a native of Croom Mrs. J. Griffin, tained serious injuries by jumping burning building, and near other escaped with their lives, but we o say that Mrs. Griffin has since away. On Tuesday night, about 'clock, some wood was found alight ire of the main building, but it was ished with a few buckets of water. "call" sent to the Co-operation Fire was accordingly cancelled. Despite ancellation, however, the Captain the premises, and satisfied himself o fire had been extinguished. In the morning the whole house was enveloped in flames, but Mr. riffin, son of the late Mr. Griffin at the inquest that he was satisfied ond fire had nothing to do with the which he himself had put out. The o were at once on the scene, but owerless to save the three people lost their lives, owing to the y of the fire-fiend, and the terrific hat rendered any attempt at rescue ible. There was a sufficient supply er available, and everything possible me that could be done in the face of e and over-powering odds. The loss e valuable lives is, as we have said, deplored, and the tale is tragic in xtreme. Mr. Griffin was a citizen nown and highly esteemed for his kind ost charitable disposition, a fact which orne testimony to at various local yesterday, at which resolutions of thy were passed. Mr. Hall was, as , a respected resident of Loughres, and Butler an esteemed native of Croom, er she was about returning to her

In common with the general public nder to the relatives of the deceased eep and heartfelt condolence. The e and District Inspector Craig added sympathy at the inquest.

ARE MURDER TRIAL

ase for the Prisoners.

Clare murder trial, in which Patrick Ryan ster, Hegarty, of Cloontasmera, Inagh, Co. are charged with having taken the life of Kildea at Illaunbawn, in the same county, night of 30th November, was resumed day before Mr Justice Dodd and a common jury.

rict Inspector Thomas O'Brien, Ennistymon, hat on the morning of the inquest, on the December, the prisoner Patrick Ryan said ould have been at the fair to-day only for I came here to free myself, as I know there aspicion on me. I didn't see Kildea for the wo months."

eant P. Connell gave evidence as to the ion of the body of Kildea on the morning of ber 1st, and of the blood-prints near where , and the footprints smeared with blood in old and in the road. On the ground near body he found a black mass as of straw sweets, with some sengrass and shells ed. He thought there was a resem- e between the sengrass and shells in Ryan's pockets. On the night of the 1st nber he went to Ryan's house and found k Ryan and Patrick Hegarty in bed. He statement from Ryan, and he was "shifty nervous" while giving it. There were heavy spiration on Hegarty's brow. Mrs Ryan "sergeant, don't be hard on my little boy . . . Kildea was saying dirty things my little girl. He said my little girl used a He was saying that Michael Hegarty he father of the child." Patrick Hegarty brother Michael.

O'Dwyer said there were five bullet wounds in n, two of them were apparently received at distance and while the man was running. R M Brönte said he found no stains on the ing of either prisoner, but a piece of rag in Ryan's house contained traces of human . He found in one of Hegarty's coat pockets thing like the sticky sugary mass found near murdered man.

THE CASE FOR THE DEFENCE.

r. Lynch, K.C., opened the case for the ners. If the jury eliminated the evidence Michael Mariman there was absolutely nothing stify the verdict which the Crown demanded them. The motive suggested by the Attorney- eral for the commission of the crime was ely insufficient, as Mrs. Ryan had paid y claim made upon her by shopkeeper and nt. Regarding the second motive that es ha l been "saying dirty things about y Ryan," no such conversation took place as sworn by the sergeant. It was a fabrication. Ryan never made that statement. Counsel notorised the tactics resorted to regarding the man family as being of the same kind as the ubscrew and rack. They were arrested and ught before the magistrates time after time l one of them yielded. Then Michael gave lence, and all of these swore in the same way. ' could the jury place any credence on the lence, when out of his own lips he said he was injured?

liss Bridget Hegarty said her brother Pat, one he prisoners, came into the house about 6 ock and remained until 10 o'clock.

rose examined by the Attorney-General—Her her was called Pat Liam.

rs. Hegarty, father of the accused corrobor- d.

Mary Ryan, sister of the other prisoner, said brother never left the house after two o'clock, pt to feed the cattle and fodder the horse.

rosecution witness said there was no feeling against Kildea, and she never heard he was saying dirty things about herself and Michael Hegarty. She denied that she made the ement in the sergeant's notebook, but on being ded she admitted that the signature was hers. he never got a letter as to the wages of Kildea m Mr J. B. Lynch, solicitor. The sergeant inted most of the document alleged to be her ement.

he Court adjourned to half-past 10 this ning.

OUT AND ABOUT.

he judges of the Exhibition of Works in od and Wood-carving, at the Carpenters' Hall, don, have awarded Mr J. Cronin, Limerick, a t class prize for his exhibit, No. 29.

lthough the salmon fishing season opened well he rivers Barrow and Suir, there has been a t scarcity of fish for the past month, owing he presence of seals in large numbers at Cheek- t. Many seals have been caught by fishers.

he annual general meeting of the Women's ional Health Association for the City and nty of Limerick, will be held at the Town l, on Tuesday next, at 8 p.m. The Mayor , presiding, and it is announced that Mrs. T. W. ell, D.C., will give a short account of the lin Work of the Association.

LIMERICK HOUSE, CATTLE, ETC., SHOW

June 25th and 26th, 1914.

As desire to remind our readers that entries all classes in Horses, Cattle, etc, are due to e on Saturday next, the 13th inst., but will ceived by post up to the following Monday, nding extreme value will much oblige by sending their entries promptly, as the time available printing Catalogues in this year shorter than in rious years.

anping and Driving Entries will be received o the 24th inst.

FATAL FIRE

AT GERALD GRIFFIN STREET.

THREE LIVES LOST.

DISTRESSING DETAILS.

A very sad and distressing occurrence took place in the early hours of yesterday morning at Lower Gerald Griffin-street, by which an old and much respected citizen and two visitors at his residence lost their lives under peculiarly trying circumstances. The undertaking establishment in that thoroughfare and its worthy proprietor, Mr. John Griffin, were well known to a large number of the working and middle class sections of the community, and it was with painful surprise they learned of the catastrophe, which took place with such appalling suddenness and with the fatal consequences that so swiftly followed. Indeed, it is but yet another instance of the dangers that are always present, and that illustrate, as too many fateful accidents of late have done, what havoc lies latent in the forces of nature, and how impotent at times is human endeavour in effort to guard against them. From all the facts that can be gathered of this sad case, resulting in the untimely deaths of three valued members of the community, every precaution was taken that human foresight suggested to prevent the possibility of the fire, which had such disastrous results. Unhappily, on Tuesday night—some hours at least before the fire broke out which burned down Mr Griffin's premises, and involved such regrettable loss of life—some wood was found alight to the rear of the main building—a three-storey house, with the basement in use as a workshop, but it was extinguished by a son of Mr Griffin and some people about The Corporation Fire Brigade had been summoned, but when it was found that the slight outbreak had been got under by the application of a few buckets of water, the summons for the Fire Brigade was cancelled. The Superintendent of the Brigade, Mr. P. Sheehan, however, visited the premises and satisfied himself that all was well, and all those in the house, occupants and servants as they were, retired to rest in the full conviction that it was so. And here the most appealing human elements of the pitiful and sad occurrence centres. Mr. Griffin had in his house as guests on what proved to be so fateful a night Mr. John Hall, draper, from Loughres, who, it appears, had come to Limerick for a short holiday, and Mrs. Mary Butler, a cousin of his wife, who had been in St John's Hospital for some time owing to illness, and she had come out convalescent, staying at Mr. Griffin's, previous to returning to her family, residing near Croom. Other occupants of the house were—Mrs. Butler's sister, Miss Enright; Maggie Riordan, a servant; Patrick Carmody, William Sheehan, and Mr. Griffin and his wife. The majority of these slept in rooms to the front of the house, and it would seem Miss Enright, a servant girl, and the two men named towards the rere of the premises. Somewhere about three o'clock in the morning, a few hours after the household had retired to rest, residents in Lower Gerald Griffin-street heard terrific cries of fire from Mr. Griffin's house. A man named Thomas Naughton looking towards the now fast burning house, saw Mrs. Griffin at one of the windows of the second storey, but before he could get near her the distracted poor woman had jumped on to the flagway, twelve feet underneath, sustaining such injuries as necessitated her immediate removal to the City Dispensary, and thence to St. John's Hospital in an unconscious state. She was found to be suffering from shock, and from state of collapse, and her case was considered very critical up to a late hour last evening. While she was being attended to, the Fire Brigade were again requisitioned, and they arrived with all promptitude, bringing the fire escape and hose, and the engine following. Their services could be of no avail in saving life, for by the time they reached the burning house the flames had enveloped and held the interior of the building, and those who had been unable to escape, the three victims of the catastrophe, were beyond all human aid. Miss Enright and the others had got safely away by the back of the burning building, and a number of horses, Mr Griffin's property, were also got out of the yard and stable adjacent to the premises. The Constabulary, under District Inspector Craig, arrived to render assistance, and the Mayor came on the scene shortly afterwards, but all that could be done was to confine the flames and prevent the fire extending to any of the houses in the immediate vicinity. The house was entirely gutted, and towards noon yesterday the Firebrigade found the remains of the three victims, whose sad fate evoked widespread sympathy from the whole community. That sympathy, it is needless almost to say, is extended to their afflicted relatives. The remains were removed to St. John's Hospital, pending the holding of an inquest as to the cause of death.

THE INQUEST

Evidence of Two Fires.

The Citizens' Sympathy.

Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., City Coroner, and a jury held an inquest on the remains at St. John's Hospital last evening.

The following were sworn on the jury—Michl. O'Callaghan, B.C (Foreman), Owen Ryan, B.C, Hugh O'Neill, Michael Ryan, Joseph Hannon, Thomas Barrett, Thomas Coffey, Patrick Delaney, David Ryan, Henry Woods, John Bourke, John Toomey, John Clancy.

District Inspector Craig and Head Constable Healy conducted the enquiry, and the Mayor was present to express his sympathy on behalf of the Corporation and citizens.

William Sheehan, the first witness called, deposed that he lived with the deceased, John Griffin. At 11 o'clock on Tuesday night a fire broke out in the coffin shop at the rere of the premises. The Fire Brigade was summoned, and the fire being extinguished before they arrived the summons was countermanded. Superintendent Sheehan had, however arrived, and in company with Mr. Griffin, junior, the place was examined, and as far as could be ascertained, everything was alright. The people staying in the house were:—John Griffin, John Hall, Margaret Mulhenny, Mary Butler, Mary Enright, Maggie Enright, Patrick Carmody, and himself. Continuing, he said he was the last to go to bed with Carmody, the others going some time earlier. Everything was then alright. He was not long at rest when he was attracted by Mrs. Griffin's screams of fire, and he got up at once. Then the place was a mass of flame, and seeing the position of affairs, he roused Carmody, who got out. Witness made for the staircase, but owing to the density of the smoke, and the fury of the flames, he had to retreat, and he succeeded in getting clear by the back. He gave the alarm, and on returning to the front of the premises, he found Mrs Griffin lying on the flagway. The extent of the first outbreak was not much, and was put out with buckets of water.

The Foreman—What was the cause of it?

Witness—I could not tell.

District Inspector Craig—Was the coffin shop connected with the main building?

Witness—Yes.

Thomas Naughton, Lower Gerald Griffin street, in his evidence stated he lived close to the gutted building. About a quarter past three that morning he heard a shout of fire, and saw Mrs. Griffin at one of the windows of the house, which was developed in flame. He got on his trousers and ran out, as he was coming across the road he saw Mrs. Griffin herself from the window, but he was not near enough to break her fall. Witnes then got a hammer and broke the kitchen window, but on endeavouring to enter he was forced back by the smoke. Subsequently he saw Miss Enright and Miss Riordan come from the rere of the premises by the front gate. He assisted in taking Mrs Griffin to Mr John Coffey's house, where she was treated medically.

District-Inspector Craig—There are three witnesses who are in bed and unable to attend, and it is for the jury to say whether they will require their evidence.

The Foreman—The jury wishes they can get on in the inquest for their attendance.

District-Inspector Craig—Examination will be proved by Mr John Griffin, junior.

Superintendent P. Sheehan, of the Fire Brigade in his evidence, deposed that at two minutes past eleven last night he received a call to Griffin's place which was countered a little later. Notwithstanding, and cancelling he went down to satisfy himself that everything was alright. He was shown the place in the coffin shop where the fire broke out and of himself that it was extinguished. A second call was sent to the station at half-past three, and the Brigade turned out with engine, escape, and hose tender. On reaching the place Mr Griffin's premises were in flames, and owing to the heat it was impossible to avail anything to save life. Having regard to this the Brigade confined their attention to putting out the fire, which was accomplished after some time. He was present when the charred bodies were recovered at noon from the debris.

The Foreman asked if the water supply was alright.

Witness—It was not too bad.

The Foreman—Was there a good supply?

Witness—It was as good as you could get in a district like that.

The Coroner—May we take it that the water supply was fair?

Witness—Yes. It was good.

The Coroner—You were not short of water?

Witness—No.

The Foreman—It is well to have that made clear.

The Coroner—Yes. You had a sufficient supply?

Witness—Yes.

John Griffin, junior, stated that the last time he saw his father alive was at seven o'clock last evening. He identified the remains of the three deceased, and added that his father was about sixty-five years of age. The fire that occurred earlier in the night was extinguished by witness.

The Foreman—Are you quite satisfied that the second outbreak had nothing to do with the first?

Witness—I am quite satisfied that it had not.

Joseph Conlin, Loughres, son-in-law of the deceased, John Hall, in his examination stated that deceased was on a visit to Mr Griffin at the time of his death. His age was sixty-nine, and he traded as a draper at Loughres. Witness last saw him alive at 8 o'clock on Monday last; when he left home for Limerick.

District Inspector Craig intimated that that was all the evidence he was in a position to give at present.

The Coroner—I do not think we need the evidence of any other witnesses.

The Foreman—No; I do not think so.

District Inspector Craig—Very well.

This closed the evidence, and before the jury gave their verdict,

The Coroner said he was perfectly sure that he was only voicing the feelings of everyone on the jury, as well as of the citizens generally, when he stated that they deeply sympathised with the families of the victims of this terrible catastrophe. It was one of the saddest cases he had ever to deal with since he took over the office of City Coroner. It must be a regrettable thing for the relatives of Mr. Hall to think that he left home to take a holiday in the city, and met his death in such a tragic manner. Mrs Butler had only left that very hospital after undergoing a serious operation, and was staying with Mr Griffin for a few days previous to rejoining her husband and family at Croom. She was to have left for home to-day, and the shock of her death must have come as a sore blow to her family. Continuing, the Coroner said—"I knew John Griffin since my childhood. He was an honest, upright man. I had to go to him on many occasions on errands of charity, frequently for help to bury a poor man, and on every one of those occasions his answer to me was—'Leave it to me, I will bury him myself.' He was a friend of mine, as I have stated, since my childhood, and personally I feel deeply that in him I have lost one whose friendship was worth having.

The Mayor said, as head of the Municipality, and on behalf of his colleagues on the County Borough Council and the citizens generally, he desired to tender to the relatives of the deceased his sincere sympathy in the sad catastrophe that took place that morning. Like the Coroner, he had the pleasure of Mr. Griffin's acquaintance for a long number of years, and he could say that a more straightforward upright, conscientious, or unassuming man he had never met. It was regrettable in the extreme to think that a long and honourable career should culminate in such an appalling manner. From enquiries, carefully instituted, he was satisfied beyond doubt that no blame attached to anybody for such a tragedy. The Fire Brigade had done their very utmost, and they had the testimony of the son of Mr Griffin to the effect that the second and fatal outbreak had nothing to do with the earlier outbreak. That in itself was satisfactory. He again wished to tender his sincere sympathy to the relatives of the victims in their bereavement.

District Inspector Craig, on behalf of the city force and himself, joined in the expressions of sympathy rendered to the victims' relatives. It was, indeed, a sad affair, one of the saddest in his official experience.

The Jury's verdict was—"That John Griffin, John Hall, and Mary Butler, came by their death, through accidental burning at Lower Gerald Griffin street, Limerick, on the morning of the 10th June, and we express our sympathy with their relatives."

They added a rider that the Fire Brigade had done every thing possible in the matter.

Another Death.

Mrs. Mary Griffin, who was so seriously burned and injured by her jump from the window of the burning premises in Gerald Griffin Street yesterday morning, was not expected to recover owing to the poor woman's condition when received into St. John's Hospital. She jumped from a height of some twelve feet, and when she was removed from the hospital it was found that blood lay about where she fell. She was an elderly, heavy woman, and the shock, together with the injuries sustained, rendered her not well able to give a coherent account of her very sad experience. Mrs. Griffin received every attention at the hospital, but she quietly passed away at half-past seven o'clock this morning. By her death the number of deaths through the fire at her residence has been increased to four.

The Inquest.

Mr J. F. Barry, J.P., Coroner, held an inquest in St John's Hospital this afternoon touching the loause of death of Mrs Mary Griffin, who died at St John's Hospital this morning.

The following were sworn on the jury—Mr O'Callaghan, John White, Patrick Shanahan, Owen Ryan, Joseph Hannan, John Twomey, Thomas Barrett, Thomas Coffey, Mr Ryan, P Quaide, P O'Donnell, Hugh O'Neill.

The jury having viewed the body,

Richard O'Donnell, Knocklong, Co Limerick, was the first witness called, and in reply to Head Constable Healy deposed that he was brother of the deceased. He last saw her alive on 25 minutes past seven this morning. She was then dying, and died about half-past 7 o'clock a.m. She was about 57 years.

Dr Graham deposed he was called to see the deceased at a quarter to 4 a.m by telephone, and attended to her, and subsequently saw her in hospital. She had extensive burns on the limbs and body, and death was due to shock consequent on those injuries.

Thomas Naughton, who resided next door to the house of deceased, repeated the evidence given by him at the inquest last evening, and the jury found a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

The funeral of Mr and Mrs Griffin will leave St John's Cathedral for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery at 2 p.m to-morrow.

There will be Office and Requiem Mass for deceased in the Cathedral at 10 a.m.

Funeral of the Victims.

At seven o'clock last evening the coffins of the victims of the Gerald Griffin street fire were removed from the mortuary attached to St John's Hospital to St John's Cathedral, amid every manifestation of sorrow. This morning Mass for the dead was celebrated in presence of a large congregation, and after the hour o'clock the funeral of Mr John Hall left for the Railway Terminus. On arrival at the station the coffin was placed in a mortuary carriage attached to the 10.12 train for Loughres, the residence of the deceased. The cortege was of considerable proportions, and included the Mayor and several prominent citizens.

At one o'clock the remains of Mrs Mary Butler, were removed for interment at Croom. There was a large attendance of the general public present to pay a final tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased.

Office and Requiem Mass will be solemnized for Mr and Mrs. Griffin, in St. John's Cathedral, at 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow. The funeral of the deceased will start from the Cathedral for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, at 2 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Limerick Asylum Committee.

At the meeting of Limerick Asylum Committee of Management yesterday,

The Mayor said they had heard of the sad building tragedy which occurred in Gerald Griffin street this morning, when seven valuable lives were lost. On behalf of the citizens and of the Asylum Board he wished to proposed a resolution of heartfelt sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

Mr Frost and Mr O'Donnell also regretted the sad event, and they joined with the Mayor in extending their deep regret and sympathy to the relatives.

The resolution was passed in silence, and copies were ordered to be forwarded to Messrs John and D. Griffin.

Limerick County Council.

At Limerick County Council yesterday,

Mr Mackey drew attention to the loss of life in the city that morning by the outbreak of fire in Lower Gerald Griffin street. He proposed that the sympathy and condolences of the Council be conveyed to the relatives of the victims in their great bereavement.

The Chairman—It is a most melancholy affair, and the grief of the relatives of the people who lost their lives will be shared by everyone in the city and county. I had the pleasure of Mr John Griffin's acquaintance, and I must say that a more honourable or upright man it would be difficult to meet. I declare this resolution passed, and I will direct that a copy of it be forwarded to the relatives of the victims.

Limerick Board of Guardians.

Mr R Frost, B.C., Chairman, presided at the meeting of the Limerick Board of Guardians yesterday. Also present:—Mrs O'Brien, Messrs T Bourke, C Quilligan, P O'Hallo-an, C Keogh, P J McGrath, J Ryan, J P Rahilly, R Gibbons, J Lalor, B.C; Jas Ryan, P Donnellan, J Canty, P Bourke, M McDonnell, B.C; J Keane, etc.

The Clerk said he understood that the meeting would be adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr Griffin, Gerald Griffin street, whose death occurred under such tragic circumstances that morning. Any sympathy that could go from the Board of Guardians to the sorrowing members of Mr Griffin's family would, to say the least of it, be well deserved. Before the meeting adjourned he had to submit the following applications:—From Dr Holmes for his usual vacation. Dr McGrath to do duty in his absence; from Dr Mulcahy for his usual holidays, Dr Roberts to act as substitute, and from Mrs Nix for leave of absence, her substitute to act without any expense to the Board.

Mr T. Bourke proposed the following resolution:—"That we, the Limerick Board of Guardians, have heard with extreme regret of the dreadful calamity that has occurred in the city of John Griffin, of Lower Gerald Griffin street, an old respected fellow-citizen, and two of his friends lost their lives in the fire that had occurred that morning on his premises; and we offer to Mr Griffin's family, and to the relatives of the other victims of the fire, our deepest sympathy and confidence."

Mr P. O'Halloran seconded the resolution.

Chairman—Of course, gentlemen, the resolution will be unanimously adopted. We all deeply regret the sad fatality.

Mr Donnellan wished to join in the expressions of regret as one who knew Mr Griffin intimately. Everybody in the city felt that an old friend and esteemed citizen had been lost in the person of Mr Griffin.

Mr. C. Quilligan said Mr. Griffin was a terrible loss to the poor of Limerick.

Chairman—I think everyone in the city regrets his sad death.

The Chairman said for the last nineteen years he had been dealing, on behalf of the poor principally, with Mr. Griffin, and he always found him to be their whole-hearted friend. Out of his kind-heartedness and charity Mr. Griffin had helped many a poor person without the cost of a shilling.

Mr. John Coffey, B.C., said, as the oldest officer of the Board, he wished to join in the expressions of regret and condolence. He had happened to be present, and saw the sad calamity. Mr. Griffin was a good friend of the poor, and he buried many a person whose funeral expenses should come out of the rates, without any cost whatever.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and the Board adjourned without transacting any further business.

Corporation Committees.

Alderman P. McNeice presided at the Corporation Committee meetings last night. The business was mainly routine. On the motion of Councillor M. O'Callaghan, and seconded unanimously, a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of those who lost their lives through the fire in Lower Gerald Griffin street yesterday morning was adopted.

Message from Alderman Joyce, M.P.

Last evening Alderman M. Joyce, M.P., sent the following wire to the Mayor:—

"House of Commons.

"Just heard the news of fire disaster. Please convey my sincerest sympathy to the family in sad bereavement."

St. John's Temperance Society.

At a Committee meeting held, the Rev. S. J. Connelly, Presi dent, pre i ing,

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Joseph Clancy, D.V.P., and seconded by Mr. P. Ryan, and adopted in silence.—"That we, the Committee representing all the members of the above Society, wish to convey to Messrs John, James, and Daniel Griffin our sincere regret on the sad occasion of the death of their father and mother Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin."

COUNTY LIMERICK TRAGEDY.

Wife Returned for Trial.

Son Discharged.

The Ballingarry Courthouse was again crowded yesterday, when Mrs Mary McCann and her son, Jeremiah, were further brought up on remand before Mr P D Sullivan, R.M., on the charge of having at Gortroe West, County Limerick, on the 22nd of April last, murdered Thos. McCann, husband of the first, and father of the latter prisoner.

Detective Constable O'Mara stated that on the 24th April the female prisoner met Ballingarry Barracks—"It is a wonder Tom is not arrested; I don't know why they did didn't arrest him; if Tom was arrested he would tell the truth." Witness on searching the deceased's house on the 30th of April found a piece of a shirt stained with blood. On the 3rd June Mrs McCann said—"I heard him muttering on he going out the door after he called Mickey. The man was not able to speak; I could hear any thrashing that would be in the yard. None came into it. None struck him from outside. If we let the old vagabond where he was outside the thing would be all right." The female prisoner before leaving the bank said to her son—"Ah, 'tis you have us here. I heard you saying you were sure of it. You got your lesson back on the road."

Thomas M'Cann, son of the female prisoner swore that the deceased made his will after Christmas; on the morning of the 22nd of April his mother called him; he went out to the yard and saw the deceased lying there; there were three or four cup-fulls of blood on the ground, and also blood on deceased's face; witness related how he brought the deceased into the house and stripped him, and his mother washed him; he did not know what became of deceased's every day clothes; witness stopped the female prisoner from hurting the deceased with a hatchet some months previously.

Answering questions by Mr Ryan, solicitor for the accused, witness said the deceased had enemies.

Mary M'Cann, daughter of the deceased, also gave evidence

Mr Gaffney, C.S. applied to have the prisoners returned for trial at the next Assizes.

Mr Ryan addressed the Court, and asked his worship to discharge the prisoners.

Mr Sullivan discharged Jeremiah M'Cann and committed the female prisoner for trial to next Assizes for the County Limerick.

DEATH OF MR. PATRICK DOOLEY.

The death took place yesterday at his residence, Thomondgate, of Mr. Patrick Dooley, who for a number of years represented the Castle Ward as Councillor in the Corporation. Mr. Dooley, who was in his seventy-second year, was a member of an old Limerick family, and his death is much regretted by his relatives and a wide circle of friends. The funeral takes place to-morrow for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE ATHLETIC CARNIVAL.

Warm sunshine, large attendance, and excellent athletics were the factors that went to make up the annual sports promoted by the Church Lads Brigade at Belfield this afternoon. It was the original intention to have the fixture at the Markets Field, the usual venue, but owing to circumstances unforeseen a change was inevitable, and the executive were fortunate in securing Belfield. Although somewhat circumscribed the grounds suited the purpose for which they were adapted this afternoon. As well as being conveniently situated their surroundings are pleasant and agreeable. From a social view point this year's Carnival was a distinct success. It was patronised by the principal citizens who evinced the deepest interest in the proceedings which were most enjoyable. The standard of athleticism attained was more evident this year than in previous years. The lads showed all round excellence in the squad drill competition which has always been a feature of the Sports, and in the running competitions, there was a marked improvement in form. The handicaps were, as usual, admirably framed, and this was demonstrated beyond doubt by the closeness of the finishes in the score of events that constituted the programme. The arrangements were extraordinarily complete, and the meeting which was in every respect, an improvement on former one's promoted by the Limerick Battalion, proved a source of amusement and pleasure to visitors. During the afternoon the band of the York and Lancaster Regiment was present and played a charming selection of music, conducted by Mr A W Mingay. Appended are the results of the competitions concluded at the time of going to press:—

Squad Drill Competition—St John's Company, 1; St Mary's Company, 2; St Michael's Company, 3.

100 Yards (under 14)—1st Heat—H Black, 10 yds, 1; N Whitaker, 8 yds, 2; P C Brady, 5 yds, 3. Also competed—P Legar, J McCarthy, and R Eades. Won by a foot. 2nd Heat—H Legear, 8 yds, 1; J Piper, set, 2; W Whitaker, 10 yds, 3. Also competed—W Enright, E Fike, and W Webb. Won on the tape.

100 Yards (over 14)—1st Heat—T G Whitaker, scr, 1; A J Waterstone, 5 yds, 2; J Stoskil, 4 yds, 3. Also competed—M H Oakley, C Brislane, and J McClemens. Won by inches. 2nd Heat—W N Gale, 5 yds, and A Kerr, 5 yds, dead-heated for 1st place; W Collier, 3 yds, 3rd. Also competed—J Eades and F Whitaker.

Hop, Step, and Jump—T G Whitaker, scr, 37ft 10ins, 1st; W J Brislane (12ins), 37ft 7ins, 2nd; A J Waterstone (24ins), 36ft 10½ins, 3rd. Eleven competed.

440 Yards—J McGlennon, 80 yds, 1st; J Fyper, 80 yds, 2nd; A J Waterstone, 20 yds, 3rd. Also competed—T Whitaker, A Kerr, W N Gale, W H Oakley, J Stockill, J Eades, J F Medill, C Brislane, A Waterstone, C Stockill, R Neasor, T Whitaker, W Enright, R Eades, E Fike, J McCarthy, and P Legear. Won by two Yards.

Despatch Running Race—T G Whitaker, 1; A J Waterstone, 2; J Stoskil, 3 Also competed—C Stockil, J F Medill, R Neasor, W N Gale, W S Mitchell, and A Kerr.

No. 5 event on the programme was a display by the Girl Guides attached to St Michael's Parish. The Company went through the evolutions smartly, and without the least mistake, and at the close were the recipients of rounds of applause.

Remaining events will appear in next issue.

SPORTING.

Mewbury Meeting.

Wiltshire Handicap—Knock Out, 1; Tree Pinos, 2; Tollendal, 3. Also ran—Sandrian, Simonette, Spoilt Baby, Blackthorn, Manvais Sujet, Fill Up, Doux Verre, Kudos, Rastus, Lallomania, Happy Gal, Iowa II. Betting—7 to 2 agst Tree Pinos, 9 to Manvis Sujet, 5 to 1 Happy Gal, 6 to 2 Knock Out, 7 to 1 Tollendal, 100 to 8 others.

All-Aged Plate—Diableret, 1; Don Alphonso, 2; Black Pirate, 3. Also ran—Melton Yank, Canomite, Altered, John Willie, Stem, Hobo, Persistence, Tom Tit, Hannah Pike, Shan Voglio. Betting—6 to 5 on Canomite, 8 to 1 agst Black Pirate and Diableret 100 to 8 Hannah Pike, 100 to 6 others.

NEWBURY SUMMER CUP.

Florist (Clark)	...	...	1
Marten (Waggott)	...	...	2
Son-in-Law (Wing)	...	...	3

Also ran—Shogun, Wreck, Fantasio, Fig-Yama, Radway, Charmeuse, October, Dutch Lady.

Betting—7 to 2 agst Marten, Wrack, 4 to 1 October, 7 to 1 Fig-Yama, 100 to 8 Florist, Son-in-Law, 100 to 6 others.

Fig-Yama on the outside made the running from Shogun in the centre, Son-in-Law, Dutch Lady, Radway, Marten, and Florist, with Fantasio, last, till a half mile had been covered, when Dutch Lady went on, pursued by Shogun, Radway, Son-in-Law, Fig-Yama, Wrack, Marten and Florist, last of all being October. Little change in these positions occured till entering the straight, when Dutch Lady was beaten. Son-in-law then headed Shogun, with Marten, Wrack, and Florist most prominent of the others. Three furlongs from home Marten shot to the front, but was challenged below the distance by Florist, who quickly asserted his superiority, and won in a canter.

Berkshire Foal Stakes—Eager Eyes, 1; Fairy Dream, 2; Sentiment, 3. Also ran—Silver Thrush, Alborak, Charger, Poet's Corner, Gibberish, Blue Skin, Welsh Bride, Blanche. Betting—5 to 4 on Eager Eyes, 11 to 4 Sentiment, 10 to 1 Fairy Dream, 20 to 1 others.

Osborne Welter—Chancellor, 1; Starboard Light, 2; Father Creeper, 3. Also ran—White Abbey, Lesto, Vicilla, Surge, Wangara, Marchmond, Long Slade. Betting—2 to 1 agst Lesto, 7 to 2 White Abbey, 6 to 1 Father Creeper, Chancellor, 8 to 1 barge, 100 to 7 others.

Apprentices' Plate—Nameless, 1; Pat Malone, 2; Poultry Claim, 3. Also ran—Consumer, Poultry Claim, Raeburn's Glass, Sholebroke, Namur, Town Crier, Gallinula, Pictor, Siren. Betting—5 to 2 agst Consumer, 7 to 2 Nameless, 9 to 2 Raeburn's Glass, 5 to 1 Namur, 10 to 1 others

Beverley Meeting.

Eton Plate—Wee Phyllis, 1; Merino, 2; My Collar, 3. Also ran—Serpelon, Franco, Lady Jane Grey, Best Birthday. Betting—5 to 2 agst Serpelon, 3 to 1 Wee Phyllis, 5 to 1 My Collar, 6 to 1 Merino, 10 to 1 others.

Londesborough Plate—Queen's Cairn, 1; Joint Stock, 2; Waveline, 3. Also ran—Bakery c, Gray's Elegy, Brilliancourt, Veridian, The Ruard, Beaver Lodge, Bellwind. Betting—4 on Queen's Cairn, 5 to 1 agst The Ruard, 8 to 1 Beacon Light, 100 to 8 others.

Grand Stand Handicap—Flighty Miss, 1; Agnetta, 2; Chiddingstone, 3. Also ran—King's Head, Glen Stewart, Luxor, Collector, Loch Katherine, Emerald. Betting—5 to 1 agst Agnetta, 9 to 4 Luxor, 6 to 1 Collector, 10 to 1 others.

Tranby Plate—Chorus Beauty, 1; Aycliffe, 2; Persiders, 3. Also ran—Wrathwire, Floranthe, Porchelimbe, Hubworth Belle, Little Doodle, Third League. Betting—7 to 4 agst Persiders, 3 to 1 Chorus Beauty, 7 to 2 Aycliffe, 10 to 1 others.

Brentingham Welter Handicap Plate—Lall, 1; Rubecula and Cold Comfort dead heat for second place. Also ran—Port Rouge, Scotch Fox, Prince Hal, Pera. Betting—7 to 4 Pera, 2 to 1 Lall, 8 to 1 Rubecula, 10 to 1 others.

Watt Memorial Plate—Amaroseate, 1; Bill of Rights, 2; Strike the Lyre, 3. Also ran—Thorium, Octopus, Proud Kate. Betting—Evens Amaroseate, 7 to 2 agst Thorium, 7 to 1 Proud Kate, 8 to 1 Strike the Lyre, 100 to 8 Octopus.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN ENNIS.

A shocking fatal accident occurred in Ennis on Tuesday to one of a party of workmen of the County Council who were engaged in removing the large wooden gate of a steam-rolling wagon. The gate was lifted over these wheels, which are of great weight in the grounds at the rear of the County Courthouse. Four were successfully removed, and the fifth was being handled when a timber support gave way, and the wheel began to run. One of the men, Pat Kennedy, about 35 years of age, was caught by it, and so badly injured that death was practically instantaneous. At the inquest to-day a verdict of accidental death was returned.

SHARK KILLED IN THE SHANNON.

A shark was killed in the Shannon at Glin yesterday by four men when drift-net fishing for salmon. It measured five feet in length, with a girth of twelve inches.

LATEST NEWS.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Special to the "Chronicle.")

EMPRESS DISASTER.

ARRIVAL OF SURVIVORS AT LIVERPOOL.

Affecting Scenes.

The Allan liner, Alsatian, arrived at Liverpool to-day with a large number of the survivors, including passengers and crew, of the Empress of Ireland, and nine bodies of the victims. A large number of relatives and friends of the members of the crew proceeded down the Mersey on a tender to meet the liner. There were loud cheers as the survivors were recognised, and when they landed there were many affecting scenes.

A later message says:—The survivors presented a curious spectacle. They were attired in all kinds of suits, and their relatives had difficulty in recognising them. The joy of reunion in many cases was almost hysterical.

Tipperary Man's Account.

Mr J. D. Langley, of Tipperary, spoke of the sinking. He and a member of the crew kept afloat about ten minutes, and eventually came alongside an upturned lifeboat. They were pulled on that by some already aboard, and they sat shivering there for about two hours before being rescued by a pilot boat. Between them they pulled fifteen or twenty people out of the water. It was hideous hearing people, who were drowning, call for help. He saw no women in the water, and concluded that they had been unable to leave the ship.

Steward's Experience

Percy Gee, steward, said he just managed to scramble out of the boat which rescued him when one of the lifeboats fell on it killing and injuring several people, and smashing the boat to pieces. He was picked up by a collapsible boat.

IRISH NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS.

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

A general order issued by the Provisional Committee of the Irish National Volunteers states that the Committee has decided, in order to complete the organisation of the Volunteers as a permanent national defence force on a military basis, to increase the Central Administration by the addition of representatives for Volunteers in every Irish county. Each Company is empowered to elect a delegate to attend the meeting in each county of delegates so selected on the 28th and 29th inst, for the purpose of co-opting members on the Provisional Committee.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

During a thunderstorm yesterday a farmer named Powell, of Rhos, near Wrexham, was killed by lightning.

James John was killed by a thunderbolt while working on a farm near St Clears, Carmarthenshire, last night.

TO WHOM DOES THE AIR BELONG?

Liability of Aviators.

Paris, Thursday.—In the action for damages against Aeroplane Companies, the Courts have decided that the air belongs to the owner of the land as far as the tops of the trees and buildings; the aviators being liable for damages to the occupiers of the land underneath.

MEXICAN CRISIS.

New York, Thursday.—A Saltillo telegram says:—General Carranza has received a report that the Rebels began an assault on Zacatecas yesterday, and the Federals were retiring.

PANAMA REPEAL BILL.

Washington, Thursday.—It is believed that the Panama Repeal Bill will be passed to-day.

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR CAR RACE.

The international motor car race for the tourist trophy in the Isle of Man was won by Mr K. Lee Guinness.

PROPOSED WORKERS' FEDERATION.

The annual general council meeting of the National Transport Workers' Federation at Hall to-day, passed a resolution approving of the movement to secure the associated action between the Miners' Federation, the National Union of Railwaymen, and the Federation of Transport Workers, and instructed the Executive to support any working arrangement calculated to secure joint action arising from the identity of interests of workers in those three great industries.

LIMERICK HARBOUR BOARD

The New Swing