

Seabhac (P. Slochinnradha) is again chairman, and he will have the assistance of the following vice-chairmen—Aindrias O Muimhneachain, An tAthair Mac Aodhagain, C.S.Sp.; Sean Beaumont, Padraig Mac Con Midhe, Sean O hUadhaigh. Leon O Dubhghaill is secretary, and Eibhlin Ni Chathailriabhaigh, financial secretary. Other officials are Michael "Eoghan" O Suilleabhain and An Dr. P. T. Breathnach.

Every effort is to be made to make this year's Oireachtas, which will be held during the last week of October, as outstanding as possible. It is hoped to commemorate in a special way the silver jubilee of the Gaelic League.

The clar of competitions is already published. Over £280 is offered in prizes in competitions covering a wide field. Awards will be made for original drama, composition and arrangement of Irish music, short story, poetry, and special competitions for writers living in the Gaedhealtacht.

A notice to writers appears in this year's clar that an award of £100 will be made at Oireachtas, 1944, for original novel in Irish.

Intending competitors are advised to secure a copy of an clar immediately from Runaidhe an Oireachtas, 14, Cearnog Pharnall, Ath Cliath.

## MARCH WEATHER

Barometer—Highest, 30.71 inches on the 1st; lowest, 29.68 on 24th. It was mainly high throughout.

Thermometer—Day, 63 F on the 18th; night, 28 F on 12th; at or under 32 F on three nights.

Rainfall—Total fall for month, 1.05 inches; heaviest on the 29th, 0.17; number of wet days, 17.

Remarks—A record month so far as rain was concerned; very favourable for tillage operations. Fogs appeared on 6th and 7th; frosts on 12th, 13th and 14th; brilliant sunshine on 18th and 22nd; winds strong, W. and W.N.W. at end of month.—W. J. Horne, Crescent.

## SWEDEN'S SHIPPING LOSSES

Sweden has lost 216 merchantmen, totalling 862,862 tons, since war started, and 1,104 Swedish seamen have lost their lives, according to statistics published by the "Svdsvenska Dagbladet."

## LITTLE RAIN LAST MONTH

Last month was exceptionally dry and mild compared with March of 1942, but the amount of sunshine—98 hours—was low. Total rainfall was 0.72 inches, compared with 2.76 inches last year.

Maguire, President of the High Court, has been elected chairman of the committee.

The selection of Messrs. Quinlan and Larkin has given general satisfaction in Limerick. From the very outset of the emergency they have taken a very great interest in the Red Cross campaign, and from the inception of the movement in Limerick Mr. Quinlan has held the office of chairman. They are to be congratulated on the well-merited recognition now bestowed on their activities on behalf of human suffering.

## CAUGHT IN MACHINE

A man named John O'Shea, a native of Tralee, had his right hand and arm very badly crushed by being caught in a machine at Messrs. Rank's Mills, Limerick, yesterday. It is understood that he was employed by a weighing machine company and had been sent to Limerick to carry out some repairs. Tradesmen worked ceaselessly for over an hour before he could be released. A doctor was quickly on the scene, and after treatment, in which members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade on the staff assisted, he was removed in the Fire Brigade Ambulance to Barrington's Hospital. Enquiries made at Barrington's Hospital this evening disclosed that the injured man had a comfortable night and was making progress.

## ARRIVED IN AFRICA

News has reached Ireland of the safe arrival in Africa of over forty missionaries, who left Dublin on March 11th last. The missionaries consisted of Holy Ghost Fathers, Kiltegan Fathers and Franciscan Brothers from Tuam. Before they reach the Nigerian mission fields the missionaries have to negotiate 500 miles of the famous Bush Road.

## TWO THOUSAND KILLED

Preliminary figures show that 2,007 people were killed, 603 were injured and 1,303 were missing as a result of the Allied raid on Antwerp on Monday, says the German News Agency. Hundreds of dwellinghouses were destroyed or heavily damaged in the attack, it added.

## DEATH.

**Shanahan**—April 6th, 1943, Thomas Shanahan, Carheeney House, Kildimo, second son of Richard and Mrs. Shanahan. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 1 o'clock from St. Michael's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.