

Cement Factory Fatalities

Compensation Awards

Cases at Limerick Circuit Court

Judge E J McElligott, K O, at Limerick Circuit Court on Saturday, awarded £600 compensation to Mrs Alice Murphy, Bengal Terrace, Limerick, and her two children for the loss of her husband who was killed in an explosion at the Cement Factory in Mungret some months ago.

Mr J McMahon (instructed by Messrs Dundon and Treacy, solrs) appeared for the applicant, and Mr J O'Kane (instructed by Mr J Sexton, solr), for the respondents.

Mr McMahon said the claim arose out of the fatal accident that took place at the cement factory at Mungret when three men were killed in an explosion. The claim was brought by the widow on behalf of her two children. Respondents admitted liability, and the amount claimed was paid into court.

His Lordship directed that the £600 be divided equally between the three claimants.

Catherine and Annie O'Donovan, Carrig, Clarina, claimed compensation for the death of John O'Donovan, another victim of the accident.

Mr T K Liston (instructed by Mr P G Collins, solr) appeared for the applicants, who were mother and sister respectively of the deceased.

Mrs Catherine O'Donovan stated that her son usually gave her £2 a week. He was the eldest of the family and took charge of everything.

His Lordship agreed there was a certain amount of dependency and that the sister was more dependent than the mother. He awarded £25 to Mrs O'Donovan and £45 to the daughter.

In a third case Patrick McCarthy, Patrickwell, claimed £300 for the loss of his brother on the same occasion.

Mr Liston (instructed by Messrs Tynan and Co) for applicant.

Plaintiff stated he was married and had six children to support. His brother, who lived with the family, used to give £2 a week to keep the house going, as witness was often idle. The deceased's weekly earning was £2 10s.

His Lordship awarded £20 and costs.