ooding in the Abbey River. The Comnissioners are of opinion that this is not so, nd that immediate steps should be taken to nake the Abbey River navigable. They rish to say, further, that even if the flooding ubsides, that navigation cannot be resumed ully, under present conditions.

"It would seem, also, that works are conemplated between the ocean harbour and he present canal harbour, and my Comnissioners are anxious to know what those rorks are, and in what way they will affect

heir interests.

"With a view to laying before him the mbarrassments resulting from present conlitions, and considering the various circumtances my Commissioners would be pleased the Minister would receive a deputation rom their body."

The Mayor—That is the reply that has seen drafted to send to the Ministry.

Mr Ryan said there was a paragraph in hat reply which he did not think the Minister would accept. He had made it lear he would not conrect the canal with he port.

Mr Forde—That is only a quotation from is own letter.

The Mayor—I don't think it is. The eply of the Committee refers to the works contemplated to connect the canal with the cean-going port.

Mr Ryan -- What works ?

Mr Loughrey—To connect the port with the canal.

Mr Ryan—But the Minister has definitely bandoned that project.

Mr Roycroft—If you leave that paragraph is it stands you will only mislead the Minister.

Mr Ryan—Where does the Minister say hat he will connect the docks with the anal?

Mr Loughrey-He said he would do so. Mr Ryan said the Minister had long ago nformed them that he would not carry out hat project. This was a very big question or the city, and required the attention of he citizens as a whole. The users of the anal navigation were the people who were orimarily interested, and he had been making inquiries into their present position, and and learned that the closing of the navigaion was a very serious loss to the trade of he city. It was, therefore, a question that hould be broadened to include the users of he canal, the Corporation and Harbour Board. He believed that by the closing of he waterway freights had been largely ncreased through, by reason of the fact that nerchandise for towns on the upper Shannon and to be railed from Limerick to Killaloe efore being taken by barge bigher up the avigation. Limerick had been, as a result, eprived of a large volume of the trade it nloyed before the canal was closed between he city and Killaloe. That was a serious latter for the city, in view of the fact that

trade or the city.

The Mayor—I think the Dail Deputies for the city and county should be invited to attend the meeting.

Mr Ryan—Yes, if they exist at all. They do not seem to be very active where the interests of the city are concerned.

It was agreed to call a public meeting for next Monday, at 4 o'clock, in the Chamber of Commerce.

THE SHANNON BOATING DISASTER.

Body of Third Victim Recovered.

On Sunday last the body of Thomas Anslow, the third victim of the Shannon boating disaster at Plassy on the night of the 2nd instant, was recovered from the river about 400 yards from the scene of the tragedy. It was noticed floating by some boys and taken to Barrington's Hospital morgue pending an inquest. Deceased leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss.

An inquest was opened yesterday in the County Courthouse chy. Dr. M. R. Clery, Coroner, East Limerick, and a jury.

Inspector Gaffney represented the Civic Guards, and after formal evidence of identification the enquiry was adjourned until Saturday next at 4 o'elock, when evidence with regard to the drewning of the other two victims, John O'Connell and Thomas Madden, will be given.

John J. Airey, the only survivor, is still in hospital suffering from the effects of shock and exposure, but it is expected will be able to attend the adjourned enquiry.

The Funeral.

At three o'clock to-day the funeral took place, from St. Patrick's Catholic Church, of Thomas Anslow. There was a very large concourse of mourners, including the Mayor, members of the Corporation, the trades bodies, as well as other representative citizens. The chief mourners comprised the widow and family of the deceased, and at Mount St. Laurence Cemetery the prayers at the grave were recited by the Very Rev. Canon O'Leary, P.P., St. Patrick's.

LIMERICK STOCK LIST

To-day's Prices.

National (£5 shares, £1 paid)...

which threatens the very lite key industries and the closin mills, would not have arisen.

"I see, he continued, "the sation—I hope very much the rationalisation—will eventue fication of buying.

"If you have all our mills control, there will be cheape will eliminate the Free St This movement was the co J. V. Rank, head of the Joseph Rank and Sons, Li the biggest flour-milling firm which, by the way, has receithe biggest mill in the Free Bannatyne's, of Limerick, as Furlong's, of Cork, another in firm

It is further stated in the there was a big meeting of t Millers' Association last Fri "practically every Free State his intention of coming in."

The interview goes on to terms of the agreement is millers will not be a party to on imported flour."

"It is understood," said "that the firm of Mesers Ra at present building a 50-sach

Another condition of the that English millers under the permitted to send into their previous quota of flour

Asked what would be the Free State if this scheme su formant said: "Naturally, purchase of wheat would the and it may be that the price not increase, but certainly would increase, and the mitthe Free State will pass in of English millers."

Opinions in Un

A representative of the instituted inquiries into the Limerick to-day, but no invariable in milling circles light on the matter.

But outside the milling subject was keenly discusse city, and it appears to be view that the combine wou flour milling industry of thi average citizen is rather dis bines, and says that they earn buge profits for the gri them, and in this respect Limeriq opposed to them. centre of the flour milling country for more than a c view of one prominent citia thing that would tend to lo in this direction would Members of the bakery trag and retail flour dealers,