

been to-day on the verge of starvation, for the annual value of food products exported from Ireland to Great Britain equals that of such exports from the United States to the United Kingdom. For the second time Ireland has saved England.

Ireland is divided into four Provinces, which again are divided into Counties, of which Ulster contains nine, comprising 36 per cent of the land of Ireland and by a strange coincidence containing 36 per cent of the population. About half the people of Ulster, or almost 18 per cent of the entire population of Ireland, are in the counties of Antrim and Down, which are both predominately Protestant and strongly Unionist. In Armagh and Londonderry there are Unionist majorities, in Tyrone and Fermanagh Nationalist ones, but in none of these counties is the majority very great. These make up the six North Eastern counties. In Monaghan, Donegal and Cavan the Nationalists are strong in numbers, comprising about 80 per cent of the people. Although the wealth of Ireland is not very disproportionately in Ulster, as some suppose, for the rateable valuation of Dublin and its Suburbs is not greatly different to that of Belfast, and the