

Up to a few years ago it was incumbent, under an old statute, on the authorities to hand over all fines to the Corporation. The money, which usually aggregated £300 a year, went towards the relief of the rates, and helped to keep the Courthouse in repair and to heat and light the building. New legislation deprived the city of this revenue, which now falls to the State. At the time the Bill was going through the Dail a vigorous protest was made by the Corporation in defence of a privilege embodied in an old charter. The protest proved to be of no avail, and the Corporation, as well as losing a source of revenue, must, out of the rates, maintain the Courthouse building.

SUDDEN DEATHS.

Two sudden deaths are stated to have taken place in the city yesterday, and of which the Coroner has been notified by the Civic Guards.

While having tea at her home in Davis street, Mary O'Connell, aged 40, collapsed and passed away in a short time. The deceased was removed to Barrington's Hospital for a post-mortem examination, and it is not yet known whether or not an inquest will be held.

An elderly man named Patrick Fitzgerald, 14 Fitzgerald's Cottages, Rosbrien, died suddenly at his home yesterday. The deceased had not been in good health for some time, and the Coroner did not consider an inquest necessary, in view of the medical report.

HAMS FOR XMAS.

Fitzgerald's of William Street, are offering a very choice selection of Hams for Xmas. All the best brands stocked at moderate prices, ranging from 1s per lb upwards. It will pay you to visit their premises at 51 William Street, and

he conveyed the copy, copies of the scribers to Mr. Shaw on the event, and trusted he would be spared to his respected and parents, and to the firm when entered into its activities on the comp of his education.

Mr Shaw, in reply, expressed sincere thanks to the staff for presentation, and assured every one that he greatly valued and appreciated the thought for him on the occasion of the attainment of his majority.

Mr Shaw, who is an accomplished tennis player, and holds an air certificate, has been doing a course of mechanical engineering at Camb University. He is the recipient of numerous congratulations on the occasion of his twenty-first birthday.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR.

Four applications were received at a meeting of Limerick County Council yesterday for the position of Assistant County Surveyor, at a salary of £5 5s. a week. The applicants were—Michael Newcastle West; John J. O'Connell, Abbeyfeale; R. G. Murphy, Limerick City, and E. P. Frewen, Tipperary.

It was decided to confine the appointment to county candidates, and Mr Newcastle West was elected.

SIR JOHN PONSONBY WEDDING.

Sir John Ponsonby, brother of the late Sir John Ponsonby, was married at 8.30 to-day at St. Martin's in the Fields, London, to Miss Mary Robley Ingham, Beckermat, Cumberland. Pat McCormick performed the ceremony.

A LARGE ESTATE.

The Earl of Dysart, known as the blind Earl, left a gross estate of £2,104,311.