

officer and I got out. The van then drove away and witness got home by another car.

Mr. O'Donovan—Defendant says he saw you coming out of a licensed premises in Tarbert and that you had the sign of drink on you and that that was the reason he took over the wheel?—That is not correct. I was in a grocer's shop, but I had no drink.

Private M. O'Toole, who travelled to Tarbert with the van, said that on the return journey Corpl. Grimes refused to sit in the van while defendant was driving. Defendant then drove away. On the journey to Limerick the van was driven at about 50 or 60 miles per hour. Further on the speedometer needle indicated up to 100 miles per hour, and when witness drew defendant's attention to this fact, defendant replied that the needle was out of order. When they came near the spot where the accident happened the van started to wobble and finished up inside the fence. At the time of the wobble the van was travelling at between 50 and 60 miles per hour.

James Griffin, who was cycling on the road at the time, said that on account of the "terribly fast speed" at which the lorry was driven he pulled in to the grass margin from it.

DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE.

Defendant, in evidence, said that he saw Corpl. Grimes coming out of a licensed premises and he thought it advisable not to let him take over the wheel. When witness started to drive he did not find anything wrong with the steering and he did not drive more than 45 m.p.h., which was permissible for heavy vans. Approaching the scene of the accident the road seemed to be very bumpy and all of a sudden the steering seemed to go completely. The wheel turned around uselessly in his hand and the car went from one side of the road to the other. The car went through a wire paling and turned over on its side as a result of hitting the dyke. One passenger was injured.

In reply to Supt. Cooney, witness admitted that he had no authority to drive the van.

The Justice said there was no doubt defendant was driving much too fast and he would impose a fine on him of £3. He dismissed the second summons of driving without a licence.

ART SCHOLARSHIP

On the recommendation of Mr. P. V. Twomey, C.E.O., Limerick City Vocational Education Committee, at a meeting held on Friday night, decided to grant a scholarship in the National College of Art, Dublin, to Patrick Fitzgerald, Croom. The County Vocational Education Committee is prepared to pay half the scholarship fee.

Guards and Sergeant Hurley went to the defendant's house and knocked them up and the boy admitted taking the bicycle and brought the sergeant to the place where he had it hidden.

Rev. Father Power, C.C., asked his worship to give the boy a chance, saying that a chance now might do more to correct him than any form of punishment.

The Justice agreed, on Father Power's recommendation, to adjourn the case for six months. If anything happened in that time he would commit the boy to an Industrial School. If nothing happened meanwhile he would dismiss the case under the Probation Act.

TRAIN TRAGEDY

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ECHO AT CIRCUIT COURT

Compensation amounting to £256 14s. 1d. payable to relatives of the late Mrs. Margaret O'Carroll, Lisnagry, was allowed at Limerick Circuit Court to-day.

Mr. S. Kenny, B.L. (instructed by Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solr.), appeared for Mary O'Carroll, daughter of deceased; Messrs. Fitt and Co., solrs., for the G.S. Railways, and Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solr., for Michael and Patrick O'Carroll, sons of the deceased.

Mr. Kenny said that on 14th November last Mrs. Margaret O'Carroll was killed at the level crossing at Lisnagry. She had been a gate-keeper employed by the G.S. Railways and when opening or shutting the gates she was struck by a train and killed immediately. The ascertained amount of compensation was £256 14s. 1d. There was now a contention that Patrick O'Carroll was a dependent.

Patrick O'Carroll said that his mother used keep him during periods of unemployment. He lived at the level crossing home, and assisted his mother.

After Mrs. Michael O'Carroll had given evidence (which was inaudible at the Press desk) the Judge remarked that she was not entitled to any part of the money, and he also overruled Patrick O'Carroll's claim, allowing the full compensation to Mary O'Carroll.

On a question of costs, his Lordship said that he would go into the matter later.

WELCOME FOR NEW SOLICITOR.

At Bruff Court on Thursday, 16th inst., Mr. R. Fox, solr., introduced Mr. L. Walsh, a new solicitor, to the Court and District Justice Conner said he was delighted to welcome Mr. Walsh and he wished him the greatest success. Inspector Pender and Mr. Clifford, Court Clerk, associated themselves with the welcome and Mr. Walsh returned thanks.

year, but owing to the abnormal circumstances obtaining that could not be done, nor was it possible to do so now. To comply with the Statutes it was necessary to convene the annual meeting, but as accounts were not available the only business for transaction was the election of a director and auditors. Since the last report the dividend on the Preference Capital has been paid. On the Ordinary Capital an interim dividend has been paid for the year ended 27th December, 1941, at the rate of 5 per cent., less income tax.

The Shareholders unanimously re-elected the retiring director, Mr. G. Maurice Goodbody. The auditors, Messrs. Hodgson, Harris and Co., were also re-elected. The meeting was adjourned to a date to be fixed as soon as the accounts become available.

EXAMINATION ORDER.

Bridget Carroll appeared at Hospital Court to answer an examination order in which Kathleen O'Keeffe was the plaintiff. Mr. L. Walsh, solicitor, recalled that the present examination arose out of an action for slander brought by the plaintiff against the defendant at Limerick Circuit Court and in which a decree was given for £25 1s. 0d.

After hearing the defendants evidence District Justice Conner said that she seemed to misunderstand her position and she was not nearly as destitute as she said in evidence. She could have appealed but did not do so. He made an order for the payment of £4 per month, with 16/10 special expenses and the usual costs of court. First payment to be made in a month from date of order.

FODDER FROM WOOD

In the last two years (according to the Swedish International Press Bureau) Sweden has had to slaughter a considerable part of her livestock in consequence of a shortage of fodder. The situation would have been much more difficult, however, only that Swedish wood chemists had succeeded in developing a kind of fodder cellulose which could be used for eking out the ordinary fodder.

POST FOR ABBEYFEALE LADY

Limerick City Vocational Education Committee, at a meeting held on Friday night last, unanimously elected Miss Kathleen Hanly, Abbeyfeale, as part-time instructress in Domestic Economy. Ten applications were received for the position, and of these six were from qualified candidates. Miss Hanly, who is daughter of Mr. Joseph Hanly, N.T., has gone through a fine educational course and has very high qualifications.