

definite statement, a business proposition which clearly and succinctly sets out the objects of the firm to develop not only its own trade, but, as Mr J. P. Goodbody stated in the discussion, the trade of the port generally. Some of the biggest ships that have ever come into the Limerick Docks have recently discharged immense grain cargoes here, and it may be taken for granted that when this new silo has been erected the imports of grain to Limerick will—huge as they are at present—substantially increase in the future. This fact taken in conjunction with the firm's "contemplated extension of our plant," to again quote from its letter, augurs well for increased prosperity for the port and city, all the more so when the extension of the docks and railway connection have become an accomplished fact. As it is, the situation, as revealed yesterday, was a welcome surprise to the public. It must dispel pessimism, in which too many of us are prone to indulge, and in its stead should occasion bright hopes and expectations, which all must heartily welcome. Messrs Bannatyne, as will be seen from their letter, are anxious to commence operations without delay. This will mean a large amount of employment of labour, as it is announced that a considerable sum of money will be expended on the new building. It is hardly conceivable that any obstacle to the granting of the site will be raised at the Harbour Board. Meanwhile the matter has been referred to a committee for report.

## DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.

### Mr Martin Fitzgerald.

We regret to record the death which occurred at his residence, Verona Esplanade, O'Connell Avenue, on Sunday morning, of Mr Martin Fitzgerald, late Secretary of the Corporation Gas Committee, which position he had held for some twenty-five years, retiring on pension a couple of years ago owing to failing health. He was a most efficient and courteous official, and was held in the highest regard by the Committee, the staff, and the citizens generally. A member of an old Limerick family, he was brother-in-law of the late Very Rev. Canon Andrew Murphy, P.P., St. Munchin's, so well known in his day as an educationalist, and he was father-in-law of Professor Conran, University College, Cork. Deep sympathy is expressed with Mr Fitzgerald's family in their bereavement.

### The Funeral.

After Requiem High Mass in St Michael's Church at 10.30 this morning the interment took place in Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. There was a large congregation at the Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. Fr. Moriarty, C.C., St. Michael's; deacon, Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, C.C., do., and sub-deacon, Rev. Fr. Carroll, C.C., do. At the close of the service the coffin was transferred to the hearse by members of the Gas concern staff, and the cortege, which was of considerable dimensions, left for the last resting place.

The chief mourners were—Martin Fitzgerald (London), and Francis X. Fitzgerald, sons; Mrs Conran, and Misses May and Meta Fitzgerald, daughters; Professor M. Conran (University College, Cork); P. Power, (Clarecastle), and P. McInerney, brothers-in-law; E. T. Harvey.

The clergy present, in addition to those officiating at the Requiem Mass, were—Rev. Fr. Thornhill, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. Fr. Hart, C.C., do.; Rev. Dr. Cowper, C.C., do. Rev. Fr. McNamara, Adm., St. John's; Very Rev. Fr. Hennessey, Irish Provincial, O.S.A.; Rev. Fr. O'Donoghue, O.S.A.; and Rev. Fr. O'Driscoll, O.S.A.

The general public included—The Mayor (Alderman P. Donnellan), W. M. Nolan, Town Clerk; Alderman D. Bourke, T.D.; A. Law, Manager, Gas Concern; A. Roche, Chief Clerk, do.; C. Barry, Chief Collector; G. R. Ryan, O.E.; M. Doyle, L. Ford, B.C.; J. Morrissey, City Treasurer; J. J. Peacocke, City Engineer.

Rather Thornhill officiated at the grave.

Robert Duggan (6), Forge Lane, Bradford, was fatally injured by a motor car.

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attended lighting would be more efficient.

Electric Lighting—Cost £499 9s 6d. The operation of the Shannon Power Scheme has resulted in a reduction of price per unit supplied.

Sarsfield Swing Bridge—In order. The bridge has not been opened, except for test purposes, during the year. Cost £99 18s 3d.

Harbour Buildings—A shed was built for egg testing for the Inspectors of the Department of Agriculture. The work of converting part of "D" Shed into a cold store was begun. Alterations on the Harbour Master's house have been completed. All other buildings are in order.

Roadways—Cleaning and repairs of roads for the year cost £764 0s 7d. The road at the dock entrance from Glynn's shed to the dock clock has been paved with reinforced concrete.

Floating, etc., Plant—The dredger, grab dredger, launch, and boats are in good order.

Cattle Pens—7,490 head of live stock passed through the pens for shipment during the year.

New Works—The erection of cold stores was begun, alterations were completed on the Harbour Master's House, the roads at the dock entrance were paved with reinforced concrete, a 30-ton combined rail and road weigh-bridge was erected at Russell's Quay.

## CITY MOTOR AND CYCLE ACCIDENT.

### "The Danger of Pillion-Riding."

In an action for damages for personal injury, heard at the City Civil Bill Court yesterday, before District Justice Flood, the plaintiffs, Bernard Greene and Frank Hannigan, claimed £10 and £5 respectively from the defendant, Jasper Kailer, Wolfe Tone street, for alleged negligence in the driving of a motor car.

The case for the plaintiff, Hannigan, was that while motor cycling through O'Connell street on the 2nd August with a pillion-rider, Bernard Green, a motor car, driven by the defendant, emerged from Mallow street without sounding a horn and struck the rear wheel of the cycle. In the impact plaintiffs were thrown on to the roadway, both being injured and required surgical treatment. In addition, their clothing was torn. Before coming to the bend they took the precaution of sounding the horn, and were travelling at a moderate speed.

The other plaintiff corroborated, and Sergeant Cosgrave, who was on duty at the site of the accident, stated that the cyclist was travelling on the proper side of the street at the rate of 14 miles an hour.

The defence was that the horn was sounded approaching the crossing. At that moment the cyclist shot out in front, with the result that an accident was inevitable. There was ample room for the cyclists to pass, and after the accident they informed defendant that they were all right.

Other witnesses to the accident stated that the motorist sounded his horn approaching Mallow Street, and was travelling at a moderate speed.

The District Justice said, in giving his decision, there was no need to emphasise the danger of pillion-riding, and added that on this occasion the motor cyclist took a chance. He dismissed the action, with costs.

Mr N. Gaffney, solr., appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr A. Blood Smyth, solr., for the defendant.

## ATHENÆUM GOVERNING COMMITTEE.

The Athenæum Governing Committee, whose functions will in future be discharged by the City Vocational Education Committee, met for the last time last night. The Mayor (Alderman P. Donnellan) presided and explained that on the advice of the Law Agent the Committee should be abolished, as its duties would henceforward pass on to the Vocational Education Committee, who would take over the Athenæum buildings and the money to the credit of the Trust, which was established many years ago for the promotion of art, literature, and science in the city. The Committee formally dissolved under the changing order of things, the Mayor having paid a tribute to the manner in which the duties had been discharged.

A Country Produce Sale in aid of Poppy Day (Earl Haig's Food) will be held at the County Club next Saturday morning.

far as they can, and it is not unreasonable to ask for facilities that will not disturb or interfere with other people. At present we have a site at the western end of the grain store, but it is not convenient to build a silo on it. We, however, found it would be more economical to build on the eastern side. This extension will interfere with a house, but as far as the firm is concerned we are prepared to pay reasonable compensation for disturbance.

Mr Loughrey—Is it in connection with the development of your business?

Mr Goodbody—Yes, and the trade of the port generally.

Alderman Wallace—Would not the site at the western end suit?

Mr Goodbody—No. It would not be economical.

Mr Treacy—Is that site in use at all.

Mr Goodbody—No.

Mr Loughrey—The eastern side is looked for, I presume, with a view to berthage.

Mr Goodbody—We have taken that into consideration in our calculations.

Alderman McInerney—A big question like this should not be rushed, and I think a special committee should be appointed to go into it.

Mr Goodbody—I do not suggest that it can be dealt with at this meeting. It is obviously a matter for a committee in the first instance, but we are anxious to get on with the work, and I would ask that the committee report as speedily as possible.

Mr Bourke—Could the committee have the services of Mr Goodbody?

Mr Goodbody—I would be very pleased to give any help I could to the committee, but not as a member of the committee.

Mr Ryan agreed that a committee be set up representing the various interests on the Board.

The Chairman—Yes, but I would like to remind you that this Board is shortly going out of office.

The Secretary—We can have a special Board meeting next Monday to consider the report of the Committee.

The following Committee was then appointed to deal with the application—The Mayor, Alderman McInerney, Messrs G. R. Ryan, E. Holiday, T. J. Loughrey, P. N. Treacy, S. J. K. Roycroft, and P. Bourke.

It was agreed that the Committee meet to-morrow at 4 p.m.

A letter was read from the Mayor inviting the Board to send a delegation to the conference to be held to-morrow evening at 7.30 p.m. "to call the attention of the Government to the serious position of the flour milling industry in Limerick."

Mr Bourke proposed that the invitation be accepted, as it was an important matter, and the members, at least some of them, had first-hand knowledge of the flour milling industry.

Alderman McInerney seconded.

Mr Bourke said he would like to have the views of Mr Goodbody at the conference.

Mr Goodbody—I clearly disagree with the holding of the conference. I don't know why the Mayor should consider that the flour milling industry in the city is in a serious position.

Mr Bourke—That is the reason I would like you to attend the conference. We may be of the one mind, but the position requires clearing up. If you did attend you would be of great assistance to the conference, as you would be able to throw a flood of light on the position.

Mr Goodbody—I could not attend. This is a question of interfering with people's business by people who do not know anything about it.

Mr Roycroft suggested that any member who wished could attend.

Mr Bourke—I will not press Mr Goodbody to attend, as there are difficulties in the way, and I appreciate his position.

Several members were proposed, but it was found that they were nominated by other interests to attend the conference.

Mr Shaw having been proposed, declined, as he considered the conference was only beating the air.

Alderman McInerney—It may clear the air.

Eventually Messrs T. J. Loughrey and P. Moore were deputed to represent the Board at the conference.

## ATHENÆUM.

The above theatre, is running a magnificent silent film, "The Three Kings," featuring Henry Edwards and Evelyn Holt, owing to the installation of the most up-to-date Western Electric Sound System. It was screened to big audiences last night. It is a first-class entertainment film, revealing the inside and outside scenes of circus life.

The tribunal could sit anywhere by mutual agreement.

## CITY ABATTOIR PROJECT.

The Department of Local Government has written the Town Clerk, Mr W. M. Nolan, relative to the proposal of the Corporation to erect an abattoir in the city. On the question of the abolition of private slaughter-houses, the Department called attention to what had been done in Scotland in this respect. In that country power was obtained to abolish slaughter-houses without compensating the owners, who were compelled to slaughter in the abattoirs. Out of 302 burghs 140 had public abattoirs, and in the counties there were twenty such buildings.

## FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR ADARE.

A sad accident, which terminated fatally, occurred at Ballinacorra, near Adare, last Saturday. It appears that Mrs James Smyth, wife of a farmer, was ascending a ladder leading to a barn, in search of eggs, when she slipped and fell to the ground and sustained serious injuries. Rev. Father Murphy, of Croagh, and Dr Hayes were quickly in attendance, but she passed away a few hours later. Deep sympathy is expressed with her husband, who, it is a pathetic coincidence, was away from home at the time of the accident, attending the funeral of a friend.

## LIMERICK ROTARY CLUB.

The Limerick Rotary Club are to give a dinner at Cruise's Hotel on Thursday evening, November 13th, for the purpose of meeting Mr G. G. Lytle, M.B., Chairman of the Irish Conference, and other Rotarians from Belfast, Dublin, Derry, and Cork.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AND HOUSING CONDITIONS.

The housing conditions in St. Mary's Parish were brought under the notice of the Mayor (Alderman P. Donnellan) by St. Mary's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul last evening. The deputation gave a description of the existing houses, and urged on the Mayor to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Borough Council with a view to having steps taken to bring the people out of the slums. The Mayor, in reply, promised to have the subject introduced at the first available opportunity, but pointed out the financial difficulties, which could not be surmounted without Government assistance.

## CIRCUIT COURT SITTINGS.

### Michaelmas Calendar.

The Michaelmas sittings of the Circuit Court will be opened by Judge McElligott, K.C., in the County Court-house at eleven o'clock on next Monday, when the civil business will be taken first. This consists of sixteen ejectments, nine of which are defended; eighty-five county civil bills, of which thirty-seven are defended, and one remitted from the High Courts; twenty-eight city civil bills, of which twenty are defended; eleven new equity suits; twenty-three workmen's compensation claims; three criminal injury applications, and three probate actions.

There are three criminal charges entered from the city, and six from the county.

## FASHIONABLE INTELLIGENCE.

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Turkeys have been sold in Loughrea at 7d per lb., the lowest price for many years.

The Secretary of the Limerick County Council stated on Saturday that the Local Government Department had sanctioned an overdraft of £35,000 to December 31st.

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