

ROAD TRAGEDY.

Mr. G. Crockett Johnson Killed.

The circumstances under which Mr George Crockett Johnson, aged 55 years, Wicklow-street, Dublin, met his death in a road collision at Ballybrittas, Leix, yesterday are sad in the extreme. He was travelling to Limerick by motor car to attend the funeral of his nephew-in-law, Mr Edward Pearson, when the car collided with a motor lorry at a cross roads. The car was being driven by Mr Austin Smith, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, a nephew of Mr Johnson, and the latter seeing an accident was inevitable, jumped clear, but was dead when picked up. The deceased, who was a surgeon dentist, practised his profession at O'Connell-street, Limerick, for some years before transferring to Dublin. He married a sister of the late Mr R. Heavenor, Ballinacurra, who held the position of secretary to Messrs. Goodwin & Co., William-street, for a number of years.

THE FREE STATE ELECTIONS.

The Irish Free State Local Government elections to-day are being fought on a political basis for the first time.

There are fifteen hundred candidates for eight hundred seats.

Polling Fairly Brisk.

Large Number of Women Voters.

Our Dublin Correspondent wires—

Reports from several centres state that polling during the morning and the afternoon was fairly brisk. Women voters seemed very keen to exercise the franchise, and turned up in large numbers.

Both Fine Gael and Fianna Fail were well supplied with transport.

Up to early afternoon there were no reports of attempted personation.

RESCUE AT TRAMORE.

Limerick Brothers' Gallantry.

An exciting scene was witnessed in the vicinity of the women's bathing place at Tramore Strand on Sunday, at about 1 p.m. Although it was raining at the time there was a large number of Limerick excursionists about, and suddenly a cry for assistance was raised, and it was seen that a girl bather was in difficulties, having been carried out of her depth by a receding wave. Two brothers, Jack and Patrick Cowhey, Athlunkard-street, Limerick, visitors for the day, immediately dashed into the sea, and with the utmost difficulty they succeeded between them in reaching the exhausted girl and taking her to the strand. The incident was witnessed by large numbers, who paid tribute to the courage and promptitude with which the brothers Cowhey acted, had it not been for which the girl would most certainly have been drowned. It is understood that the girl was also a visitor from Limerick and was known to the young men. The rescuers spent the remainder of the day in a local hotel while their clothes were being dried, before they caught the train back to Limerick.

A VIOLENT STRUGGLE.

Blueshirt Sustains Fractured Arm.

A struggle between members of the Blueshirt Organisation and a party of men armed with sticks and iron bars occurred

DEATH OF MR EDWARD PEARSON.

We record with very sincere regret the death of Mr Edward Pearson, Secretary of Messrs Goodwin & Co., William-street, which occurred last Sunday afternoon at Barrington's Hospital under very sad circumstances. Mr Pearson officiated as starter and handicapper at the Church Lads' Brigade Sports at Farranshane on Thursday, the 14th June. A pistol which he was handling suddenly went off and wounded him on the left hand. The injury seemed slight, and, in fact, Mr Pearson was out and about up to the middle of last week with his hand bandaged. Complications, however, ensued. It was found that he was suffering from tetanus, and he was conveyed to Barrington's Hospital, where, despite the best medical skill and nursing care, he succumbed to this dreaded affliction. Not for a long time has such a painfully sad close to a bright and very useful career happened in the city, and widespread sympathy is expressed with Mr Pearson's parents Mr and Mrs David Pearson, of Cooga House, Doon, and family, in their great sorrow.

The deceased gentleman, who was the third son, aged 41, and unmarried, was for many years in business life in Limerick. A man of a most courteous, gentle and retiring manner, he was held in the highest regard and esteem by a wide circle of friends. By the Church Lads' Brigade, of which he was Commanding Officer and Captain, it is no exaggeration to say that his loss is irreparable. All his spare time was unselfishly devoted to the welfare of the Lads. He was ever foremost in giving them an enjoyable time in camp, or at sports, or exercises at the annual demonstration in the Diocesan Hall. Again, at Church Services he was a foremost and prominent personality, as befitted his rank. None outside his relatives will miss Edward Pearson more than the C.L.B., for in him they lose a loving friend and cheery companion. The P.Y.M.A. and various business establishments had their blinds drawn as a mark of respect and sympathy.

The remains were removed at 8 o'clock last evening from Barrington's Hospital morgue to St. Mary's Cathedral. There was a huge attendance of all classes and creeds to pay a last mark of respect and sympathy, and the coffin was borne by C.L.B. old comrades of the deceased along by Mary street and Charlotte Quay to the Cathedral. A bodyguard carried beautiful wreaths. At the Cathedral they were received by a guard of honour of the C.L.B. under the command of 2nd-Lt. R. Auchmuty. Prayer was offered up by Rev. Treasurer Abbott, and the Dean as Brigade Chaplain paid a touching tribute to the deceased, his love and devotion to the work of the C.L.B., and his abiding interest in the welfare of the lads. The Brigade hymn, "Fight the Good Fight," was sung. The Brigade was fully represented with the exception of Lieut J. Leslie Enright, who for the past few weeks has been confined to his house through illness. A large number of ladies were present.

The bells of the Cathedral rang out a muffled peal.

A special memorial service was held in St. Michael's Church on Sunday evening, at which the Church Lads' Brigade attended, and a touching tribute to the deceased was paid by the Rector, Rev Canon Abbott.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral service was held at 12 o'clock noon to-day in St. Mary's Cathedral. The sacred edifice was crowded with people, including very many ladies, from city and county. There was a numerous attendance from Doon, New Pallas, and other districts, where the deceased's relatives are very highly respected, and the whole scene was most impressive and touching to a degree. To give anything like a full list of names would be impossible.

CO. COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Limerick Polling.

Polling took place in Limerick to-day for election to the County Council, which returns thirty-six members. The weather, though dull, remained fine, and this, together with the contests being fought on political issues, was a strong inducement towards an exhaustive poll. Last evening the ballot boxes were despatched to the various booths, which are situated at centres convenient for voters. The arrangements were efficiently carried out under the supervision of the Returning Officer, Mr L. O'Donnell, and worked smoothly during the day. The register upon which the elections are being contested contains 35,716 voters, divided as follows—Bruff electoral area, 6,422; Castleconnell, 7,359; Kilmallock, 6,830; Newcastle West, 8,034, and Rathkeale, 7,071.

There are 77 candidates for the 36 seats, made up of 30 representing the United Ireland Party, 21 Fianna Fail, 13 Labour, and 10 Independents.

Of the old Council 27 are seeking re-election, and reports received from some of the areas during the day showed that keen interest is being displayed in the contests. Although polling was slow in the morning voters came to the booths steadily as the day advanced, and an exhaustive poll is anticipated.

REDUCING FISHERY FINES.

At a meeting of Limerick Fishery Board the Department of Justice wrote intimating that fines imposed in the District Court for breaches of the fishery laws had been reduced, in some cases to £1, and in one to a shilling.

Mr Blood-Smyth—This is an absolute farce, reducing fines. It would be better not to prosecute at all.

The Secretary said the Board had repeatedly protested against reducing fines, but without effect.

On the motion of Mr McKibbon, seconded by Mr A. Mackey, it was decided to call the attention of the Commission on Inland Fisheries to the practice of reducing fines, with a request that representation be made to the Minister for Justice to have the practice stopped.

The Chairman, in reply to Mr Mackey, said the Commission would probably sit in Limerick within a month.

DEATH OF MRS F. N. SCALES.

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to Mr Francis N. Scales, Hayden Villa, Rosbrien, and formerly of the clerical staff of Messrs Guinness and Co, Limerick, on the demise of his wife, which occurred on Saturday evening, after an illness of some duration, and borne with patience and fortitude. She was very highly esteemed by all who knew her, and who deeply mourn her demise. After the service in the Baptist Church yesterday at 3 p.m., conducted by Pastor J. P. Bell, the funeral left for St. Munchin's cemetery. It was large and representative of all classes and creeds.

The chief mourners were—F. N. Scales (husband), A. J. Scales and F. W. Scales (sons), W. Greer (brother), Mrs O. Davis and W. H. Davis, C. Davis and Chrs. Davis, F. W. Scales and E. Scales, J. Winder, Jim Winder, F. Winder, Frank Winder, Jack Scales, Fanny Winder, Berthie Winder, Mr and Mrs McDonough, Ada Scales and Mrs Scales (relatives).

Wreaths were sent by the following:—Dad, Arthur, Frank, Olive, and Bill; Ada and Mother; Roulstone; Bowling Club; Jack Scales; Baptist Chapel; Jack Winder and family.

HORSE SHOW SOCIETY.

Votes of Condolence.

At their last meeting the

HARBOUR

Dock

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The Mayor presided at a meeting of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners, which were also presided over by Alderman J. M. Roycroft, P. M. P. N. Treacy, M. P. Wallace, Alderman J. P. Goodbody, and the officials of the Harbour. The officials present were D. McNeice, Secretary, Engineer, and C. Master.

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A deputation of the Harbour Commissioners, consisting of Mr McKibbon and W. Greer, met the Mayor for the use of Russell's Regatta to be held in the harbour for a subscription. The Board generally refused the subscription.

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A Whole Harbour consideration of the second part of an estimate for £18,000 was received from Messrs. Messrs. with conditions. The Committee recommended the extension of the extension of the extension into the main.

On the motion of Mr Loughrey, adopted.

The Engineer amended tender which brought the question of the work; but as he thought fit, Ald. Donnell's motion by the Minister.

The Secretary said that I have received an Adviser, who stated that it will require a necessary to Mr Moran, and which is mentioned by the Auditor would be time to consider with the second. They had the cost it was essential port to have a dock. He proposed of carrying out scheme, and touch with the Commerce with to it.

This was agreed order to expedite to proceed to Minister.

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A letter was received from Mr Eugene Dublin, Dublin.

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With reference to the Board calling for the refuse dump being dangerous a letter was read stating that objectionable it was situated in other refuse was now