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LAGOUR FALLS TO PEAR?

CS dramatic Curragour Falls be no more. Tentative idea by Limerick in to dam the Shannon River docks would eliminate the falls. This is part of City Hall's next revolutionising the city centre role for the docklands at a cost of £10m. In an interview with the Limerick Press, published on page 6, city councillor Jim Barrett reveals plans to dam the river and turn Limerick into a marina. There would be marinas for private pleasure cruisers could take the river as far as Lough Derg. At natural asset that the city has, he said. "Compared to other cities, we are not utilising it as well as we could." The result of damming the river would be a lake in the city. The water level would be at a height. The Curragour Falls would be submerged. A dam would be constructed across the river. Fishing in the river would be unaffected, Mr Barrett said. If the Shannon was cut off from the docks, all seepage and effluent would be trapped at the dam. After this, Mr Barrett said, drains and pipes would be constructed. There are large areas of desolate docklands that the Corporation wants to see utilised.

The only part of that area owned by Limerick Corporation is the site at Mount Kennett.

CITY LOSES OUT IN INDEPENDENTS 'WAR'

LIMERICK retailers of The Independent, a much respected British daily newspaper, say they are being discriminated against. Unlike every other British national daily, the Independent cannot be found at local newsagents. This is because Independent Newspapers in Dublin, a totally separate company, took out an injunction against the English paper when it launched here in July 1987. The Independent claimed that people would confuse the new paper with their daily publication, the Irish Independent. This despite the fact that they two papers do not look remotely alike. The end result of this court action was an agreement between the two papers that the English version could be sold in Dublin and Cork, but nowhere else. This has not been described by local record shop owner Ciaran Gleeson, an admirer of the London-based newspaper, as "an insult to the intelligence of people in Limerick". The implication, he said, was that people outside the two main cities, were more likely to confuse the two titles. "They're basically saying that newspaper readers down the country are less intelligent," said Mr Gleeson. "It's ridiculous that we can't buy The Independent here. If people are used to reading the Irish Independent, the chances of them picking up the English one instead are nil."

50 YEARS

CONTRACT SIGNED FOR BUILDING OF TODDS NEW PREMISES

GLASSES were raised at a press reception and conference at Cruise's today to the historic signing of a contract in the region of £250,000 for the rebuilding of the premises of Messrs William Todd & Co in O'Connell Street. Mr A Browne, general manager, announced that the contract had been placed with the firm of Messrs. P.J. Wallace & Son, North Strand, Dublin. The new shop premises will be about the most modern of its kind in the country and roof space will be provided for the parking of about 50 cars. Work will commence next week. At the onset, Mr Browne welcomed those present and said it was indeed an historic day in the life of the Messrs William Todd & Co. He went on to trace the origin of the firm in Limerick and said it had been started in the year 1825 at what was then known as Brunswick Street. Later, it moved to O'Connell Street, where the firm moved in a most successful manner. Nearly twelve months ago, it would be remembered, the premises were gutted by fire but temporary premises had been acquired in Spillane's Tobacco Factory which at the time had been vacant. Mr Browne went on to pay tribute to the work and loyalty of his staff and said great credit was due to them. The new premises in O'Connell Street, the sketch of which had already been published in the local Press, would be most modern and would be of five storeys.

The roof space would provide for the parking of 50 cars and the overall effect of the premises would brighten the area considerably.

The new windows of the building, in Thomas Street, would no doubt be worthy of inspection and the general shopping facilities provided for the public would be better than those in the old building.

LIMERICK WILL HAVE TO WAIT LONGER FOR IRISH TELEVISION

LIMERICK will have to wait longer than many other parts of Ireland before Irish Television is fully beamed on this area. That will come with the erection of booster stations in Gort and Mallow. The preliminary steps of ensuring that Irish Television is on the way were taken recently when work commenced on the erection of the £105,000 transmitter station at Kippure, Co Wicklow. This programme like site was selected by a 29-year-old Limerickman, Mr Noel W Mulcahy, BE (Mech and Elec) and ME (Elec) who left Radio Eireann a few months ago to take up a management post with Standard Press Steel International, an American Company operating at the Shannon Airport Free Zone. Messrs Pye (Ireland) Ltd, secured the contract for the erection of the transmitter which will be completed by next April. When the construction of studio buildings in Dublin is started and completed by the end of 1961, transmission will begin. It is unlikely at this stage that Limerick will come fully into the beam from Kippure as it will have a service area of up to 60 miles.