

Subject Of Court
Claims

DECREES FOR BOTH SIDES

At Kilmallock Court, before Mr. H. L. Conner, D.J., Jeremiah Flynn, Bahernagore, Kilmallock, sued Dr. Thomas Quane, Bruree, for £25 for threshing done by the plaintiff for the defendant in 1945. There was a cross civil bill for £25 for alleged breach of contract.

Mr. James Liston, solr., Charleville, appeared for Mr. Flynn, and Mr. Robert Geary, solr., Kilmallock, for Doctor Quane.

Jeremiah Flynn stated that he had a threshing mill on hire and in September, 1945, he worked for two days for Doctor Quane on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. It was nearly 11 o'clock when they started work on the Tuesday, and they worked for seven hours and had to stop several times to clean up owing to the wet condition of the grain. His price was 30/- per hour and he was working for 17 hours. He threshed wheat, oats and barley, and the mill was choking all the time. He met Doctor Quane on the Sunday previous to the threshing and he said he was looking for his blood. Witness said "why?" and Doctor Quane said he had promised to come to do the threshing and did not. He was not engaged by Doctor Quane previous to that. One of the men who worked for witness had probably told the doctor that they would come to thresh for him. He finished on Wednesday and he had received no complaint from Doctor Quane in a week or a month after that. He heard that Doctor Quane was very pleased with the work.

PLAINTIFF CROSS-EXAMINED.

Cross-examined by Mr. Geary—1945 was the first year that he had a mill of his own. He had Dan Meskill in charge and was there himself also. His son was there, too. He never asked any man for his threshing and did not call to Doctor Quane's place. He did not send Meskill but he probably called there. Doctor Quane told him that he had a man to give him for the threshing. He did not give Meskill charge of the set and he had his son then, aged 17 years. He had a man named Galligan employed on the second day at Doctor Quane's threshing and he could be in the doctor's employment on the Tuesday.

John Flynn, son of the previous witness, stated that the drum of the mill was 54 inches. He corroborated his father's evidence as to the time given to the threshing.

Patrick O'Keeffe, stated that he worked for two years with the Effin Creamery threshing mill in 1942. In 1945 he was working with a 42 inch drum. Flynn's drum was 52 inches and could do far more work. 27/6 was the price charged for work done by the smaller drum and there was no trouble in getting it.

To Mr. Geary—He could not say what price was charged per hour in 1941, as he was not there then.

DR. QUANE'S EVIDENCE.

Dr. Quane, in reply to Mr. Geary, said he owned a farm in Tullyleake. It contained 68 Irish acres. He had about three acres of wheat and about five of oats and barley. He was told that two men called to the house canvassing threshing, and Meskill called on another day and said he would be on for the threshing on Saturday, or Sunday. He met Flynn in Bulgaden and he said why did he not ask himself. He said he would leave word at a cottage as to when he would thresh. He was disappointed on Monday and was present when they started on Tuesday. He had 22 men on Sunday and 9 on Monday. The whole thing could be done in eight hours if the machine was in order. He got the standard price for the oats and barley but lost on the

LATE MISS BRIDGET CONDON, BALLYALLINAN.

We all have heard a thousand and one times (writes a correspondent) the very old Irish expression:—"She or he is one of the real old stock." On Sunday, the 2nd of February, there was laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery, Rathkeale, Miss Bridget Condon, late of Ballyallinan Castle, and well may it be said she very truly came under that heading. I don't think there is one of the farming class, no matter where, can say they were more deeply rooted in the land or even in the professions, than she was. The door of Ballyallinan Castle was ever and always open to welcome the poor and hungry. It can safely be said that not one ever left unheeded or unfed.

The Condon family were exceedingly extensive landholders and were connected with several important families all over the county. Many of their relatives and connections held important positions in the professional world, and in commercial life. In legal circles, it may be recalled, one of the Condon clan occupied a very big place in the life of the country. This was the late John Condon, solicitor, Newcastle West. In his studies at Glasgow University he annexed a special gold medal and diploma for a debate on law. This competition was open to all Britain. Immediately he qualified he was chosen as solicitor to the Parnell Commission, and was sent to the North of Ireland for three years. Through all this time he spoke from many platforms in anything but a friendly atmosphere, pointing out that no matter what the black Orangeman advocated those of a national way of thinking had a perfect right to a vote, and with this vote to have their say in electing their own members for the English House of Commons. This at the time was no easy task. Yet, well may it be said, that he was truly successful.

After this we next find him in all the land courts over Munster, fighting for the right of every farmer to own his own holding.

In several ways the Condon family were very widely and respectably connected.

At the funeral of the late Miss Bridget Condon the chief mourners were—Michael, Patrick, John, David and James Condon (nephews); Mrs. Callaghan, Mrs. Harriss and Mrs. Logan (nieces), all of Cappanafaraha, Bruree. Cousins—James and Hannah Condon, Ardrine; Denis Keating, Danesfort; David and John MacDonnell and David Rochford, Shanagolden; Michael Madigan, Helen Madigan, Julia Madigan, Imperial Hotel, Rathkeale; Mrs. J. O'Donovan, Dublin; Mrs. J. Madigan, Rathrea.

The clergy in attendance were:—Very Rev. Canon Mangan, P.P.; Rev. M. O'Brien, P.P.; Rev. M. O'Callaghan, P.P.; Rev. T. Murphy, P.P.; Rev. M. O'Grady, C.C.; Rev. W. O'Grady, C.C.; Rev. M. Costelloe, C.C.; Rev. T. Enright, C.C.

MRS. W. BANKS, CASTLE-ROBERTS.

The death of Mrs. William Banks, Castleroberts, Adare, has occasioned widespread regret. Deceased, who died at a comparatively young age, was of a quiet and unassuming manner. He was endowed with a charitable nature and was esteemed by a large circle of friends, as was shown by the large cortege which followed the remains from the Trinitarian Church, Adare, to the family burial ground.

The officiating clergy were the Very Rev. Canon Thornhill, P.P.; Rev. Dr. Casey, D.D., C.C., Adare; Rev. Father Burke, Limerick, and Rev. Father Bluett, C.C., Ballybrown.

ROAD WORKERS' WAGES