

tion from local public bodies, which up to this has been silent on a matter of vital importance Limerick and its well-being. As was suggested yesterday, a meeting of the Borough Council should be specially convened to discuss the question, and perhaps, to solve the difficulty. It is to the interests of all directly concerned in the struggle for some *modus vivendi* with a view to a settlement should come, and public opinion, as expressed through representative bodies, should prove a potent factor towards that end. It is a matter of great satisfaction that peace prevails in our city, and the city is to be heartily congratulated on that fact.

### Speed of Motor Cars.

The Civic Guards, it is very satisfactory to observe, are looking after the speed of motor cars being through the streets. It is a necessary step in the interest of pedestrians, as many cars creep up such a pace that to cross O'Connell street and other busy thoroughfares is attended with a high personal risk. There were some prosecutions at the District Court on Friday and fines imposed. Mr Flood, District Justice, said he had observed motor cars being driven at an excessive speed through the city, and he intimated that in future he would deal with offenders severely. His warning should have a salutary effect. Furthermore, the Corporation ought to pass a by-law regulating the speed of motor cars, such as is being done in places much smaller than Limerick.

### Registrar-General's Report.

The births and deaths recorded for the Dublin Registration Area and for the eleven principal provincial urban areas of Saorstát Éireann, with annual rates per 1,000 of the population represented thereby, which, for the purposes of these returns, is estimated at 678,256, are given in Table I of the Registrar-General's report for the week ending 3rd October. The births are represented by 26.9 in the Dublin Registration Area; Cork, 34.7; Limerick, 16.2; Waterford, 18.8. In the four weeks September 12th—October 3rd there were but one case of enteric fever, two of scarlet fever, and one of diphtheria recorded in the Borough of Limerick. These represent the total of the infectious diseases reported in the city. The deaths from all causes pertaining to the undermentioned areas for last week and for the past four weeks, respectively,

was badly smashed, apparently by collision with the mountain.

Ames was hanging by his leather belt from the wrecked machine, with his frontal bone fractured. The scene of the accident was only a short distance from Bellefonte, where he was to have stopped at midnight for petrol.—“The Times” correspondent.

### CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL EXPENDITURE.

The notice given by Mr J. Dalton, B.C., relative to expenditure on the upkeep of the City Home and Hospital will be considered at the next meeting of the Borough Council, when some plain speaking is expected to take place on a matter of vital interest to the ratepayers. The institution is undoubtedly a great drain on the taxable resources of the citizens, and any method that could lessen that will be welcomed by the ratepayers. Councillor Dalton's proposal, if acquiesced in by the Ministry for Local Government, will certainly go a long way towards bringing relief.

### INFLUENZA IN ENGLAND.

Influenza is rapidly increasing in England. “The disease is not yet epidemic,” said a doctor to a “Daily Mail” reporter on Friday; “but there has been a five-fold increase during the past month. Last week there were two-and-a-half as many deaths as in the corresponding week of 1924. ‘Pneumonia, which is often a sequel to influenza, is also unusually prevalent,’ he added. ‘Last week the notifications of this disease were 738, compared with 417 in the second week of September.’”

### NO DUBLIN MUNICIPAL STRIKE.

#### Workers Accept the Terms.

A large meeting of members of the Municipal Employes' Union at the Mansion House on Sunday unanimously agreed to accept the terms offered by the City Commissioners. There will, consequently, be no strike.

### DEATH OF CANON O'KEEFFE.

We regret to record the death, which occurred on Saturday after a brief illness, of the Very Rev Joseph Canon O'Keefe, Parish Priest of Rathfarnham. His passing is lamented, not only by his own immediate parishioners, but by a wide circle of friends, by whom he was held in reverence. Born in Limerick of a family that was highly respected, he was ordained a priest in 1876. He served as a curate at Fairview and at the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, before he became parish priest of Athy, Co Kildare.

About seventeen years ago he was transferred to Rathfarnham. Two of his brothers—the Rev Lawrence O'Keefe, St Mary's, Limerick, and the Rev Timothy O'Keefe, S.J., pre-deceased him. Another brother, Francis A., was three times Mayor of Limerick, and represented this city in the House of Commons as a Nationalist for several years.

to the course of further remarked that witness got previous court, and object last day the reason you sign McCarthy's name was on 1 Yes.

Mr Dwane, Post Office, knew O Ryan, who has a from Garranekegh.

Mr Power—And he got Lt Mr Binchy, solicitor for d where he is now?—No.

Mr Thomas O'Shea, Labo ville, also gave evidence.

Mr M P Ring deposed, in that he employed Corns. McCarthy in the employm continually employed; Ryan the period he was paid off twi three different times.

Cross-examined by Mr Pow was working for me, but wi not I cannot say. I was 1 week.

Defendant then gave evide Corns. Ryan being disemploy he came and asked witness him, and he did. At the tin was not back at work. The r it was because he knew Mr R him.

Cross-examined by Mr Pow you were signing?—I did.

And on every occasion he signed it? Where did you d he came into the garage one d

Where did you sign in July s.y.

You certified there that h from 24th to 30th July, 192 within a few yards of you?

Defendant's answer could no Mr Binchy said they were careless. He asked for a dig

Mr Power said he was not p penal y, but defendant enable out of the unemployment func

The Justice said the defe day (M Ryan) said he did not signing, but the defendant th

A fine of 10s was imposed.

### SALE OF A CHEST

At Nenagh Circuit Court, M vale, Moneygall, had a remitt J H C Bartholomew, Rookford alleged to be due by defend mare which he bought from p rick bloodstock sales on 11th ) The defence was that a sale l Mr Michael Fogarty, Nena present when the bargain was Judge Sealey gave a decree

The “Westminster Gazette vention which enables electric trolled by speech has just b young Nottingham man, L H ) local electricians.