

AN ISLAND EVACUATED.

The last inhabitants have said goodbye to Inishark. They're going to the Irish mainland, giving up the struggle against storms and isolation that often last for weeks on end. The first stage of the move was across to the neighbouring island, Inishboffin, where they'll wait for a calm passage to Connemara. Inishark itself is ten miles out in the Atlantic, storm-ravaged for three parts of the year. Among the fisherman, death by drowning has always been tragically frequent. Not long ago a man died of appendicitis, because it was too rough to get a doctor.

But old Tom Lacey, fisherman, 78, is remaining on Inishark, to live out his life alone.