

SHANNON DROWNING TRAGEDY.

Body Identified.

A Member of the First Dail.

An inquest was held at Barrington's Hospital yesterday by Mr J. S. McNeice, City Coroner, without a jury, on the body of the man now identified as John Clancy, Ballygawley, Co. Sligo, which was recovered from the Shannon on Tuesday at Russell's Quay. He had been residing at Tipperary for some time past, where his wife was manageress of the Labour Exchange.

Inspector Ryan conducted the enquiry.

Evidence of identification was given by Annie Clancy, daughter of the deceased, who stated that her father was an ex-T.D., having been a member of the first Dail. He had been for sometime Chairman of Sligo County Council, and Secretary of the Sligo Agricultural Committee. He took an active part in the 1916 rebellion, and was interned and went through a hunger strike. Deceased's wife was manageress of the Tipperary Labour Exchange, but had been away last week, and he did duty in her absence. On Sunday last he went to Mass in Tipperary, and did not return home, but she heard he had been seen going in the direction of Limerick. His vision was very defective, and he was a patient in a Dublin hospital for treatment. She added that he was a Commandant in the National Army, and was forty years of age.

Dr T. A. Morris, house surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, stated that death was due to asphyxia caused by drowning. There were no external marks on the body.

Guard Brosnan gave evidence of having removed the body from the river with Patrick Wallace.

The Coroner said there was no evidence to show how deceased got into the water. It was a regrettable occurrence, and the only verdict he could record was one of accidental drowning. He tendered sympathy to the relatives, in which Inspector Ryan joined.

The remains were removed at noon to-day from Barrington's Hospital for interment at Ardmoyle, Co. Tipperary. The coffin was borne from the morgue to the motor hearse by friends of the deceased, and the funeral left immediately for the last resting place, escorted by relatives and many sympathisers.

THE ARCH-CONFRATERNITY BANK.

The decision of the Trustees and Superiors of the Redemptorist Order to close the Arch-Confraternity Savings Bank as from the end of next month, in view of other sources of investment now available, has so far resulted

The Fishery Conference.

Unemployment in Castleconnell

The Shannon Tail Race.

At the afternoon proceedings at the Fishery Conference, presided over by Mr Charles Greene, Inspector of the Department of Fisheries, at the County Courthouse on Tuesday,

Colonel B. Roche-Kelly, Croom, said he had satisfied himself that salmon although they might remain for a considerable time in the tail race eventually made their way up the river and spawned. He thought it would be a terrible thing to allow the fish to be harried by traps in the tail race, which he would describe as a temporary trap.

In reply to the Inspector, Colonel Roche Kelly said he thought the spawn of the fish did not suffer as a result of their detention in the tail race.

The Inspector asked Mr Liam Forde his opinion on that matter,

Mr Forde said he had decided, owing to the position he held, not to give evidence at that inquiry. As, however he had been asked a question he would reply. In his opinion the spawn of most of the fish detained in the tail race came to nothing.

Mr D. G. O'Donovan, solicitor, said he appeared on the instructions of several fishermen in the Castleconnell area. He only wished to say that some action should be taken immediately to save the fisheries on the Shannon. Formerly 24 fishermen in the Castleconnell district earned 30s to 40s a week during the greater part of the year as gillies. Those men were now destitute. The decline of the fisheries coincided with the completion of the Shannon Scheme.

Inspector—What do you believe is the cause of the decline of the fisheries of Castleconnell?

Mr O'Donovan—Want of water is one cause. Another cause is the rapid changes in the height of the water. Sometimes at Castleconnell the water drops a foot in half an hour.

Inspector—Are you in a position to make any helpful suggestion?

Mr O'Donovan said he was not, because he was not an expert, but he thought there should be some control of the intake in connection with the Shannon Scheme.

Mr A. Blood-Smyth, solicitor, said he appeared for a large number of fishermen on the lower reaches of the Shannon and also for a number of riparian owners. When the Shannon Scheme was first mooted he drew attention to the fact that it was likely to be extremely detrimental to the fishing on the Shannon. He got in touch with everyone concerned and he tried to get them to look after their interests but without success. They now knew the result.

Mr Blood-Smyth went on to say that in his opinion the main cause of the trouble

DAIRY PROI LEGISLATION

TO THE EDITOR OF THE

DEAR SIR.—I notice that meetings have been held by the creameries with the Government to riposte the proposed Bill. If it is quickly I think it will be the country is rapidly going to cost the consumer.

I wish to say that I am giving my own view not necessarily that of factory men.

If the proposed Bill is passed, all buter factories closed, as we could not have bounty fed creameries interest of the inhabitant the dairy farmers of the country milk should be sent to the factories are closed the firm will not raise an objection as it will give the writer taking life a little easier after years hard work. (I have my wife for a sea trip.)

Let not the creameries moment that they will if the factories are closed they have no one to ask them the following consumers, be willing to pay 10 pence per lb. more for than is being asked in towns in England, &c. The proposed Bill is a very heavy burden on the holder in the order to give cheap butter to men, Scotchmen, and the Government such a burden across the Channel to ask us to make such a benefit? Let the proposal to a public meeting in Dublin, Cork, Waterford see what they will have.

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