

Askeaton Fatality

Award to Winners and Orphans

Before Judge McElligott, K.C., at Limerick Circuit Court,

Mary Anne Ryan, Askeaton, applied to have an award of £300, upon which herself and respondents, Messrs Caffrey and O'Carroll, agreed, and which was lodged in court, divided between herself and her children. The £300 was on account of the death of her husband.

Applicant stated she was the widow of Thomas Ryan, who was a carpenter in the employment of Messrs McCaffrey and O'Carroll. During the course of his employment her husband fell off a tower and was killed. Witness had eight children, whose ages ranged from five to nineteen years. Her eldest boy was the only member of the family who was working, and he was earning £1 13/- a week.

To his Lordship—I have a cottage, and the rent is 1/- a week.

His Lordship—This is a very hard case.

£130 was awarded to applicant, and the remaining £170, in varying sums, to the minors—the latter to be invested in the Post Office Savings Bank until the minors become of age.