

## NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

In consequence of the earlier departure of the evening trains from Limerick, and the curtailment of the hour for posting to 3 p.m. at the General Post Office, it has been found necessary to issue the editions of the *Chronicle* at an earlier hour than hitherto. Advertisers will, therefore, please note that the latest hour at which advertisements can be received at this office on issue days is 3.30 p.m. Publication of any notices received after that hour cannot be guaranteed on that evening.

## THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE

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### COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

The County Limerick Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction is thoroughly up-to-date in its scope of operations, which are alike comprehensive and valuable. Its programme interests the farmer as well as the rising generation who intend to make agriculture their future career. The report of the Committee for 1923, a copy of which we have received, may be studied with profit by all concerned. The introduction by Mr. P. K. Walsh, Chairman, and Mr. T. A. Hartigan, Secretary, observes that—"We are on the threshold of agricultural development, and much hard work remains to be done before we have attained to the standard of other countries in regard to selecting, improving, grading, and marketing of our agricultural products." Agriculture is Ireland's staple industry, its development is a matter of prime importance to the country, and it goes without saying that the State will do all that is possible to foster and encourage it. County schemes have for years past accomplished very important results in that direction. Here in this county the financial provision made by the Committee, and the efficient working out of the schemes are evidenced in the report. We find such subjects as Instruction in Agriculture, Winter Agricultural Classes, Scholarships for Boys and Girls, Horticulture and Bee-Keeping, Fruit-Tree Planting, Tillage Demonstration, Subsidies to Shows, Cow-Testing Associations, Prizes for Cottages and Small Farms, and finally Technical Instruction. The importance of the winter agricultural classes is emphasised in the report, and so far as fruit tree planting is

## FATAL CITY ACCIDENT.

While engaged in loading a vessel in the dock on Friday evening, a man named Joseph Kirkland, Pump-lane, Edward-street, accidentally fell into the hold. When taken out he was unconscious, and was removed to Barrington's Hospital, where, upon examination, he was found to be suffering from a fracture of the skull. He never rallied, and died on Sunday morning. The deceased, who was 51 years of age, was a married man.

### The Inquest.

An inquest was held last evening by Mr J S McNeice, City Coroner, and a jury, at Barrington's Hospital.

Superintendent Braeken represented the Civic Guards, and Mr J J Dodds, solicitor, appeared for the Clyde Shipping Company.

Evidence of identification was given by Charlotte Kirkland, widow of the deceased, who was, she stated, a dock labourer, aged 51 years.

Dr W P Dandon, house surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, stated deceased was admitted to the institution at 4.45 p.m. on Friday last. He was suffering from a contusion of the left side of the head, abrasions of the right leg, and there was bleeding from the nose. The cause of death was fracture of the base of the skull.

Denis Cloghessy, Grattan street, deposed to working at the forehold of the steamer Arranmore on Friday last. The deceased was also working in the vessel, and witness saw him coming through a door, and next saw him at his feet. Deceased was lying on his back and bleeding from the mouth. Witness, with assistance, got him up, and as the chains guarding the hatch were swinging over the sockets witness surmised that they must have given way. After being taken ashore and spiritually attended to, deceased was removed to Barrington's Hospital.

In reply to Mr Dodds the witness said the guard chain was about three feet high, and resting on stanchions; they were there to prevent anyone falling into the hold of the vessel. When he saw the deceased coming through the lavatory door the chain was in position.

Continuing, the witness said one of the stanchions had no pin.

By a Juror—If the stanchion had been properly fixed the possibility of an accident would be obviated.

Daniel Hogan, Vizes' Fields, dock labourer, stated after Kirkland left the lavatory he saw him with his right hand on the chain protecting the hold when the chain gave way, and deceased fell into the hold. The stanchions and chain came out of the sockets. A good deal of pressure must have been applied to pull the pins out of position, as they were properly pinned down.

To Mr Dodds—He did not know if the protecting chains were passed by the Board of Trade, but in other vessels there was no such protection. All the Clyde Shipping Company's boats were fitted with these protection chains.

Michael Casey, stevedore, said when he heard of the accident he had the deceased removed on to the quay and spiritual aid summoned. He could not say how the accident occurred, but saw the stanchions properly fixed in the morning.

To a juror—A pin might be missing from the chains. He could not say if the weight of a man falling against the guard would cause it to give way.

Denis Cloghessy, recalled, stated one pin was missing all the time.

The jury returned the following verdict:—"That the deceased was killed by a fall down the hold of the SS Arranmore, and in our opinion the Clyde Shipping Company were negligent in not having the safeguard around the hatch properly secured; and we express sympathy with the wife and family of the deceased."

The Coroner, Superintendent Braeken, and Mr Dodds joined in the expression of sympathy, the latter stating that it was the first accident in the Company's boats in fifty years.

## LIMERICK MALICIOUS CLAIMS.

Michael McNight, Killooran, a pensioner for damage to a house in Wickham Street by rifle fire while in occupation by the National Guard, and the seizure of goods and furniture.

Mr E K Sheehy, C.E., estimated take £248 to put the house into a repair, while the estimate of Mr A of Works Engineer, stated that the work made good for £175.

The application was referred to Court Valuer, for an estimate.

Mrs O'Donnell, Gerald Griffin awarded £625 for damage to her house by rifle fire, and for injury to health.

In a claim for £839 on 111 of things material in the house of William-street, James O'Flynn, 38 Co. Clare, was awarded £744 with fees. Mr J J Dodds, solicitor, applicant.

Michael Ryan claimed £140 for a motor bicycle during the month.

Mr Moran, State Solicitor, said it was taken by an officer of the National Guard. Therefore, it was a case for a mill and he would ask his Honor to direct an order accordingly was made.

James Alexander, William-street, 19, for damage to premises, and was awarded £125.

Mr P E O'Donnell, solicitor, appeared for the claimant.

Mary O'Callaghan claimed £4 damage by rifle fire to her premises street, and was awarded £48 12s.

Nathan Fine, O'Connell-street, claimed damage to plate-glass and other property during the city trouble.

A decree for \$13 was granted.

Marin Griffin, Patrick-street, £27 6s for the breaking of glass in the month of July.

Edmund Mullane, William-street, compensation for seizure of goods and furniture.

His Honor awarded \$14 15s.

### Yesterday.

Patrick Coyle, 41 O'Connell Street, compensation for damage to premises and seizure of a quantity of goods in July, 1922.

The applicant stated that during in July, 1922, considerable damage to the premises by an explosion. Bombs afterwards on the premises. The skylights were broken and gutters of that water poured into the premises the goods in his shop. When quantities of goods were floating on the water.

Goods were consigned from his premises in Newcastle West, and were seized by the Limerick Railway Station by irregulars.

Wm Fitzgibbon, railway employe on the 4th July four armed men goods stores and seized the consignments.

Wm Coute, employe of the English firm to the applicant had a party of irregulars from the Newcastle West.

Mr B E F Sheehy, C.E., said the skylights were broken, and plaster ceiling destroyed by the falling water.

mantelpiece was destroyed. A gas was broken, which he attributed to the explosion. He estimated the total loss at £248.

Mr Barrett, Beard of Works office the total amount of damage done to the premises at £150 8s. 6d.

His Honor awarded £180.

John South, Henry-street, claimed the seizure of goods on the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, July, 1922, by armed men.