

# MOST INTELLIGENT

## Limerick Audiences

### Well-known Actor's Opinion

After a highly successful visit, the Barrs-Morris Company concluded their final performance of "French Without Tears" at the Coliseum Cinema last night. A crowded audience witnessed the performance, and at the conclusion the auditorium rang with enthusiastic applause.

Mr. Colin Morris, who subsequently appeared before the curtain, thanked the people of Limerick for the warm reception accorded the company. "I want to thank Mr. Gough and the staff of the Coliseum," he added, "for their splendid help and co-operation and for their encouragement of the Little Theatre movement. Not many managers do that nowadays. I would also like to say that Limerick is the one place in Ireland where we would like to return."

#### LIMERICK AUDIENCE.

In an interview with a "Limerick Chronicle" representative, Mr. Morris paid a remarkable tribute to Limerick audiences. Asked what he thought of his visit to the city, he replied: "The Limerick audience is easily the most intelligent and most critical audience I ever played to."

Mr. Morris went on to say that he had fairly considerable experience in England and the United States. His company was engaged to tour the English provinces this year, but the war upset their plans, and Ireland was substituted. They had been warmly received everywhere, but it was not until they reached Limerick that they found a really high standard demanded of them.

When informed that it was only in recent months that there appeared to be a general revival of interest in the legitimate stage in Limerick, Mr. Morris said: "I know nothing about that, but I do know that to please a Limerick audience is an accomplishment."

## STELLA BALL

### St. Patrick's Night Function

#### Big Attendance.

Over 200 couples attended the St. Patrick's Night Ball at the Stella, and thoroughly enjoyed a most pleasant function. The fact that the splendid ballroom was not as crowded as on former occasions added to the pleasure of dancing. Louis Lee and his Gipsy Band provided an attractive programme, and in other respects the Stella management catered perfectly for the enjoyment of the guests.

Those present included:—Dr. and Mrs. Honan, Inspector and Mrs. Brazil, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle, Miss Carroll, Misses O'Sullivan, Mr. C. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. McNeice, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ryan, Mr. R. McCarthy and party, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, Mr. H. O'Donovan, Miss A. Bourke, Dr. Lane and party, Miss Meskeil, Miss McKenna, Miss Anderson, Mr. P. O'Connor and party, Miss Geary, Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary, Mr. H. O'Donnell, Miss McNeice, Mr. W. Tierney and party, Mr. and Mrs. Stratford, Mr. O'Dea and party, Mr. T. Gleeson, Mr. Gavin and party, Miss D. Roche, Mrs. O'Kelly and party, Miss Carroll, Miss McClusky, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fitzgerald, Miss B. Leahy, Mr. J. O'Sullivan, Miss K. Bredin, Misses O'Donovan, Mr. T. McNeill, Mr. and Miss Quin, Miss Molloy, Mr. J. Molloy, Miss O'Donovan, Miss Fitzgibbon, Mr. V. O'Connor and party, Miss Buckner, Miss H. Ryan, Misses Egan, Mr. and Mrs. O'Dwyer, Miss McMahon, Mr. O'Boyle, Mr. H. Nestor, Mr. J. Murray and party, Mr. and Mrs. P.

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

## Interesting Information

### Limerick City Statistics

Much interesting information is contained in the annual report of the Registrar-General, which has just been issued.

In Limerick City during 1939 there were 548 deaths, including 206 persons over 65 years and 61 infants. The death-rate was 13.3 per one thousand of the population in the city, and the birth-rate 25.0 per one thousand. The total number of births was 1,308.

In the County of Limerick, with a population of over 100,000, the relative figures were proportionally much below the City, except in the case of deaths, which were proportionally higher. Over 1,300 deaths were notified in the County and only 1,721 births.

Just over 400 marriages took place in the County during the past year, whereas in the City, with a population of 41,000, 332 marriages took place.

The principal causes of deaths in the City were: Cancer, 41; Tuberculosis, 53; Enteritis, 25; Violence, 8; Measles, 7.

Limerick, with a death-rate of 13.3 per thousand, was the third lowest in the country, the figures for Dublin being 12.7 and Cork 13.1.

Summarising his report, the Registrar-General states:—

#### MARRIAGES.

The marriages registered during the year numbered 15,192, equivalent to an annual rate of 5.2 per 1,000 of the estimated population; this rate is 0.1 above that for the year 1938.

#### BIRTHS.

The number of births registered during the year amounted to 56,097, of which 28,716 were of males and 27,381 of females.

This number represents a rate of 19.1 per 1,000 of the estimated population, being 0.3 below the rate for the year 1938.

#### DEATHS.

The number of deaths registered during the year was 41,730; of this number 21,613 were of males, and 20,117 of females.

The equivalent annual rate was 14.2 per 1,000 of the estimated population, being 0.6 above the rate for the preceding year.

**Principal Epidemic Diseases.**—Deaths from these diseases—comprising typhoid fever, typhus fever, small-pox, measles, scarlet fever, whooping-cough, diphtheria, dysentery and diarrhoea, and enteritis (of children under 2 years of age)—represented an annual rate of 0.4 per 1,000, which was equal to the rate for the year 1938.

When compared with the corresponding figures for last year, deaths from measles, scarlet fever, whooping-cough, diphtheria and diarrhoea and enteritis (of children under 2 years of age) show decreases.

**Influenza.**—The number of deaths from influenza was 1,045, which was 343 more than that for the year 1938.

**Tuberculous Disease.**—Deaths from all forms of tuberculous disease numbered 3,257, comprising 2,574 from pulmonary tuberculosis, and 683 from other forms of tuberculous disease. The corresponding figures for the year 1938 were 3,216, 2,498 and 718 respectively. The rate for deaths from all forms of this disease was 1.1 per 1,000, the rate for pulmonary tuberculosis being 0.9, and all other forms 0.2; the respective rates for last year were also 1.1, 0.9, and 0.2.

**Cancer.**—Deaths from cancer numbered 3,579, being equivalent to a rate of 1.2 per 1,000 of the population; in the year 1938 the number was 3,703, and the rate 1.3.

**Infant Mortality.**—The rate (deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 births registered) was 65, that for the year 1938 being 67.

# CURRENT REVIEW

## People and Events

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The citizens of Limerick, for the first time in many years, had what may be described as a passive St. Patrick's Day. Apart from the wearing of the shamrock side by side with the palm, the only occasion since 1799, there was nothing to indicate a public observance of the National Holiday. There was neither military nor Boy Scout parade through the streets, neither did one hear the skirl of an Irish bagpipe nor the note of a cornet. Two fife and drum bands supplied all the music. It was a dull St. Patrick's Day, and commemorated by the Gaelic League by a public collection in aid of the language movement.

### FORMER OBSERVANCE.

We had a sort of second edition of a Scottish Sabbath, which is unsuited to the natural brightness and characteristic gaiety of the people of Limerick. Those colourful children's demonstrations have disappeared altogether from the streets on the National Festival. More is the pity, for these pageantries were not only impressive but gave the youthful participants something for which to look forward with eager pleasure and enjoyment. Whatever was the reason for dropping these displays out of the celebration of the day we honour, a little reflection will show the need for revival as ancillary to the language.

### SUBSTITUTE HOLIDAY.

The Bank, or substitute, Holiday made amends and the weather more agreeable. It was sultry if over cast. The principal attraction was Greenpark race meeting, which brought a large crowd to enjoy excellent sport. Simultaneously, at the Ennis Road Gaelic Ground, a football match was staged, and at Thomond Park a Junior Cup tie was fought out. At night the electric hare made the season's debut, and the dogs their bow-wow, to a large audience in the Markets Field. The alluring cinema had the customary big patronage prior to the Holy Week close down.

### GRACEFUL TRIBUTE.

The tribute paid by the President, Mr. M. F. Donnellan, to the services rendered by the Secretary and Treasurer to the Shannon Rowing Club was well merited. It will be endorsed by every member in any way conversant with the working of this very popular institution. Mr. Mick Hartigan has been discharging the secretarial duties a score of years, and was one of the most successful of the Club's skippers. Few if indeed any member who has held the office of Treasurer has made a better contribution than Mr. Paddy Quinlan to the well-being of Shannon. The President himself has given a meritorious example of service to this grand old foundation.

### JUSTICE'S STAND.

District Justice Flood, unlike one of his brethren in another part of the country, is not disposed to fill the reformatories and industrial schools with youths convicted of petty crime. That is just what the vast majority of careless, indolent parents don't wish; their view is that they should be obligingly relieved of the responsibility of feeding and clothing their rascally charges by having them a charge on the rates. Some sentimental people will say these children are wild, and one would like to think so. They are not, but are wicked calculating thieves.

### HIS DEBTORS.

The ratepayers are under a debt to Mr.