

NEUTRALITY Speech

Assailed

Bill.

rs. What was the object of it necessary to embark on a policy, though heavy expense, of taking measures were necessary to the integrity of the country and the status of neutrality in the

ment's preparations for this country are based on that if England is at war and those of Great Britain side by side, presumably an attack on this country. Would this country be able to make it clear to the interests dictate a peace have no interest in the territories in Africa or Asia; concerned with the balance in the Mediterranean, and not of a conflict between tending over these problems from entanglements, the of that freedom intendedly neutral, there is no foreign Power, merely be- gged in a war with Great tack us."

State, it will be our duty use of our territory by combatants, to intern mem- bers apprehended on our the transport of contra- railways or through our rain from giving military ther side. Against that it is the position of base on the outbreak of

VALUATION BILL.

the Valuation Bill, he said of the additional monies some available under the rished, or indeed, could t it was obvious that its ultimate purpose was to monies into the Ex-

There is no doubt that when the laws come into force the income would revert to his raiding the Agricultural benefit of the Treasury. Some of the farming com- farm labourers would at while rates on agri- might be slightly lower than they were at pre- on dwellinghouses and would probably be he long run the Minister likely to net £1,000,000 transaction.

MARRIAGE RATE.

At the end of the present year approximately 100,000 regis- trars. In the last three years the number of marriages registered in Great

THE LATE MR D. O'DONOVAN

The Funeral

The deep sympathy of the citizens at the passing of the late Mr. D. O'Donovan was evinced in the large attendance at the funeral which took place yesterday to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. The cortege was large and representative to a degree, and a testimony to the esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held by his many friends in Limerick.

Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was offered up at 10 o'clock on Monday in St. Munchin's Church, and the funeral took place immediately afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery, the cortege being of huge proportions and of a very representative character.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Gertrude O'Donovan (wife), Gerard, Brendan and Vincent (sons), Gwennie, Irene, and Mrs. J. H. Hannan (daughters), J. H. Hannan (son-in-law), Mrs. G. O'Donovan (daughter-in-law), Philip O'Donovan, T. Clune, and P. Murphy (cousins).

The clergy present were—Very Rev. Canon O'Dwyer, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's; Rev. W. Harty, P.P., St. Mary's; Rev. T. Mortell, C.C., St. Munchin's; Rev. E. McCarthy, C.C., do.; Rev. J. B. O'Donoghue, O.S.A.; Rev. J. Brennan, S.A.; Rev. Father Ambrose, O.F.M.; Rev. Father Canice, O.F.M.; Rev. Father Dillon Kelly, S.J.; Rev. Father O'Connell, S.J.

The general public included—Ald. Jas. Reidy T.D.; Ald. A. E. Goodwin, T. E. O'Donnell, solr., Brian Greene, Morgan McMahon, T. H. Williams, J. Walsh (Cannon & Co.), W. J. Hickey, J. Cunningham, R. Ryan, G. Gleeson, Bruce Murray, E. Leahy, solicitor; J. P. Hartigan, auctioneer; N. A. Thompson, H. Gale, Owen Ryan, S. Nicholas, N. Nicholas, F. W. Ormston (Wm B. Fitt & Co.), R. Holmes, (Athlunkard), E. Treacy, solicitor; W. J. Horne, D. J. O'Malley, solicitor; G. Greaney, J. Gleazer, J. Barry, P. Morony, R. Mulligan, J. McGrath, L.D.S.; R. Herriott, T. J. Loughrey, Dr. C. Mooney, L. de Courcy, auctioneer; D. G. O'Donovan, solr., J. J. McNamara, M. Blake, E. Lloyd, T. Begley (Provincial Bank), J. O'Kelly-Lynch, J. O'Dea, R. S. Ryan, R. T. Hartigan, A. McNeice, D. McCormack, J. Corboy, J. McNamara, L. Nestor, J. McGuire, J. Hurley, P. Lane, E. Russell, J. J. Dundon, solr., F. Wallace, F. O'Mahony, H. R. Pickford, F. Hayes, E. H. Bennis, G. O'Brien, T. Geraghty, W. Cullen (Newport), W. Cullen, junr.; E. Wickham, R. Drought, J. Keane, D. Ryan, A. MacDonogh, G. Doyle.

Mass Cards were sent by the following:—Maureen and Helen, Angela and Michael McElroy, Philip O'Donovan, Mrs. Nolan and family, Ivan and Millie Harris, Lena Kelly, Andrew and Mrs. Egan, Jennie Power, P. J. McCarthy N.T., Glin; Maureen Murphy, Harry and Alice (Chicago) Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hartigan, Mrs. P. Considine, etc.

Wreaths were sent from:—"Loving wife, Gertrude"; "To beloved father, Gerard and Maureen"; "To dad, Gertie and Darby"; "To dear papa, Brendan and Eta"; "To darling daddy, Gwen and Irene"; "From loving sons, Vince and Ted"; "From Violet and George."

ALL QUIET

HARBOUR BOARD

Further Extension Scheme.

Ship Owners' Complaint

The Mayor (Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.), presided at a meeting of Limerick Harbour Commissioners on Monday. Also present Ald. J. Reidy, T.D., Ald. Goodwin, Messrs S. J. K. Roycroft, P. J. Donnellan, H. McMahon, J. Carew, T. J. Loughrey, Morgan McMahon, with Mr. D. McNeice, Secretary, and Capt. C. Hanrahan, Harbour Master.

The Secretary reported that for the three months ended 31st March the number of vessels that entered the port was 80 a decrease of 4 compared with the same period last year. The net tonnage was 46,800, which showed a decrease of 4,543 tons in comparison with 1938. There was an increase of £348 from rates on goods, and a decrease of £272 11s. 9d. from ships' dues, leaving a net increase of £75 8s. 10d. for the period.

A letter was read from Messrs. Mullock & Sons, Limerick, as agents for a London Shipping firm, complaining that a vessel was damaged in the Shannon while proceeding to Limerick.

The complaint was referred to the Pilot Committee.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting 8 regular traders, 4 coasters and 10 overseas vessels entered the port. This was a good average.

A letter was read from Mr. T. O'B. Kelly, solr., Law Agent, stating that the final touches were being put to the draft for the Provisional Order to enable the Board to carry out a further extension scheme at the docks.

Ald. Reidy said that the Order had not yet been placed before the Dail.

Mr. Loughrey said that it was most unfortunate that the cement factory at Mungret was not being enlarged, and that all development works in relation to the industry were being done at Drogheda. The materials at Mungret were stated to be the best in Ireland, and the cement manufactured was of a high standard.

The Mayor said the area of supply from the Drogheda factory included Dublin, and consequently the output had to be increased.

ASTRONOMER PRIEST DEAD

Work in Limerick

Father William Joseph O'Leary, S.J., the seismologist and astronomer, has died at the age of 70, in Sidney. Fr. O'Leary had been Director of Riverview Observatory since 1929, and was the inventor of several scientific instruments.

Born in Dublin, he was the son of Dr. W. H. Leary, M.P., and was educated at Tullabeg and Clongowes Colleges. He studied astronomy at Louvain, Belgium, and became Director of the Munster Observatory, Limerick, in 1908, occupying the post till 1915. He was then Director of the Rathfarnham Observatory, Dublin, from 1915 to 1918, and Professor of Mathematics and Physics at the Jesuit College, Milltown Park, Dublin. He was a past President of the New South Wales branch of the British Astronomical Association.

LORRY DRIVER CHARGED

PATRICKSWELL ACCIDENT

Alleged Reckless Driving

At "Adare" Court, before Mr. J. J. Kenny, B.L., Joseph Cusack, lorry driver, was charged with reckless driving in a lorry on the road between Patrickswell and Adare, on Monday, April 17, 1939, for failing to stop after an accident. Supt. J. J. Cooney, Adare, prosecuted, and Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, defended.

Guard O'Meara, John Street, gave evidence that the defendant failed to accept service of the summons and remarked to witness that the matter did not concern him.

Justice—It does concern him. In reply to Mr. O'Malley, witness stated that the defendant denied he was involved in an accident.

Sergeant Farrell, Patrickswell, stated that on February last, at about 10.30 a.m., he proceeded to the scene of an accident on a short distance from Patrickswell road was 31 feet wide at the place where the surface was in a dry condition. Witness noticed the tracks of twin wheels on the road some feet to the rear of a motor car. The car was damaged on the right side. Next morning witness noticed a damaged hub cap of a car and at the scene of the accident. Witness examined a lorry driver who was the defendant. At the time the lorry was being looked after by another driver. Witness found that the nuts were missing, and defendant admitted parts of the lorry were missing. He stated that after the collision he looked back and did not consider it necessary to pull up, as he thought the lorry had driven away. Witness was of the opinion that the motor car did not move after the accident.

"CAME STRAIGHT TO ME"—Gerald Manning, Motor Garage, stated that on the night in question he was returning from Limerick to Patrickswell and before reaching Patrickswell he noticed the lights of an oncoming vehicle at a distance of about one hundred yards. Witness was driving on the left-hand side of the road, and as they drew near he noticed that the oncoming vehicle was a lorry. "The lorry," said witness, "came straight into me."

Continuing, he said a tyre was missing and two mudguards damaged as a result of the lorry striking the side of the car. The lorry did not stop. Witness was of the opinion that the lorry could go no closer.

Denis Twomey, a passenger in the lorry, gave evidence to the effect that he was last witness on the occasion, corroborating the evidence generally.

Mr. O'Malley, for the defence, stated that he would put up no defence in view of the evidence of the other driver. He stated that the statement made by the defendant that he looked back after the accident was not true. He thought he saw the other car drive past. He stated that the defendant had not been before the court previously, and all compensation for the damage done by the lorry had been paid before the party had not been at court. He asked the Justice to take into consideration the fact that the defendant believed he had not caused any damage and when looking back had thought the car had driven away.

The Justice fined the defendant