

# SOCCER

## Limerick's Defeat

### EASY FOR "SHELS"

By "G. R."

The Christmas "rush" advanced stage further yesterday at the Markets Field, when Shelbourne figured in a "goal rush" against Limerick. Five shots passed Harington in a game which developed into a big disappointment for a big attendance. It is hard to conceive the poorness of the Limerick side, beaten 5 nil. But seeing is believing. Surely the partaking of too much plum pudding could not be suggested as an excuse for the dreary show. I hope it is not a case of we're back to where we started at the outset of the season. Remember the drubbing by Drumcondra. It must be hard on the management, while struggling to keep the side in existence, meeting with such rebuff. If this rut is an indication of what lies ahead, I am greatly afraid that the Committee's troubles will come to a hasty conclusion. It would be ridiculous to think that they could keep on financing such a side. The only hope is that the team will strive with the utmost endeavour—get down to work—it is their livelihood—and illustrate to the fans that the current remark—"They're hopeless," is just mere balderdash.

### OUTSTANDING PLAYERS.

Although Shelbourne won handsomely, they are by no means a great side. Fortunately, they have a splend'd centre-half in Fallon, who for once put the Tommy Byrne scoring machine out of action. The "reds," too, can boast of having an equally brilliant centre-forward in Bradshaw, who certainly made the scoring of his three goals not only a perfected art but they were notched like child's play. He is either in a class by himself or the Limerick defence is as weak as tissue paper. His vis-a-vis, Byrne, was not supported well enough to make a favourable comparison. Buchanan worked very hard all through, while Waddell showed that the propensity to attack is his best suit. On the whole, the home backs were at sixes-and-sevens in the matter of understanding with each other; with their goalie and vice-versa. The winners, on the other hand, covered up to a nicety and dealt most capably with the limited amount of trouble which came their way. "Shels." attack came well out of their shell

# HOSPITAL ECHOES

(From Our Correspondent).

### Death of Octogenarian Priest.

The Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly has lost one of its most zealous and devoted priests in the death which occurred recently in the parochial residence of the venerable pastor of Golden, the Very Rev. Edmund O'Kane. A native of this district, one of the O'Kanes of Bottomstown, he has many near relations both in Hospital and Knockainey. The early part of his sacred ministry he served in Scotland, where his strong rugged character and frank outspokenness appealed to the similar attributes of the dour Highlanders.

### The Home Mission.

On being recalled to the home mission, he spent a number of years as curate in Newport and later in Cappawhite, before being appointed to the pastoral charge of Golden Parish, where he laboured fruitfully and with rare zeal in the spiritual and material interests of his flock. Here in this fertile parish in the heart of the "Golden Vale" he spent thirty-one years preaching and teaching the Word, building, exhorting, urging, and it would be strange, indeed, if his great qualities as a priest, and his deep personal interest in even the least of his parishioners, did not appeal to and find a ready response from the kindly people of that Tipperary district, where he was loved, honoured and revered, especially by the poor, to whom he was always a true friend and counsellor. To his numerous relatives and friends in this area we extend our sincere condolences in their great loss.

### His Successor.

If the people of Golden have lost one great priest they found another in their new pastor, Very Rev. Father Hammersley. We in Hospital have good reason to know the great qualities of Father Hammersley. Indeed, it is doubtful if there is in the archdiocese a more zealous and conscientious churchman. During his term as curate here no duty was too heavy for him and he frequently imposed a strain on himself by remaining in the confessional on Saturday nights until almost ten o'clock hearing confessions. His constant attention to the sick was perhaps his most lovable characteristic, though, generally, he will be best remembered in the great work he did in re-organising the Confraternity. He may be assured that in his new appointment he will have the prayers and good wishes of his many friends in Hospital for a very successful and happy pastorate amongst the people of Golden.

# LIMERICK STOCK LIST

## TO'DAY'S PRICES :

Government Funds.	
4 p.c. Conversion Loan	108
Second National Loan	112½
Third National Loan	109½
Fourth National Loan	
3½ p.c. War Loan	104½
3½ p.c. Financial Agreement	
4 p.c. Exchequer Bonds	106½
4½ p.c. Land Bonds	112½
3½ p.c. National Security	106½
Banks.	
Munster and Leinster	
National	35/6
Bank of Ireland	307
Rails.	
G.S. Railways Deb.	55
G.S. Railways Ord.	
G.N. Railways	
Miscellaneous.	
Guinness Ord.	94
Imperial Tobaccos	
British-American Tobaccos	
Courtaulds	
Coats	
Dunlops	
Imperial Chemical	
Clondalkin Paper Mills	
Cement Ord.	
Ranks (Ireland) Pref.	

(No London prices received)

## AFFORESTATION

### WORK OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Clondalkin Paper Mills, Ltd., on Saturday, Mr. J. J. Walsh, Chairman, made a strong plea for a speeding up of afforestation. If there is one lesson more than another to be learnt from the experiences of this war, he said, it is that afforestation on a big scale is a paramount necessity. Building is crippled because of the paucity of mature soft wood, and there is little or no wood available to start a wood-pulping industry. For a country with millions of acres of mountainy land, useless otherwise than for the feeding of wretched animals, misnamed sheep, it speaks volumes for the incapacity of previous and present legislators. If there is one country in Europe that could be self-sufficient in the matter of the key product of timber it is this one. In advocating afforestation, one would imagine from the hesitancy of the Government that we were trying to put something over on the country. Scandinavian countries are planted to the last