

Mr. Keyes said that the allowances in respect of home assistance were too low. The ratepayers should face up to their responsibilities in this matter by having the allowances increased.

Mr. Casey—I recollect the Chamber of Commerce two years ago expressing a desire to have home assistance increased.

Mr. Hartney said that the one big objection he had to the Managerial system was based on the fact that the administration of home assistance had been removed from public representatives—the very people who were in close touch with the destitute. In saying that he was not referring to any one Manager, but to the system as a whole.

Ald. Reidy—What proportion of the rate is devoted to home assistance?

Manager—About 7/- in the £.

#### THE ALLOWANCE IN DUBLIN.

Ald. Bourke, T.D., remarked that in Dublin, the home assistance allowance per head was double the allowance in Limerick.

Mr. Russell thought that the system in operation with regard to home help distribution should be revised in the light of the economic conditions now obtaining. He thought that an allowance of 2/6 per week for destitute people was too little.

Mr. Keyes—I agree with Mr. Russell. The whole system should be revised.

Manager—I will go into the matter, and at a future meeting I will submit a report showing what a general increase would cost.

On the motion of Ald. Reidy, seconded by Ald. O'Malley, a resolution was passed requesting the Government to increase unemployment assistance allowances.

### NAMING OF NEW LIMERICK ROADS

Last night at a meeting of Limerick Corporation, the Mayor (Mr. J. McQuane) presiding,

The Assistant Town Clerk said that at a meeting of the special Committee appointed by the Council for the purpose of selecting appropriate names for the roads in the Prospect housing scheme it was decided to name the principal road after the President (Dr. Douglas Hyde), who was a Freeman of Limerick. It was suggested to name the other avenues after the following—Bob Byrne, Charles Kickham, Maurice Lenihan, Thomas Francis Meagher and Matt Talbot.

On the proposition of Mr. Keyes, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted unanimously.

Inspector, N.S.P.C.A., summoned James Myers, Doonass, Clonlara, and George Lee, Castleconnell, under the Protection of Animals Act, 1911, "for beating a swan to death with a pole, causing said bird unnecessary suffering."

Mr. A. J. Blood-Smyth, solicitor, appeared for the N.S.P.C.A.

Patrick Mulqueen, in reply to Mr. Blood-Smyth, said that on September 7th his attention was drawn to the actions of the defendants, who had been employed by the E.S.P. to kill swans. Witness saw them following a swan in a boat and he saw Myers striking the swan with a pole. Lee was not striking the swan at all, but was in charge of the boat.

The Justice said there was no evidence against Lee and he would dismiss the case against him.

Mr. Blood-Smyth said that the witness reported that the two men were striking the swan.

Mulqueen said he did not see Lee striking the bird at all.

Mr. Blood-Smyth, in reply to the Justice, said the birds were supposed to be shot. There had been many complaints to the N.S.P.C.A. regarding the killing of swans, but it was only in certain circumstances the Society could prosecute.

Mr. Blood-Smyth said that if a swan was regarded as a wild bird he thought the prosecution could not stand.

Justice—I will adjourn the case against Myers for a month and in the meantime you can look up the Act. I would be very sorry if there was not some law to protect swans as this is absolute cruelty.

The case was adjourned for a month.

#### WITH THE L.S.F.

The usual weekly feature by "On Patrol" has been held over owing to pressure on space.

#### DEATH.

Hand — October 11th, at the Mater Hospital, Dublin, Mary Elizabeth, beloved wife of Edward Matthew Hand, St. Joseph's, North Circular Road, Limerick; deeply regretted by her bereaved husband and by her three sons—Father Michael Hand, O.P.; Father Thomas Hand, O.S.A., and Father Tarsicius Hand, O.F.M.—R.I.P. Remains arrived by rail in Limerick at 1.45 to-day (Wednesday), and were conveyed to St. Munchin's Church, where Solemn Requiem Mass will be offered at 10.30 on tomorrow (Thursday) morning, immediately after which the funeral will take place to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.