

Shannon poem is republished

ANYONE interested in course of the river Shannon from the Shannon pot in Cavan to where it enters the sea between Loop and Kerry Heads will be keen to get their hands on a new publication launched in Limerick Priomhshruth Eireann (The Principal River of Ireland), a poem composed by

Michael O Braonain, from Roscommon, has been republished by Limerick Corporation in association with other local authorities along the Shannon.

The poem, which is in bilingual form, contains over 350 placenames. It traces the Shannon from Cavan to Kerry.

Michael Smith, Minister for the Environment, opened the seminar. The delegates from various counties were welcomed to Limerick by Cllr John Quinn, deputy mayor.

Those who spoke include, Art O Maolfabhail, secretary of the Placenames Commission; local histori-

an, Kevin Hannon; broadcaster Michael O Muirheartaigh, who is also chairman of Bord na Gaeilge; Padraic Breathnach, Mary Immaculate College; Limerick Leader columnist, Dr Manchin Seoighe, and Cllr Frank Prendergast, who chaired the seminar.



Cllr Frank Prendergast presents a copy of Priomhshruth Eireann to the Minister for the Environment, Michael Smith.

200 year old poem republished

A SEMINAR celebrating the republication of a lengthy poem about the Shannon, 200 years after it was composed, is being held next weekend, May 20-21, in Jury's Hotel.

Written by Roscommon-born Micheál O Braonáin in 1794, "Príomhshruth Eireann", now published both in modern Irish and English translation, gives an account

of the river, its tributaries and mentions over 350 placenames along its banks.

For these reasons, the Placenames Commission at the Ordnance Survey Office felt that it should be translated and republished and thus made available to the general public.

The basic inclusive fee for delegates at the seminar is

£50, which includes a complimentary copy of "Príomhshruth Eireann". Non-delegates are welcome to the entertainments on Friday night and historical bus tour on Saturday afternoon - subscription £10.

Further information can be had from An tOifigeach Gaeilge at the City Hall.

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