

after he had the car turned, he pressed the accelerator to see if the engine was pulling evenly in the high gear. He had only travelled about 10 yards when the car suddenly skidded. He arrested the skid and it then skidded in the opposite direction. He got about three skids. For no apparent reason the car went into a very bad skid, and turned completely around and travelled backwards and went into the river. Witness opened the door and jumped as the car was falling into the river. At the time the car commenced to skid he was travelling at about 20 m.p.h. He did not accelerate in any unusual manner that would be conducive to a skid. The road was very greasy at the point, and the two back tyres were in a very dangerous condition. He had previously told Grimes about the condition of the tyres, and asked for permission to change them before the car was taken out.

Cross-examined by Mr. Binchy, witness said he did not look at the tyres before he took the car out.

Wm. Myles said that he had a conversation with Grimes after the accident and told him all the cars were insured. Witness was under the impression that the car would be covered in such an accident.

Mr. Binchy—Didn't you say to Grimes that you would cover all responsibility?—No.

Didn't you think you were covered by the insurance company?—Yes.

And when you learned that you were not you decided to fight the case?—Yes, on the instructions of my solicitor.

Thomas Hayes said that the value of the car at the time of the accident was about £200.

JUDGE'S DECISION.

His Lordship said he was going to find there was negligence on the part of the driver of the car. He had opportunities of braking and did not brake; he had opportunities of stopping and did not stop.

Mr. L'ston said that the billheads sent by defendants to their customers stated that they took every precaution against fire but did not accept liability for damage caused by fire or for damage caused by any unforeseen cause. This was an unforeseen accident, he submitted.

His Lordship said he found negligence and that implied that there was some act or omission which resulted in the car going into the river. He would award £208 damages with costs and expenses.

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

A special examination will be held in the Model Schools, on 16th inst, in connection with the award of six secondary scholarships offered by the City Council. Thirty-eight students will sit, thirty-two boys and six girls, and the subjects will be set by the Department of Education. These scholarships will be tenable at any recognised secondary school for a period of five years, but in certain circumstances this period may be extended in order to facilitate the education of students displaying exceptional brilliance and aptitude.

PLOVER'S EGG FOR DUTCH QUEEN

A Dutch soldier found a plover's egg in a field "somewhere in England." Making sure it was the first to be found this season, he sent it to Queen Wilhelmina. It is an ancient Dutch custom to present the first plover's egg of the season to the reigning monarch.

DEATH.

Wallace—On March 31st, 1941, at his residence, 19, Sir Harry's Mall, Limerick, John Wallace. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Mary's Church this (Monday) evening at 9 p.m. Funeral on Wednesday to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery at 3 p.m.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Stationary Engine Drivers and Firemen—At a meeting of the Limerick Stationary Engine Drivers and Firemen's Society, held at 17 Thomas Street, on Sunday, the 30th March, it was proposed by Mr. Patrick O'Brien:—"That we tender our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Brockett and son on the death of Mr. John Brockett, late Engineer, Messrs. Cleeve Bros., Lansdowne." This was seconded by Gerard Flynn and passed.

The Committee of the above Society also wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. David Reardon, Cahernorry, on the tragic death of his brother in England.—John Sheehan, Sec.