

PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

A meeting of the Harbour Board Committee appointed to forward the schemes of port development was held to-day at the Harbour Offices, at which the Mayor (Alderman P. Donnellan) presided.

The Committee had under consideration the question of haulage charges over the proposed railway line, the Bill for the construction of which is at the moment before the Oireachtas. It appears to be the view of the Committee that the Bill will have an unopposed passage, and that when it receives the consent of the Governor-General, the work of construction can be proceeded with concurrently with the extension of the dock. As the finances of the Commissioners now stand high, and the Minister is prepared to guarantee the loan required for both projects, it may be assumed with every degree of safety, that there will be nothing found to hold up or retard the schemes, which are essential to the development of the port and the consequent expansion of the trade of the city.

DEATH OF MR JOSEPH H. CROMER.

Numerous friends in Limerick will regret to learn of the death of Mr Joseph H. Cromer, which took place this morning, after an illness of about five weeks. He was a member of an old Limerick family, being son of the late Mr Conrad Cromer, watchmaker and jeweller, O'Connell street. His premature demise cuts short an active career, and a true and kindly friend. The funeral will take place to the family burial place at St. John's Church at four o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FLOODING AT BIRDHILL.

In the Dail last week, the Minister for Industry and Commerce, replying to Mr Sheehy (F.F., Tipperary), said engineers were inquiring into the matter of flooding at Birdhill (said to be caused by the Shannon scheme), and he expected a report at an early date. Claims for compensation for loss of meadowing and hay crops were being paid for 1929.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT AND FAIRY PLAY.

At Diocesan Hall.

The injured seaman was sufficiently recovered in Barrington's Hospital last night to be able to make a statement to Sergeant O'Mahony, O'Curry-street Civic Guard Station. He repeated in his statement the maltreatment he received at the hands of some members of the Soviet Russian crew while on the voyage from La Plata, and after the steamer had reached here last Friday night. He said that he would not rejoin the ship on her voyage from Limerick, as he feared further ill-treatment because of his religious faith, and admitted that in order to avoid making another trip on the vessel he made an attempt on his own life yesterday morning.

It is understood that Steponavicius will be charged with attempted suicide when he leaves hospital in the course of a week or ten days.

SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE

At the Markets Field last evening St. Flannan's College, Ennis, and Crescent College met in the Munster Schools Rugby League in fine seasonable weather. There was a good attendance, and the game was productive of capital football, in which both sides showed a fine conception of the better points of the code. On the run of the play Crescent were somewhat superior, and won by twelve points to nothing.

CLAREMAN'S EXCUSE FOR WINDOW BREAKING.

Martin O'Brien, Pound street, was charged before Mr Gleeson, at Kilrush District Court, with maliciously breaking a window in the residence of Dr Richard Counihan, Francis street. The defendant pleaded guilty, and he said he would not wish the affair to happen for £100. He also said that Dr Counihan had been very kind to him, and that the affair would not happen only that he was drunk.

Supt. Finnegan said there was too much of this kind of thing going on in Kilrush. O'Brien was drunk and insisted on forcing his way into Dr Counihan's house, and there demanded a ticket for admission to the District Hospital. Dr Counihan, seeing his condition, had him ejected, and O'Brien, for being thrown out without the ticket, broke the window for revenge.

The Justice ordered defendant to pay 10s for the window, and fined him 5s. as well.