

STOP PRESS NEWS

LIMERICK FISHERY BOARD.

Fish Poisoning at Killaloe.

Dr. Scoble presided at the meeting of the Limerick Fishery Board to-day. There were also present Messrs W. J. Holmes, A. Mackey, S. Whipp, A. Blood Smyth, Colr., A. E. Bannatyne, Captain Whitehead, J. Condon, W. Forde, J. Murphy, J. McKeogh, and P. Luce, with H. B. Alton, Sec.

A letter was read from the Minister of Fisheries enclosing a memorial from the net fishermen of Clarecastle asking for the repeal of the bye-law of 1870 prohibiting drift netting in the tidal waters of the River Fergus. The memorial, which was subscribed to by nine fishermen, set out that prior to 1870 the net fishermen had right of fishing the entire Fergus with either drift or drift net, but in that year the use of the drift net was prohibited by bye-law. There were then sixteen fishing boats, with an average of two men, working the river, and the operation of the bye-law gradually drove these men from their employment. In consequence of the Fergus reclamation of 1879 the natural fishing ground had been covered with stones, with the result that the drift net used by the memorialists had been continuously rendered useless. They asked that the bye-law be revoked and the men enabled to take the full fruit of their labours.

It was decided to ask the Ministry to hold an enquiry into the matter. Mr. Mackey alluded to the poisoning of salmon fry at Killaloe on the 12th June. He said large numbers of fry had been destroyed in this way, and he proposed that an enquiry be asked for to ascertain the cause of the destruction of the fry.

The Chairman said it was their duty to probe the matter to the bottom. Mr. Blood-Smyth said there was nothing in the Act providing for such an enquiry. Mr. Alton said he had written to the Ministry of Fisheries on the matter, who replied that they were having the samples of water forwarded them by Mr. Whipp and yeard.

Mr. Murphy seconded the proposition for a sworn inquiry. Mr. Blood-Smyth proposed a direct negative, which was seconded by Captain Whitehead and defeated.

The Minister of Fisheries wrote enclosing a communication from the National ex-Servicemen, pointing out that the Board of Conservators had given employment to 'dangerous irregulars'—men who were interned for their activities in the late campaign of destruction.

Captain Whitehead deprecated the Board having anything to do with politics, and the Board concurred.

THE LATE MR J J GAYNOR.

At the meeting of the Catholic Literary Institute on Wednesday night, the Rev. W. O'Dwyer, P.P., presiding, a sincere vote of condolence was tendered on behalf of the Canon and members to Mrs. Gaynor and family on the sad death of her husband, Mr. J. J. Gaynor, who was a prominent member of the Institute, and was held in the greatest esteem by the members generally.

SPORTING.

DUNDALK MEETING.

HOLIDAY HURDLE. Trimgate (Quirk) ... 1 Louvois Star (D. Ward) ... 2 Malpasragan (Hogan, junr) ... 3

KILKERLEY HURDLE. All Pat (K. Leunhar) ... 1 Talite (O'Donnelly) ... 2 Molly Malone (R. T. Good) ... 3

CHASERS PLATE. Knockeffer (H. Dennis) ... 1 Boone na Brugh ... 0

LOUTH PLATE. Sulphurio Auld (J. Colldrick) ... 1 Ratify (Patman) ... 2 Charabano (D. Ward) ... 3

OBANBRASSIL PLATE. Yam (W. Redmond) ... 1 Rhea (D. Ward) ... 2 Lellou (M. Wing) ... 3

STEWARDS' PLATE. Frelate's Pride (D. Ward) ... 1 Striped Silk (Wing) ... 2 Brugh-na-Bolone (Hine) ... 3

BIBURY CUP MEETING. Fairly Well (Richards) ... 1 Polygodium (B. Jones) ... 2 Mail (A. Baros) ... 3

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MEMBERS PLATE. Grenier (Mr. Nugent) ... 1 Jamsogor (Owarr) ... 2 Spanish Thorn (Mr. H. Grosvenor) ... 3

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The Verdict.

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CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER.

In County Limerick.

At the Liberties District Sessions yesterday, before Mr. Gleeson, District Justice, Patrick Cronin, described as a British ex-Serviceman, was charged in custody with attempting to murder John Walsh, Bilboe, Cappamore, on the 8th October, 1922; with wounding Annie Kelly, and with robbery.

Superintendent Desmond prosecuted, and in his evidence John Walsh stated that on the night in question he was obliged, with his wife, to leave the house, and as they were coming out the back door a shot was fired at him from the direction in which he saw accused. They took refuge in an outhouse, and subsequently went to a neighbour's house. When they returned later to look after the children, witness saw some men standing at the front door, and one said: "There he is now, and don't let him go." Witness retraced his steps, and was followed by two men who fired shots at him. The accused Cronin overtook him, held him up, and struck him with the end of a revolver in the mouth, and split his nose. The two men then brought witness back to the house, and failing to open the door, Cronin fired into the lock, with the result that the curvant girl, Annie Kelly, who was standing behind the door was wounded. The accused threatened witness, and told the other man to shoot him, but he refused. Witness then addressed the man and said: "Paddy, why would you shoot me? What did I ever do to any of your family?" Eventually witness's wife returned to the house and gave the accused a sum of money. Cronin next said he would not go away until he shot witness, who knew him. The other man, Slatery, after much persuasion, got accused to leave the house, and later witness ascertained that Annie Kelly was wounded under the right arm.

Replying to the court, the witness said he knew accused since he was a child. Johanna Walsh, wife of the last witness, stated that when she opened the door a revolver was thrust in by one of the two men, who were masked. One of the men said he would shoot her and she immediately recognised him as the accused Cronin. She said not to shoot her and that she would give him any money he required. Her husband endeavoured to wrest the revolver from him and in the struggle that followed, Cronin fell and she pulled the mask from his face. On returning to the house, after being obliged to run for safety, she gave Slatery £5, and after a time both men left.

Answering accused, the witness said she was positive as to his identity, as she had known him 11 years. Annie Kelly, the maid, deposed to being wounded in the right arm by the shot fired into the door.

On the application of the Superintendent, the accused was returned for trial to the next court of competent jurisdiction.

Another charge against the accused was adjourned for the attendance of the witnesses on Friday next.

LIMERICK MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Limerick Mental Hospital was held yesterday, Alderman E. W. de Courcy presiding. The other members present were—Alderman D. Bourke and Messrs D. Hennessy and M. Redden.

The official in attendance were—Dr. P. J. Irwin, Resident Medical Superintendent; Dr. C. Moloney, Assistant R.M.S.; and Mr. Wm. O'Shaughnessy, Clerk.

The R.M.S. reported that the condition of the institution and the health of the inmates continued satisfactory. Eleven patients had been admitted since last meeting, three had died and there were three for discharge. There were in residence six hundred and eleven patients. A coroner's inquest had been held on the 12th ult on a patient who had died from gastric haemorrhage having sustained a fall in the dormitory. A verdict of death from natural causes was the finding at the inquest.

Dr. Irwin said the number of inmates was slightly increasing. The patient referred to had been in the house since 1910, and his fall was due to general debility. He thought it better, however, to report the facts of the case.

The report was approved. Dr. Irwin said he wished to explain that that meeting had been called together as representing members of the old Committee of Management who held office since 1920. The County Council had appointed their nominees on last Monday, but the nominations for the new committee from the Corporation would not be appointed until Thursday evening. Consequently they called the old committee together, because it required four days' statutory notice before a meeting could be held otherwise. The meeting had been summoned on the advice of the legal agent of the Committee of Management.

The Committee then went into financial matters and having transacted business, adjourned.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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TO ADVERTISERS.

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THE COAL CRISIS.

In the past week or more the crisis in the coal industry across Channel has attracted public attention. The industry has sunk in a depressed state, the consumption of coal has decreased considerably on account of the high cost of production and the loss of trade, as foreign competitors are bringing British coal from those markets where it was formerly its chief support.

Originally, the coal owners proposed a reduction of wages, but it was rejected by the miners, and so a crisis has arisen, the result of which cannot at the present time be clearly foreseen, but it is hoped that the coal owners and the miners will avert a strike in the coal fields.

The calamity would, of course, paralyse the coal industry throughout the country, and cause a loss to the parties directly concerned in the