

terms that they will not agree to this proposal. The Minister's attempt to browbeat the citizens into accepting an idea which they have long ago rejected is unconscionable, and entirely at variance with the democratic ideal which he has been so careful to propound at all times. It is also at variance with his repeated professions of regard for the interests of Limerick, made on the many occasions he has visited the city to open housing schemes and perform other public ceremonies.

So many conflicting statements have been made from time to time since the idea of a Regional Hospital was first

who know the amount of time given to the Hospitals Commission in examining the hospitals problem in Limerick, and the indifference with which they treat the matter on the occasion of their last visit, feel that we have been far kinder to them than they deserve. The problem is a very delicate and difficult one, an one on which I do not care to say a great deal at the present time. All I will say is that it is at variance with our ideas of democracy that any Minister should adopt such an attitude towards such an important and representative deputation."

DEATH OF MR. G. B. BLACKALL

The death, which we regret to announce, took place of Mr. George Butler Blackall in the Mater Private Nursing Home, Dublin, last evening. He had reached an advanced age, and had been in impaired health for some time. Mr. Blackall, who was a native of Co. Clare, entered the service of the Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., over half a century ago, and his preferment was rapid, due to his ability and aptitude. On the death of Mr. T. H. Brett he was appointed Manager of O'Connell Street, Limerick, branch twenty years back, and his close application to duty, combined with a fine courtesy, resulted in an increase in the Bank's clientele. He retired at the end of 1937, and made his home at Killard, Doonbeg, with his daughter, who will have the sympathy of the citizens in her sorrow. The funeral, announced to be private, will take place to Mount St. Laurence after Requiem Mass at 10.30 o'clock in St. Michael's Church.

JUDGE'S REMARKS

'A Reflection on the Whole
Race'

'SOMETHING FISHY'

Clare Judge's Comment

At Clare Circuit Court, before Judge Sealy,

Mr. C. Hogan, B.L., acting on behalf of the Clare Board of Health made an application for summary judgment against John Crowe, who is in the possession of a cottage and plot the property of the Board and without their authority.

Mr. F. Hickman, solicitor, said that the defendant had been given the cottage by a previous tenant, and he was a man with eight children. His application for a labourer's cottage was granted by the Board about three years ago, but they had never put him into possession. The reason these proceedings were brought was because a trader in Corofin had let the plot from the previous tenant. Unfortunately, the tenant had not sense enough to leave him that letting, and these proceedings were now brought against the defendant because he had put out the man who had the grazing of the plot. He applied for adjournment to enable him to receive full instructions in the case.

The Judge said it struck him that there was something fishy about the case.

Mr. Hogan said an application for summary judgment was quite an expensive thing for the Board of Health. He asked the Judge to either grant or reject the application, but not to adjourn it.