

## SHANNON FISHERIES.

### Deputation to Minister.

### Views of Conservators.

A meeting of Limerick Board of Conservators last evening, Mr L. Mackey presided, said in accordance with the decision of the Board, a deputation of officials of the Ministries of Land, Fisheries and Industry and Commerce for the removal of the Lax Weir, the removal of the adjacent quarry-hole, and the laying of a grid at the entrance to the basin to prevent the ingress of fish into it. The Minister of Land and Fisheries and the Board of Conservators also interested received the deputation. Subsequently, the Chairman said, and the object of the situation was discussed. The deputation made a statement as to what place in the Head Race with descending fry, spent fish and "slat," with regard to mortality of salmon in the Tail Race. Mr Greene, of the Board of Fisheries, mentioned the objection to the course suggested by the deputation. He stated the removal of the Lax Weir and the deepening of the quarry hole would allow the passage of the fish to the Head Race where there was a big stretch of water, strewn with boulders, through which fish could not effect a further passage. At Castletroy and again at Doonass there were similar impediments. However, the Minister gave the deputation an assurance that everything possible would be done to meet the wishes of the Board, and that officials would be sent down to investigate the whole matter, and the public would be informed as early as possible of the course which it was proposed to take.

Mr Mackey said the Chairman had given a correct account of the deputation's views in Dublin, at which the Chairman had expressed very strongly the necessity of action by the authorities of the Free State in the recommendations. Mr Greene, of the Board of Fisheries, had contended that, even if the Government's suggestions were followed, the work would only proceed as far as Plassy. The work would be more than half way through the upper section of the river, and surely some means could be devised to enable the Government to gobiate the other half. They had the destruction of the fish, and the loss of the livelihood of the people dependent on the Shannon fisheries. He thought Mr Greene would have to go

## CITY TRAGEDY.

### Boy Drowned in Dock.

The body of a youth named James Grant, aged six years, whose parents live in Windmill street, was recovered from the dock basin in the early hours of yesterday morning. It appears that he was playing near the edge of the basin on Tuesday evening with some other companions, who returned home an hour later without him. They evidently did not miss his presence, and his mother becoming alarmed at his long absence from home had enquiries made. The Civic Guards at O'Curry street were notified, and a search was instituted, with the result that the body was, as stated, recovered yesterday morning.

Mr J. S. McNiece, City Coroner, held an inquest yesterday at O'Curry Street Barracks into the circumstances of the death of the deceased.

Sergeant Morgan conducted the inquiry.

Philip Douglas stated that he received a report that the deceased was missing, and accompanied by some other men he went to the docks and carried out dragging operations. After some hours they found the body of the child in the north-west corner of the docks. It had the appearance of having been in the water for a considerable time.

A youth named William Treacy stated he met the deceased and his brother yesterday morning. They went fishing in the docks, and after some time witness went down a slip and got into a small boat. The Grants did not accompany him. The dock watchman came along, and they ran away. Before running he saw James Grant standing near the quay, but he did not see him afterwards.

John Grant, brother of the deceased, stated that when the watchman came along he ran one way, and his brother, whom he did not see again, ran in the same direction as the last witness.

Medical evidence was given by Dr T. Foley to the effect that the deceased was twenty-four hours dead. There were no marks of violence on the body, and in his opinion death was due to asphyxia following immersion.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the Coroner, who inquired if there were watchmen at the docks.

Sergeant Morgan said that there was a very strict watch kept there. Three men were on duty, and children were not allowed in unless accompanied by adults.

## THE DISTILLING

### Taxation Burden

Mr B. T. O'Rielly, Chair at the twelfth annual general meeting of John Power & Son, Ltd. Dublin yesterday, said they had again been severely hit by taxation owing to the increase in the profits tax and income tax in the Free State by taxation, and consequently the price per glass of whiskey was beyond the spending power of the average every shareholder should be influenced with their representation at the Dail and elsewhere to have Irish pot still whiskey, malting of Irish cereals, reduced at the same time. The position of the distilling industry was practically on the verge of collapse. In the last few days in the speech of the Minister of Finance of Messrs A. Guinness, Son & Co. that unless relief was given the profits would be adversely affected. They thought they would agree to the difficult year, the account was considered satisfactory.

## LIMERICK MARKET

BUTTER—10d to 1s 0d

EGGS—9d to 1s per doz

POTATOES—10 loads in 100  
4d per stone.

MEAT—Chops, 1s 0d per lb  
mutton, 1s 0d per lb; roasts  
per lb; steak, 1s 0d per lb  
mutton, 9d per lb; necks of  
lb; boiling beef, 8d and 9d  
beef, 8d to 10d per lb.

BREADSTUFFS—Flour: B. & S.  
sack; Retail, 29s 3d per  
meal, 27s 3d per sack; (Oatmeal)  
per sack; Flake Oatmeal,  
Irish Flake Oatmeal, 21s  
W Bran, £8 5s per ton  
per ton; Indian Meal (Oatmeal)  
ton; Ditto (F.), £7 0s  
Fine Meal, £7 12s per ton

FISH—Cod, 10d per lb  
per lb; sole, 1s 8d per lb  
8d per lb; whiting, 8d  
1s 0d per lb; turbot, 1s 8d  
8d per lb; brill, 1s 6d; haddock  
mackerel, 4d each.

HAY AND STRAW—Fair  
Rye hay, 35s to 42s 6d  
25s to 33s 0d; oaten straw