Drowning Tragedy at Lahinch.

Two Limerick Men Lose Their Lives.

A painful sensation was caused in Limerick on Sunday night when it became known that two respected citizens—Thomas Mulqueen, aged 65, St. John's Avenue (married), and Patrick A. Coffey, 35 (single), of Blackboy Pike - were drowned while bathing at Lahinch about five o'clock that evening.

It appears that both men, who were good swimmers, were members of an excursion party who arrived from Limerick by train in the afternoon. Along with four or five others they went out for a dip towards the end of the promenade. They were not long in the water when a strong current carried the two men out to sea. Other bathers, including Mr Barron (Limerick), and Mr Patrick Morrissey (Ennis), went to their rescue, and Mr Mulqueen was brought ashore where artificial respiration was applied by Dr Barry, Ennistymon, and Dr Daly, Kilrush, but without success. Search was made by the Civic Guards for Mr Coffey's body, but so far it has not been found.

Three other young Limerick men were swimming slightly out of their depth when the alarm was first raised, and two life-belts were rushed out from the shore, but owing to the conditions of the tide they could not reach the drowning men.

The tragic occurrence, needless to say, cast a gloom over Lahinch, where there were numerous excursionists from Limerick, Ennis, and other parts of Clare.

Mr Mulqueen was for a number of years a member of the staff of Mr E. G. Fitt, provision merchant, O'Connell street. In his time he saved some lives from drowning, for which the Humane Society's medal was awarded him, and in addition to being a good swimmmer, he was an all-round sportsman.

Mr Coffey spent several years in the office of Sir Francis Kearney, solicitor, who, when he became Clerk of the Crown and Peace, transferred him to the County Courthouse, and here he had since continued in office under Mr H. O'B. Moran, solr., the present County Registrar. Mr Coffey was a man of very kindly disposition, and his untimely end is deplored by a wide circle of friends, whose sympathies go forth to his widowed mother, brother, and sisters.

To the families of both deceased the deepest sympathy is extended by the citizens.

FUNERAL OF MR C. W. METCALFE.

The remains of the late Mr Charles Walter Metcalfe, auditor, were removed from his late residence, 1 Lansdowne Terrace, Ennis Road, yesterday at 10 a.m. for the family burial place at St. Munchin's. The cortege was large and representative, testifying to the esteem and regard in which the deceased gentleman was held in the city's commercial life and of sympathy with his family in their bereavement.

The chief mourners were—Walter N. Metcalfe, son; B. Morley Nelson, brother-in-law; J. G. MacNab and George Johnstone, sons-in law.

Amongst those also present were—The Rev. J. Mathers, Minister Methodist Church, of which Mr Metcalfe was an old member; the Dean of Limerick, Messrs H. Lilburn, T. H. Williams and J. Leslie Enright, of Messrs Metcalfe & Co., auditors and accountants; F. A. Johnstone, W. J. Hackett, Agent Bank of Ireland; A. H. Morrison, Manager Ulster Bank; J. G. Wilkinson, Messrs Dunne and Davis, Matterson & Sons, Ltd.; W. Collier, E. O'Toole, John Barry, J. Foley, O'Connell Avenue; Mes srs E. Holliday, R. Holliday, W. B. Holliday, R. Ellis, and others, representing J. & G. Boyd; D. S. Waters, R. H. Phair, J. H. Irwin, E. H. Bennis, R. Linsday, R. Mulligan, E. G. Fitt, W. B Fitt, Dr Long, J. Savage, G.S.R.; C. Downey, R. Rookby, W. Myles, Standish Stewart, H. Stewart, E. A. Newenham, Clifford Smith, W. Griffiths, A. R. Barnett, M. O'Loughlin, R. Harris, T. Hassett, sen; P. Dillon, Thomondgate; A. Woodhouse, A. J. Eakins, J. A. McKenzie, G. Metcalfe, F. B. Richardson, J. A. Baldwin, J. E. Galbraith, J. Dowling (Glentworth street), J. O'Halloran (Lansdowne Terrace), J. N. A. Wallace, W. Maguire, P. A. Carroll, V.S., J. Whatley, etc.

Rev. Mr Mathers officiated, and delivered a touching address at the graveside. There were no flowers by request.

Numerous telegrams of sympathy and regret at not being able to attend the funeral were received from relatives and friends at a distance from Limerick.

SHANNON'S LOW LEVEL.

Athlone's Water Fears.

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