

Van recalls the maiden voyage of the Shannon

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THE Arklow Sea completed its maiden voyage in Limerick last week, but it wasn't the first to do so, despite recent claims.

Not according to one local man, who remembers September 12, 1964, the day the new flagship of the Limerick Steamship fleet, sailed into the port of Limerick.

Dan Campbell, Corbally, was second engineer on board the Shannon the day it finished its maiden voyage in Limerick. He worked for the Limerick Steamship Company from 1958 to 1968.

According to Mr Campbell there were four new ships built in Holland during that period and he worked in the engine room on board the Shannon and The Roscrea, when they fin-

ished their maiden voyages in Limerick in the sixties.

The Shannon replaced the Roscrea, in 1964 because the Roscrea was said to be "too small".

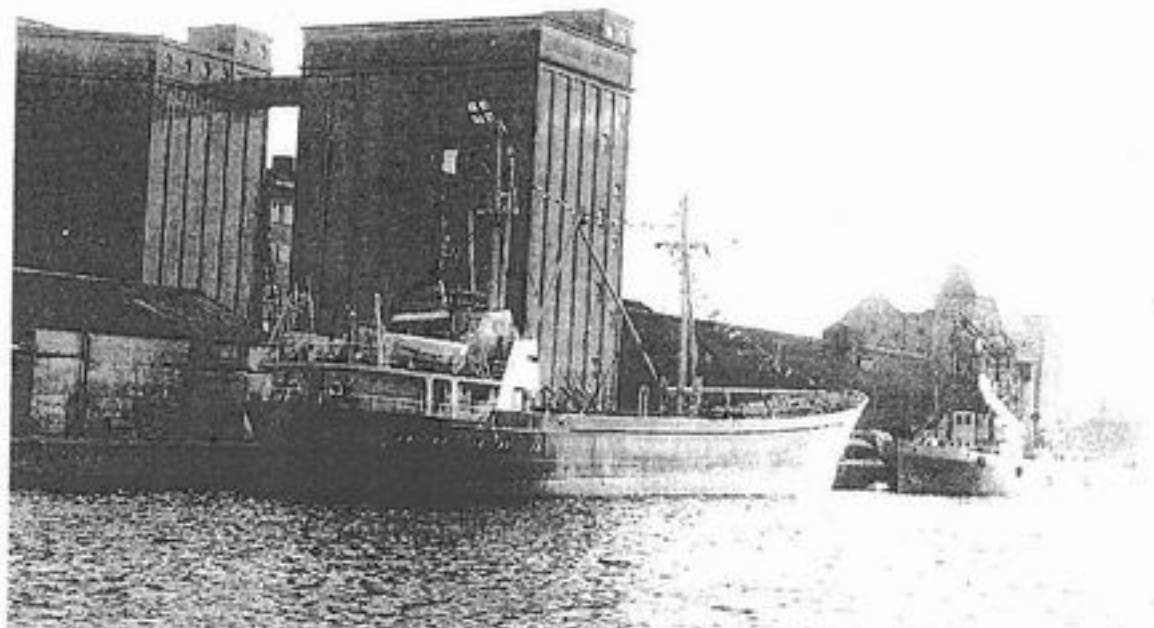
Built in Hoogezand, Holland, and christened there on June 30, by Mrs J G Minahan, wife of one of the company's directors, the Shannon's maiden voyage from Rotterdam was under the command of Captain D McLoughlin, a native of Donegal, who had been living in Mayorstone for some years.

Fourteen crew members—most of them from Limerick—flew to Holland for the maiden voyage.

The Limerick crew members serving on the Shannon were Dan Campbell, second engineer; Johnny Behan, second mate; Sean Burke, cook; J O'Brien, Peter Tallow, T. Finan, W McInerney, sailors, and Michael Nolan, assistant steward.



Pictured aboard the Shannon which completed its maiden voyage in Limerick on September 21, 1964.



From the front page of The Limerick Leader, September 21, 1964, The Shannon, after completing its maiden voyage in Limerick.

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