

Committee it was stated that the experiment plots showed a handsome yield, and if the farmers could be induced to extend their activities the country would, as stated, be in the course of a few years capable of meeting the home requirements with a surplus to export. This afternoon a conference representing growers from various counties was held in the County Council Chamber, when practical steps were taken to give the movement a stimulus long overdue. The conference adopted proposals dealing with such matters as the application of the trade mark to all high-grade fruit; to seek legislation prohibiting the marketing of apples disfigured with an excess of scab marks and other defects. These are subjects that will have a beneficial effect in helping to raise the standard of the industry and making a more favourable impression on the purchasing public. The conference also decided to form an All-Ireland Fruit Growers' Association and to send district representatives to the conference to be held in Dublin during the Spring Show. A practical start having been made, it is easy to visualise the advantages that can accrue from the newly formed Association in the pursuit of a branch of the farmer's calling too long neglected here. The industry is one that gives adequate return to the producer for the labour expended in cultivation. That being so, the outlook for a countryside dotted with orchards must be regarded as rosy.

FARMER'S DEATH.

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned at the inquest held in the Co. Infirmery this evening by Mr J. McNeice, solr., Deputy Coroner, into the circumstances connected with the death of Denis Kennedy, farmer, Ballyneety, who died in the institution this morning.

Medical evidence showed that death was due to inflammation of the brain due to pneumonic conditions.

The widow stated that deceased fell on his head in a piggery six weeks ago.

Dr Supt. Hayden, Newpallas, who conducted the inquiry, explained to the jury that owing to the peculiar symptoms it was thought possible that death may have occurred by poisoning. That was not the case, as shown by the medical evidence.

IRISH FRUIT GROWERS' CONFERENCE.

A conference representative of growers from various parts of Munster was held in the County Council Chamber, Limerick, to-day to consider questions dealing with the fruit growing industry and to take steps for its promotion and extension.

Report is held over to next issue.

BOROUGH SURVEYOR CONGRATULATED.

Mr C. Stenson, Borough Surveyor, was extended congratulations at the meeting of the Improvement Committee last night on his approaching marriage. Mr J. Angley wished Mr Stenson every happiness in the married state, and in which the Mayor and other members joined. Mr Stenson suitably returned thanks.

The life story of Miss Ediss is almost a history of English light comedy and the variety stage for the past fifty years. She was twelve when she made her first appearance on the stage. She played in London, in the provinces, and in many parts of the world, and at the age of sixty turned to the films.

Brighton was her native town, and it was there she made her first appearance. She was brought there by road six weeks ago, to the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs Cecil Mayor.

CITY RENTS AND REDUCED RATES.

At a meeting of the Corporation Improvement Committee last night, Alderman P. Madigan invited the members to give an expression of opinion regarding the action of certain landlords in refusing to give tenants the benefit of a reduction in rents on the lower municipal rate.

The Mayor replied that that was not a question for the Committee but for arrangement between landlord and tenant.

Mr Angley—Have we not as the rate-making authority power to offer an opinion and to put forward a suggestion?

Ald. Donnellan—You cannot interfere in a matter of this kind.

Ald. Madigan said landlords had increased rents last year, and now when the rate had been reduced the tenants were entitled to reduction in their rents.

Ald. Donnellan said the Courts were there to give redress to the tenants.

Mr Angley—These people are too poor to go into the Courts.

The Mayor repeated that the subject was not one for the Corporation, and it was not further discussed.

ECHO OF 1922-23.

Minister and Compensation Claims.

Limerick Corporation has received a letter from the Department of Finance in connection with a published report that a number of applications had been received for compensation under the Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1933, arising out of the civil commotion in 1922-23.

The letter stated that these applications should not have been lodged with the Corporation, as the regulations made under Section 3 (2) of the Act, and the Rules of Court made under Section 8 prescribed that no notice should be served on the local authority. All applications would be defended in the Circuit Court by the State Solicitor on behalf of the Minister, and the Corporation need not take any action or be represented during the hearing of the applications.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE DEMONSTRATION

The C.L.B. Demonstration, which will be held in the Diocesan Hall to-morrow night, promises to be a great success. The Senior Gymnastic Class, which is a combined class of P.Y.M.A. and C.L.B. members, is a credit to the instructor, Mr Browne. All the C.L.B. items are up to a high standard. A party of the Cork Boys' Brigade will give a physical training display. The Lord Bishop will kindly act as Inspecting Officer. Mrs Cole Hamilton has very kindly consented to sing, and selections will be played by Mr Metcalfe's orchestra.

Veal is being retailed in East Limerick at very low rates. At Pallasgreen the price has dropped to 1s per quarter, or 1½d per lb.

now presented it as a free gift to Limerick. The artist's name is forgotten.

The painting is hung in a prominent position in the public gallery. It is finely executed, and depicts Sarsfield as the central figure, mounted on a white charger, waving his hat in triumph as the Williamite train is destroyed. The artist bestowed a wealth of detail on the figure of the renowned General of immortal fame, which dominates the picture. On the left can be seen the train exploding in a sheet of yellow flame, and the bodies of some of the dead Williamite soldiers lying on the ground are vividly lit up by the reflection, giving a most realistic effect. In the dark shadows on the right are depicted the Irish Brigade awaiting the return of Sarsfield. They are mounted on horses, and here and there their figures are touched by the beams of a white moon, which gives an impression of desolation to the scene. A finely executed figure is that of a horse shying at the noise of the explosion.

The painting is a valuable adjunct to the other works of art adorning the Council Chamber.

FATAL RAIL ACCIDENT AT ARDAGH.

Young Porter Killed.

A distressing fatality occurred at Ardagh Railway Station about 5.40 o'clock on Tuesday evening, when Patrick Hogan, aged 16, who entered the service of the Company on the 1st March, 1933, was killed while engaged in shunting operations—unhooking waggons from a goods train which was proceeding to Limerick. No one, it seems, saw the actual occurrence, but it is supposed that the poor boy got caught between the buffers of two waggons, and received very severe injuries to the head, the skull being fractured. When picked up he was quite dead.

An inquest was held by Mr R. Cussen, Coroner, and a jury. Evidence of identification was given by Mr H. Jennings, Stationmaster at Ardagh.

Dr McGrath said that death was due to hæmorrhage, caused by the injuries received.

The inquest was adjourned to Tuesday next.

The Coroner, Supt. Molloy, C.G. (on behalf of the authorities), and Mr R. Magner, Co.C., foreman of the jury, expressed sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

LATE REV. FATHERS CULHANE AND CARROLL.

County Committee's Condolence.

Condolence was expressed at the meeting of the County Agricultural Committee yesterday with the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, and the relatives on the death of the Very Rev. Canon Culhane, P.P., Bulgaden, and the Rev. Father Carroll, P.P., Kilfinane. Mr Sean Quin, who proposed the resolution, said both clergymen were beloved by their parishioners, and in the case of Father Carroll, he was called away in the prime of life practically.

The resolution, which was passed in silence, was directed to be sent to the Bishop and the relatives of the deceased clergymen.

OUTSIDE FIRE BRIGADE CALLS.

A letter was read at the meeting of the Corporation Fire Brigade Committee last night from the Galway Urban Council dealing with the question of outside calls for the services of brigades. The best way to deal with the matter of recoupment of charges for attendance at outside outbreaks of fire was through the Municipal Authorities Association.

The Committee approved the suggestion.

read, and this was agreed to

"THARK."

Performance at Her Mart.

To say that a big audience Street Auction Mart there the production of "Thark," good farce, which seven years ago great run at the Aldwych Theatre but truthfully conveys the high which marked its first performance night. And before we go should strongly advise anyone couple of hours real humour diversion not to miss the splendid production to-night, for "Thark" is a tonic for ennui, staged by a talented cast of gentlemen amateurs, who have appeared in local entertainments who on this occasion have added to their laurels. It went with great good fortune and formers filling their respective unquestionable success; bringing humour, and fantastic and far in a manner which was an audience to the full. The story centres round a supposed ghost which had been taken by a haughty lady who naturally ghosts are hinted at, and to truth the owners of the man take up a night there. Here the fun is reached; laughter prevails, and in addition to the household the enterprising man pays an unwelcome visit write up a "story" which he give him the chance of his life in the end the "mystery" is cleared the curtain is rung down on contentment, and happiness and from the "ghost" incident the side-splitting situations running farce.

During one of the intervals Wickham, who is to be coach and stage manager, audience for its very high quality the performance. It was held in aid of a Badminton large attendance that night them to hand £5 to the de Paul Society. He thanked Savage for supplying the stage the Catholic Institute and lending chairs for the accommodation.

Attractive music was supplied interludes by a gramophone in ball, which is admirably suited to the occasion, and it only remains that "Thark" was excellently

The cast, in order of appearance follows:—"Hook," a butler; Johnston; "Warner," housemaid; "Cherry Buck," Miss Lud Frush; Mr R. Riley; "Mrs F. L. Wickham"; "Sir Hector B. M.F.H.," Mr J. Auchmuty; "Gamble," Mr T. Auchmuty; "bow," Miss Gibb; "Kitty S. H. Moore"; "Jones," an aged P. Campbell; "Whittle," a rep E. Bain.

LIMERICK AND AN AIR

At Limerick Corporation P. W. Kennedy, a member of Irish Aviation Corporation, was giving a plan for the building of an airfield in Limerick in connection with for linking up the different Irish airfields with a service to London.

The Mayor pointed out that this was one of importance, in view of the geographical position of Limerick his suggestion the Corporation Chamber of Commerce was invited