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TRANSPORT PROBLEM.

Interests of Limerick.

Reference at Chamber of Commerce.

At the monthly general meeting of Limerick Chamber of Commerce, Mr. T. J. Loughrey, President, occupied the chair, and also present were—Mr. E. Holliday (Vice-President), Captain E. R. Shaw, M.C.; Messrs. D. McCaffrey, G. J. Shearer, G. E. Russell, J. O'Keefe, J. J. Johnson, E. O'Carroll, B. M. Nelson, E. Lloyd, M. McMahon, P. E. O'Malley, and J. O. Power, Secretary.

The Secretary read a letter from a number of members regretting their inability to attend.

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW.

The President read his report as follows:—

"We are all hoping for an improvement in business for the coming year. There were a great many adverse factors, which militated against trade during 1938, but now that our trade relations with England are understood, it is to be hoped there will be an even flow of trade between the countries, resulting to the benefit of our country.

"Cement Factory—You will have noticed that the directors of Cement, Ltd. have decided on extending their output at Drogheda, leaving out the Limerick factory altogether, where it may be said the quality of the product turned out is superior to cement made anywhere.

"New Tourist Bill—I have at a recent local conference with Mr. O'Brien, general manager of the Tourist Development Association, welcomed on your behalf, the efforts that are being made to place tourism in the position it should be in this attractive country of ours. We shall do everything in our power to help the Government in the matter, as we have no doubt they will appreciate any efforts the business communities will contribute to the success of the new Tourist Act.

TRANSPORT QUESTION.

"Railways—The position of transport will be very important for the Chamber during the current year. While willing to help the railways in every way, and to give them the straight deal they are looking for, we cannot allow the business of the community to be hampered in any way, and hence I am taking a very active part in the new National Association that has been formed to protect the interests of private lorry owners, whose lorries are used solely in connection with the business of the individual. We cannot acquiesce in any curtailment whatever of the distance or use that may be made of a privately owned lorry.

"I wish all the members a very happy and prosperous new year, and trust that when we come to the end of 1939 the business people of this important community may look back with pleasure on the part they have played in putting Limerick in its rightful place on the map."

BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO BE CIRCULARISED.

Arising out a discussion on the transport problem, it was decided that the Chamber of Commerce would circularise the business community, inviting the different interests to send a representative to a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday next, 16th inst., where this important matter can be discussed in full, and a decision arrived at as to whether the business community desires to be represented by counsel before the Tribunal.

ESTEEMED CITIZEN PASSES

Late Mr W. H. Walpole.

It is with regret we record the death, which occurred at his residence, County View Terrace, Ballinacurra, on Monday, of Mr. William H. Walpole. The deceased gentleman was a native of Cahir, Co. Tipperary, but spent his entire business career in the drapery trade in Limerick. He was first on the staff of the old Limerick Warehouse as buyer in the Fancy Goods Department. Then for a time he was on the staff of Messrs. McBirney, until he transferred to Messrs. Cannock and Co., where he was buyer.

In his early years Mr. Walpole was a noted cyclist and was a successful competitor in many sports fixtures. He was a member of the old Limerick Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club, and frequently officiated as a judge at athletic meetings. He was a most amiable gentleman with a great charm of manner. His disposition gained for him an immense popularity amongst his friends and colleagues, and his keen business views made him a most valued employee. To his bereaved widow and family sincere and heartfelt sympathy will be extended.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Wednesday to St. Mary's Cathedral.

The cortege was of large dimensions, representative of all classes and creeds, and was a striking expression of the widespread regret occasioned by the passing of a highly respected citizen.

Following a short Service in the Cathedral, conducted by Rev. Canon T. F. Abbott, assisted by Rev. J. McAlister, the remains were interred in the Cathedral grounds.

The chief mourners were—Mrs. Walpole (widow), Mr. William Walpole (son), Mrs. Duffner, Miss Duffner, Mr. J. O'Dwyer, Miss K. O'Dwyer, Miss E. O'Donnell, Miss L. Moloney (relatives).

ATTENDANCE.

From Messrs. Cannock & Co. there were present—Capt. D. Tidmarsh, Philip Gleeson, J. Walsh (Directors), D. Holland, M. Sheehan, J. Gleazer, W. Hough, E. Frost, M. Toomey, P. Walsh, J. Crowe, L. O'Rourke, P. Lynch, J. O'Sullivan, P. Leyden, T. Morrissey, P. Hanrahan, J. Flanagan, F. Hayes, J. Malone, T. Byrnes, W. Walsh; J. Finn.

Also present were—Capt. E. R. Shaw, E. Holliday, W. Treacy, E. Carroll, P. Galbraith, R. Mulligan, W. Mulligan, T. Mulligan, R. Despard, Bruce Murray, S. Kidd, J. E. Galbraith, J. E. Toppin, G. Creaney, F. B. Ormston, M. J. Keyes, T.D.; J. O'Brien, R. McCarthy, S. O'Sullivan, P. O'Connor, J. Gould, T. Armstrong, R. Dunbar, L. Forde, J. Foley, M.P.S.I.; J. Leahy, M. Kelly, N.T.; Morgan Costelloe, B. McGann, W. J. Horne, E. G. Fitt, W. Cullen (Newport), S. Christy, P. O'Sullivan, J. J. Mulqueen, D. Langan, D. Barry, G. Killeen, F. S. Wallace, D. B. O'Malley, P. O'Farrell, Dr. C. Clohesy, J. Hall, M. Roche, J. L. Enright, R. T. Cashin, J. Greene, T. J. Wallace, T. Long, J. W. Auchmuty, J. Quilligan, W. Nolan, J. Halpin, D. Murphy, G. Pickford, M. Quilligan, P. McDonagh, B. O'Connor, G. O'Donovan, Hon. Sec. Nth. Munster Branch, R.F.U.; J. N. Wallace, D. Herbert, J. Danagher, J. Kelly, J. Fitzgerald, W. Butler, J. E. Toppin, J. Fizzelle, S. Matthews, T. Christy, Geo. Mitchell, Rev. Father Gubbins, L. W. Despard, H. Stewart, E. R. Hollywood, T. R. Mitchell, A. MacNeice, P. McMahon, F. Hanrahan, F. A. Despard, T. White, M. Houlihan, M. Mulcahy, M. Brennan, C. O'Connell, P. Sweeney, P. Hanly, A. McCloskey, M. Mahon, D. O'Grady, G. Egan, F. Graham, M. Manning, G. O'Brien, J. Taylor, J. Burrows, G. Barry, W. Reid, E. L. Wickham, Dr. J. Devane, W. Peacocke, T. A. Hartigan, Mce. Fitzgibbon, Harry Hassett.

The following sent wreaths:—"In loving remembrance, from Mam and Billie"; "In loving remembrance, from Betty and Dorrie"; Staff of Cannock and Co.; Buyers and Superintendents, Cannock and Co.; Shannon Rowing Club; Garryowen F.C.; Peter and Mrs. Galbraith; Mr. and Mrs. R. Despard; O'Donnell Family; Mulligan Family; All at No. 1; Mr. P. Lynch.

ROAD GANGER'S DEATH

CITY DISTRICT COURT

Assault on Guard.

Scene in Caravan.

At the Limerick District Court, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., yesterday, Guard O'Brien summoned a man named James O'Brien, of no fixed abode, for assault.

The Guard stated that the defendant was a hawker, and lived in a caravan. As witness received a complaint that the defendant was beating his wife, he proceeded to the caravan: When the defendant saw witness he became very violent. He threw a boot and another missile at the Guard. The defendant was sober.

Mr. E. A. Alban Ryan, solicitor (defending), said that O'Brien had drink taken, and he was now very sorry for what had happened.

The defendant's wife stated that her husband was drunk. He was a good husband.

SERIOUS VIEW.

The Justice said that he regarded an assault on a Guard as very serious, but if he were to send him to jail the family would be penalised. In the circumstances he would pass a suspensory sentence of three weeks imprisonment, not to take effect if the defendant were of good behaviour for three months.

An ex-soldier named Charles O'Brien was charged with begging.

Guard Hannigan stated that defendant was begging from people in a queue outside a cinema.

Justice—This man has a bad record. There are about 25 previous convictions against you, and on the present summons you will go to jail for 14 days.

L. O'B. Kelly, B.L., was summoned by Guard Collins for causing an obstruction by parking his car too far from the kerb.

The Guard stated that on one occasion he found Mr. Kelly's car parked four feet from the kerb in O'Connell Street.

Mr. Kelly explained that he was unable to get nearer the kerb, as other cars had parked before him.

The Justice said that the traffic must not be obstructed. He would dismiss the case with a caution, but if Mr. Kelly was summoned again a fine would be imposed.

RUSTY TANKARDS.

Denis Kerley, Newtown, Clarina, was summoned by the Corporation for using unclean vessels as receptacles for milk.

Frank Crowe, veterinary inspector, stated that the defendant had milk in two rusty tankards. The vessels were such as one might see in a farmyard for holding water for cattle.

The defendant denied that the tankards were rusty.

Justice—On that point I will accept the evidence of the veterinary inspector. I will impose a fine of 10/-, and if you are summoned again for a similar offence the fine will be £2.

COUNTY INFIRMARY

Meeting of Committee

Training of Nurses Again Discussed.

Mr. E. Walshe, Co.C., Chairman, presided at a meeting of Limerick County Infirmary Committee on Wednesday, and the other members present were: Rev. Father Hennessy, O.S.A.; Mrs. G. Farmer, Mrs. White, Messrs. R. Fitzmaurice, M. O'Donnell, J. Ryan, P. Roche, J. J. O'Malley, M. Hickey, D. McAuliffe, M. Hurley.

Mr. P. Foley, Secretary, was also in attendance.

HOUSE SURGEON'S REPORT.

The monthly report of the House Surgeon (Dr. Crawford) stated that there were at present 65 patients in the institution. There were 74 admissions during the month, and 89 discharges. The admissions included 12 patients from Croom Hospital. One death occurred in the institution during the month.

The report was adopted. The Secretary submitted a statement of accounts for the month amounting to a total of £391 7s. 1d.

"FLAPPER" RACE METHODS

Revelations in Clare Case

Owners do not Count for Much

Declaring that there was no contract of any kind, Judge McElligott, at Clare Circuit Court, dismissed an application by Morgan Ryan, a jockey, against Wm. Henley, Tallow, Co. Waterford, for compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Ryan, whose address was Ballybricker Grange, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, said that he had been engaged by the defendant to ride three horses at Kilkee Strand Races, but had been thrown in the second race, breaking his right leg two inches above the ankle. He stated that he would receive £2 for riding a winner and £1, or at least 10s., for a loser, and would make about £5 at a race meeting.

The defence was that the applicant was not a workman to whom the Act applied; that the injury complained of was attributable to his own serious and wilful misconduct, and that at the time of the accident he had not been employed by the defendant.

OWNER'S STORY.

Henley gave evidence that he commenced horse racing about twelve months ago. He had a good bit of money when starting, but now he had nothing, because he had shared it with many bookmakers. There was a lot of swindling going on in connection with "flapper" race meetings. It was no game at all, as he had found out to his cost. In the Kilkee case the applicant wanted to ride the mare, and he agreed to let him do so. The mare was 3 or 4 to 1, and before the horse started a certain man offered him £10 if he gave orders that the mare was not to win. He refused the £10, but did not report the man to the Stewards. He backed his own horse, and after doing so saw a man talking to the applicant, who was mounted on the horse at the starting post. He immediately knew that his mare would not win and that he would not get a run for his money.

The mare, said Henley, never made a mistake during the race, but Ryan, the jockey, vaulted right out of the saddle and landed on his feet. The mare kept galloping on. When asked why he fell off the mare, Ryan could not give any reason for doing so. In regard to payment, he had told Ryan that he would put some bet on for him, and if the mare won he would get the winnings, but if she lost he would get nothing. A person could not back much money at such races because the bookies would not take it, and even when a bet won the person backing would be often lucky to get back only what he had put on.

WHERE JOCKEYS RULE.

There was a great deal connected with "flapper" race meetings, declared the witness, which the public did not understand at all. Jockeys at such meetings would not ask for payment for riding. All they wanted was a mount which would be backed or not by touts of their own. The owner did not count for much. Even when an owner had a genuine jockey and horse that animal would want to remain in front, because if behind other horses it would not be let out.

In the race at Kilkee the other two horses were so bad, added Henley, that the mare would win herself without any assistance from the rider, who to lose the race had to throw himself out of the saddle. He was lucky that the crowd did not mob him that day, because they thought he himself had arranged to prevent the mare from winning.

Joseph Kelly, Westport, another jockey, said that he would not like to go so far as to say Ryan vaulted off the horse, but he would say that he saw no reason for his falling off, because the mare made no mistake. The mare would have no trouble in winning from the class she was in.

The Judge dismissed the application, as stated.

THEIR OVERCOATS ON!

Meeting in Frosty Weather

Owing to the heating apparatus being