

ndant that he had never heard of it. It provides that every licensed pawnbroker should close down his premises at five o'clock, but it has never been the practice in Limerick to suspend business earlier than six o'clock. The defending solicitor, Mr. Treacy, very properly described the Act as being obsolete, and is pertinently enquired if it was the intention of the authorities to enforce this instrument of petty depression. It could not be described otherwise, and to resurrect it after a period of a century is nothing short of being absurd. Mr Flood took the view that it would inconvenience a lot of poor people if the pawnbrokers were to close their premises at five o'clock, and with this we thoroughly agree. He went further in stating that the Act should not have been invoked. It was a very ancient one, and was the first occasion in his experience that he had heard of such a prosecution. From a long experience we have not come across such a case in the Limerick courts, and it may be hoped that the Garda authorities will act on the suggestion of the learned District Justice in the non-enforcement of this antiquated enactment.

### RAVINE MURDERS CHARGE.

When Dr Buck Ruxton was again charged at Lancaster to-day with murdering his wife, Isabella, and their nursemaid, Mary Jane Rogerson, Professor Glaister described the removal of human remains alleged to be those of two women from Moffat Ravine to Edinburgh University. He detailed the wound on head No. 1, and indicated that bruising had occurred. The Professor said head No 2 had been scalped. There were five wounds in the chest, having the appearance of stale wounds. One affected the heart passage. Professor Glaister said the examination of both bodies revealed no indication of pregnancy. He could not give the cause of death in body No. 1. He thought death was due to asphyxia in the other case.

## ROAD TRAGEDY AT CLARINA.

### 'Bus Conductor Killed.

A collision occurred in a thick fog near Clarina Cross this morning at 7.30 o'clock, between a motor car and motor cycle. It appears that the rider of the cycle, William Rogan, was proceeding from his home at Kildimo to the city to take up his duties as bus conductor, when he was struck by a motor car driven by a man named Clancy. In the impact Rogan received injuries of a very grave nature. He was attended by Dr Brennan, Dispensary Medical Officer, Patrickswell, who removed him in his car to the County Infirmary, where he died soon after admission. The deceased was 28 years of age, and unmarried.

### The Inquest.

Mr J. S. McNeice, City Coroner, with a jury, held an inquest at the County Infirmary this afternoon touching the death of the deceased. Sergeant J. Higgins conducted the enquiry. Mr D. G. O'Donovan, solr., represented the driver of the motor car, Mr Patk. Clancy, High street, Limerick, and Mr D. J. O'Malley, the next-of-kin of the deceased.

Mrs Mary Rogan, Ballyculhane, Kildimo, mother of the deceased, gave evidence of identification. Her son would be 28 years in March next, and resided with her. He was an omnibus conductor and used go home each night. It was his practice to ride a motor bicycle to and from work. He left to go to work at about 7.30 a.m. this morning.

Dr J. A. Bartley, House Surgeon, County Infirmary, gave evidence of examining the deceased on his admission to the hospital this morning. He was unconscious and died at about 11 a.m. Death in his opinion was due to shock and haemorrhage, following fracture of the base of the skull.

On the application of Sergt. Higgins, the inquest was adjourned to an indefinite date, as the police enquiries were not completed.

Mr O'Donovan, on behalf of the driver of the motor car, expressed sympathy with the deceased's relatives, in which the Coroner, members of the jury, Sergeant Higgins, and Mr O'Farrell, on behalf of the G.S.R. Company, joined.

## LISSARD MURDER TRIAL.

### ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

The second trial of four young men John Stanley, John J. Reynolds, James Reynolds, and William Mulligan, all County Leitrim, on a charge of murdering Richard More O'Ferrall, aged 60, of Lissard House, Edgeworthstown, February 9, concluded in Dublin to-day.

All the accused were found not guilty and discharged.

At the previous trial the jury disagreed.

Our Dublin correspondent wires— The Lissard murder trial was brought to an abrupt end in Dublin this morning when the jury, without waiting to hear the evidence for the defence, which was to have begun to-day, asked for a short adjournment.

On their return the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty against the four men charged with the murder of Richard More O'Ferrall.

## FOYNES HARBOUR TRUSTEES

### Completion of Railway Lines and Turntables.

At the monthly meeting of the Foyne Harbour Trustees Mr H. O'Brien presided, and the following members were also present:—Captain the Hon. Spr Rice, Messrs O'Brien, Finucane, O'Dwinnolan, and Walsh.

Major Waller, Consulting Engineer reported that the railway lines and turntables were now completed. Pipes for the connection to the west end box had arrived and were being installed. The concreting of the dock was being proceeded with, about half of the front of the pier being completed.

Messrs McCaffrey and O'Connell revised tender for the construction of work by direct labour under the supervision of the resident engineer.

A letter from the Secretary, County Board of Health, enclosing plan of water main extension, was received. Trustees approved of the plan, but proposed future line of pipes on the quay might be objected to.

The Engineer reported that shelters and office for use of the Customs