

work for us for 16s a week. Our answer to this is very simple, but we think equally forcible, viz.—That some of the tailors, whom we had to bring into the city, have been able, working the ordinary time and at the rate of the old log, to earn on an average 45s per week, and some of them have attained even a high average.

With regard to the recent remarks of Alderman Hall, we trouble you with only one, viz.—“that we required the operative tailors to approach us, not only on their bended knees, but also on their bare knees.” We can only say, and the tailors admit it, that a more groundless accusation was never made. We are not, however, surprised at it, or at the Alderman's other remarks, as anyone capable of breaking his word of honour that everything at the meeting with us was to be kept strictly private, could not be relied upon for either moderation or correctness in his remarks, especially after such a grievous disappointment as he met with in not being allowed to settle the strike on the spot. We could not, however, see our way in any way to compromise our position in order to assist Alderman Hall towards the attainment, through his desired settlement, of other objects which he had in view.

As regards the conduct of the men during the strike, no one could be more ready to bear testimony to the sobriety and moderation which characterised it, under somewhat trying circumstances, than we have been. This we have already conveyed to the tailors, mentioning to them at the same time, and to which they assented, that if the same sobriety and application to work had characterised them as a body, before the strike, as have done so during it, they and the trade in Limerick with which they are connected would be now in a more prosperous condition.

Allow us to add that throughout the entire strike the most perfect unanimity has prevailed among all the members of our association, whether they took part in the meetings or not, and if it were possible for us to have been more unanimous on one point than another, it is in our repudiation, in the strongest possible manner, of the action and uncalled for remarks of Alderman Hall.

Thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of this letter, we are, dear sir, your obedient servants,

The Limerick Branch of the Master Tailors' Association.

JAMES J DELANY,
Hon Sec.

RATHKEALE PRESENTMENT SESSIONS AND THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I was unavoidably absent from Read Sessions at Rathkeale on Friday last, and am therefore obliged to ask the favour of being allowed to trespass on your space for the purpose of thanking the magistrates and cesspayers for the high compliment made to me, and published in your issue of Saturday last. To my assistants rather than to myself, however, are due all the nice things said. It has been my province hitherto to select and appoint these officers, and I have always felt that in confining my choice to members of my own profession I was best serving the public interest as well as my own. In the discharge of what is not always an easy task, these gentlemen have worked with me, in accordance with the best traditions of our common profession, to faithfully serve the public without fear or favour, and above all things without intentional offence to anyone. The task such as it is, and be the result what it may, has been, however, lightened much for us by the goodwill and support we have received from all quarters. I thank especially the good Dr Hayes for his undeserptly flattering reference to me, which I can best diagnose as a chemical operation on my demerit, with the result filtered through the kindly heart of a genial gentleman, who is at once an ornament to his profession and a friend to all men. In Mr Hewson, the Chairman, who so kindly endorsed the Doctor's views, the public have the services of a Magistrate who is always in the forefront in advocating true economy and efficiency in the execution of our County works.

I trust it may be my privilege to see in the future as in the past both Magistrates and Cesspayers working together on the new District Councils with the same good will, and desire for nothing but the public good, which have invariably characterised their decisions on the Bench at Presentment Sessions.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN HORAN, County Surveyor.

29th November, 1898.

solicitor, Limerick.
For the landlord—Mr. Cherry, Q C; and Mr. Jefferson (instructed by Mr W Beauchamp, solicitor, Limerick).

DEATH OF MRS. O'CALLAGHAN.

We announce with much regret the death of a very popular and highly respected Limerick lady, Mrs Helena O'Callaghan, relict of the late Alderman Eugene O'Callaghan, of this city, the then head of the tannery establishment of O'Callaghan and Son. Mrs O'Callaghan had been in failing health for some time past and passed away on Sunday last at her residence in George street. The deceased lady took a great interest in social life and was accordingly known by a wide circle of friends in Limerick. She was a most cultured musician, and it may be remarked, that in her early life she took a very prominent part in concerts and such like entertainments. She always followed with interest the career of those “stars” of the operatic stage who claimed Limerick as their home. Her sympathies lay with any good and charitable work, and though she had attained a ripe age, her death is deeply regretted by all who had the pleasure of the acquaintance of a kindly and accomplished lady. The remains were removed last evening to St Michael's R C Church, whence the funeral took place at 10.30 this morning for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. The cortege was large and representative, and the coffin was borne from the church to the hearse by the employees of Messrs O'Callaghan and Sons.

The chief mourners were—Mr Eugene O'Callaghan, Mr Daniel O'Callaghan, solr, Mr Edward O'Callaghan, Mr Francis O'Callaghan, Mr M Leahy, Mr Eugene Leahy (grandson); Lieutenant Col Brodie (son in law); Mr Lawrence Lyons, Dublin; Mr Jas Lyons, Cork; Mr Frank Lyons (Cork) and Mr Eugene Long (nephews).

The clergy in attendance were—The Most Rev Dr O'Dwyer, Very Rev Dr Shanahan, P P, V G; Rev Wm Moloney, P P, V G, Rathkeale; Very Rev A Murphy, President St Munchin's College; Very Rev Father Maher, Rector S J; Rev T Lee, Adm St John's; Rev M O'Donnell, Adm, St Michael's; Rev D Shanahan, P P, St Mary's; Rev Father O'Keefe, S J; Rev Dr M O'Riordan, C C, St Michael's; Rev J Lee, C C, do; Rev Fr Cragan, C C, do; Rev R Fitzgerald, C C, St John's; Rev Fr O'Laverty, C S S R; Rev Fr McDermott, O S F; Rev Fr Hanrahan, O S A; Rev Fr Binnon, O P; Rev Fr Conway, P P, St Patrick's; Rev Fr Moloney.

Amongst the general public were—The Mayor (Alderman Cusack), Mr J Morton (Manager Provincial Bank), Mr P J Denvir (Manager National Bank), Mr McCoy (County Court Registrar), Mr C O'Donnell, solr; Mr William Lloyd, Mr J P Hall, solr; Mr J DeCourcy, C P S; Dr Shanahan, (Dr J O'Shaughnessy, D L; Mr S B Quin, J P (City High Sheriff); Mr John Ellard, Mr V Nash, J P; Dr J R Holmes, Mr James Frost, J P; Mr D Tidmarsh, Mr J F Power, Mr N A Brophy, Mr J S Gaffney, solr; Mr W Leahy, Crown Solicitor; Mr A N Barnett (McBirney, and Co), Mr J H Lee, City Dispensary; Mr A C Laffan, J P; Dr Graham, Mr P R Toppin (Cannon and Co); Mr T Bourke, Mr F Johnstone, Mr J Quin, J P; Mr W M Nolan, Town Clerk; Mr W E Corbett, C E, City Surveyor; Mr W P C Hetreed, D I; Dr E O'Neill, Limerick District Asylum; Mr M J DeCourcy, solr; Mr M Egan, jun; Mr W DeCourcy, Mr John O'Donnell, T C; Alderman J J Cleary, J P, Alderman A Hall, J P; Mr P McDoanell, T C; Mr W Lee, Mr H Blackall, solr; Mr F Johnstone, Mr G Ryan, C E; Mr J O'Connor, Mr P Riordan, Mr Newsam, Mr C Geraghty, Mr D Begley, T C; Alderman S O'Mara, Mr W Ebrill, Mr J Ebrill, Mr J Stewart, Mr Kendal Irwin, Mr J Spillane, Mr G Spillane, Mr J Doyle, solr; Mr J Murphy, Mr T Gough, Mr Peter McGuire, T C; Mr J Forrest, City High Constable, etc.

Wreaths were sent by the following—Mrs E H O'Callaghan and children, the Misses Cantillon, (grandchildren), MI and Eugene Leahy, (grandchildren), Colonel and Mrs Brodie, Mr and Mrs E J Long, the Office Staff (E O'Callaghan & Son), the Employees (E O'Callaghan & Son), Mrs Helena Spillane, Mr and Mrs John Spillane, Dr and Mrs Graham, Mr and Mrs J P Hall, Mr and Miss Laffan, Mr and Mrs Blackall, Mr Stephen B Quin, Mrs Doyle and family, Miss Donnellan, Mr Kendal Irwin, Mr Lyons (Lee House, Cork), Mrs Marie O'Callaghan, Mrs O'Brien (South Hill), Mrs E Smithwick (Kilreene House, Kilkenny), Mrs Dr O'Neill.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs P McCarthy and Sons.

the port side, causing a great gap, through which the water poured in in tons, and the captain of the Premier seeing there was no hope of saving his ship, took to the two life boats with his men. There was no time to be lost, for in less than twenty minutes the Premier went to the bottom in 17 fathoms of water, carrying with her everything, including every atom of clothing as well as other personal property belonging to the crew. On the other hand the crew of the Mermaid were in a likewise perilous plight, and took to the boats. Her bows were completely stove in by the force of the impact, and there was left a complete gap which extended considerably below the bulwarks; so that if a heavy sea had been running the vessel would have swamped immediately, and doubtless shared the fate of the Premier. As it was, she was saved by her forward bulkhead compartment, and seeing that she kept afloat, the crew returned to her. It was the intention to beach her either at Kilrush or Tarbert, but as she continued to make satisfactory headway under her own steam, it was decided, if possible, to take her back to Limerick. It was a fortunate circumstance that soon after the disaster occurred the Vanda (Capt Walton), with four for Mr McGuire, Limerick, arrived at the scene, and picked up the Premier's captain and crew, and arrived in Limerick some time about four o'clock on Sunday morning; the Mermaid with her captain and crew reaching here some time later. Capt Murray and his men speak in the highest terms of the treatment received on board the Vanda. Mr Ludlow, agent of the Shipwrecked Mariners Society, took charge of the crew and provided them with lodgings and had their wants otherwise attended to, and last evening they were sent by train en route to Glasgow, of which city they are natives. Of course the full details as to the collision will come out at the Board of Trade Inquiry to be held later on, and in anticipation of which depositions were made by the respective crews at the Custom House on yesterday. There is no doubt that each vessel was at its right side of “the road,” and how the collision occurred is something of a mystery. Captain Murray states that he had seen the Mermaid some time previous to the collision, and that he had whistled as a warning. The night was quite clear, and there was a north-easterly wind blowing, with a tolerably fair sea running. The Premier was a comparatively new vessel, having been built in Glasgow in May, 1894, and from the time she was launched till her loss, Captain Murray has been her commander. There is some talk of raising the vessel, and with that object Mr Enzor, who, it will be remembered, successfully raised the ill-fated light ship, Puffin, off Queenstown Harbour, arrived here yesterday morning on the invitation of the agent of the owners, but, pending instructions from the Underwriters, nothing in this direction is likely to be done for some days. The Mermaid lay alongside the Lower Shannon berth on Sunday, and her appearance was a sufficient indication of the desperate character of the collision. Something like twelve feet of her stem have completely disappeared; the bows being flattened into the men's berth, which was filled with water. No damage appears to have been sustained in any other part of the vessel, but she has been moved into the Graving Dock for the purpose of being thoroughly re-examined and over-hauled. The Mermaid, though an old boat, is an excellent passenger steamer, and has been for very many years plying on the Shannon. Mr Morley, Managing Director of the Waterford Steamship Company, was in town on yesterday for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances of the disaster, which, as we stated at the outset, though serious in its results, would, had there been a dark night and a rolling sea, have been attended with far more lamentable consequences.

It has been suggested that it might have been possible to run the Premier ashore at Bea Bar during the twenty minutes she remained afloat, but it may be pointed out that such was impossible, for the reason that in the collision the Premier's steering gear became completely disorganised, and consequently the vessel was entirely helpless. An official of the Irish Lights Board has proceeded to the scene of the wreck over which a buoy is to be placed.

DESPERATE WEATHER AT SEA.

ROUGH PASSAGE OF A LIMERICK ROUND VESSEL.