

PRICES COMMISSION.

Price of Bread.

Public correspondent wires:—
Mr. P. O'Brien presided to-day at a meeting of the Prices Commission, and he addressed the bakers in the Saorstát who had been in compliance with the requirements of the Commission, which was at present inquiring into the wholesale and retail prices of bread throughout the country. Mr. O'Brien said statements as to the prices had been received from bakers in Dublin and Meath, and this had facilitated the work of the Commission, but there were many cases of which he had to make formal statements. That applied particularly to Louth, where prices were higher than the general level throughout the country. He wished to make it clear that it was incumbent on the Commission to wait for a complete statement before arriving at a decision, and if certain large bakers persisted in their attitude of putting them on a tight finger, they might adopt methods of dealing with the prices of bread in those districts without any further effort to obtain the views of the traders; they might arrive at a decision as far as Cork was concerned, at least, that would not be at all pleasant from the point of view of some of the bakers. Evidence from Louth and Meath, and a decision was then given.

UTILITY HOME ASSISTANCE.

Reduced Payments.

As a result of financial stringency home utility payments in the city have been reduced by 33½ per cent. The reductions became operative last Friday, and will be continued until the end of the financial year on the 31st March next. The hardship inflicted on the poor, especially the deserving cases, by the cut, was considerable, having regard to the increased number of recipients, and to the fact that at the full rates the Health Board would have had a further overdraft of £2,500, and a decision had been applied for but not yet issued. As it is, overdrafts at the present total £17,250, of which £12,250 is provided for in the current rate, the balance of £5,000, to be included for repayment in the next estimate. Under the Utility Employment Assistance Act it is contemplated that there will be a saving in the law estimates of probably £12,000, against that there will be an increase in the general city rate, from which £6,000 will be required to finance the Act locally.

FUNERAL OF MISS MAI McCARTHY.

The funeral of Miss Mai McCarthy, 2 Pery Square, took place yesterday morning after Requiem High Mass at 10 o'clock in St. Michael's Church, where the remains had rested overnight. The celebrant was Rev. Fr. Moriarty, C.C.; deacon, Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, C.C.; and sub-deacon, Rev. Fr. Kelly, C.C.

The clergy in the choir were—Rev. Fr. Harty, Adm.; Rev. Fr. Carroll, C.C.; Rev. Dr. Cowper, C.C.; Rev. Fr. McNamara, P.P., Patrickswell; Very Rev. Fr. O'Mara, S.J.; Rev. Fr. McWilliams, S.J.; Rev. Fr. Fridolin, O.E.M.; Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan, O.P.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the funeral, which was large and representative, left for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. It was a respectful tribute to the memory of the deceased young lady, and of the sympathy felt for her mother and brothers and sisters in their sad and very unexpected bereavement.

The chief mourners were—Mrs. Mina McCarthy (mother); Peter and Joseph (brothers); Mrs. Clare Halpin and Miss Margaret McCarthy (sisters); Mrs. Peter McCarthy (sister-in-law); Mr. J. J. Halpin (brother-in-law); Mr. A. B. Killeen B.E. (do.); Mr. E. Halpin, Mr. Dan O'Callaghan, Mr. G. Killeen, Mr. A. Killeen and Mrs. A. B. Killeen, Mrs. F. W. McCarthy, Mrs. McNamara, Miss J. O'Donnell (relatives).

The general public included—Dr. J. Devane, Dr. C. McDonnell, A. E. Goodwin, B.C., T. E. O'Donnell, solr., J. S. McNeice, solr., Dr. J. G. Holmes, T. Hickey, J. S. McNeice (City Coroner), W. G. Nolan, J. J. O'Toole, D. Enright, R. T. Hartigan, D. Duggan, J. McQuane, J. P. Hartigan, D. O'Callaghan, sol., P. O'Donovan, M. J. Russell, J. H. Roche, R. F. Ryan, A. J. Sexton, A. Killeen, G. Killeen, E. D. Treacy, sol., E. L. Wickham, P. N. Treacy, W. Treacy, H. Nestor, J. J. Murphy, P. Coyle, J. J. Quaide, J. Hanley, A. J. Barnett, W. G. Peacocke, A. Woodhouse, J. D. Hannan, P. Gleeson, A. Kivlehan, K. Brennan, P. Liston, E. Halpin, D. Foley, A. McNeice, E. Lloyd, J. Walshe, P. Graham, J. Corboy, S. Tubridy, J. O'Toole, V. O'Donovan, T. O'Donovan, J. Sexton, solr.; T. Duggan, J. O'Mara, T. Hayes, M. Enright, T. Carroll, etc.

The following sent wreaths:—"Mother and Bonnie," "Joe and Ged," "Claire and Joe," "Bonnie," "Betty, Pego, Denis, and Peter," "Kitty, Paula, and Phyllis," "D. and A. O'Callaghan," "Mr and Mrs A. P. Walsh and Tuppy," "From the Staff, P. McCarthy & Sons."

Mass Cards were sent by the following:—Peter; Peg; Eddie and Bess Halpin; John and Mamie Dundon; Dr. and Mrs. McDonnell; The Legion of Mary; Mrs. Hall and Doris.

Father Harty officiated at the grave.

Civil Bill Court.

Mr. H. A. McCarthy, B.L., acting District Justice, adjudicated at the Limerick Civil Bill Court yesterday.

George Pickford, Clare street, sued Gertrude Hartney, Mulgrave street, for £1 6s. 8d. due for the hire of a motor car.

Mr. A. Blood-Smyth, solr.; for plaintiff and Mr. M. Tynan, solr., for defendant.

The plaintiff's case was that on the 15th July, 1931, he hired a car to defendant for 30s. to go to Tuam. There was a balance of 10s. due by defendant on foot of a previous transaction, and all that was paid was 13s. 4d., leaving 26s. 8d. due.

In reply to the Justice, the plaintiff stated he had given defendant and other pig buyers the benefit of a cheap rate of hiring, as they were regular customers.

The Justice—The rates are very low.

John Quaide, the driver, stated that he was told by the plaintiff that the hire of a car to Claremorris was 40s., and to Tuam 30s. He did not make any arrangement with the defendant as to the price.

Mr. Tynan said there was no evidence of any arrangement as to the cost of the hire, but apart from that the defendant had a perfect answer. He asked for a dismissal.

The Justice said undoubtedly there was some money due to the plaintiff, but having no evidence of the amount for which the defendant was liable he dismissed the action without prejudice.

An action was brought by Anne McCormara, Dublin, against John Morrissey for possession of premises at Carr street.

Mr. M. Tynan, solr., for plaintiff, and J. Dodds, solr., for the defendant.

Mr. J. Curran, rent collector in the employment of Messrs James Welby & Sons, agent for the plaintiff, deposed to serving notice to quit on the defendant. He demanded possession of the house, which was refused. The rent was 5s a week, and the arrears amounted to £3 10s.

Mr. Dodds said the notice, not signed by the agent, was defective, and he asked for a dismissal. As the question of ejectment proceedings was highly technical it was absolutely necessary that there should be full compliance with the statute.

Mr. Tynan said the point made by Mr. Dodds had never been raised in that case and that being so, he asked to have the case stand over for argument.

The Justice consented.

Having heard legal arguments on both sides after lunch, the Justice dismissed the case without prejudice, the same rules to apply to cases against two other tenants of the same premises.

Anne M. Lynch, Broad street, brought proceedings against Stephen Jeffrey for possession of a house at Brennan's Row.

Mr. D. O'Donovan, solicitor, for the defendant, handed in a medical certificate showing that his client was unable to