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MAYOR FEENEY

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NINETEEN-SIXTEEN

LIMERICK'S 146-year-old Mayoral Chain is to have a new link. It has cost over £100 and will be the largest on the historic and priceless chain.

The new link is being added by the present Mayor of Limerick, Councillor Vincent Feeney, in commemoration of his term of office. He is the first Mayor to do so since Ald. G. E. Russell in 1957.

The new link is made up of a gold 1916 medallion encircled with another half-inch of gold. One side depicts the G.P.O. in flames with the date 1916-1966 underneath and on the other side are the signatures of the seven signatories of the 1916 Proclamation. It is hallmarked with the Sword of Light and a product of completely Irish workmanship.

ONE THOUSAND

Only one thousand of these gold medallions have been struck, and each accompanied by a certificate. On the wide gold circle around the medallion is engraved the Mayor's name and the date and a further space has been left to record the important happenings during his term as Mayor.

The new link has been supplied by Bee Moynihan's, of O'Connell Street, Limerick, who have already supplied seven links for the famous chain.

The new link is now in Mayor Feeney's possession and will be added to the chain shortly.

Limerick's Mayoral Chain is one of the city's most treasured possessions. Its historic value is priceless and the records inscribed on its links date back to 1822.

SOLID GOLD

It is of solid gold and was originally fashioned by a firm of London goldsmiths about 1820. It has been present at every function of civic importance for the last 140 years and has been taken to the United States by various Mayors.

Between 1822 and 1842 the links were considerably smaller than at present. They resemble a flat ring and their circumference is not much larger than 1d. They have no room for elaborate engraving and each merely carries the name of the holder of the office.

The links added by the Mayors of the Reformed Corporation, however, are of much greater thickness and value and carry a record of local, national and world events during the Mayor's term of office.

Paid back

Michael Larkin, 10 Newenham Street, Limerick, was at Six-milebridge (Co. Clare) Court fined 20/- for using an untaxed car a Ballycaseymore on November 12th. It was stated that the defendant who had paid the back tax had used the car only on the occasion on which he was stopped by the Garda.

At the same Court, James Hourigan, Newtown, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick, was fined 10/- each on summonses for having two bald tyres on his car at Tullyvarrigan on November 19th, and for not having stop lamps on the same occasion.

CHRISTMAS

MAILS SHOW

AN INCREASE

LIMERICK G.P.O. had 10 Christmases for years ago were handled in the 10 days. On inquiry at the Post Office that the overall increase is between 4 to 5 per cent. compared with last year.

There was no last minute rush to post cards or letters, and the public responded very well to the post early appeals. The peak was reached on Tuesday week last when an increase of between 10,000 to 12,000 letters went through the stamping machines, but all mail was cleared each night.

NO PROBLEMS

The incoming parcel traffic from cross-Channel also showed an increase, but outward figures were down, and this is believed to be due to the increase in the turkey population in England.