

The Feohanagh team, winners of silver cup, after thrilling game with Coolecappa-Ardagh in final of the Feenagh-Kilmeeedy hurling tournament. Rev. T. Greene, C.C. (left) and Rev. T. O'Connell (right), Diocesan Organiser.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN EAST LIMERICK MAN

ONE of the best known and most popular members of the Mid-Limerick Brigade, I.R.A., the person of John Ryan, died unexpectedly on the 31st July at residence, 65 Marymount, Waterford. He was captain of the "F" Company. People in East Limerick knew the late John Ryan. He was born and reared in Abington, Co. Wick. Imbued as a boy with a love of patriotic love for his country and interested in promoting National ideals, he became as early as one of the founder members of the Mid-Limerick Brigade. With the other members of his brigade he took a prominent part in the War of Independence. Often his parental home was a refuge for those on the run from British soldiers. There they found succour and comfort.

MOST UNASSUMING.
The late John Ryan was a most unassuming personality. He made friends easily because those who came acquainted with him for the first time found that friendly atmosphere in his company. He was a gentleman who spoke well of everybody but never boasted of his own deeds. That was typical of his quiet and retiring nature. He wondered that he was so immensely popular. In Waterford, where he went 30 years ago, his genial character won for him a wide circle of friendship that made him feel at home. As a man of excellent business intellect and well versed in the cattle trade, he soon made his mark as Manager of the late Purchasing Department of the Meats Ltd., Waterford, when he joined that well-known firm on its establishment. He also filled the position of accountant in it.

THE FUNERAL.
The funeral, which took place to the local Cemetery in Waterford, was very largely and representatively attended. Hundreds of sympathisers travelled from East Limerick and Limerick City, among them were many of his old comrades-in-arms. A group of his colleagues formed a Guard of Honour at either side of the bier. The coffin was draped in the Tricolour. Over 150 Mass cards and wreaths were laid on the bier, providing another indication of the esteem in which he was held. Among the ten local and out-of-town clergy who attended was the Rev. Father Edward O'Connell, Ph.L., S.T.L., of the Pallottine Fathers' Community in Rome. He officiated at the graveside. Rev. Father Power, home on holiday from the American Mission, and a school companion of the deceased, the recitation of a decade of the Rosary at the graveside. Also among the clergy was Rev. Father Murphy, C.C., Kilkenny. A

Gaelic Grounds To Have New 1,500 Seater Stand And New Dressing Rooms

THE local Gaelic Grounds is to have a grand stand with seating capacity for over 1,500 people. It is also proposed to erect modern dressing rooms, toilets and spacious committee rooms. It is expected that construction work will commence at the end of the year.

The Grounds Committee of the Gaelic Grounds were granted permission at last Saturday's meeting of the Munster G.A.A. Council to proceed with their plans for the construction of 1,500 seater bookable stand and other major work, which will include the erection of up-to-date dressing-rooms, toilets and committee rooms. The heavy expenditure on the work will be partly defrayed by percentage "gate" concessions to the Grounds Committee when the stand is erected.

MEMBERS CIRCULARISED.
At a previous meeting of the Munster Council it was decided to circularise the members with a memorandum outlining the proposed improvements to the grounds. A motion was also moved by Mr. Jack O'Connell (Secretary, Co. Board) requesting the Council to give extra consideration in regard to the takings on the new stand. It was agreed at Saturday's meeting of the Council to adopt the improvements scheme with a number of alterations to the plans as submitted at the previous meeting.

INCREASED CAPACITY.
The erection of the new stand, writes our reporter, will mean that the existing capacity of the grounds will be increased by over 1,500. It is expected that the stand will be a single-decker one and will be bookable. It will be situated in proximity to the present broadcasting box, which will find a place elsewhere. Architects are at the moment preparing the plans for the work.

It is probable that the foundation work will commence late in the year. The capacity of the grounds at the moment is well over 50,000 and with the proposed improvements completed the capacity will be considerably increased. Team members will specially welcome the news of the erections of new dressing-rooms, as the present rooms fall far below the level expected in a stadium of this size. In the past visiting teams have complained of the poor dressing-room facilities and as a

rule teams arrived before a match having already changed into playing attire at their hotels.

SECRETARY'S COMMENT.
Asked to comment on the proposed improvements, Mr. Jack O'Connell, Secretary, Co. Board, said to-day: "With the completion of the planned improvements the Gaelic Grounds will be one of the foremost stadiums in the country. The new stand will not reduce ground accommodation, but will increase it considerably. I think all will appreciate the way the Munster Council met us."

DEATH OF MR. T. CARROLL, KNOCKLONG

The death has occurred of Mr. Thomas Carroll, Cross - of - Tree, Knocklong. A most exemplary young man, his passing is deeply regretted and deep sympathy is tendered to his brothers and sisters in their bereavement. Following Requiem Mass, the funeral, which was both large and representative, took place to Castlejane Cemetery. The officiating clergy were Rev. Fr. English, C.C., Knocklong; Very Rev. Canon Meany, P.P., Emly; Rev. Fr. P. O'Dwyer and Rev. Fr. P. O'Byrne, P.P., Ballylanders. The chief mourners were Batt and Michael (brothers), Mae, Kathleen and Johanna (sisters).

IRELAND JOINS WORLD BANK

Ireland yesterday became a member of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Fund and Bank's London office announced yesterday. The quota of Ireland in the International Monetary fund is 30 million dollars, and its subscription to the capital stock of the Bank is 300 shares with a total par value of 30 millions. Sixty-one nations are now members of the Bank.

selected to play for against Tipperary, at the Munster minor but he had failed to (Secretary) had written Jeremiah Donworth, who is Tramore, Co. Waterford him of his selection and directions to travel to train. Jeremiah Donworth replied that he would travel by train because he had to be back to his that evening and the not be back at that time (Secretary) had then Chairman of the Water Board, had given him to contact Donworth a sary, get a car to bring to Thurles, so that he back in time for his Chairman of the Water had gone to Tramore viewed Donworth and that arrangements would for his travelling to Th so that he could be more in time for his worth had informed th of the Waterford Boa had made arrangements travel, and he did not the game.

Continuing, the Secretary wrote to Jeremiah Donworth for explanation. He did not turn up, but replied.

The Chairman said minors put up a great Thurles against Tipperary. Limerick had Jeremiah as a forward they might the Munster title. He considered that it was his county or the other team that he did and he thought Donworth be suspended for six months for him?

The Chairman said it was.

The Treasurer (Mr. Gibbon) said that the Waterford Board Tramore at inconvenient time to get him to come out avail.

The Chairman said lacking in his duty if he give him six months.

SIX MONTHS NOT MET.
Mr. J. O'Leary (Treasurer) felt that six months would not meet the case at all. The selection committee knew the circumstances of the player had, he said, in this Board.

Chairman—In view that he is a young fellow that was his first job, 12 months would meet the case.

Mr. P. Ryan, Chairman South Limerick G.A.A. that this should hold grades and that any would not turn out for or other grades should in the same way.

The Secretary said who had not turned previous occasions had given satisfactory excuses.

The Chairman, acceding to Jeremiah Donworth's request, suspended him for six months.

Denis McCarthy, Kilkenny was ordered off the City Board's senior hurling tournament game, against Tipperary for rough play, was suspended for one month.

DATES FIXED FOR LIMERICK GAMES.

The County Limerick Hurling final, in which will meet either St. John's or St. Peter's, will be played at the Gaelic Grounds on the 1st September. But, if Limerick All-Ireland Home Junior final, the County Senior final will be played on the 2nd September.