

## QUESTION OF PAY

### Mental Hospital Attendants

#### EIGHTEEN CLAIMS

To-day, at Limerick Civil Bill Court, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J.,

Eighteen claims were listed by Mental Hospital attendants against the Committee of Management for work and labour done and services rendered.

Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solr., appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. R. G. O'Sullivan, sol'citor to the Co. Council, for the defendants.

An adjournment of the cases had been granted from a previous court.

Mr. O'Donovan said that he had all his witnesses present and he was asking to have the cases heard. He had already waited long enough.

Mr. O'Sullivan said that he was in a difficulty. The Committee had passed two resolutions saying that the attendants should be paid but the Department had sent a further letter asking for an expression of opinion and stating that if after consideration the Committee considered the extra remuneration was a recognised emolument for night duty, they would raise no objection to the payment of it. The necessary resolution could not be passed until the meeting of the Committee on Wednesday next.

**"VERY UNFAIR TO THE MEN."**  
The Justice said that his attitude would have to be determined by the attitude of Mr. O'Donovan. It was very unfair to the men to have the cases going on over a long period.

Mr. O'Donovan said that he notified the claims last November and he had waited patiently. About three months ago he had issued the civil bills.

The Justice said that on the last occasion it was intimated that that was the last adjournment that would be asked for.

Mr. O'Sullivan said that the resolution on the terms required by the Department would be passed at the meeting on Wednesday.

The Justice said that he would be prepared to hear the cases on Friday. Every man was entitled to have his case heard and there should be no delay or defeat of justice.

Mr. O'Sullivan — I think Mr. O'Donovan could consent to an adjournment until Friday.

#### TWENTY WITNESSES PRESENT.

Mr. O'Donovan said that if the cases were adjourned to Friday they would have to be entered up

## FELL OUT OF BOAT

### Limerick Drowning Tragedy

#### STORY AT INQUEST

On Friday evening a sad drowning tragedy took place on the River Shannon at the Metal Bridgt, near Limerick.

The victim was Cornelius Hickey, aged 19, of 118 Oliver Plunkett Street, Island Field. He was drowned when he fell out of a boat moored to a buoy, and although the body was recovered in a comparatively short time, life was extinct.

Mr. J. S. McNeice, solicitor, Deputy Coroner, held an inquest at Barrington's Hospital, on Saturday afternoon, touching the circumstances of the death of the deceased.

Inspector W. Brazil represented the Garda authorities.

#### HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

Thomas O'Shaughnessy, 81 St. Ita Street, stated he was with Cornelius Hickey at the Metal Bridge on Friday afternoon. The deceased, who had a boat which he was after painting, asked witness to assist him in mooring it to a buoy on the river. Witness brought an old boat to enable deceased return to the shore after mooring his own boat. Hickey then rowed out about twenty yards to where the buoy was, and witness remained on the shore holding a rope to which the old boat was attached. After Hickey had completed his task he climbed into the old boat, which was half filled with water. It sank immediately, and the deceased was thrown into the water. He disappeared before help could reach him.

Corroborative evidence was given by John O'Reilly.

#### RECOVERY OF BODY.

Thomas Finan stated, in evidence, that he was in the vicinity with two companions. On learning of the accident they procured grappling irons and rowed to the spot, where they recovered the body after a short time. The body was only twenty minutes in the water altogether.

Other evidence was given to show that artificial respiration was applied for a considerable time without result by members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, who were also on the scene.

Dr. J. G. Tynan, Barrington's Hospital, stated that in his opinion death was due to asphyxia, following drowning.

The Coroner returned a verdict of accidental death, and expressed deep sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

## TOWN TOPICS

#### THE MAYORALTY.

It is now fairly certain that two candidates will be proposed for the office of Mayor at the special meeting of the City Council on Saturday, 28th inst. They are Ald. J. McInerney and Councillor Des. O'Malley, and according to the quidnuncs the contest will be a close one. On "book" form Mr. O'Malley should win, as he will have the support of the Fianna Fail group and besides, his candidature will be endorsed by members of the Corporation who are unattached. On the other hand, Ald. McInerney is assured of an influential measure of support, and experience shows that the unexpected could happen in a Mayoral election.

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#### TO BE CLEARED.

The Minister for Local Government has now issued Slum Clearance Orders in respect of Market Alley, Crosby Row and part of Clancy Strand. This means that the entire area scheduled for demolition in connection with the Killeely housing scheme will be cleared in due course. The transfer of the tenants of these three areas, together with Watergate area—a Clearance Order for which was received last week—to the new houses at Killeely will begin out of hand. As this is a rather formidable job the evacuation will take some little time to complete.

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#### A PROVISIO.

In connection with the Clearance Order for Clancy Strand area the Minister has made an important proviso. At the Inquiry held at the instance of the Corporation into the making of the Order, it was stated in evidence that four families who depended entirely on fishing for their livelihood lived in Clancy Strand. It was pointed out that if they were transferred to a district at a distance from the Shannon they would be placed at a big disadvantage. The Minister has now directed that the houses occupied by these families be not demolished until it was possible for the Corporation to give them dwellings