

is, therefore, low. I will fix the valuation at £160, and I will allow 30 guineas costs as against the Commissioners of Valuation.

## APPEAL FOR MEMBERS

### Literary and Economics Society

At the weekly meeting of Limerick Literary and Economics Society last night, Mr. P. J. Donnellan, B.C., presiding,

A paper entitled "Why and If" was read by Mr. A. J. Eakins, and highly appreciated. In the course of his paper Mr. Eakins reviewed many pressing local and national problems, and his subject led to a keen debate subsequently.

A resume of the paper will appear in our week-end issue.

Before the meeting concluded, the Chairman appealed to those present to make the work of the Society known to the Limerick public, and to encourage as far as possible a larger membership. The primary object of the Society was to encourage public speaking and clear thinking amongst the younger generation of citizens. It was very pleasant to hear that already splendid results had been achieved in that direction. It was not generally known, however, that the Society was open to every citizen, and indeed, that they were heartily welcome to attend the various debates. He hoped that the citizens would avail of the facilities offered them, and take a much livelier interest in the Society in future.

Mr. P. Bourke, B.C., and other members endorsed the Chairman's remarks.

The Secretary, Mr. P. Stundon, announced that a public debate between Ennis, Limerick, and Kilrush was arranged for March 1st.

### LIMERICK MAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Mr. John S. Hardy, Arthur Street, Ballina, a native of Limerick, and for many years representative of Messrs Spillers and Bakers until the firm ceased to do business in Ballina, dropped dead going into his house.

the burning of hay, the property of the applicant, as a result of which two men were subsequently charged before the Circuit Court and convicted.

Patrick Geary said that on September 27 forty-seven wynds of hay to the value of 30s. per wynd, were burned. It was good upland hay, and was in five fields.

Mr. Danaher stated that the only question at issue was one of value.

His Lordship gave a decree for £70 10s., the amount claimed, with 30s. expenses.

### FENCES DAMAGED.

The Minister for Lands brought a malicious injury application for £13 in respect of damage done to fences enclosing lands at Knocknagolty on November 24.

Mr. Roche, B.L. (instructed by Mr. J. J. Power, State Solicitor), appeared for the Minister.

Mr. Roche said the land at Knocknagolty had been acquired by the Forestry Commissioners for the purpose of tree planting. When it was fenced in the stakes were removed.

John Roche, an officer of the Forestry Department, stated that the Commissioners had fenced 1,300 yards of the land with barbed wire. On the night in question over 300 stakes were pulled up and the wire cut at frequent intervals.

Answering Mr. Roche, the witness said the land was formerly the property of the Land Commission, and had been let for sheep grazing. When the Forestry Commission took over, the grazing was stopped. People who had formerly grazed sheep there had protested, and when an attempt was made to re-fence the land it was again interfered with.

Sergeant Leonard said the lands in question were on the borders of County Limerick, but the perpetrators of the damage were in Co. Tipperary.

Judge—This is a case, I think, in which the Tipperary Co. Council should have been served.

His Lordship allowed the case to stand over to have the point raised examined.

### CITY ART GALLERY.

The Committee in charge of the Municipal Art Gallery has purchased a number of very fine canvasses, the works of Irish painters, and these, together with the collection already made, make a very fine display.

time ago. For a free lease witness considered £25 plus rates would be sufficient.

The Judge said he thought that £25 and rates was fair. There was no money in billiards, and he was not going to stick the defendant in a billiards room for the rest of his life. He would remove the restriction in the lease, and he determined the original agreement of 1882, and allow the tenant a new tenancy for 25 years subject to a rent of £25 and rates.

He allowed no costs.

## CREAMERY'S CLAIM

At Limerick Circuit Court before Judge McElligott, K.C.,

His Lordship granted an adjournment in an application brought by Drombanna Creamery claiming £30 for milk and cream destroyed and spilled on 24th October.

Mr. D. O'Malley, solicitor, applying for the adjournment, stated that five men were charged before the District Court in connection with the matter. The Garda authorities had intimated to him that when the case came for decision, the Justice might order that the defendants would make good the damage, if he found them guilty.

## RICH TREASURE

### Attempt at Salvage

A Spanish woman whose husband, Manuel Moxo Duran, was killed fighting for General Franco, hopes to recover a fabulously rich treasure in jewels and golden ingots which is reputed to lie at the bottom of Vigo Bay, Spain. The treasure is said to have gone down with galleons which sank in a battle between the Anglo-Dutch and Franco-Spanish Fleets in 1702.

Now the Spanish Ministry of Commerce has awarded a three-year contract to Senora Moxo. German and Dutch engineers will attempt the salvage on her behalf. The Spanish State will get 20 per cent. of the treasure recovered if it is worth £90,000,000 or less, or 50 per cent. if it is worth £800,000,000.

heavy, and produced testimonials as to the defendant's character.

### JUDGE'S COMMENT.

The Judge said he would reduce the sentence, but he would not let the defendant off. He was very glad that District Justice Flood had imposed a sentence adequate to the crime, and he had considerable difficulty in deciding to change it.

Mr. Kenny asked that in view of the defendant's good character, the Judge would impose a suspensory sentence.

Judge—I will not. I will not discourage Mr. Flood. I will reduce the sentence to 1 month's imprisonment. I am very glad that Mr. Flood sees that young gentlemen like the defendant, even though they may have T.D.'s behind them, are not outside the law.

## YOUNG VIOLINIST'S SUCCESS

Master John Reidy, son of Garda Sergeant Reidy, Adare, gained a notable success at the recent Father Matthew Feis in Cork when he obtained second place in the Kindergarten Violin Class. Master Reidy, who is a pupil of Mr. Granville Metcalfe of this city, was complimented by the adjudicator Mr. Dunhill, who said "I liked his tone," "An attractive piece of playing and he is well in tune throughout."

## EXECUTED IRISHMEN

At the annual general meeting of the Limerick Branch T.A., held in the Mechanics' Institute last night, Mr. James Casey, President, presiding, Mr. M. Hartrey, B.C., proposed that the sympathy of the members be tendered to the families of Messrs. Barnes and McCormick, executed that morning in Birmingham Prison.

The Chairman seconded the motion, which was passed in silence, all members standing.

### VALUE OF DOLLAR.

The value of the U.S. dollar in Ireland to-day is approximately 4/11½.

tenant of witness's house, was tailor, and married. It would be possible for Mr. Egan to get another house Dromcollogher.

Answering the Judge, witness said that Egan had been about ten years in the house as tenant.

In reply to Mr. Daraher, witness said that he was not aware that Egan had approached the owner of another house and had been refused the tenancy. As far as witness was aware there was only one other vacant house in the town.

Witness denied that he had taken the present proceedings because he was annoyed by the application of the defendant at the District Court to have the standard rent fixed.

Peter Egan said he had been in the house for 10 years. He was a tailor, and had a family of six, the oldest of whom was 14 years. There was only one house available, and he could not get possession.

The Judge said that plaintiff must have had the same need eight years ago as now. His family had now scattered, and he did not think he would want the house. His Lordship remarked that he was very careful of such applications in Limerick. He was sorry to have to say that, but experience had taught him that not all such applications were genuine. He did not, however, say that plaintiff was lying. He dismissed the application.

## ULSTER BANK

The net profits for the past year amounted to £159,298 (against £179,954), and this sum, added to £68,297, the balance of undivided profits from the previous year, leaves an available total of £227,595 (against £258,297). A dividend of £70,000 was paid to the shareholders in July last, and a further dividend of £70,000, making £140,000 in all, free of income tax, will now be paid to them, and the balance remaining, £87,595, is carried forward to undivided profits account. Last year the dividend was the same, but, in addition, £50,000 was transferred to contingent fund.

### TRADES' UNION DINNER.

A report of the dinner given by the Trades and Labour Council will appear in our week-end issue.