

DROWNING TRAGEDY

Foreign Sailor's Death

UNABLE TO SWIM

The remains of the late Fireman Eli Sorensen, who was drowned in the harbour on Saturday, 7th inst., were washed ashore at Poynes Island on Sunday morning last. At 3 p.m. on Monday the inquest was held by the Deputy Coroner, Mr. M. Cussen, Newcastle West.

In reply to Superintendent Mulcahy, Captain Parkholm, of the s.s. "Agneti Marsk" said that Fireman Sorensen was in his usual good health up to the last.

BOAT CAPSIZED.

Fireman Peter Brøndalsen, of the s.s. "Agneti Marsk," said that Donkeyman Jensen, of the s.s. "Mathilde Marsk," himself and the deceased, rowed out in their small craft from the pier at 2 p.m. en route to their ships. As they neared the island Fireman Sorensen started hoisting the sail, whilst he swung round the boat by the aid of an oar. When the sail was about three-quarters up the boat heeled over on account of the pressure of the wind. It was then found that a lot of water in the bottom shifted over also. The result was that the boat capsized, all three falling into the water. Jensen swam towards the shore. Deceased and Brøndalsen held on to the boat. The former, who was unable to swim, told Brøndalsen that the craft was sinking. The latter, advising his companion to hold on, let go, whereupon the boat became more buoyant. Having advised Sorensen to remain where he was, telling him at the same time that a boat from the s.s. "Agneti Marsk" was approaching, Brøndalsen swam for the shore. Deceased shouted after him "I want to come along, as the boat is going down." He then let go his hold. In the meantime Jensen and Brøndalsen had reached their footing, but were still in the water. When they again observed Sorensen he was half-way between the boat and the shore. Brøndalsen took off his coat, so as to use it as a link between himself and Jensen, who was on his way to assist deceased, but before they reached him he had disappeared.

SMILED AT HIM.

In reply to Superintendent Mulcahy, Brøndalsen said that he thought the boat would not sink even though Sorensen kept clinging to it.

Mr. M. McCarthy (foreman of the jury) asked the witness if the deceased was nervous after the accident.

Brøndalsen said he thought that Sorensen was not nervous, as he smiled at him and said he would be able to manage the boat.

Donkeyman Jensen told the Coroner that he had nothing to add to his comrade's statement.

Guard McDonagh, who assisted at the removal of the body, said it was clothed in blue overalls and that there were no marks on the body, other than were caused by the drowning.

Dr. Agnes Nolan, Shanagolden, the medical officer for the district, said that she had made a post mortem examination of the body and found that death was due to shock and cardiac failure.

The jury returned a verdict in agreement with the medical testimony.

The jury were:—Messrs. M. McCarthy (foreman), J. King, P.C.; J. Walsh, W. Kirwan, P. Cárney, J. Finucane, M. Fitzgerald and P. Culhane.

Coroner Cussen, Supt. Mulcahy and Mr. McCarthy expressed sympathy with the Captain and the deceased's companions, and asked the Captain to convey their sentiments to his family.

BUILDING DISPUTE

LETTER FROM MR. GOUGH

(To the Editor of "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Mr. Editor With reference to

THE WILY FOX

Causing Serious Situation

BIG FOWL LOSSES REPORTED

Mr. Sean Hartney, Co.C., Chairman, presided at the meeting of the County Limerick Committee of Agriculture to-day.

The other members present were Messrs. J. McCormack, Co.C.; M. Ryan, Co.C.; David Hennessy, Co.C.; J. W. Gleeson, Co.C.; Ed. Walsh, Co.C.; J. J. McNamara, Co.C.; Denis Fahey, Co.C.; Denis Power, Co.C.; D. McAuliffe, Co.C.; Michael O'Donnell, Co.C.

Mr. Martin Gleeson, C.A.O., and Mr. James Mahony, Departmental Inspector, were also in attendance.

The Chief Agricultural Officer submitted the various schemes for the year 1940/41.

Mr. Hennessy, arising out of the poultry scheme, said that people all over the country were going out of poultry because of the depredations of foxes. The destruction being done by the fox was assuming alarming proportions and as a result the fowl stock in the country had become greatly depreciated.

BECOMING SERIOUS.

Mr. Power said that the situation was becoming very serious. He suggested that a certain sum be set aside by way of subsidy for destruction of foxes.

The Chairman said that hunting organisations would raise a cry of protest if foxes were destroyed, but these organisations should take steps to protect poultry from wholesale destruction. These bodies would be communicated with and if a satisfactory reply was not received action would be taken by the Committee.

Mr. McNamara The danger of a subsidy is that people will go to the coverts to kill foxes, while the desperado fox, the chap that lives in ditches and which is the real menace, will not be interfered with.

Chairman We will see what the Hunt Committees have to say.

The following attended as a deputation from the Limerick Horse Show Society—Messrs. J. Quaid, S. J. K. Roycroft, D. McCaffrey, Gerald O'Brien and J. F. Barry.

CASE FOR INCREASED GRANT.

Mr. Quaid said that the deputation were anxious to get the same allocation for the Show next year as had been given for the current year. Despite very adverse conditions, this year's Show was very successful and the financial loss was almost negligible. The Committee had treated the Show Society very generously and if an equal grant were given for the coming year the Society would be quite satisfied.

The Chairman said that the grant given last year was £241, being an increase of £100 over the previous year. He could not congratulate the Show Society in respect of the treatment meted out to cattle exhibitors.

Mr. Power said that no blame could be attributed to the Society for what had happened to cattle exhibitors. All cattle were to be exhibited the first day and that was clearly stated in the prize list.

Chairman Cattle should be exhibited on the two days.

Mr. Power proposed that an allocation of £244 be given for next year's Show.

Mr. O'Donnell seconded this proposition.

Mr. Quaid, Co.C. An increase of £100 is very considerable and conditions might be very different next year.

"THE PEOPLE'S SHOW."

Mr. McNamara The Show Society had great courage in undertaking the Show this year and strict economy had to be exercised in order to make ends meet.

Mr. McCormack It is the people's Show and anything got from the Show goes to the people. This year's Show a great success despite the war and various exhibits, though restricted, of a very high standard. It must also be remembered that the Department pays half the allocation.

Chairman The increase of £100 given for this year's Show was not to be taken as a precedent. If conditions do not

IRISH ARTISTS

Reproductions Of Their Paintings

WORKS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT

The Victor Waddington Publications, Ltd., 19 Nassau Street, Dublin, has issued in bound book and portfolio form full-colour reproductions of paintings selected by each of twelve Irish artists as the picture by which he or she would like to be represented. These works are of outstanding merit and reflect the highest credit on Messrs. Waddington and the printers.

The portfolio measures 15 in. by 11 in. and, apart from the introduction by Professor Bodkin, it contains twelve separate and complete units, each comprising a folded paper mount (the full size of the portfolio), on which is tipped the picture, faced with a synopsis of the artist's life and work. There is also an edition available bound in book form. In the making of the portfolio, materials of excellent quality have been used throughout. It is simple, artistic and dignified. There has been nothing wasted on elaborations of any sort; but on the reproduction of the pictures themselves expense has not been spared. They are very fine, and each has been approved by the artist before being passed for printing. The printing and binding was entrusted to the Sign of the Three Candles, Dublin.

The price, which is exceptionally low, has been based on the publishers' complete confidence of a large demand for this much-needed publication, which will rank with the best of similar work from other countries. An edition of the portfolio is available with reading matter in Irish. It is printed in the newly-designed Colum Cille Gaelic type.

A very informative and interesting introduction has been written for the publications by Dr. Thomas Bodkin, Professor of Fine Arts and Director of the Barber Institute, Birmingham University. Dr. Bodkin, it will be remembered, was director for many years of the National Gallery of Ireland, and his reputation as an authority on fine arts is world wide. In his introduction he pays a glowing tribute to the Victor Waddington publications, and in the concluding sentence says "The nation that neglects to display, through the minds and hands of her artists, the emotions, the ideals and the aspirations that animate its people is unworthy of the name." In that connection it should be stated that Messrs. Waddington have done a great national service by producing so excellently the chosen works of each of twelve Irish artists. It is an "anthology" that is bound to reflect high credit on the country as a whole by raising our national prestige in the realm of art.

It should be of local interest to note that the original of one of the pictures reproduced, "The Top of the Hill," by Grace Henry, is in the Limerick Municipal Art Gallery. The other artists to be represented in the collection are: Sean Keating, R.H.A.; Charles Lamb, R.H.A.; Frank McKelvey, R.H.A.; J. Humbert Craig, R.H.A.; Sean O'Sullivan, R.H.A.; William Conor, R.O.I., A.R.H.A.; Paul Henry, R.H.A.; Harry Keuff, R.H.A.; Maurice MacGonigal, R.H.A.; Dermot O'Brien, P.R.H.A., and Leo Whelan, R.H.A.

The portfolios are being sold at 21/- for each complete set of twelve, and the book bound form at 25/- each.

PAPER SHORTAGE

OUR readers will please note that it is necessary to place orders for their papers with their local agents. These agents are allowed to return, as unsold, only

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Mr. L. Forde, Limerick Fisheries Officer, in Limerick today, present were solicitor; C. J. Considine, J. Cr.

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