

THE ATTACK ON A LAW MESSENGER AT DOON.

DEATH OF THE INJURED MAN.

Intelligence was received in Limerick this morning of the death of William Leahy, the law messenger who was attacked by a crowd of people at Doon on Friday evening last, and severely injured. As already published, Leahy went to Doon on the day named for the purpose of serving a writ on the Rev Patrick O'Donnell, C C, which commanded him to bring into court the body of Robert Woods, about whose custody a question of dispute has arisen. The affidavit of Mrs Woods, which was produced before the Queen's Bench Division, out of which the writ was issued, stated that she was married in 1870 to her late husband, Robert Woods, who was then a private in the Royal Artillery; that the child was born in 1874, and that the father died in 1881, when Robert Woods, junior, and his two younger sisters were taken under the care of the Limerick Protestant Orphan Society, both parents being members of the Church of England. In 1882 the boy was allowed to reside with his mother, with whom he remained until January, 1883, when Mrs Woods, falling into ill-health, went into the Protestant Aid Home. The child was subsequently sent to the country to a Mrs Moloney. The report of the case stated—"He had left her custody, however, and was now with the Rev Patrick O'Donnell, the Parish Priest of Doon, County Limerick, stating he had changed his religion and could not return to his mother or the society." Leahy, it would seem, proceeded to serve the writ of *habeas corpus* without being accompanied by police protection. It is understood that he went to Father O'Donnell's house and asked for him, and being told he was not in, Leahy proceeded to the chapel, and having failed to see him outside, entered the building. It is said that he handed the gentleman the document, while another report stated that he threw it into a confessional. On leaving the church, at all events, Leahy was followed by a crowd and very badly assaulted, receiving fractures of the skull and other injuries. He was removed to Tipperary Union Workhouse, and this morning at 3.30 o'clock succumbed to the wounds. An inquest will be held to-morrow. Leahy was married, and resided in Limerick, and was some 55 years of age.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE QUEEN'S BENCH TO-DAY.

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Dublin, Tuesday.

To-day in the Queen's Bench Division the important *habeas corpus* case *re* Wood, an infant, came forward for hearing, when Mr Charles O'Connor appeared to show cause against making absolute a conditional order of *habeas corpus* against the Rev Patrick O'Donnell a Roman

LIMERICK HARBOUR BOARD.

The fortnightly meeting of this Board held yesterday in the Board Room, Chamber of Commerce. Alderman John Walker, (to *tenens* for the Mayor) presided. Other members present—Alderman J. Counihan, JP, Mr M'Donnell, JP, Alderman P. Riordan, Mr Ryan, and Mr J. O'Mara.

Messrs James Harris (Secretary), Mr J. E. B.E (Harbour Engineer), and Mr Fitzgibbon (Harbour Master, were in attendance.

Mr Harris stated that he had received a letter from Mr Lucas, JP, Ennistymon, asking for a licence for a pilot for Liscannulla Bay. The Harbour Commissioners had no jurisdiction there as they did not go outside the mouth of Shannon, and he wrote to Mr Lucas to that effect.

Mr Hall said the Board of Trade was the authority to which the application should be made.

A letter was read from Stott and Co, the maker of machinery for a steam elevator ordered by the Commissioners, stating that it would be ready for inspection next week.

The Board made an order that the Harbour Engineer should see the elevator.

Alderman Counihan, in pursuance of a notice of motion, moved—"That Mrs John Russell's tender to keep the drawbridge in repair for the sum of £20 a year for 10 years be accepted." He stated that the board had already agreed to the consequence of the death of Mr John Russell and explained that the contract originally was for 10 years at £10 a year.

Mr M'Donnell (to Mr Hall)—What have you to say to that?

Mr Hall—It is all right.

Mr M'Donnell—Do you suggest it should be taken for ten years, or that we should take it from year to year at contract prices?

Mr Hall—Mrs Russell seemed quite satisfied and her foreman, who represents her now, seemed quite satisfied to take it. At the time Mrs Russell tendered to take this contract at £20 a year there was not much to be done, but since then there has been a good deal of traffic.

Alderman Counihan—Supposing we give the contract for 10 years do you think it would be £20 a year to keep the bridge in repair?

Mr Hall—I am sure it would.

Mr L. E. Ryan—Did Mr Russell do the heavy repairs—the internal part of it you may call underneath the works?

Mr Hall—He was paid £250 for that contract to keep the bridge in repair was subsequent to that for the heavy repairs.

The Secretary said that Mr Russell had made a tender to do the work for £250, and then to take it in repair for a fixed sum, but he did not expect to state for how long, and 10 years had passed.

Mr Ryan—But recently were not there a heavy repairs done?

Mr Hall—Oh, no sir, there were not.

Mr Ryan—I saw Harrison Lee's men working there recently.

Mr Hall—It was not in connection with the

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