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SHANNON FISHERIES.

of the Shannon Power Scheme and fisheries of the Shannon is a matter of great importance to a valuable industry which has, as everyone knows, been the subject of frequent discussion at the hands of the Board of Conservators. While the provisions of the Shannon Scheme are fully understood, it is urged that the best protection to the fisheries be afforded for by the Government. Measures were embodied in the Electricity Bill when it was before the House, but further steps are urgently required for conserving the supply of fish in the Shannon and its tributaries, as it is stated that the fisheries have been seriously affected by the operations of the Power Scheme. It is suggested that the fishery interests will be best protected if an effective remedy is provided in the form of hatchery, or hatcheries, at intervals along the waterway. The Fishery Commission recently passed a resolution, on the recommendation of Mr. Blood-Smyth, solicitor, requesting the Minister of Fisheries to take steps to establish a hatchery "as the only means of making good the wastage of fish in the Shannon Scheme." Inspections are being made of suitable sites for selecting a suitable site have been made by a Committee of the Board of Conservators of the Department, but so

THE CITY DROWNING FATALITY.

Victim's Pathetic Note.

The East Clare Coroner, Mr P. Culloo, held an inquest with a jury at Cratloe yesterday on Christina O'Mahony, aged sixteen years, Ball Alley Lane, Edward Street, whose body was recovered from the Shannon, near Coonagh, on Thursday evening by two men named Elligott, who observed it from the bank floating down stream.

Superintendent Moore, Killaloe, conducted the investigation, which threw no additional light on how the girl got into the water, beyond that she was seen to leave a seat on Barrington's Pier at 2 o'clock on Thursday, and walk to the waterside where she disappeared, having been borne away by the ebb tide. Subsequently Civic Guards at William street were apprised of the occurrence and repaired to the Pier, where they picked up a girl's hat, coat, and shoes, which were later identified.

At the inquest evidence of identification was given by the deceased girl's father, who stated he had no complaint to make of his daughter's conduct. She was, he said, a good girl, not addicted to pleasure seeking, and kept regular hours at all times. After she had left home on Thursday a note was found in which she wished good-bye to all—her father, her mother, sisters and brothers—adding she knew she was doing wrong, and expressed sorrow.

In reply to the Superintendent, the witness said he was not aware, and did not think, his daughter had any trouble. She was employed at the Clothing Factory, where she worked up to last Wednesday.

Dr J. Power, Sixmilebridge, who made an examination of the body, stated it contained no external marks, and death was due to asphyxia by drowning.

The jury returned a verdict in conformity with the medical testimony, and expressed sympathy with the parents of the deceased.

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