

rick County the 200 gallons has been averaged in individual herds, the increased yield has in some instances been as high as 300 or 350. For the past year twenty-nine Cow Testing Associations were in operation in the county, compared with only nine in 1920, and the number of cows under test has proportionately increased. The returns for 1927 from most of the Associations in the County Limerick show that the average milk yield had increased in the course of a few years by over 100 gallons, and it is calculated that had the climatic conditions of 1928 been favourable there would have been a further increase to record. There is still a wide field for expansion, and it behoves the farmers to fully enter into the spirit of the cow-testing movement, the importance of which he who runs may read. As stated, the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society is playing a very important part in keeping abreast of the times, and has shown how by initiation and enterprise the agricultural industry may be improved and developed. The Society is to be congratulated on the fine results which are recorded in 1928.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Co-ordinating Transport.

It will be recalled that a couple of months ago an important committee was set up by the Directors of the Great Southern Railways for the purpose of going into the question of co-ordinating traffic, particularly as regards agricultural produce. The committee is representative of various organisations, in addition to Free State Government Departments, and the railways. But the Southern ports, as such, have no representation. This is essential from a trading point of view, and the claims of the harbour authorities are being stressed with, however, no definite result so far. At the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board yesterday a communication was read stating that Cork had applied for representation on the Committee "but had been turned down by the Railways Company." It is now proposed to hold a Conference in Cork on the 7th February, at which representa-

CO-ORDINATING
Cork, will deliver an illustrated lantern lecture on Ancient Athens. He is a well-known authority, and should attract a large attendance.

DOWNING ACCIDENT.

At Limerick Docks.

A labourer named Stephen McDonnell, aged 37 years, of Walshe's-lane, Edward-street, was drowned in the dock yesterday under very sad circumstances. With others, he was engaged on a landing stage unloading cotton meal from the ss. "Hamdale," at the north side of the docks. It appears that the stage, on which was a half ton of material, was caught by the winch and pulled in towards the dock, partly pinning McDonnell under it. He got clear, but fell into the water. A rope was lowered to him, which he grabbed with his hands, but unfortunately collapsed in a few seconds. Michael Halvey, another labourer, made a great effort to save him. He slid down by the quay wall, caught McDonnell and landed him at the steps of the slip. Deceased was immediately conveyed to Barrington's Hospital, and on the way received spiritual ministrations at the Franciscan Friary, but when he had reached the hospital life was pronounced to be extinct.

Deceased leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss.

The inquest was opened at Barrington's Hospital last evening by Mr J. S. McNeice, solr., Acting Coroner, and after medical evidence, and evidence of identification had been given, was adjourned for the attendance of a representative of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

DEATH OF MR D. THOMPSON.

Numerous friends in city and country will regret to learn of the death of Mr Daniel Thompson, head of the firm of Messrs D. Thompson and Sons, electricians and plumbers, Lower Cecil street, which took place yesterday morning at his residence, 9 Lower Mallow street. Mr Thompson, until quite recently, looked hale and hearty, despite his fine age of 85 years, and had been but a week or so ill. A member of an old Limerick family, he was a familiar personality, and by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance his bright, cheery, and courteous manner made him very popular. In his time he carried out many important contracts throughout the country, as his sons have been doing since his retirement from business some years ago. The funeral, it is announced, will take place to-morrow morning at nine o'clock from St. Michael's Church, Barrington street.

CO-ORDINATING
A letter was received from Cork Harbour Coroner's attention of his Board statement on the 22nd effect that the D Southern Railways ment for increasing particularly agricult Government had in and a committee had of representatives interests, Irish and E Government to consider had applied for a Committee, but down by the Rail Board understood that had been made by the Limerick, Waterford, and was not entertained Cork Harbour Commission a conference at February to consider necessity for southern sented on the Railways Limerick to send representatives to that Waterford, Tralee, Boards had also been The Secretary—W down.

Mr Loughrey—W application for representation committee stating it was

Mr Ryan—A political down.

Mr Loughrey said attempt to divert traffic ports, and to take it.

The Mayor—I heard saying that every Dublin.

Mr Loughrey—If way you will have all Dublin. I move that send representatives held there next week

In reply to a question the reply from the simply was that the representation was refused

Mr Ryan—Turner is dated the 9th inst

The Mayor—If we quickly I feel that a to filch traffic from the benefit of Dublin

Mr Holliday second was adopted, and Loughrey were appointed Board at the Cork request that Mr J O rick Steamship Co. tion in an advisory would not be available

The Secretary—re