

PAST CENTURY RECORDS.

1868.

following are extracts taken from the LIMERICK CHRONICLE of April and May,

Thursday, April 30.

LIMERICK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

first Spring Show of this now established Society was held on yesterday in the Market. This Show, the first of the season of the year held by the Society, and tried as an experiment, was a great success.

Saturday, May 2.

14TH WEST AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

meeting of the members of this re-organized Society was held on yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Society at the Museum, for the purpose of electing a committee for the current year, revising the bye-laws, and transacting the general business of the Society.

LIMERICK FARMERS' DINING CLUB.

A quarterly dinner was held on Thursday evening at Cleary's Royal Hotel, Mr. James Dixon Power, of Clonshire, in the chair. The members, to the number of 150, were present.

Thursday, May 7.

NEW SOLICITOR.

Mr. Robert J. McNamara, son of Denis McNamara, Esq., T.C., Corbally, has been appointed an attorney of her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer, solicitor of the High Court of Chancery.

LIMERICK TOWN COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of this body was held this afternoon, Alderman Carte, in the chair, presiding. There were also present Alderman Quinlivan, J.P.; Ald. Mahony, J.P.; Ald. Quin, Ald. Hogan, Ald. Tinsley, J.P.; Messrs Boyce, J.P.; Ryan, J.P.; Harris, J.P.; Barrington, Spillane, Hall, solicitor; Donnell, Hynes, Barry, Cronin, M. Kelly, Hickey, Myles, O'Connell.

LIMERICK P.Y.M.A.

In last evening the annual soiree of this Society, to celebrate the close of the season, was held at the Orphan Hall, which was festooned with evergreen wreaths, and decorated with mottoes and devices, with the presence of celebrated churchmen, which had a most pleasing effect.

Saturday, May 9.

WATER ROAD SESSIONS.

Law sittings were held in the Court of Sessions, on Thursday, Magistrates Messrs E. Curling, Esq., Chairman; Messrs J. D. Ellis, and H. Murray Gun, Esqrs. sitting on the Bench with them were—H. D. Spread, Esq., Mr. Kennedy, John Hallinan, G. Leigh, John Guiry, and D. D. Leahy, Assisted Ratepayers; Mr. Brett, Co. Surveyor, Eastern Division, also was present.

CANAL TRAGEDY.

The Inquest.

The City Coroner, Mr. J. S. Neice, held an inquest in Barrington's Hospital on Monday evening into the circumstances connected with the drowning of Martin Murphy, labourer, aged 20 years, Carroll's lane, Barrington street, in the canal basin on Saturday night.

Inspector Gaffney conducted the inquiry. Bernard Murphy, brother, identified the remains. He last saw him alive at 8.15 on Saturday morning, when he was in good health, and did not, as far as he knew, suffer from depression. He was not surprised when his brother did not return home on Saturday night, as witness understood he had gone to Cork to try and get work at Ford's factory.

The Coroner produced a document in the handwriting of deceased. It appeared to be a song, and at the end cited: "Written by M. Murphy, 1 Carroll's Row, Limerick city, Ireland. Good-bye to all."

In reply to the Coroner, the witness said he had seen the document three weeks previously.

A youth named Denis Madigan stated while proceeding along the canal bank on Saturday evening at a quarter to six, he saw the coat, vest, and cap (produced) hanging on the crane at the basin.

Dr. T. J. Morris, Resident Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, deposed to the body of deceased, Martin Murphy, being taken to the hospital at 4 o'clock on Sunday evening. There were no external marks, but the face was livid and froth issuing from the mouth. A post mortem examination disclosed ballooning of both lungs, congestion in the right side of the heart and watery condition of the blood. The stomach was distended, and was typical of death by drowning.

James Ryan, Plassy, stated while working on the canal bank on Saturday he saw a man, whom he believed to be deceased from the clothes he was wearing, standing on a wall near the Canal Company's stores. This structure was about twenty-five yards from where the body was recovered. He later saw this man at the jetty and go back to the wall, after which witness ceased his work and went home.

Evidence of having recovered the body from the canal was given by James McNamara, Clare-street. It was minus coat and cap when taken out of the water.

This concluded the evidence, and the Coroner said it appeared to him at the outset that the document containing the words "Good-bye to all" indicated that Murphy intended committing suicide, but his brother had stated he had seen the document three weeks previously. There was no conclusive evidence that deceased went to the canal to commit suicide, and his view was that a verdict of found drowned would meet the sad circumstances of the death they were investigating.

The jury returned a verdict of "Found drowned" and offered sympathy with the relatives.

PUBLICATIONS.

P. C. Wren's Novels.

"The Snake and the Sword." By P. C. Wren. Author of "Beau Geste," "Beau Sabreur," etc.

"Dew and Mildew." By same author, John Murray, London. 2s. net.

P. C. Wren's Foreign Legion and Indian Stories have, needless to say, established a great name for themselves, and it will interest lovers of his works to learn that further reprints at the popular price of 2s. have just been issued.

One of these is "Dew and Mildew" which "The Times" describes as having "immense snap, vivacity, and resource." This work has seen several editions since 1916, down to the present edition.

Another volume is "The Snake and the Sword," which, originally published in 1914, has been reprinted in successive years since 1926. A powerful, "gripping story," it needs no introduction.

Those who have not read those two fine Indian stories have now the opportunity of obtaining them at quite a nominal figure. They are excellently turned out by John Murray, Publisher, 50a Albermarle Street, London.

The Feathered World Year Book, 1930. London: "The Feathered World," Talbot Street, Arundel Street, W.C. 2s. 6d.

Nearly all the breeds of poultry in the world will be exhibited at a congress to be held in London next July. The editors of "The Feathered World" are naturally anxious that home breeders should show the world that British poultry is the best, so the 1930 edition of this year book contains a wonderful collection of over 300 photos, illustrating all phases of English poultry and pigeon keeping. No less than 110 experts have contributed articles to its 700 odd pages, including four from abroad—by a leading American bantam breeder, by a high Egyptian official, the President of the German Poultry League, and a famous Dutch pigeon expert. Particularly noteworthy, for example, are the articles on fruit trees by a leading fruit grower, felt houses, bees, sex-linked chicks and chick rearing, mash mixing, ornamental birds for public parks, toy pigeons, and a striking contribution, with charts and diagrams, entitled "In the Land of 300 Eggers."

The work, which is edited by R. and O. Comyns Lower, is, as usual, of great interest to lovers of the feathered tribe, and is excellently turned out. This is the 19th year of publication.

LIMERICK HARBOUR TIDE TABLE.

FEBRUARY.

	TIDES.		MORNING.		EVENING.	
	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
	H. M.	F. I.	H. M.	F. I.	H. M.	F. I.
Thurs	27	... 6 20	... 19 11	... 6 42	... 10 0	
Friday	28	... 6 53	... 20 4	... 7 14	... 10 9	

MARCH.

PHASES OF THE MOON.