

**ASE Poor Men's Dinner.**

**Address by Most Rev. Dr. Keane.**

Speaking at the poor men's dinner at St. John's Pavilion on Christmas Day, the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, referred to the unemployment problem, and said that he sympathised deeply with all who were finding it difficult to obtain work at present. Idleness, however was detrimental to body, mind, and character, and particularly to the younger people he wished to say that while in the unfortunate position of being unemployed they should endeavour to make themselves busy. There were many little things in their homes that could be repaired, and numerous ways whereby they could keep themselves actively engaged. Then if honourable employment came their way they could at once avail themselves of it, and even though the wages might be very small it would in all probability lead to better things.

His Lordship wished the diners a happy Christmas, and expressed the hope that their circumstances would be better for the New Year.

The Mayor thanked the Bishop for his kindness in visiting the function, and referred in warm terms to the interest his Lordship always took in the poor of the city. In conclusion, he thanked the members of the St. Vincent De Paul Society for their charity and generosity in undertaking such excellent work, and the Boy Scouts for attending to give their help with serving the meals.

On the platform with the Bishop and the Mayor were Rev. Father Rice, Adm., St. John's, and Mr J. J. Dundon, President, St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Over 200 workless were served with dinner, during which Mr P. O'Donovan, Mr. R. O'Connor, and A. McCloskey contributed much appreciated songs. Mr S. Hogan presided at the piano.

**LIMERICK CHRISTMAS MAIL.**

The volume of Christmas traffic handled at the Limerick Post Office was up to the average of previous years. Between 2 p.m. and 10 p.m., on Christmas eve 50,000 items were dealt with, and the number of parcels delivered in the city area on the 24th and 25th totalled 4 000. The American mail con-

**LOCAL FATALITIES**

**Farmer Killed by Car.**

During the Christmas holidays a number of fatalities occurred in the city.

Patrick Hayes, farmer, Rosbrien, was knocked down in Ballinacurra on Christmas Eve by a motor car containing a party of detectives, and as a result of his injuries died at Barrington's Hospital on Thursday morning.

The detectives were on patrol duty at the time, and the car was driven by Detective Sergeant McNulty. The occupants rushed the man to the Redemptorist Monastery, where he received spiritual attendance, and was then removed to the hospital.

On Thursday evening an inquest was held at Barrington's Hospital by Mr J. S. McNaice, Coroner.

Evidence of identification and medical testimony having been given, the enquiry was adjourned on the application of Inspector Brazil.

Patrick Mooney (64), an ex-British soldier, living at 26 Garvey's Range, was found dead in his house on Christmas Eve by his wife.

Mrs Mooney on her return from a shopping expedition found her husband prostrate on the floor, near the fire-place. When she called in some neighbours they found that the man was dead, his head being badly burned by the fire.

It is presumed that Mooney, who was subject to fits, had a seizure and fell towards the fire.

As a medical certificate was forthcoming an inquest was not considered necessary.

John Cleary, an old-age pensioner, collapsed in Cornmarket Row on Christmas Eve and expired immediately.

The deceased, who was living in a city lodging house, had no relatives, and it was only by his pension book that identity was established.

Death was certified as due to heart failure.

Greenpark Race Course was the scene of the fourth sudden death, when Joseph Dillon (58), Blackboy Pike, Limerick, had a heart seizure, and died while in the enclosure.

He was attended by Dr Woulfe, Bruff, who was present, and pronounced the cause of death to be cardiac failure.

The deceased was employed at Messrs Jas. McMahon, timber merchants.

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**And Social**

The following is taken from the "Times" supplement, "Annual," which will appear on Wednesday:—

"Limerick, centre of industrial and business activity, is to play an important part in the local efforts to solve the unemployment problem and to provide employment for the people. Since the Limerick Corporation began to operate, less than a year ago, civic administration has benefited. Three hundred working-class houses on the Island Field and another large housing scheme on the Killalee. The Corporation has spent at £32,000 for the houses on the Killalee, and has erected, in the Limerick area, two hundred and thirty houses. The Limerick Corporation has completed the construction of houses on the North side of the principal residential area, and, with private enterprise, dwellings have been erected in the suburbs.

"Work on slum clearance is considerably advanced, and is being sought in respect of condemned houses in the area. The Manager of the Limerick Mental Hospital is present extending the hospital to provide accommodation for the City and County. The isolation annexe is already under construction, a building, which will cost £15,000, was erected at the City Home and cost £5,500 ophthalmic hospital. BETTER ROADS.

"During the year 1924, the work of laying out concrete. It has been planned to accomplish thirty-five miles of concrete re-surfaced. Limerick its public lighting system. O'Connell street, Rutland street. The faces are now illumina-