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COMMITTEE
FAVOURABLY
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THE female divisions in the Limerick Mental Hospital have just been newly painted and decorated. Their present condition has pleased the Hospital Board very much.

At last Saturday's Board meeting, a Visiting Committee, which inspected the institution on July 3rd last, reported that it had noted with satisfaction the progress made in the painting and decorating of the female divisions. The new toilet and washroom provided recently was much needed.

CONTENT AND HAPPY AT WORK.

The Committee also inspected the laundry and reported that the members were pleased with the laundry's clean appearance. The patients' working there were very content and happy at their work.

"We also inspected the kitchen," the report stated, "and would recommend that something be done as regards the ejection of steam, as it is doing considerable damage to the paintwork. We saw the dinners being prepared and were pleased with the general quality of the food and the cooking. We noted the installation of an extra potato steamer in the kitchen, which was needed."

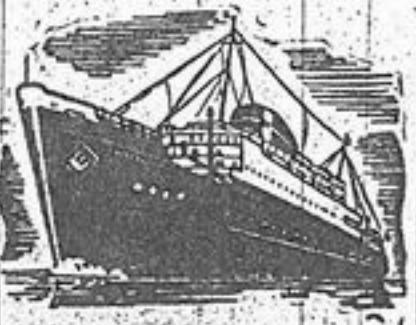
The Committee reported also that a visit to the store satisfied each member. Adequate stocks of different items of clothing, bedding, food, etc., were kept. The members were particularly pleased to see the variety of colourings available in clothing materials and suitings.

MILK AND MEAT.

The milk in the dairy was of the very highest quality. The dairy was exceptionally clean and neat. The refrigeration for the storage of meat the Committee found adequate. The meat itself was of the tenderest finest quality.

The report concluded by expressing pleasure at the officials' proposal to have a temporary slaughter house provided. The present slaughter house, the Committee commented, was most unsuitable.

On the proposition of Ald. J. Reidy, T.D., the report was adopted unanimously without discussion.



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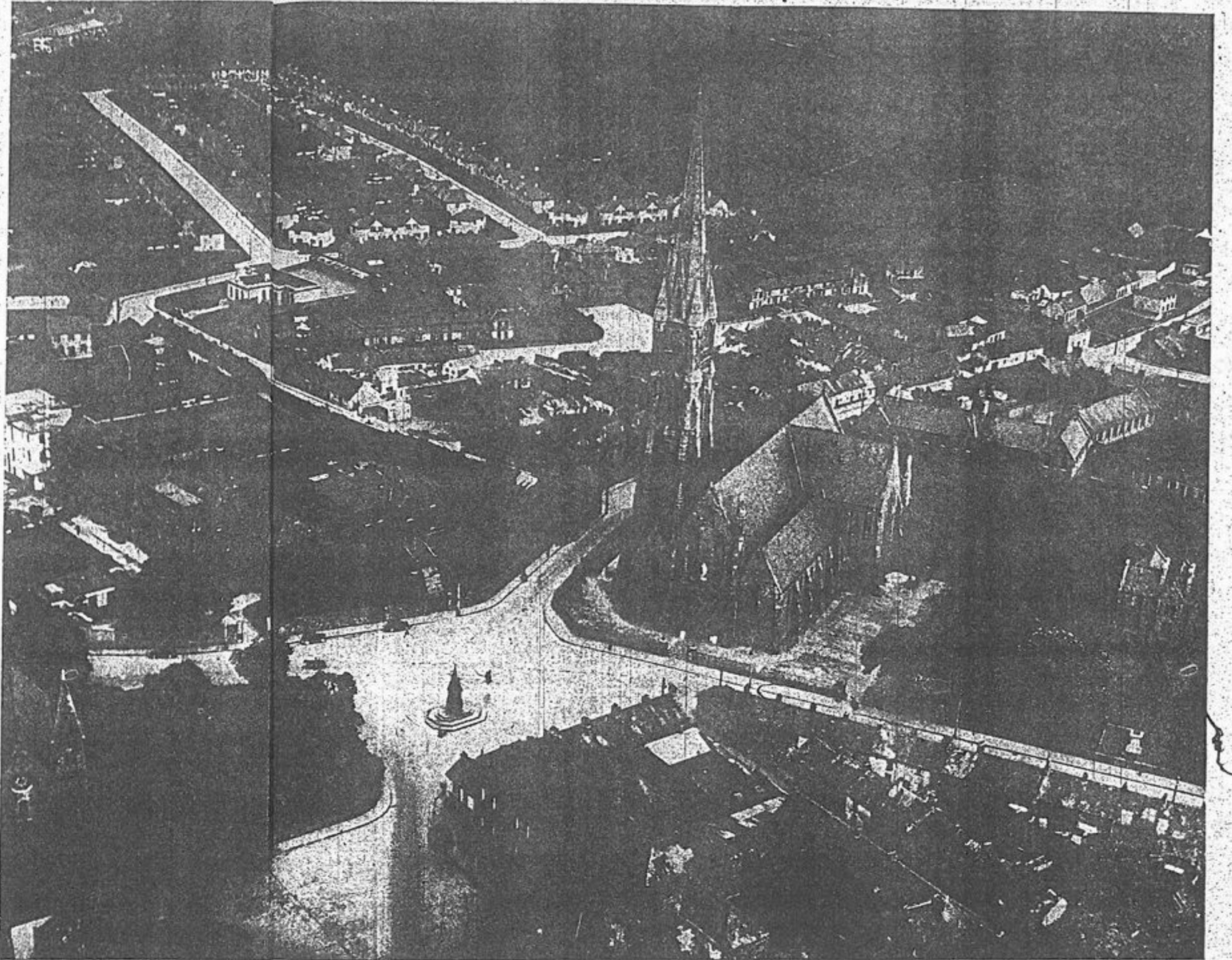
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STRIKING VIEW FROM THE AIR OF ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK, AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS



The above very interesting and impressive view of St. John's Cathedral, Limerick, and the surrounding areas is from an aerial photo specially taken by Mr. Norman Ashe for the Very Rev. W. O'Grady, the present Administrator of St. John's Parish.

The Cathedral is one of the four City Churches to be visited on Sunday next by the members of the Arch-Confraternity attached to the Redemptorist Church in fulfilment of the Holy Year Jubilee observances.

An important special article dealing with the history of the Cathedral appears on page two of this issue.

DANCE HALL INCIDENT

James Lennon, The Square, Cahernish, and Christopher O'Connell, Ballinagarde, were brought before Justice Kenny at Ballyneety July Court to answer Sergeant McGonigle's charge that they caused an obstruction recently at the Cahernish dance hall.

The Sergeant told the Justice that he found the two youths trying to get into the hall without paying. When they noticed him they began arguing with the doorman that they had paid, and insisting that they be admitted to the dance. After creating a considerable amount of trouble and obstruction they went away and later came back and bought their tickets.

O'Connell, an agricultural labourer, told the Justice he had kicked up the row "for sport". Lennon said he didn't mean to cause any trouble.

On their undertaking that such an incident would never again be caused by them, the Justice dismissed the charges against both defendants.

ABOUT SHARKS—BUT NOT OF THE HUMAN SPECIES!

(By E. N.)

OFF the coast of Wexford recently a motor trawler was followed for several hours by a basking shark. This type of fish is often seen around our coasts and on account of its size is an impressive spectacle. It is, however, only one among different kinds and the shark family may be said to have many distinct members.

An early reference to sharks was made by R. Hawking in 1622. "The Sharke or Tibarine, is a Fish like unto those we call Dogge-fishes, but that he is farre greater." This was a case of good observation, as the smaller kind of shark is known as dog-fish.

Sharks are found in warm waters generally, become less numerous as one moves from the tropics until the number

in existence. It is often 40 feet in length, shaped like a tunny. The Mediterranean is especially its habitat, but it often pursues ships in tropical seas hoping to regale itself with anything being thrown overboard; when one of these was opened a sea-lion of 100 lbs. weight was found inside. Despite its savage nature, the Singalese hunt it for its oil and the Chinese extract gelatine from the fins.

Another interesting specimen is the Thresher, whose special pastime might be guessed from the name; it is noteworthy for the great length of the upper lobe of the tail, which it uses like a mighty sail. Swimming near the surface, it eats smaller fish, which

CASTLETOWN LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Fine weather favoured the Annual Tennis Tournament at Castletown on Sunday, 1st July. The following clubs participated: Broadford, Bruree, Ballygarry, Feenagh, Granagh, Milford, Killmeedy and Castletown. Killmeedy were unable to travel on that day. After a series of close, interesting games, Mr. Mark Kennedy (Castletown), partnered by Miss B. McGrath (Feenagh), beat Mr. J. Sheahan (Milford), partnered by Miss M. Reidy (Broadford) in the final.

Rev. Fr. O'Neill, C.C., President of the Castletown L.T.C., presented the trophies to the winners.

Afterwards, a very successful dance was held in the New Ballroom, Killmeedy.

DONKEY 80 YEARS OLD.

At the annual Donkey and Poney Show held on Monday by the Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a donkey aged 80 years was exhibited.

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