

The defendant, who did not appear, was fined 10/- on each case.

WAS PIONEER IN TOBACCO GROWING

West Limerick has lost one of its most esteemed and respected farmers by the death of Mr. John Dore, Duckteen, Ardagh, Newcastle West, who passed away last week after an illness of some duration (writes our Newcastle West correspondent). Deceased, who had reached an advanced age, was one of the pioneers of the movement for the cultivation of native tobacco in West Limerick, and was for many years engaged in growing and saving the crop on an extensive scale. The late Mr. Dore was brother of Mr. J. Dore, Dually, and of Mrs. J. Gleeson, licensed vintner, Limerick. He was uncle of Mr. J. Dore (Messrs. Leahy and Sons, solrs., Newcastle West), Mrs. M. Raleigh, The Square, Newcastle West; Messrs. Michael and James Cregan and Miss Ita Cregan, Ballyshane; ex-Captain Ed. Cregan, Limerick; Mr. Eamonn and Miss Ita Gleeson, Limerick, and Mr. P. Cregan ("Irish Press" Commercial Staff, Dublin). There was a very large and representative attendance at the funeral, which took place to Churchtown Cemetery.

LIMERICK'S POPULATION UP.

A preliminary report on the census taken on May 12th last indicates a total reduction of 14,968 in Eire's population during the past ten years and a drift from country areas to towns. In Munster the trend towards the towns was noticeable. There were increases in the populations of the County Boroughs of Limerick and Waterford, the population of Limerick at 42,987 being up by 4.7 per cent. The figure of 2,953,452 given for the whole of the Twenty-Six Counties, shows an all time low level and compares with a population of 5,421,376 for the same area in 1821, the first year a census was taken.

CHAMPION OF GAELIC CULTURE.

I am in the fullest sympathy with the Gaelic movement and regard the Gaelic League as the great champion of Gaelic culture. It is my sincere hope that young men and women will avail themselves of the opportunity that is afforded them of learning Irish by attending the evening Irish classes that are being conducted in some of the educational establishments in the city. They will thereby acquaint themselves with the literature of their country and acquire a useful knowledge of their native Irish language.

DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL O'BRIEN

The death has occurred in a Dublin Nursing Home of Mr. Michael O'Brien, who was, up to a few years ago, one of Limerick's leading citizens. A member of an old and honoured Limerick family, the deceased took a prominent part in municipal affairs for many years, being at one time a most active and practical member of the Corporation. He was brother of the late Mr. Paul O'Brien, who was Mayor of the city for two years, and whose portrait hangs in the Council Chamber, and father of Mr. D. O'Brien, General Manager, Limerick Harbour Board.

Before retiring from business, the late Mr. O'Brien was proprietor of the Limerick Turkish Baths, Sarsfield Street (the site of which now forms part of Messrs. Spillane's tobacco factory, and the Bonded Warehouse, Mardyke. He went to reside in Dublin some years ago, but for a considerable time past he has been in failing health. A man of many fine traits of character, he was held in high regard and esteem. Though outspoken and incisive—he never courted popularity—he commanded the confidence of the municipal electors. The news of his demise has occasioned widespread regret and sorrow, and deep sympathy is tendered to the family and other relatives in their bereavement.

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