

## CITY ROBBERIES.

## LIMERICK CRIMINAL COURT

## FINGERPRINT EXPERT.

from Dublin formed an important part of Limerick Criminal Court to-day, when John was charged on several counts with house-attempted housebreaking.

That took place in the city in 1937, when the were broken open and entered.

and appearance, pleaded not guilty to the

shop after closing hours. He entered the hall, where he saw a man stepping away from the shop door, which led off the hall. The man passed witness, and as he passed he dropped a screw-driver in the hall. Later witness examined the shop door and found it bore scratches and dents around the lock. On April 2nd last he attended an identification parade and saw one man who was very like the man who dropped the screw-driver. That man was the prisoner in the dock.

**FINGERPRINT EXPERT'S EVIDENCE**  
Cross-examined, the witness said he was not prepared to swear that the prisoner was actually the man he saw at the shop door.

Guard H. McDonagh, finger-print expert attached to the Garda Headquarters, Dublin, gave evidence to the effect that the finger-prints detected on each of the three cash boxes produced in court were identical with the finger-prints taken from the accused.

The witness then gave detailed explanations of finger-marks on the cash boxes, and pointed out the similarities to the finger-prints of Mullane. The witness added that he received in all 150 sets of finger-prints from Limerick during the investigation of the present cases. In the Garda Headquarters there were 35,000 sets of finger-prints of convicted criminals.

Mr. Danaher—Did you send these finger-prints to Scotland Yard?

Witness—Yes.  
And to the Royal Ulster Constabulary? —Yes.

Judge—That is not very material unless we had people from Scotland Yard and the Royal Ulster Constabulary here.

Cross-examined by Mr. Danaher, the witness said that the evidence he was producing was only photographs, and the actual finger-marks on the boxes should, in order to be positive proof, be examined with a magnifying glass by the jury.

Judge—It is in order to facilitate the jury that these photographs were taken. Such evidence is accepted in every Court.

Mr. Danaher—Would it be possible that another finger-print expert would differ from you?—I would not say so.

Other evidence was given to show that while the accused was unemployed in 1931 his wife bought a perambulator and a mattress for £6.

For the defence,  
Mr. Danaher asked for a direction on the charges of attempted breaking and entering the premises of Messrs. Carroll and the Britannic Insurance Co. on the grounds that there was no evidence to connect the accused with the matter.

His Lordship directed the jury not to convict on these charges, saying it would not be safe to convict on the evidence.

John Mullane, the accused, said he was regularly employed each year from June to November and received £2 7s. a

## DEATH OF MR F. G. A. CLEEVE

It is with deep and sincere regret we announce the death of Mr. Frederick Cuthbert Aylmer Cleeve, Shelbourne, Limerick, which took place unexpectedly last evening following a seizure at Ballyclough Golf Links.

Mr. Cleeve was a member of a well-known and highly respected family, which had a long and honoured connection with the industrial life of Limerick and Munster. He was elder son of the late Mr. Frederick Cleeve, D.L., Fern Bank, a Director of the original Condensed Milk Co. of Ireland, of which his uncle, Sir Thomas H. Cleeve, D.L., was Chairman. Mr. Aylmer Cleeve also held a seat on the Board of Directors until the firm passed to new proprietors. He was a man of sound and progressive business views, unassuming in disposition and bearing, with broad sympathies. He was a former member of Limerick Chamber of Commerce and Harbour Board, and in recent years his leisure was largely devoted to the affairs of the County Limerick Lawn Tennis Club, in which he evinced great interest. It was mainly through his energy and enthusiasm the annual Tournament, to which he was Hon. Secretary, attained such prominence as a sporting event. Mr. Cleeve married Miss Cynthia Vincent, daughter of the late Colonel Vincent, Summer Hill, Doonass, with who and her children there will be widespread sympathy in their great sorrow.

The funeral is announced to be private.

## FUNERAL OF MRS C. HARTIGAN

The funeral took place last Friday, May 13th, of Mrs. Catherine Hartigan, whose death occurred at her daughter's residence, Dublin. The deceased lady, who had reached her 86th year, had been in failing health for some months, was relict of the late Patrick Hartigan, Royal George Hotel, Limerick.

The remains were removed by road to Limerick, to St. Michael's Church, on Thursday evening, and Solemn Requiem Mass was offered on Friday morning at 10.30, the funeral taking place immediately after to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

The Celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Patrick Laffan, St. Columban's College, Navan (cousin of the deceased), the deacon being Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, Adm., St. Michael's, and sub-deacon, Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan, C.C., St. Michael's.

There were also present—Very Rev. W. Canon O'Dwyer, P.P., St. Munchin's; Very Rev. Arthur Canon O'Leary, P.P., St. Patrick's; Very Rev. M. Canon Hannan, P.P., St. Mary's; Rev. Dr. Cowper, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. Fr. Moriarty, C.C., do.; Rev. Fr. White, C.C., do.; Rev. Fr. Carroll, C.C., do.; Rev. Fr. Brazill, C.C., St. John's (Master of Ceremonies); Very Rev. J. A. Gubbins, S.J., Rector, Crescent College; Rev. J. A. Hennessy, O.S.A.; Rev. J. Carr, C.S.S.R.; Very Rev. Fr. O'Farrell, O.P.; Rev. Fr. Alphonsus, O.F.M.

The chief mourners were—R. T. Hartigan, P. W. Hartigan, G. V. Hartigan, L.D.S. (sons); Mrs. Hyland (daughter), John Hyland (grandson), Misses Mary, Peggy, and Estelle Hyland (granddaughters); Miss Margaret Hartigan (niece), Mrs. R. T. Hartigan, Mrs. G. V. Hartigan (daughters-in-law).

The psayers at the graveside were recited by Rev. Father Laffan.

## FATHER'S CLAIM.

## Sequel to Tragedy

## Young Man Electrocutted

Before Judge E. J. McElligott, K.C., at Limerick Circuit Court yesterday,

Patrick Vaughan, Ross, O'Brien's Bridge, Co. Clare, brought an action against the Electricity Supply Board claiming £300 in respect of the death of his son, James Vaughan, who was electrocuted on the 15th September last while cutting trees.

Mr. M. Danaher, B.L. (instructed by Mr. T. O'B. Kelly, solicitor), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. P. K. Liston, B.L. (instructed by Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor), for the defendants.

Mr. C. Slade, C.E., gave evidence of making a map of a place on the lands of the plaintiff where there was a burnt tree stump. High tension wires were carried over the lands by means of standards, and ran near the tree. The branch of the tree was 21 feet in length, and when erect he thought it possible that wind could bend the branch so as to bring it into contact with the electric wires. When he saw the tree, part of the branches had been burnt off. He visited the place on three occasions after the accident, and on the third occasion all the branches near the wires had been cut down.

Cross-examined by Mr. Liston, the witness said that it was unlikely that the branch of the tree in question could have come in contact with the wires, and when the branch was erect he thought that it would look perfectly safe.

## HELPED ON FARM.

Patrick Vaughan, the plaintiff, said that on September 15th his sons, James and Michael, went out to cut a tree for the purpose of repairing an outhouse, and some time afterwards he was informed of the tragedy. His son James lived with him and did a good deal of the work around his farm. As a result of his death he had to employ a permanent farm hand at £40 a year and his keep. As far as witness was aware, he had never been informed by the E.S.B. that it was dangerous to go near the tree. When the defendants erected electric light standards on his lands in 1928 they cut down one large tree, but left a portion of the stumps growing. He did not know if the E.S.B. inspected his lands, as nobody ever approached him on the matter.

Mr. Danaher—Did anybody ever warn you that these trees were dangerous because of the wires?—No.

Since your son died has the E.S.B. cut down the trees?—Yes.

## CUT SMALL BRANCHES.

Continuing, the witness said there was a gate beside the tree, and around the gate post there was a piece of wire which was connected to the tree. Between 1928 and 1938 he had received no notice of intention to cut trees on his land, but some years ago the E.S.B. cut some small branches off the tree.

Cross-examined by Mr. Liston, the plaintiff said he had a permanent farm hand up to six years ago, and it was partly because times were bad that he dispensed with his services.

Dr. J. Humphreys gave evidence to the effect that James Vaughan died from heart failure following electric shock.

## HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

Michael Vaughan, brother of the deceased, stated that on September 15th last he accompanied James to cut some timber on their farm. James climbed

## ACTION AT HEALTH I

## Labourer's Claim Limerick

## Decree Gi

Before Mr. C. S. Kenn, keale Civil Bill Court, Michael O'Dea, labourer, brought an act Limerick County Board £25 loss and damage ben sustained owing to tl defendants to keep his c per state of repair.

Mr. A. Blood-Smyth, rick, for the plaintiff, Nonan, solicitor, Rathkeas fendants.

Plaintiff claimed £10 f £5 for loss on poultry ov dition of the outhouses, a owing to his wife's illness was alleged, of the condi tage.

Plaintiff said he was i the cottage nine years, a was aware no repairs for seventeen years. He ported the matter to Health and the County no action was taken. Th in such a bad way the longer keep pigs, and he duce the number of pou the dampness of the co came ill and was three n tal. The rent of the cota to date.

Answering Mr. Noonan mitted that the Board possible to repair the c contractor who was app carry out the work.

Mr. C. Slade, C.E., ga regard to the condition, which, he said, appeared glected state. There w the walls of the cottag houses were in a bad sta The cottage did not appe repaired for seventeen years. The dampness caused by lack of eave c

Mr. Noonan—We have Health Engineer here to Board endeavoured to g to carry out the repairs.

Mr. M. Dee, B.C., Ass veyor, said that early in was let to a man name £2 17s, but the Board co to carry out the work.

Justice—Do these contr give security?

Mr. Noonan—No, your is the difficulty.

Proceeding, witness sai to cancel the contract, s tructions of the Board rangements for the carry repairs, which were at done. Owing to the incr of material, the contract increased to £36.

Mr. Blood-Smyth—Has done?—It is on hands fo or four weeks.

The Justice said he ha Mr. Dee a very fair and ss. He awarded a dec Board for £10, and allo ineer's expenses to the

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