

ere were a big number  
premises at 10.25 p.m.  
Thomas Bowen gave  
vidence.

ained, witness said  
agreed on the time of

But, it is well known  
cks in publichouses are  
n to ten minutes fast,  
seems to have a great  
(laughter).

on — I don't frequent  
s and I only know it  
ay (laughter).

#### DANT EXAMINED

endant gave evidence  
were in or about 60  
is premises before clos-

He pointed out to the  
the time he had taken  
orrect. A man, in fact,  
a drink while he was  
the shutters at 10.30  
e told him that he was  
of the nine men were  
ay out at the time.  
ained, witness admitted  
an walked into the bar  
door was open.

ce said that the time to  
ed premises cleared was  
The remedy was to buy  
at 10.15 p.m. The law  
the premises must be  
0.30, and the law would

on replied that in this  
case Mr. Fraser had 60  
is premises at 10.20 p.m.  
t out 51 before closing  
did not know it was un-  
of Mr. Fraser to leave  
there for ten to fifteen  
in order to finish their

#### DRAW THE LINE SOMEWHERE

If you are going to start  
things in that way how  
a going to go? You must  
ine somewhere.

ton — But you must be  
e. These men are work-  
who have their few pints  
rday night. Some of them  
a pint of porter as more  
drink. The best medical  
s say that if you want to  
est benefit from a pint,  
d take 15 to 20 minutes to  
it (laughter).

-I must say that you seem  
all about it (laughter).

ton said that the licensee  
great reputation and he  
that he always did his  
arry out the law.

uperintendent told the  
at there was no previous  
against the licensee.

stice in imposing a fine of  
llowing drink to be con-  
id that the onus was on  
can to meet the situation  
ed in the case? "I am glad  
he added, "that most of  
cans are able to do it."

of the men found on the  
was fined 10/-.

#### HER PROSECUTION

men who were found on  
sed premises of Hanora

in, Treaty Terrace, Thom-  
at 11.3 p.m. on the 23rd  
were each fined 7/6, while

who had given a wrong  
t apologised to the Garda  
s fined 10/-.

ase, against the publican  
urned for two weeks.

Downes. He is treating this Court  
with contempt and if he is not  
here next Friday a warrant will  
be issued for his arrest. He is not  
even entitled to that indulgence. I  
want a little more evidence from  
the Insurance Company than I  
have got. There is something very  
much out of the ordinary going on.  
I don't think that Insurance com-  
panies do their business in this  
way, I would be very sorry if they  
did.

## LIMERICK ARTIST HAD A BUSY WEEK

Dublin, Friday.

**F**ORTY-ONE years old Fergus  
Ryan, the well-known Limerick  
artist, and art director of Odean  
(Ireland), Ltd., relaxed to-day after  
the busiest three weeks this year.

When Bishop Browne, of Galway,  
officially opened the Oireachtas art  
exhibition in Dublin Municipal Art  
Gallery yesterday, the public saw  
the results of Mr. Ryan's efforts, for  
Mr. Ryan, as well as exhibiting four  
pictures, also is responsible for the  
hanging arrangements. He told the  
I.N.A. to-day:—"I reckon I  
sometimes walked at least ten miles  
with pictures under each arm to the  
walls and back before deciding  
where the best positions were. It is  
one of the best exhibitions in twelve  
years, with a hundred entries more  
than last year."

Mr. Ryan's exhibits include indus-  
trial scenes, the building of a dam  
at Leixlip, a painting of Calvi  
Church, Corsica; a Geneva scene  
and a Dublin street scene.

Academy President, Sean Keat-  
ing, also a Limerick man, shows  
three pictures—an allegorical civil  
war study, and two pastel drawings,  
one of the Blasketts.

Mr. Ryan's picture of Dublin's  
"Black Church" was purchased  
some years ago by President  
O'Kelly. It now hangs in Arus An  
Uachtarain.

## Horse's Leg Broken In Road Pot-Hole

The link road between Bally-  
sheedy and the Old Cork Road,  
just outside the City Boundary, is  
in such a bad state of repair that  
farmers and others living beside it  
are thinking seriously of withold-  
ing payment of portion of their  
rates until the Co. Council does  
something for them (writes a  
"Limerick Leader" correspondent).

Last week a well-known farmer  
had to have destroyed a valuable  
draft horse after it had broken its  
leg in a half foot deep pothole.

Another resident of the area said  
he had gone recently to the County

**F**IVE Limerick labourers who  
pleaded not guilty in the Cir-  
cuit Criminal Court to the theft of  
£555 worth of copper and lead  
cable, the property of the E.S.B.,  
were acquitted by Judge Barra  
O'Brien and a jury yesterday after  
a two days' trial.

The accused were: James O'Brien,  
64 Fair Green, Limerick; John  
Joseph Manley, Dublin Road, Sing-  
land; Martin Brody, 14 Hyde Road,  
Prospect; Patrick Conway, 52 Bal-  
linacurra Weston, and Patrick  
Shine, 130 Hyde Road, Prospect.

#### EMPLOYEES OF GAS WORKS

All the accused were employees  
of the Limerick Gas Works, and  
the State's imputation was that  
while they were digging a trench  
at Pery Square they removed and  
sold some E.S.B. cable which had  
been there for a number of years.

After hearing the prosecution's  
evidence, the Judge listened to  
arguments in favour of a direction  
by Mr. T. J. McLoughlin, B.L., who  
(instructed by Mr. D. G. O'Dono-  
van, solr.) appeared for Conway,  
and by Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solr.,  
who defended the other accused  
men.

#### CABLE ABANDONED

Mr. O'Malley submitted that the  
E.S.B. had abandoned the cable a  
number of years ago, and that the  
men had a perfect right to take it  
away. He pointed out that there  
had been evidence during the trial  
that a considerable quantity of the  
cable had been removed to the Gas  
Works from time to time, and had  
been used there by Mr. F. K.  
Thomas, the Gas Engineer, on the  
understanding that the thing had  
been abandoned. He also made the  
point that the larceny charges were  
technically wrong, because they  
were brought under a wrong sec-  
tion of the Larceny Act.

Mr. McLoughlin argued that Con-  
way had no case to meet from a  
different point of view. Conway, he  
said, did not admit that he took  
any of the cable, and there was no  
evidence to suggest that he had.  
He said the charges were brought  
under the wrong section of the Act.

#### "FLIMSY CASE," SAYS JUSTICE

Granting the directions and  
directing the jury to find  
the accused not guilty, his  
Lordship said he was perfectly  
satisfied the men were charged with  
larceny under the wrong section of  
the Act. He thought these charges  
could not be sustained for that rea-  
son. That left the conspiracy  
charge, but personally he didn't see  
any point in going ahead with that  
charge because of the evidence that  
had been given about the apparent  
indifference of the E.S.B. and the  
fact that so many other people, all  
in good faith, regarded the cable as  
available for making joints in gas  
mains.

"In that sense," said the Judge,  
"I am bound to say that it is a  
flimsy case, but my opinion is just  
an opinion."

Mr. Binchy then got in telephonic  
touch with the Attorney-General  
and later said he was entering a  
nolle prosequi in the conspiracy  
charge.

The accused were then discharged.

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