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Limerick Deputy On Present Law of Workmen's Compensation

Law relating to compensation in respect of injured or killed in the course of their work is generally regarded as wholly inadequate. A debate on the question was thrown by Deputy (Labour, Limerick) in the course of a speech at the second stage of the Workmen's Compensation Bill, 1952. Mr. Keyes said:—

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The limitation on the amount of compensation is miserably small—£300 for one adult person and £600, irrespective of the number of dependents in family. I think that that is crying out loudly for redress. The measure which is now before the House seeks to redress the position. I am sure there will scarcely be any disagreement in the mind of any Deputy who examines the matter as to the figure of £1,800, which is to be the maximum that can be awarded in certain circumstances.

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In this case we are suggesting £1,800 in substitution for the now obsolete figure of £600. If one were to take the O'Halloran case you would have under our proposal ten persons sharing in that sum of £1,800 for the loss of the breadwinner who, perhaps, had been bringing in £8, £9 or £10 per week. I am sure no one in the House would suggest that the figure

KATHLEEN RYAN FOR AMERICAN T.V.

London, Monday.

IRISH film actress Kathleen Ryan, wife of Dr. Derry Devane, of Limerick, who flew to London yesterday to make a short television film for Douglas Fairbanks, junr., was busy to-day working on the film.

In it she plays the part of a young wife whose marriage goes on the rocks. It is one of thirty-nine television "quickies" Fairbanks is producing in Britain for distribution to American television companies.

Each film will cost £75,000 to make and will run for half an hour.

Lionel Grose, Casting Director for Fairbanks, told the Irish News Agency in London to-day that Kathleen Ryan was specially chosen for the part. The reason she was selected, he said, was: "The film is based on Ireland and Mr. Fairbanks wanted an Irish actress who is warm and sympathetic as well as beautiful."

Miss Ryan, whose most recent pictures were "The Yellow Balloon" and "Laxdale Hall," is expected back in Limerick next week-end.

Fast And Abstinence Regulations

The following are the regulations prescribed by his Lordship the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, governing fast and abstinence in the Diocese of Limerick during the Lenten Season:—

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