

LIMERICK AND THROUGH RAILWAY RATES.

Proposed Motor Transport.

The decision of the High Court, allowing an appeal of the Great Southern Railways Co. against the findings of the Railway Tribunal in the matter of through freight charges, stated to operate unfairly against city merchants, may have far-reaching results. Limerick merchants, for instance, never that in one item alone, the carriage of drapery goods, the freight per ton is 135s, compared with 117s, the Cork charge, and that for 1928 the tonnage that passed into the city was 15,474 tons over the railway, compared with Dublin 1,804 tons, Cork 3,938, and Waterford 7,250 tons. A proposal has now, it is understood, been put forward to organise a transport motor service for the city, in view of the decision of the High Court and the consequent excessive rates charged by the Railways Company.

STREET TRADING.

Four years ago the Corporation adopted a set of bye-laws, at the request of the Advisory Committee for Juvenile Employment, for the regulation of street trading by juveniles, and some short time subsequent they were approved by the Minister for Justice. Owing to the high cost of administration they were not then enforced, and have been since in abeyance. Quite recently representation was made to the authorities on the matter in view of the large number of children of tender ages engaged in street trading up to a late hour at night. At the sitting of the Borough Council a letter will be submitted from the Chief Superintendent of the Civic Guards offering the services of the Gardai to enforce the bye-laws, which provides, inter alia, that no person under the age of sixteen years shall be granted a licence to trade in the streets. Boys and girls who are licensed under the regulations, will be supplied with badges, and the hours for boys are up to 9.30 p.m., and for girls up to 7 p.m.

SUGGESTED SALMON HATCHERY.

Up to the present no reply has been received from the Ministry for Fisheries in response to the resolution passed by the Fishery Board of Conservators relative to the establishment of a salmon hatchery in the Shannon, consequent on the anticipated diminution of fish due to the working of the hydro-electric scheme. In a conversation with a member of the Fishery Board he was of opinion that the Ministry would be slow to act on the resolution in view of the cost of maintenance, which he asserted would run into something like £10,000 a year. Further it was his belief that nothing less than two million eggs would be any good, and it was problematical if they could get the fish to supply that number of ova. The proposition, he remarked, was too comprehensive, and his view was that nothing would come of the Board's resolution for the present at all events, until they were in a position to say definitely how the power scheme would affect the salmon spawning in the Shannon.

DUBLIN FATALITY.

Limerick Pastor's Tragic Death.

Knocked Down by Tram.

The Rev. Wm. Fenton, P.P., Athea, Co. Limerick, who was on a visit to Dublin in connection with the Horse Show, met his death under very tragic circumstances yesterday. He was knocked down at Williamstown, County Dublin, by a tramcar and sustained serious injuries. He was immediately conveyed to hospital, where he died two hours later.

Father Fenton motored to Dublin on Tuesday to see the Horse Show. He visited Ballsbridge yesterday morning, and remained there until about half-past three o'clock. After leaving the Show Grounds he joined a Dublin to Dalkey tramcar and alighted at Williamstown. As he came round from the back of the tramcar with the apparent intention of crossing the road, he was struck by a Dalkey to Dublin tramcar and was thrown with great force to the ground. The driver of the tramcar, Thomas Daly, Blackrock, had it stopped immediately, and together with the conductor and Mr J. Keegan, whose licensed premises are adjacent to the scene, had the reverend gentleman carried to the footpath, where first aid was rendered. Though seriously injured, he was perfectly conscious. He was then placed in Mr Keegan's motor-car, who drove him to Monkstown Hospital. On the journey he spoke to Mr Keegan, asked to what hospital he was being brought, and complained of the injury to his leg. At the hospital he was examined by Dr Wheeler, and was found to have sustained a fracture of the left collar bone and injury to the right hip and a severe wound in the forehead. He was surgically treated, and everything possible was done to alleviate his suffering. Rev. Fr Dunlea, C.C., Monkstown visited him and administered the Last Sacrament. Then he revived very much and his memory improved. He said he remembered coming from the Horse Show and getting off the tramcar at Williamstown. After that he remembered no more. About 6 o'clock he became very weak and died. He was aged 67 years.

The tragic death of Father Fenton was learned in the city to-day with extreme regret. Father Fenton was a very popular and highly respected clergyman, and a great favourite with his brethren in the sacred ministry. He was a native of the Kilfinane district, where some of his relatives reside at present, and was ordained a little over forty years ago. He served as curate at Croom, Abbeyfeale, and Ardagh, before being appointed by his close friend, the late Bishop, Most Dr O'Dwyer, to the pastoral charge of Ashford, where he was beloved by the people. A few years ago he was translated to Athea by the present Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane. Father Fenton was a great lover of bloodstock, and seldom missed the Show at Ballsbridge. In 1915, when an Irish regiment recruited in Canada for war service visited Limerick, he entertained Captain O'Shaughnessy, whose father, the late Lord O'Shaughnessy, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was a native of Ashford.

The obsequies will take place at 12 o'clock (summer time) to-morrow at Athea.

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW.

International Jumping Competitions.

Despite showery weather, the attendance at the Dublin Horse Show yesterday was again of very large proportions, and the gathering was further augmented for the jumping competition, to which the Governor-General paid an official visit in the afternoon. The assemblage was once again fully representative, and, in addition to many foreign visitors, included President Cosgrave and members of the Executive Council and Oireachtas, members of the Diplomatic Corps in Dublin, etc.

The jumping contests provided keen competition. Switzerland scored in the military event with Irish-bred horses, and East Antrim hounds won the Inter-Hunt competition. Southern exhibitors figured prominently in the awards list. The bloodstock sales were an important feature and showed a marked improvement on those of the previous day. The aggregate for yesterday was 31,580 guineas for 154 lots, and one Mallow-bred colt fetched 1,450 guineas.

NEWCASTLE WEST SHOW.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Newcastle West Show Society was held on Friday. Captain Curling presided. Other members in attendance were—Messrs Daniel M. O'Sullivan, J. Malone, D.A.T.I.; J. C. Spiller, W. Phelan, P.C.; R. Nash, Thomas Roche, T.C.; G. D. O'Sullivan, Massy Langford, Viscount Guillamore, and the Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Cussen, M.A.; Messrs R. J. O'Connor, T. Riordan, Ballyragan, and John T. Nolan, T.D.

The correspondence included favourable communications from—Mr P. J. Floyd, Traffic Manager, Southern Railways; Dr T. Bouchier Hayes, M.R.C.V.S.; Messrs Maurice Raleigh, M.C.C.; M. H. McDonagh, Agricultural Instructor, North Tipperary; James Bracken, D.A.T.I., CloughJordan; J. McNamara, North Tipperary Committee of Agriculture; Miss Sweeney, D.A.T.I., Co. Kerry; Miss Dundon, Crecora; Miss MacQuillan, Co. Dublin, and Mr W. Desmond, T.C., Cork.

The arrangement of the Show grounds was left in the hands of last year's sub-committee, and general organisation received the careful attention of the meeting.

The Secretary stated that prize lists and entry forms are now being distributed, and that entries will close on the 23rd August.

As previously arranged, a list of subscribers will be published in this year's catalogue.

A vote of thanks was passed to a number of subscribers.

GARDA INSPECTOR TRANSFERRED.

Inspector P. Gaffney, who has been attached to William Street Civic Guard Station during the past two years, has been transferred to Ballinasloe. During his period in the city Inspector Gaffney was very popular with the citizens and the members of the force. He was a courteous and zealous officer, and at the railway station this morning he was seen off by a number of his colleagues.

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