

OBITUARY

Death of Mrs. McMahon

The death took place at her residence, Rutland street, Limerick, on Sunday morning of Mrs McMahon, mother of Mr Jerome McMahon, a prominent member of the Limerick Branch of the Typographical Association. The deceased lady, who had reached an advanced age, had been in failing health for some time, and her death was not unexpected. She was an old resident of St. Mary's Parish, and was altogether a very interesting link with olden days in her native city—a personality that was loved and respected by her wide circle of friends. The funeral took place on Monday last from St. Michael's Parish Church, and was a striking tribute to the memory of one who was held in such affectionate esteem, and of sympathy with the members of her family.

The chief mourners were:—Jerome McMahon (son), Christina McMahon (daughter), Patrick Joseph McMahon (grandson), Mrs W McMahon and Miss P McMahon (relatives).

The clergy present were—Rev Father Fitzpatrick, Adm, St Michael's, and Rev Father O'Sullivan, O.O. do, officiated at the graveside.

Death of Miss Cis Enright

The death took place at St John's Hospital on New Year's Day, of Miss Johanna (Cis) Enright, 4 Cecil street, Limerick, an official of the National Health Insurance Commission, and formerly of the Limerick Workers' Approved Insurance Society. The late Miss Hayes was a highly competent and courteous official, and her death is mourned by a wide circle of friends. Requiem Mass for the repose of deceased's soul was celebrated at St. Michael's Church on Monday morning, and the funeral took place in the afternoon to Mt. St Lawrence Cemetery. It was of large and representative dimensions.

A Spell Broken

Shannon Win Transfield Rugby Cup

After Forty Years of Ill-Luck

The Transfield Cup competition has now been in existence for some 40 years, and with one or two exceptions during that long period, Shannon have fielded teams for that annual competitions. On many occasions the cup of victory was dashed from their lips by the narrowest of margins. However, dogged pertinacity has had its reward, and Shannon are deserving of the heartiest congratulation—and we feel such a fine sporting club as they are will have it extended to them from all sides.

Shannon and Richmond were the finalists last Sunday at Thomond Park, and were responsible for a sturdy, typical cup-fighting game in which there was little to choose between the teams. Richmond had the advantage in the 'tight scrums. It was a good game with the contrasts mentioned, and while none there are to begrudge Shannon their win, it must at once be admitted that Richmond had during its progress hard luck now and then. Little back play was seen, but the eager forward duels maintained the spectators' enthusiasm, and frequently brought the crowd to a high pitch of excitement.

At the conclusion of the game, Mr James O'Donovan, Hon. Secretary North Munster Branch I.R.F.U., presented the cup to the captain of the victorious team. He congratulated both teams on their fine exhibition of the code, and especially Shannon on breaking through a chain of bad luck of many years standing.

Exchanges for the opening period were mostly in Richmond's favour, but a penalty awarded shortly before the interval was nicely converted by O'Connor. Both lines had some narrow escapes throughout the second half, but Shannon hung tenaciously to their slender lead. The winners were best served by O'Halloran (full back), who gave a faultless display. Sarsfield, Browne, O'Farrell and O'Flaherty were prominent

Money Lending

Case in Limerick

District Justice's Comments

Before District Justice J M Flood, at Limerick Civil Bill Court on Monday Messrs. Haywood and Haywood, Limerick moneylenders, Dame street, Dublin, brought a civil bill to recover £23 16s., alleged to be due on foot of a promissory note.

Mr. T O'B Kelly, solr., (acting on behalf of a Dublin firm of solicitors), appeared for the plaintiffs, and the case was not defended.

The Justice said that the case had been proved on the last court day, and he wished to give his decision. Anything he had to say was not intended to apply to Mr Kelly, who was only acting on instructions and had conscientiously performed his duty. "Usually in cases of this kind," said the Justice, "the defendants have been induced to sign a contract to repay interest on the loan at the very exorbitant rate of 75 per cent per annum." He must regard the rate of interest charged as unjust and unconscionable, and far in excess of the rate allowed to be recovered under the Moneylenders Act (Ireland) 1933. In seeking to obtain a decree before him, the present plaintiffs had made an affidavit claiming interest at the rate of 39 per cent per annum, the rate allowed in certain circumstances under the Moneylenders Act. There was, however, no contract to pay interest at 39 per cent per annum; the contract was to pay 75 per cent per annum on the principal. Accordingly on that ground he would dismiss the case, and in all such future cases as might be brought before him he would exercise the power given him under the Act of endorsing the moneylender's certificate with particulars of the transaction. He had made a report on the present case to the Attorney General, and he hoped that the proper authorities would take steps to limit the activities of such moneylenders and to protect the citizen from what must be considered very gross usury.