

ARCHITECT GETS DECREE IN CLAIM FOR FEES

BEFORE Justice D. F. Gleeson, at Limerick Civil Bill Court to-day,

Kevin O'Sullivan, Architect, Sarsfield Street, sued Wm. Penny, 6 Lower Gerald Griffin Street, for £8 for alleged breach of contract.

Mr. J. G. Lyons, solr., appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. A. J. Blood-Smyth, solr., defended.

The plaintiff said that after some bargaining, he agreed to do for the defendant plans and specification for the building of two houses at Blackboy Pike. Defendant needed the specification in order that he could qualify for the local authority grant. Plaintiff did the job, but only got £12 instead of £20. The specifications were returned.

The defendant said he never ordered a specification. His order was for plans and the price agreed on was £12. The £20 mentioned was not contracted for. In fact the Corporation had since turned down his application to build the houses, except on conditions.

The Justice gave a decree for the full amount of the claim.

Proposed Night Hostel For Homeless Men

A MOVE has been made in the city for the purpose of providing a Night Hostel for homeless men. This project, we are informed, has been engaging the attention for some time back of a special committee of the Shannon Mills employees.

The public is already aware of the manifestations of benevolence which prompted the employees of the Shannon Mills to purchase twenty-six wireless sets for some of the city's blind.

They have now turned attention to helping their less fortunate male brethren who have no home of their own; and it is their aim to make this latest effort an even bigger success than their original project. This time they are looking to the citizens generally to support their efforts.

The special committee of the Shannon Mills employees have made arrangements for a grand Christmas drawing of prizes as the start of their venture in securing funds.

A dance and other social events, are mapped out to make the project a big success.

PERSONALITIES OF THE SIEGE:

No. 4—Father Francis White, C.M.

FRANCIS WHITE, of Limerick, a young student for the priesthood in Paris, in the middle of the 17th century, met and was attracted by the religious zeal of St. Vincent de Paul, and in 1645 became one of the first members of his newly founded Missionary Order, the Vincentians.

At the request of Bishop O'Dwyer, he returned with several other Irish Vincentians to his native diocese, where, for several years, they devoted themselves to missionary work. In 1650, when the Cromwellian soldiers were devastating the county and the natives had flocked into the city, a great Vincentian mission was held and it was estimated that 20,000 people attended and received the Sacraments.

In 1651, Father White, having in the meantime returned to Paris, set out on a mission to the Scottish Highlands in company with another Limerick priest, Father Duggan. They travelled from Holland, disguised as merchants in the company of MacDonnell, Lord of Glengarry, but were detected immediately on landing, and would have been discovered to the authorities but for the sudden death of the poor informer.

Father Duggan went to the Western Isles, but Father White remained in the Highlands doing missionary work under more hazardous conditions, but protected by Donald McDonnell, an old chieftain of more than 90 years, whom he had converted. When ministering to the household of the Marquis of Huntley on Ash Wednesday, 1655, he was captured and lodged in Aberdeen Gaol, and, with some other priests, was sentenced to transportation to the Barbadoes. When St. Vincent heard of the sentence he went to his patron, the Queen of France, who, through diplomatic circles, had the sentence lifted. Father White was released and returned to his missionary work in the Highlands.

The work was strenuous and unremitting, and eventually broke the body of the saintly priest. He visited Paris for a rest in 1660, and on his return to Scotland continued his work unceasingly, until his death on 27th January, 1679. In spite of a lapse of close on 300 years, Father White's name and his great work in preserving and renewing the Catholic Faith in the Highlands of Scotland is still remembered there with veneration and reverence.

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VERY NICE.

THE City Manager (Mr. Macken, B.A.) is very pleased with the Rathbane housing scheme. He states that it is very nice, better than any scheme he has seen in Ireland or England. It is his opinion that Mr. Macken, who is a very nice man, if anything, indulges in a little overstatement, but it can be taken for granted, that he has not used excessive language in his description of the Rathbane scheme. Though he does not mention names, Mr. Macken eulogised the work of his technical advisers—Mr. C. B.E., City Surveyor, and Mr. J. McMahon, B.Arch., M.R.I. The latter designed the house and other schemes. Hear ye, hear ye, Limerick architect.



FORWARD MOVE.

The Limerick Corporation is one of the first, if not the first, in Ireland to employ an architect for the special purpose of preparing designs for schemes and other works of artistic embellishment. It is a forward move, because for some time we were prepared to take the hum-drum. It is a sign of a good sign too—of cultural development and progress towards varied design for public schemes. Aesthetic values are cherished and in this connection Limerick set a headline in the professional service member of the great profession of architecture.



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