

one step in that direction has been to appoint uniformed officials who will meet passengers at various centres, and provide them with information regarding travel and catering. Legislation is contemplated with the object of establishing standards, and differentiating between hotels and other licensed establishments. Very many hotels throughout the country are up-to-date, and mindful of the needs of the tourist, and of the necessity for providing rates and charges that will compare favourably with other countries. The tour of Continental resorts by a number of Irish hotel keepers who left Cobh last Sunday, cannot but also prove a most helpful and an educative factor in bringing about improvements where they are desirable, and thus leaving the tourist no cause for complaint or grumbling on the score of accommodation or tariff.

DEATH OF MR. STANLEY JOHNSTONE.

Numerous friends in the city and county have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr Stanley J. Johnstone, one of the principals of Messrs. Ryan, Johnstone, and Company, seed merchants, Sarsfield-street, which occurred at his residence, Shelbourne Cottage, yesterday morning, after a short illness. He was a member of an old Limerick family, the elder son of the late Mr Peter Johnstone, V.S., of this city. He took an active part in the business of his firm, and his kindly and courteous disposition endeared him to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, either in commercial or private life. Cut off in the bloom of manhood, his demise is all the more poignant, and there is widespread sympathy with his widow, his mother, and relatives in their keen sorrow. The funeral left this afternoon, at three o'clock, for Mount Shannon, and was largely attended.

BIG CONTRACT FOR LIMERICK FIRM.

We learn that Messrs Kenny & Sons, Contractors, Dublin and Limerick, have secured the contract for building work and supplies to the Board of Public Works, Dublin. The contract includes renovations to the Four Courts, Custom House, Post Offices, and to all the other public buildings under the Board's control. The estimated value of the work for the coming year is up to £200,000.

THE WEATHER.

The weather on Sunday last, culture and

candidate will contest the county of Sinn Fein.

There are now eleven candidates sending five parties, and one is officially on the field for the five seats. It is a foregone conclusion that Mr. [Name] will head the poll. Everybody is with feeling in the constituency but it is anticipated that his vote will be far short of the 17,762 which he won at the last election.

CLARE SINN FEIN CAND

Mr Brian O'Higgins, T.D., selected by a convention in Ennis to contest the county again in the Sinn Fein

DOCTOR AND SOLIC

Judgment in Clare Libel

Yesterday Mr Justice Hanna considered judgment in the action for alleged libel by Dr Henry McKeogh, Killaloe, Clare, against Mr O'Brien Moran, solicitor, 26 Coleraine street, Limerick. The alleged libel was contained in a letter written by the defendant to the Secretary of the County Council, Limerick on March 3, 1926.

His lordship measured damages and gave judgment for the amount claimed. He ruled the occasion of the writing of the letter was privileged, and that all with the exception of the charge against the plaintiff, was protected by the privilege. That there was no evidence of malice. As regards the portion of the letter outside the privilege, he found it untrue in fact. This entitled the plaintiff to a verdict.

Mr Denning, K.C., who, with Mr K.C., Mr Joseph O'Connor, K.C., and Mr Reddy (instructed by Mr P. J. [Name]) appeared for the defendant, asked for execution pending an appeal was granted.

Mr Leonard, K.C., Mr Geoghagan, and Mr Marnan (instructed by Mr Cox and Co.) appeared for the plaintiff.

The action followed one by Anne Nolan, maternity nurse, against Dr. McKeogh for alleged libel in a report which he made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Limerick, in that action finding in favour of the doctor.

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English Newspapers E

When the nine o'clock train from Row to Bray arrived at Killiney station this morning twelve armed men entered the station and seized and carried off a hundredweight of English newspapers, which were being sent