

county. He was an auctioneer, and he neglected the jury and the court with supreme contempt. This gentleman had failed to attend at the former sitting of the court, and the trial of an unfortunate accused had to be postponed on that occasion. Again to-day Mr Naughton had not put in an appearance, and he (Judge McElligott) deprecated such conduct. It was very hard lines on the jury to be detained, but Mr Naughton was entirely responsible. He was sorry to have to ask those summoned on the jury to attend later.

#### LICENSING APPEAL.

James Rabilly, publican, Ballysheedy, appealed from the decision of the District Justice at Limerick County Sessions fining him £3, with an endorsement, for a breach of the licensing law on the 4th January.

Mr J J Power appeared for the respondents, the Civil Service, and Mr J Reidy (instructed by Mr M Lyman, solicitor) for the appellant.

His Lordship dismissed the appeal with costs.

### This Day.

Judge McElligott resumed the business of the Limerick Circuit Court this morning.

Thomas Molloy, from the Hospital district, sought a declaration that a sum of £80, with interest, lodged in the Munster and Leinster Bank at Hospital in the names of the plaintiff and Catherine Hayes, be adjudged as the plaintiff's property.

Mr R. Fox, solr, for the plaintiff, said that the defendant to the action, Catherine Hayes, had no claim to the money, for which she held the receipt. The plaintiff asked her to produce it last November, but she refused.

The plaintiff corroborated Mr Fox's statement, and added that the defendant was no relation of his. While he was sick she came to his house, and in consideration of her attention then he willed the money to her. She told him it was bad to will money to anyone now as the death duty was very high, and when he saw her so "fly" he broke the will. (Laughter.)

The application was granted.

Mr Fox—What about costs?

His Lordship—He won't ask costs from an old sweetheart.

### DUTY ON WOOLLENS.

#### Effect on Trade in Free State.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Master Tailors' Association, held in Dublin, the Committee considered the suggestion that has already appeared in the Press that the Government intend at an early date to introduce into the Dail a Bill with the object of placing a duty on woollens imported into the Irish Free State.

It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that such a duty would be very detrimental to the tailoring industry, and in view of the seriousness of the situation it was decided to write to the Government pointing out that if such a duty were imposed on what formed the raw material of the tailoring trade, the effect on the trade would be very harmful.

It was also indicated that the uncertainty whether such a duty would be imposed was having a very depressing effect on the trade, and the Government was requested, through the Minister for Finance, to receive a deputation from the Association to inform the Government what, in the opinion of the Association, the effect of such a duty would be on the tailoring trade throughout the Irish Free State.

Dividends on Guaranteed Preference and Preference Stocks ... .. 140,177

Balance available for Dividend on Ordinary Stock ... .. 121,974

"The Directors recommend the payment of a dividend on the Ordinary Stock at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum for the half-year ended 31st December, 1924, which will absorb £107,648, leaving a balance of £14,326 to be placed to the credit of the Great Southern Railways Company.

"The Company was constituted under The Railways (Great Southern) Preliminary Amalgamation Scheme, 1924, which was approved by the Railway Tribunal on the 12th November, 1924, and the transactions dealt with and the Accounts now submitted embrace the operations of the Companies which were amalgamated to form the Great Southern Railway Company from the 1st July to the 12th November, as well as those of the Great Southern Railway Company from the latter date to the 31st December, 1924.

"Your Directors submit this report in compliance with the provisions of The Great Southern Railways Amalgamation Scheme, 1925, for the Amalgamation of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company with this Company, made pursuant to the provisions of the Railways Act, 1924, and which Scheme was approved of by the Railway Tribunal on the 1st January, 1925.

"By this Scheme it is, amongst other matters, provided that a meeting of the persons who were proprietors of the Stocks of this Company on the 31st day of December, 1924, shall be held for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts, and declaring the dividends for the year of account ending the 31st day of December, 1924.

"Resolutions will also be submitted for the approval of the Shareholders confirming the fees determined by the Directors to be paid to them in respect of their services for the period from 12th November to 31st December, 1924, and to the Auditors nominated by the Directors under Section 29 (4) and 32 (d) of the said Preliminary Amalgamation Scheme.

"WILLIAM J GOULDING, Chairman.

"Kingsbridge Station, Dublin,  
12th February, 1925."

### SUDDEN DEATH.

Edward Hunt, aged sixty, stated to be a barrack labourer, collapsed in Parnell-street yesterday morning, while on the way to his work. He was removed to Barrington's Hospital in the Fire Brigade ambulance, and died shortly after admission. The deceased was an army pensioner, and lived in Clare-street.

#### THE INQUEST.

Mr J S McNeice, City Coroner, held an inquest last night on the body of the deceased.

Sergeant O'Flynn, Edward-street, conducted the inquiry.

Bridget Hunt, Clare-street, widow, identified the remains. She added that her husband was a labourer, and left the house yesterday morning in his usual health for his work at the New Barracks.

Jeremiah O'Dwyer, an employe of the Great Southern Railway Company, deposed to seeing the deceased fall outside the Railway Hotel at 8.20 yesterday morning. He went to his assistance, and finding him to be in a state bordering on collapse, he had the Fire Brigade ambulance requisitioned and the man taken to hospital.

Dr W P Dundon, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, stated the man was dead when he reached the hospital. He attributed death to

on the Improvement Commission consisted of Local Government Officers necessity for a scale of canvassing and frequent It was decided to refer the Committee, and to invite the Union to discuss the question considered.

### TRUNK ROADS

A deputation representing the representatives of the pairing Committee of the and asked that they be work on the trunk roads grant of £10,000.

The Committee instructed the mayor to put additional roads reconstruction.

### LIMERICK

BUTTER—1s 8d to 1s 9

Eggs—1s 8d to 1s 10d

POTATOES—44 loads; 8

PARNIPS—2 loads; 8d

TURNIPS—35 loads; 35

MANGOLDS—10 loads;

FOWL—Chickens, 5s 0d

4s to 5s 0d per pair.

BREADSTUFFS—Flour—

Sunrise 63s 0d per sack

per sack; Oatmeal, 52s

(Flake), 25s 0d per cwt

ton; C. Indian Meal, £1

Meal, £13 0s; Pollard,

FISH—Cod, 1s 4d per

lb; haddock, 1s 4d per

hake, 1s 6d per lb; salt

herrings, plaice, sole, an

MEAT—Roasting beef,

1s 4d per lb; boiling

mutton, 10d to 1s 0d pe

steaks, 1s 3d per lb

HAY AND STRAW—Th

and 20 loads of oaten str

Rye hay, 100s 0d to 11

70s 0d to 90s 0d per ton

75s 0d; oaten straw, 60

CORN—40 barrels of

White oats from 1s 4d

oats, 1s 2d to 1s 2½d; wh

TUESDAY'S BONHAM M

bonhams in market.

to 55s 0d.

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No. 0—8lbs (bacon pig

1—Sizeable ... (1

2—Stout, ... (1

3—Overweight (1

4—Heavy do. (1

5—Extra do. (2

6—Berwick ...

CORK BUTT

THIS