

Mr. E. Galway Foley, Manager, National Bank (Tulla), presided, and the attendance included, in addition to the speakers, Messrs. T. J. Frost, Manager, Provincial Bank, Ennis; H. R. Barry, Manager, National Bank, Ennis; J. F. Bredin, Agent Bank of Ireland, Ennis; J. Moloney, Manager, Munster and Leinster Bank, Ennis; J. E. Rossiter, G. Clarke, P. J. Cahill (Hon. Sec. of the Association), M. C. Stronge, J. Brooks, J. H. Langford, T. F. McCarthy.

Mr. J. Foley, Manager, M. and L. Bank, Ennis, was elected president; Mr. R. R. Barry, Manager, National Bank, Ennis, vice-president; Mr. P. J. Cahill, M. and L. Bank, Ennis, hon. sec. and delegate to annual conference. Committee — Messrs. E. J. Cuddy, H. O. Langford, E. Fox, J. Rossiter, H. O'Donovan, T. McCarthy, M. V. Watson, and W. Power.

Tributes were paid to Mr. Cahill, the re-elected hon. sec., for the capable manner in which he discharged his duties.

DEATH OF MR. J. O'BYRNE.

The death has occurred at his residence, Fern Hill, Limerick, of Mr. John O'Byrne. He had been a member of the staff of the Limerick Steamship Co. for nearly 50 years and was in charge of the transport department. He was the father-in-law of Mr. P. J. Sheahan, Limerick Co. Council Engineer, and of Mr. F. Reeves, B.O.A.C., Foynes. There was a large and representative attendance at the funeral, which took place to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

gone, and that the Pope "had received from an ungrateful Italy a crown of thorns, instead of the crown of gold."

Reference was next made to the reverence and love with which Catholics listened to the voice of Pius and to the loyalty of the episcopacy, the priesthood and the people of the Catholic world to the "uncrowned Pontiff"; and the lecturer ended his brilliant discourse on "the Prisoner of the Vatican," as Pope Pius IX. was called, by using words that have proved to be prophetic when he said that "perhaps in a few years, the third circle of the Tiara will be there, as there must be a Pope-King because the temporal power is useful and necessary for the Church of God, who will provide it for her."

thought we should till. We are making arrangements to till more than our quota this year.

Mr. R. J. Cussen, solicitor (acting for Mr. J. J. Power, State Solicitor)—Are you tilling more than 12½ acres this year?

Mr. Noonan—We are tilling about 14 acres.

Referring to the amount arable, Mr. Noonan added that there was gravel land with a stone surface.

Justice—On the evidence of the Inspector, I would hold that 50 acres are arable.

Another Inspector stated that he visited the holding on September 9th, 1942, and found that an area of 8 acres 3 roods and 18 perches was under tillage.

The Justice said that he would convict on the summons. The penalty could be very severe, but it was not a terribly bad case. There must be a fine, and only for the attitude of the defendant it would be very high. As it was, he would be fined £3, with 26/- expenses.

HAY BURNED

ALL-NIGHT FIGHT WITH FLAMES

Limerick Fire Brigade engaged in an all-night struggle to prevent a spread of the conflagration when fire broke out in a hay-barn on the premises of Mr. L. Hayes, Ballykeeffe, on Saturday night.

The fire was discovered some time before 11 o'clock, and the Brigade, under Lieut. T. Gough, were quickly on the scene.

Faced with the dual problem of controlling the flames and preventing them from reaching the thatched dwellinghouse nearby, as well as other out-houses and quantities of hay, the Brigade had to make exceptional effort to cope with the danger.

An additional difficulty was the necessity of pumping water from the near-by creek where they had to construct a dam. Working all through the night, and in space where manoeuvrability was limited, the Brigade by dint of hard work succeeded in confining the outbreak to the barn, but it was going on for 9 o'clock on Sunday morning before they were able to relax their efforts.

Between 50 and 60 tons of hay, it is calculated, were destroyed.

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