

FIRE FIGHTING

Brigade For County

AREA NEAR THE CITY

REPORT BEFORE HEALTH BOARD

A meeting of the Limerick County Board of Health on Friday, John Quaid, Co.C., vice-chairman presiding.

A report was read from the engineer (Mr. P. J. Sheahan, F.A.I.) with reference to the proposed establishment of a fire brigade for the county in the County Hospital at Croom.

In the course of his report the engineer pointed out that the position of fire brigade captain would have to be filled by a man with a mechanical training and with an understanding of the operation of pumps, engines and motors. In connection it would be noted that his duties would consist in keeping all equipment in good repair and that it would not be a full-time job. He, therefore, suggested that the spare time of the Fire Engineer should be occupied as an assistant Hospital Engineer. The Captain should be available at all times in the case of an emergency fire.

AREA ADJACENT TO CITY.

Mr. Sheahan went on to state that he had been in consultation with the City Manager in connection with the provision by the Corporation of fire fighting facilities for the area adjacent to the city. The City Manager had pointed out that in order to provide these services a fire engine should be purchased at a cost of about £1,200. He was asked to recommend that a fire engine be provided for the area adjacent to the city on the following conditions—(1) The payment of a retaining fee of £100 per annum; (2) a charge of 2/6 per mile for fire service; (3) cost of officers attending fires, and (4) charges of £3 for fire attended.

The Engineer went on to explain that from these figures it would be estimated that excluding the cost of the retaining fee the average cost of fires outside the city under his

CHILD'S DEATH

Inquest Opened And Charged At Newcastle West

Adjoined

RECENT ACCIDENT

Mr. J. S. McNeice, solicitor, Deputy Coroner, opened an inquest at Barrington's Hospital, Limerick, on Friday afternoon into the circumstances of the death of a child named Geraldine Bouchier, who was killed by a motor lorry in Denmark Street on Saturday, 2nd August.

Supt. Dennehy prosecuted, and Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, appeared for the driver of the vehicle, Thomas Scully, Flagmount, Feakle.

Supt. Dennehy intimated at the outset that he intended applying for an adjournment after formal evidence was given.

Dr. J. G. Tynan, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, deposed that he performed a post mortem examination of the body of the deceased and found severe injuries to the head and skull. Death, in his opinion, was due to shock and haemorrhage following fracture of the skull.

FATHER'S EVIDENCE.

Timothy Bouchier, father of the child, said he resided in 17 Denmark Street. At 2.30 p.m. on 2nd August he left his home. At that time his daughter, Geraldine, aged 2 years, was perfectly normal and healthy. At 5 p.m. he returned to Denmark Street, where he saw a lorry with a number of people around it. He then ascertained that his child had been injured. When he reached Barrington's Hospital he was told that the child was dead. He saw the body and identified it as that of his daughter.

DEEP REGRET AND SYMPATHY

Supt. Dennehy said the facts of the case had been reported to the Attorney-General. He wished to apply for an adjournment.

Mr. O'Malley said he wished to express the deep regret of the owner and also the driver of the lorry for the unfortunate accident, and to express their deep sympathy to Mr. Bouchier and his family.

The Coroner, in adjourning the inquest, expressed sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Bouchier, in which Supt. Dennehy and the jury joined.

SIX PUBLICANS

Charged At Newcastle West

FINES IMPOSED

Six publicans were charged at Newcastle West Court on Friday, before Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L., D.J., with breaches of the licensing laws.

Mrs. Ambrose, The Square, Newcastle West, was summoned for a breach on the 14th June last.

Garda Purcell stated that on June 4th at 10.25 p.m. he inspected the premises of defendant. He found there was a number of travellers on the premises, but there were also local men who were not travellers.

A BIG RUSH.

Mr. Leahy, solr., for defendant, said at the time there was a big military encampment on the west of the county engaged in turf-cutting. It was pay-day, and they had come into Mrs. Ambrose's in large numbers. Meantime there was only Mr. Ambrose in the shop, and he was unable to cope with the big rush. In this way some local men had come in.

In reply to Mr. Leahy, Garda Purcell said the house was very well conducted.

The Justice imposed a fine of £2 and the men found on the premises were fined 5/- and 2/6.

James Nash, Church St., Newcastle West, was summoned for a breach of the licensing laws on the 6th July.

Guard Purcell stated that on the said date, which was a Sunday, while on duty he entered the premises of the defendant and found a number of men from the town and district on the premises. There were also travellers.

DAY OF A HURLING MATCH.

In reply to Mr. Leahy, for defendant, witness said it was a day of a hurling match and the premises were right across the road from the playing field. There was a boy at the door.

Defendant was fined 40s. and the men on the premises were fined 5/- each.

Mrs. Margaret Murphy was summoned for a breach of the licensing laws on June 14th last.

Guard Purcell stated that at 1. a.m. on the date in question he