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TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9, 1894

LIMERICK HARBOUR BOARD.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Harbour Board was held yesterday in the Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor (Mr B. O'Donnell) presided, and the other members present were—Messrs. J N Russell, D Begley, Octavius Wallace, J.P., T. E. Bunting, James O'Mara, J.P., Wm. Spillane, J.P., and Alderman Riordan.

Mr James Harris (Secretary), Mr H. V. Morony (Engineer), and Captain M. Fitzmaurice (Harbour Master), were in attendance.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

THE SHANNON PILOTS.—A SERIOUS COMPLAINT.

The following letter was read:—

"DEAR SIR,—We are requested by the owners and master of the steamer "Sneyd" to call your attention to the stranding of that vessel on the Greenawn Rocks on the 20th ult. We enclose the owners' letter, the master's we handed to Mr Harris. The vessel has not yet been docked, and when she is if cable, ship, or cargo has received such damage as to form a claim on the underwriters they will call on the Board of Trade to hold an official inquiry into the stranding of the steamer if they are not satisfied with your investigation. We are also requested by the masters of the steamers Vergustic and Garnock, to inform you that they were both detained for twelve hours at Grass Island, the former on the evening of the 30th ult, and the latter on the 2nd inst. In both cases no Limerick pilots were at their station, and the Western pilots absolutely refused to take charge beyond their station.

"Yours truly,

"MULLOCK & SONS."

Mr Russell said it was a very serious matter, because he could not see how the vessel which was in charge of the pilot, could have got down on the rocks at all. How did she escape the Herring Rock.

Pilot Hanrahan, the man who had charge of the vessel, was called before the Board for an explanation. He stated, in reply to the Mayor, that he left Limerick in the evening, and at nightfall the weather was most inclement, the night being very dark and showery. Neither the captain nor mate was on deck, and he gave directions to the steersman as to the course he should take. He then entered into a description of the directions which he gave, and said that the vessel did not get on the rocks at all. He waited for the flood and then proceeded to Scatterry Island, where an examination was made of the vessel and it was found there was nothing wrong with her at all. He further remarked that in addition to the unfavourable weather he was subject to another great disadvantage because of the compasses not working, and he had mistaken Aughanish Point for Grass Island.

Mr Spillane took a serious view of the case, and thought the pilot was guilty of carelessness. He wished to know if Hanrahan was a sober man.

Mr Harris answered that he was sorry to say he took drink sometimes. This was one of the new appointments made twelve months ago.

DROWNING ACCIDENT IN THE SHANNON.

An inquest was held yesterday at Thomondgate, by Mr Coroner DeCoursey and a jury, on the body of John Powell, aged 62, who was drowned in the Shannon on Saturday night. The following were empanelled on the jury.—Robert Moorehead (Foreman); Garrett Gaynor, Thomas Farrell, Michael O'Connell, Wm Sexton, Joseph Farrell, Anthony Meany, Thos Farrell, Richard Wallace, Patrick Dwyer, Patrick and James McNamara.

Evidence of identification was given by Thos Powell, son of the deceased, who stated that his father left the house about nine o'clock on Saturday night, having drink taken; he wanted witness to go and have a drink with him, but he would not go; the old man returned in about a quarter of an hour, and knocked at the gate to get in; witness got out of bed to open the gate, and found that his father had gone away, and he heard nothing more until the discovery of his body on yesterday.

John Carroll deposed to finding the body in the river opposite the Militia Barracks; the head was in the water and the rest of the body exposed; he reported the matter to the police, and immediately identified the body as that of John Powell, whom he knew.

Constable John White deposed to the recovery of the body, and on searching the clothes with Constable McGovern found 5s 4d in a pocket, a razor, a hammer, two small books, a bead, and penknife.

The Coroner—Were there any marks of violence on the body?

Constable White—There was a scratch on the nose and some bruises on the head.

Thomas Powell stated the wall was very low where apparently the deceased fell in.

William Farrell deposed to finding the hat worn by deceased on a heap of stones underneath the brewery wall; the river wall in this part is very unprotected; it is nearly level with the road in some parts, and about six feet over the water.

The Coroner—It seems to be a very dangerous place.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning, and added a rider recommending that the river bank should be protected by raising the wall.

THE LARCENY OF TWEED AT ENNIS RAILWAY STATION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

At Ennis Petty Sessions on Friday before Mr H de L Willis, and Mr R Lane Joynt, Michael Donnelly, in custody, and Norah Donnelly, his wife, and Margaret Maley, his sister-in-law, on summonses, were brought up in connection with the larceny of tweed from Ennis railway station on 13th October last.

The accused were not professionally represented.

Mr S Dunning, D I, conducted the prosecution, and Mr M McNamara, solr, watched the proceedings on behalf of the railway company.

Mr William Cronin, of Messrs O'Brien Bros., Cork, deposed that a bale of woollen goods was sent out by them on 11th October; it contained five rolls of tweed, assigned to Mr

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