is more than that; it will also engage in the printing of rayon, spun rayon, acetate, nylon, wool and terylene.

It is expected by the promoters, however, that the new industry will have an important influence on the Irish cotton industry. This is Ireland's first cotton printing industry, and printed cottons came in duty free, much of it from Japan, where the process, known to the Chinese and Egyptians 3,000 years ago of printing decorations through stencils on fabrics, was refined. With protection now given to the Irish printed cottons, a substantial fall in imports

is expected with a corresponding increase in the output by the Irish cotton mills of material for printing, bleaching sanforizing, dyeing and finishing in Galway. One of the directors of the Galway industry pointed out that this could lead to the employment of an additional two thousand spinners and weavers in Ireland with an increase of about £200,000 per annum in wages and salaries.

THE MARKETS

An export market is being sought for fifty per cent. of the value of the factory's output and for some months agents have been opening markets for the Galway printed textiles in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and the Union of South Africa. Some of the factory's output will be commission printing, the designs being selected by clients and the finished goods being sent out direct from the factory to the people whose names are supplied with the special orders.

A member of the Board said that prominent people in the textile printing industry on the Continent had visited the Galway factory and were impressed by the buildings, plant and equipment. The factory stands on a 12½-acre site and the buildings cover nearly 120,000 square feet.

THE DIRECTORS

The directors are: chairman, Mr. J. Harold Douglas, Greenmount and Boyne Linen Coy., Ltd.; Mr. D. G. Beddy, General Textiles Ltd.; Mr. Leslie A. Jones, Greenmount and Boyne Linen Company, Ltd.; Mr. Ernest Deutsch, Blue Printers Ltd., Wigan; Mr. Seamus Sweeney, solicitor, Dublin; Mr. G. W. O'Brien, General Textiles, Ltd., Athlone. The general manager is Mr. P. J. Lenihan and the secretary is Mr. Michael J. Tierney.

The technical experts are drawn from a number of European countries and they are pleased with the aptitude of the local trainees.

A guard of honour of Gardai received An Tanaiste and His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Browne on their arrival at the factory. Gay bunting, all manufactured in the factory, decorated the handsome frontage. The guests were shown over the premises and the various processes of roller, screen printing, dyeing, bleaching, etc., by executives of the firm.

MOST REV. DR. BROWNE, in his address, paid tribute to the part taken in the establishment of the industry in Galway by Mr. Seamus Sweeney, solicitor, Dublin, a director of the company, whom His Lordship said had made the first contacts.

As a memento of the occasion Mr. Jones presented Mr. Lemass

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RIVER SUCK MYSTERY

EVERYONE in the Glynsk-Ussey district is taking a second look at the River Suck whenever they can get near it.

The reason is that Mr. Con Mahon of Ussey was coming from Cloona-faughna Bog last week with turf and saw three objects swimming down the river. He said: "The first was as big as a horse, its head was buried in the water and its tail seemed like that of a fish. A second, similar but smaller object, swam about twenty yards behind it and on the far side of the river a third, but still smaller 'thing' swam. If I had a gun I would have fired at it. As it was all I could do was to call to Michael Connelly of Ussey who was coming behind me to look. Michael Connelly saw only two as the first had dived by then."

A lot of people went to the river banks on Sunday, some armed with guns, others with cameras, interest in the strange objects being whetted by a report that a calf was found on the river bank with its head eaten away.

The point where Mr. Mahon says he saw the objects is at a portion of the river where there is a depth of about thirty feet of water and the river there is about fifty feet in width.

Mr. Mahon said that some years ago men who were fishing there saw objects, very large and like alligators, coming towards them. They ran away leaving their rods and gear on the bank.

TRIBUTES TO LATE MR. JARLATH O'CONNELL

As a mark of respect to the late Mr. Jarlath A. O'Connell, solicitor, Tuam, who had been a member of the Board, the Tuam Town Commissioners adjourned their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Mr. W. Stapleton, vice-chairman, presided.

Mr. J. Coughlan said that the late Mr. O'Connell would be missed by the Board and by the many societies and organisations of which he had been a member. Mr. O'Connell had an exceptional knowledge of local government and was the Board's representative on the Municipal Authorities Association, he added.

Mr. C. Mannon said that the late Mr. O'Connell was a great loss to the Board. They all knew that Mr. O'Connell did everything he could do to bring business to the town.

Messrs. G. Browne, M. W. Cahill, B. Connaughton, M. Campbell, and Luke O'Brien associated themselves with the tributes.

Mr. G. H. O'Connor, Town Clerk, also joined in the tribute and said that the Assistant County Manager, Mr. T. F. McDermott, wished to be associated.

The Board also expressed sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. J. Fahy, a former employee of the Commissioners.

At last Friday's adjourned meeting of the Co. Galway Libraries' Association tributes were paid to the late Mr. O'Connell and a vote of sympathy passed to his relatives.

CO. CLARE I.R.A. VETERAN'S DEATH

The death took place on Sunday morning at his residence, Parliament Street, Ennistymon, of Mr. Thomas Shalloo.

He was O.C. of the Fifth Battalion, Mid-Clare Brigade I.R.A., a member of the active service unit of the Brigade and was on the run for over three years. He took part in all major engagements during that period, the most notable being the attack and capture of Ruan R.I.C. barracks and the ambushes of Monree and Rineen.

He was arrested shortly before the Truce and was interned at Spike Island and Portlaoise until the general amnesty.

He took the anti-Treaty side in the Civil War and was interned for over 12 months in the Curragh. A member of the Sinn Féin Courts, he was over a long period a member of the Clare County Council and for over 10 years was vice-chairman. When Flanna Fall was formed he organised North Clare and was chairman of North Clare Comhairle Ceannair until he retired owing to health reasons.

At the removal of remains to the Church of Our Lady and St. Michael on Sunday evening his coffin was draped with the Tricolour and was borne by his former comrades of the

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OBSEQUIES OF VERY REV. M. FYNN, P.P., BALLINDINE

VERY REV. MARTIN FYNN, P.P., Ballindine, Co. Mayo, whose death occurred in Calvary Hospital, Galway, on Sunday, was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fynn, Rock Lodge, Athenry.

He was educated at St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, where he read a brilliant course in Theology and took his B.D. and L.C.L. degrees. He was ordained in June, 1918, and ministered for a time in Salford before returning as a curate in Clonbur in 1919. In 1923 he was appointed Diocesan Inspector. He was later curate Ballyhaunis and Ballinrobe and became Parish Priest of Ballindine, Co. Mayo, in 1945. He took an active interest in agriculture and was a member of the executive of the Beet Growers' Association.

The late Fr. Fynn has two sisters in religion, Sister Mary Gerard, Convent of Mercy, Claremorris, and Sister Mary of the Assumption, Carystfort, Dublin. His brother, Mr. John Fynn, lives at Rock Lodge, Athenry, and his sister, Mrs. Joseph King, at Bayhill, Athenry.

The remains were removed to Ballindine Church on Monday and Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated on Tuesday morning after which the funeral took place.

His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Tuam, presided at Solemn Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Rev. J. Philbin, C.C., Irish-town; deacon, Rev. J. Mulrennan, C.C., Carramore; sub-deacon, Rev. T. Concannon, C.C., Tourmakeady. Master of ceremonies, Very Rev. Fr. Canon Curley, P.P., Claremorris.

Chanters were Very Rev. M. Geraghty, Adm., Tuam; Rev. C. Scobhill, C.C., Glencamaddy; Rev. Fr. Canney, C.C., Claremorris.

Preaching the panygeric His Grace the Archbishop said:

"Your thoughts have been turned very much to your dear departed friends during yesterday, the Feast of All Souls, and also today. I want you to realize fully that you can face death without fear and without repining, because for the faithful servant death means the coming of the kind and loving Master to give you a reward exceeding great. I believe it was such for your late Pastor, Fr. Fynn.

"Fr. Fynn was well known to me both as a student and a priest. His theological course in Maynooth was remarkably brilliant; and the promise of his earlier years was amply fulfilled in his active Mission life. Ordained in 1916 he worked for three years in the Diocese of Salford. On his return in 1919 he took up duty in Clonbur. In 1923 he was called to fill a very important post—the post of Diocesan Inspector of Schools, and his work was marked with great distinction. Afterwards he worked in various missions up to 1945, when he came here as your Parish Priest.

"In reviewing the life of Fr. Fynn we can see from the beginning the fullest evidence of his great zeal, his indomitable energy. He was a man who carried out his work quietly and without fuss.

"He set a high standard of achievement, and every place he went he worked hard in the cause of God and of his country. That he was deeply interested in the lives of his people is shown by the efforts he made to have sugar beet grown extensively; and the success of the work was due in many ways to his efforts.

"You, my dear brethren, have known him for thirteen years. It is only a short time since he renovated this splendid church. He was proud of the work, but above all let me tell