

T. A. O'CONNELL.

18th December, 1885—17th January, 1946.

The late Mr. O'Connell entered the Civil Service in 1912, after serving his time as a Civil Engineer with the firm of P. H. McCarthy

& Co. He began and finished his official career in the Forestry Division, and, except for a short period during the first world war, when he was engaged on the compulsory tillage campaign, his whole service was spent in that Division.

At the time when Mr. O'Connell entered the Forestry Service, it was still in its infancy and held a modest total of about 7,000 acres of land, had a headquarters staff of six, and employed nine foresters or foremen. During his career in his capacity of Surveying and Mapping Clerk, he supervised the mapping of more than 170,000 acres which have been acquired since then and saw the Service grow to include 149 foresters and foremen and a Headquarters Staff of 73.

Of Mr. O'Connell's abilities no one who came into official contact with him could have any doubts, but it is chiefly for his personal and human qualities that he will be remembered by his colleagues in all branches of the Public Service, and his extraordinarily wide circle of friends and acquaintances in other walks of life. In his younger days, he was an amateur footballer of some note and a member of Bohemians A.F.C., but his interests in sport covered many other branches and, until his health failed completely, he took a keen interest in football under all three codes, swimming, cricket, etc.

Nobody ever appealed to Mr. O'Connell's charity in vain and no difficulty was ever too great for him to tackle if it was to oblige a friend, or the friend of a friend. Of a sunny and hospitable disposition, and with a keen sense of the ridiculous, he was at his best when relating to a small gathering of friends one of his endless store of humorous memories of persons and things.

"Tony," as he was affectionately known to all and sundry, is survived by his wife and four daughters, to whom the sympathy of the Society is hereby extended.