

WIDOW'S CLAIM.

Judge's Strictures.

"A Mean Offer."

At Limerick Circuit Court to-day, the adjourned case in which Annie Good, 9 Lower Gerald Griffin Street, claimed £555 in respect of the death of her husband, Wm. A. Good, while in the employment of Messrs. John Ryan & Sons, contractors, Limerick.

Mr. M. Danagher, B.L. (instructed by Mr. M. Tynan, solr.), stated that the case was adjourned from last sitting in order to give the defendant an opportunity of paying a substantial sum to the widow.

His Lordship—I remember the case. This unfortunate man was suffocated while sleeping in a caravan at Rynanna. Has this been done since?

Mr. Danagher—We have received an offer of £25, but my client would rather have the case dismissed than accept it.

His Lordship—What is the name of the Insurance Company?

Mr. T. K. Liston, B.L. (instructed by Mr. Nial Gaffney, solr.)—It is an English company, my lord.

Mr. Gaffney—I am acting for a Dublin solicitor.

His Lordship—I do not care who you are acting for. I want to know the name of this Insurance Company.

Mr. Gaffney—The National Employers' Mutual and General Insurance Association, Ltd.

JUDGE'S STRICTURES.

His Lordship—If that poor widow and her children are not fairly and decently treated, I will review this case, and the costs of an appeal will be considerable. I will let the matter stand over for the Insurance Company to be communicated to her. In the meantime I will suggest that a public fund should be started for this unfortunate woman, left in the condition such as she is, because of the death of her husband, and I will contribute myself substantially. The offer of £25 is the meanest and lowest I have ever heard of. In fact, I have been thinking of reviewing the evidence in the case. I do not do it, if at all possible, decide in favour of this Insurance Company. I think the woman is perfectly right to prefer having the case dismissed rather than accept this miserable £25. I have a long memory, and I will remember this Insurance Company as long as I live.

WIDOW GETS £400

Workman's Injury

Claim Against County Council

At Limerick Circuit Court to-day, before Judge McElligott, K.C.,

Mr. Danagher, B.L. (instructed by Mr. J. O'Maley, solicitor), mentioned the claim brought by Bridget Griffin, Cathedral Place, Limerick, in respect of the death of her husband, Patrick Griffin, while in the employment of Messrs. J. & Boyd, Ltd., on the 10th October last. Mr. Danagher said the applicant's husband had been killed in an accident with a lift. The defendant firm had agreed to pay £400 compensation to the widow, but was agreeable to accept the amount only remained for the Court to apportion the £400 between the widow and her children, in accordance with statute. The matter was referred to the County Registrar to have the £400 evenly allo-

DEATH OF SIR THOMAS MYLES

An Eminent Limerick Surgeon

Noted Athlete and Yachtman

We regret to announce that Sir Thomas Myles, C.B., M.D., F.R.C.S.I., the well-known surgeon, died yesterday at his home, 32 Leeson Park, Dublin.

Born at Limerick, the son of the late John Myles and Prudence, daughter of the late William Bradshaw, of Kylebeg, County Tipperary, Sir Thomas was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he took various honours in his undergraduate course. He took the degrees of M.B. and B.Ch. in 1881, and received the M.D. degree in 1889. He was resident surgeon in Dr. Stevens' Hospital from 1881 to 1884, and filled a similar position at Jervis Street Hospital from 1885 to 1890. From that date he was attached to the Richmond Hospital, where for many years he was in virtual control, and brought the hospital to a high state of efficiency.

Sir Thomas was connected with the College of Surgeons from the year 1889, when he was elected to the Chair of Pathology, which he held for eight years. He also acted as Examiner in Surgery and Anatomy. For five years he represented the College of Surgeons at the General Medical Council. He acted as Secretary to the Hospitals' Commission in 1885. Sir Thomas was President of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1900-2, and in the latter year was made a Knight Bachelor.

In 1900 the Corporation of Limerick elected him an Honorary Burgess of this city, and in 1910 he was appointed Surgeon to the King in Ireland. In December, 1914, he was made Consulting Surgeon to the Troops in Ireland, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

AS POLITICIAN.

Sir Thomas Myles was one of the earliest members of the Protestant Home Rule Party, which was started in the early seventies of last century by the late Rev. Joseph Galbraith, S.F., T.C.D., and some other influential members of the Church of Ireland. Sir Thomas was a consistent supporter of the policy of Charles Stewart Parnell, of whose body-guard he was a member during the famous Louth election, and he spoke occasionally on political platforms. A typical Southern Irishman, he contributed liberally to many charities, and was noted especially for his kindness to the poor.

In his younger days, when he was Resident Surgeon in Dr. Stevens' Hospital, it fell to his lot on the 6th May, 1882, to receive the bodies of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke, who had been murdered in the Phoenix Park.

It might truthfully be said that as a yachtsman Sir Thomas Myles was known internationally. His yacht and its owner were known in almost every part of the British Isles and in many Continental ones, and he was on terms of personal acquaintance with many of the titled people of Europe and most of the prominent figures in English society.

His interest in sport of all kinds was rivalled only by his ability in many spheres. His love of Irish athletics brought him to the forefront in the efforts to secure Irish representation at the Olympic Games, and movements to obtain the necessary financial assistance and an Irish team always had his practical support and the benefit of his energy. He was himself a noted athlete in his youth.

LIMERICK ACCIDENT

Charges Against Tipperary Motorist

Smart Penalty

At Limerick Court, before Mr. Flood, D.J., Mr. Ryan, motor hackney driver, Tipperary, was charged at the suit of Supt. Downey with failing to report an accident, failing to stop after an accident, with reckless driving, and being drunk in charge of a car.

Inspector Brazil prosecuted, and Mr. J. D'Arcy, solicitor, Tipperary, defended.

Mr. D. J. O'Donovan, solicitor, appeared for Kathleen O'Donnell, an injured party.

John Tully, Singland, Limerick, said he was on the Ballybunion road on the night in question. At the Railway Bridge he saw two girls walking by the footpath. A car came along and struck them. One of the girls was thrown in the air and the other taken along on the bumper. A man who was not the driver got out and helped him to take one of the girls to a nearby house. Witness spoke to the driver, who, in his opinion, was drunk. Witness advised him not to move the car until the Guards would arrive. A motor car and a van then arrived on the scene, and the second girl was taken to hospital.

INJURED GIRL.

Kathleen O'Donnell told the Court that she could only state that she was run down on the night in question. She could not recall even any cars on the road.

Inspector Brazil said the other girl was unable to be present in court, but the case could proceed without her evidence.

Dr. M. O'Neill, Cappamore, said she examined Ryan that night. In her opinion he was under the influence of alcoholic drink to a sufficient extent to impair his judgment when driving.

Cross-examined, witness said she might not express that opinion if she knew the man was suffering from a nervous disorder.

Dr. Stephen McDonagh, R.M.O., Barrington's Hospital, and Dr. J. Byrne, R.M.O., County Infirmary, gave evidence of examining the injured girls, Margaret Burne and Kathleen O'Donnell, respectively, on the night of the 9th February.

DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE.

In the witness-box, Ryan said he had a few drinks after a wedding breakfast in Limerick, and he then drove a man around the city for some time. Witness had no drink then, but had one more before leaving Limerick. He could not see the girls on the road at Ballybunion owing to the lights of the approaching van. After the accident the girls were removed by some men who had arrived on the scene. Witness then intended driving back to Limerick, but he could not say why he did not give effect to that intention. He was medically examined a week later, and had since been treated in Dublin over a period of two months for nervous paralysis.

Dr. Coffey, Tipperary, said it was true defendant had been suffering from nervous paralysis, during which he would have a staggering gait, an uncontrollable tremor, contracted eye pupils, and occasional loss of memory. His condition was now improved.

The Justice said the charges preferred against the accused were very serious, and he had weighed the case carefully. He accepted Dr. Coffey's evidence, who testified that the man was suffering from nervous paralysis. Then there was the evidence of Dr. O'Neill, who said she might not say the man was actually under the influence of drink if she knew that he was suffering from a nervous disorder. He would also accept that, but

HOUSING SCHEME

Large Sum to be Borrowed

Manager's State

At a meeting of the Council on Tuesday night,

The Manager asked the Council to authorise the borrowing of £313,000 for housing schemes at Edward Street and Prospect Street, £175,000 for a scheme (475 houses) at...

The Manager said that the figure to be borrowed appeared to be reasonable, it need not alarm the Council, cause housing schemes would be an unbearable charge on the rate. In the current rate of 25s. it was only a charge of 5d. on housing.

Ald. Reidy said that while he congratulated the Manager on his scheme, he considered the cleared areas in the city should be built upon. In the meantime, a great hardship had been done to one man, who was making a living out of dairy farming, and similar of small traders had been affected.

EXPERT ADVICE

The Manager said the question of cleared areas was before his attention, and that his intention was to get expert advice on that question within the next few days. That expert advice would be forthcoming before now but circumstances over which he had no control.

Ald. Reidy—The question is a very important one. The Manager—I am fully satisfied and I hesitate to pull down until I know to what use the cleared areas can be put to with the advantage.

Mr. Shanny urged that the scheme provided for people on the Pennywell Road. The cost, however, should not exceed 4s. per person, as the people could not afford more.

WORST SLUM

Mr. P. Bourke said that Market Alley was the dirtiest and had not been touched at all. He said that he had not been living there in appalling conditions.

Mr. Hartney concurred, and said that Market Alley was the dirtiest and most unhealthy area in the city. The City Manager said he had been told about it, but he had not been said about it was so bad at the present, however, there was an official medical representative to Market Alley, and he would be of the reasons why he could not do more. The Public Health system was not so good as that certain changes had to be made. He would be of the Public Health staff, he would be of its success of otherwise on the matter affecting housing in the city. The problem had as yet hardly been solved, despite Mr. Bourke's remarks.

Mr. Donnellan asked if the Council would not be carried out by the Council department.

SPECIAL JOB

The Manager—No. This is a job of considerable magnitude, and an appointment was being made. The Council had a person to be appointed would be a lump sum, and as he was a person of what he thought a reasonable amount of money, a certain amount of money caused in making the appointment. The Council gave the Manager authority to borrow the sums of £313,000, as well as £4,400 for the purpose.