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Installation Of £10,000 Organ In St. John's Cathedral

Skilled workmen are at present installing the recently rebuilt organ in St. John's Cathedral. It has cost approximately £10,000 to have it renewed, and when it is completed it will be one of the finest organs of its kind in Ireland.

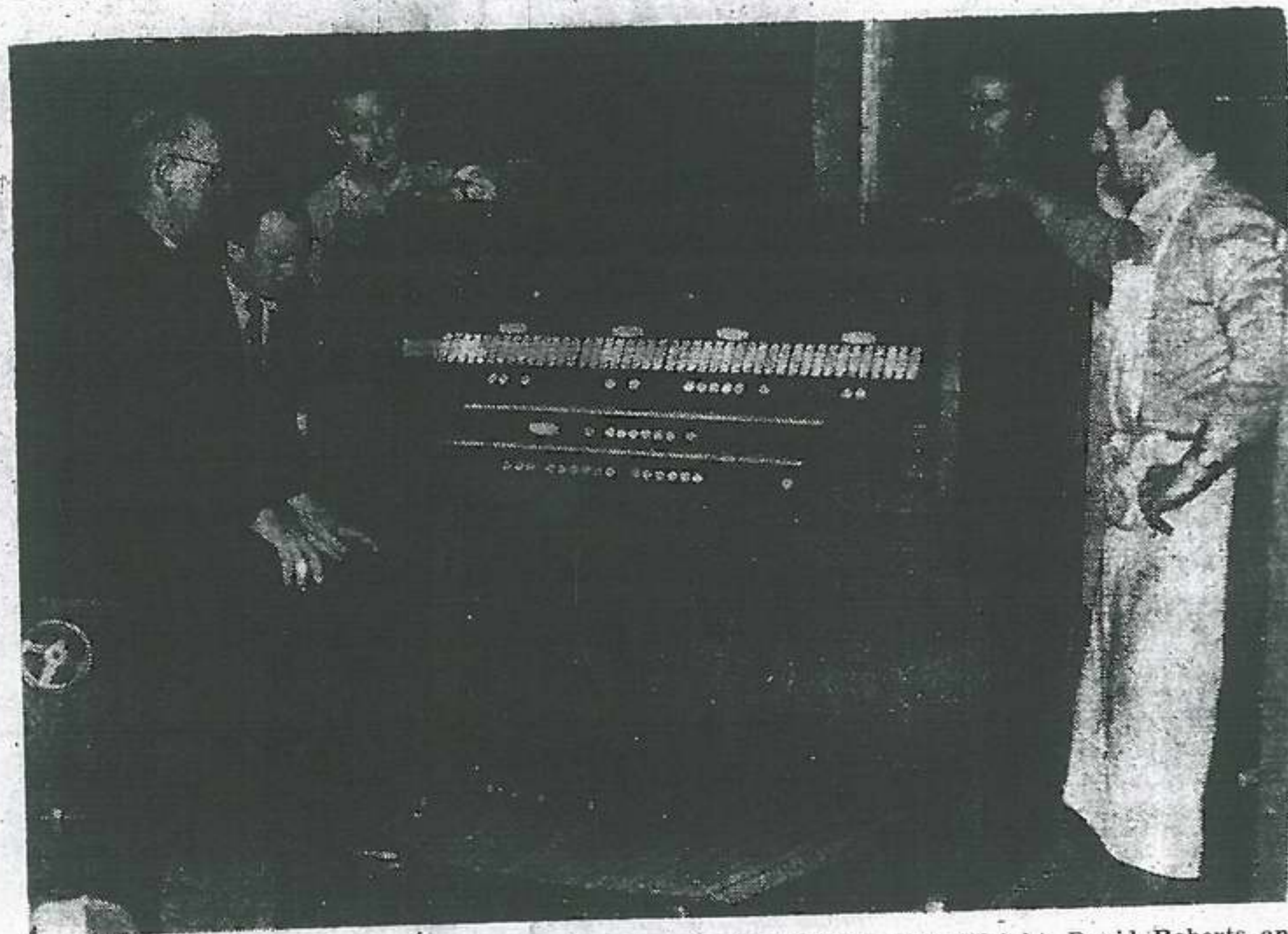
The huge 15-ton Hill organ in St. John's Cathedral has been completely overhauled and rebuilt and is now in the course of being installed in the organ loft by highly skilled workmen. The entire instrument had been completely stripped down by the London firm of Willis, which has a branch in Ireland, and each part was entirely repaired.

The organ, which is over 100 years old, combines many new features. It is now an all-electric unit and has the unique feature of having three manuals incorporated in two. The third manual can be brought into play by merely operating a switch, and is the only type in Ireland. The pipes, which have been revoiced, vary in height from 16 feet to 11 inches and total 2,288. Some three hundred wires were used in connecting the various electric units. The wooden panels are the original ones of highly seasoned yellow pine. It would cost a small fortune to replace the timber alone. It is still in perfect condition.

HUGE BELLOWS

There are two huge bellows covered by 26 pairs of sheepskin and weighed down by nearly half-ton weights. They are operated by 7" and 4" pressure. The entire unit is about 30 feet in height and about 25 feet across.

The organ will be playing by Christmas, and it will be blessed by his Lordship the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, on January 12th next at a special ceremony. Mr. Van Dessel, organist, Dundalk, will give a special recital of polyphonic music, while a select choir from Maynooth will give a rendering of sacred hymns. The choir will be conducted by Rev. Father C. H. O'Callaghan, B.Mus.



Very Rev. Father W. Creed, Adm., with technicians Austin Wearan, Sam Wright, David Roberts and William Nolan, admiring the console of the huge organ just prior to it being placed in position in the Cathedral to-day.

5 MILLION GALLONS OF MILK FOR NEW INDUSTRY

On enquiry at the Condensed Milk Factory (Ireland) Ltd., Lansdowne, Limerick, to-day, it was learned that the new cheese factory will be in full production next May.

A spokesman for the Company said that the new factory had the same capacity as the old one, and would produce the same quantity of new milk.

WANTED—FIVE MILLION GALLONS.

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Final Curtain For Diocesan College Fund

The final curtain for the Diocesan College Fund will be brought down on Sunday, December 18th, with a most interesting and high-class concert in the Festival Theatre.

Amongst the artistes will be Miss Therese Garvey, a Radio Eireann harpist, who for this occasion is bringing to Limerick a full concert.

Good News For Tenants Of Council Houses

Drunken Driving Charge Dismissed

Hugh O'Neill, Tervoe, Clarina Co. Limerick, in the Limerick District Court to-day before Justice D. F. Gleeson, was convicted of dangerous driving, fined £5 and disqualified from driving for twelve months. A charge of drunken driving was dismissed.

Inspector D. B. O'Callaghan prosecuted, and Mr. M. Tynan, solicitor, defended.

Evidence was given by Guard McEvoy that on November 20th he was summoned to High Road