

consider it your duty to carry out your work to the best of your ability?—Yes.

And to place your knowledge and skill at the disposal of your employer?—Yes, quite so.

Did Banks tell you why he wanted a free hand?—He could make the gas, he stated, and in order to do so he wanted a free hand.

Did you ask him why he wanted a free hand?—No; there was no necessity, as the position was plain as far as we could see.

If he had told you that all he required was to be allowed to prepare the materials on the ground and permission to keep the heats steady—if he had told you that could you feel that he would need to have been given control of the works?—We knew nothing about making gas, but we do now as a result of this Inquiry (laughter). It could not convey anything to us Banks spoke about the heats.

Would you now think it would be necessary to give him a free hand?—Well, my opinion does not enter into the matter. I was giving evidence of what happened in the past.

Inspector—I was asking you as an experienced fitter and if you don't want to answer I will not press you.

Witness—I don't think it would be quite fair. We had no knowledge at the time of the deputation. We have some knowledge now, but that does not enter into the question.

Inspector—Very well. I will not press you.

#### FITTER EXAMINED.

Wm. Imbush, a fitter employed at the Gas Works, was the next witness examined by Mr. Ryan.

The witness stated that he was one of the deputation to the Mayor (Ald. O'Malley). There were three members of the Engineering Union employed at the Gas Works, not two. He corroborated the evidence given by the previous witness.

Mr. Ryan—Was there any question of co-operation?—No, it was a question of one man doing another man's job.

Who was the first to use the word "co-operate"?—Ald. O'Malley. He wanted to know would Banks co-operate with the Engineer. I said that it was not a question of co-operation—that if Banks was given a free hand—just as he had for 15 months before that—he would make

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At Kilfinane Court, Mr. H. L. Conner, D.J., announced that he would hold no courts at Kilmallock, Kilfinane, Bruff or Hospital in February, as he would be absent on leave.

#### STORM EFFECTS IN WEST LIMERICK.

The gale which blew with unusual violence on Monday night and Tuesday (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent) caused much damage to property in several places in and about the Abbeyfeale district. A number of houses had been stripped of slates and farm sheds partially unroofed. Business in the market had been transacted under extreme difficulty and danger, and traffic was suspended for a time.

#### PRIESTS BEREAVED

The death of Mrs. John M. Harnett, of Kilconlea, Abbeyfeale, which occurred in her 75th year (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent) is much regretted by a large circle of friends and relatives. Deceased was mother of the Rev. Daniel Harnett, C.C., London, and the Rev. John Harnett, P.P., Washington. The Very Rev. T. Canon Hogan, P.P., V.F., presided at the Requiem High Mass in St. Mary's Church.

#### SALVER MAKES £1,500.

A beautiful salver standing on four winged claws was sold at Christies, London, on Wednesday for £1,500. Weighing 77 ounces, it was made from gold snuff boxes presented to Charles IV., Duke of Rutland, who was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1784.

#### ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

The St. John Ambulance Brigade gratefully acknowledge the receipt of £5 received from Messrs. Spaight's Dance Committee (part proceeds from their annual Dance).—J. W. Allen, Hon. Treasurer, Limerick Division.

#### BULLS REMEMBER!

The current issue of "The Farmer and Stock-Breeder" says:—Putting a ring in a bull's nose should be done by a stranger, for bulls have a retentive memory.

rery? "The Glamour of The Glamour of Dublin," and "The Glamour of Belfast" occupy prominent places on its shelves. "The Glamour of Limerick" banned? If so, why?—Yours fully,

J. G.

#### MUNSTER AND LEINSTER BANK

The Munster and Leinster Ltd., announces a net profit of £66,457 for the half-year ended December, 1943—an increase of £2,882 on the net profit for the previous six months and of £1,106,449 on the corresponding six months of 1942. Deposit, current and accounts at £40,727,068 show an increase of £4,028,251 for the half-year of 1943 and of £6,000,000 on the figures for the corresponding period in 1942. Advances are £12,799,863—an increase of £307,386 when compared with advances at December, 1942 already announced, the dividend being maintained at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum. The balance sheet appears in another page.

#### RURAL POSTMAN RETIRES

Mr. Michael McInerney, for nearly 40 years rural postman in the Killaloe area, has retired on pension (writes our Killaloe correspondent). During his long service he carried out his duties very efficiently. He was a most capable official and gave satisfaction to his authorities and the public, who wish him many years of happiness to enjoy his well-earned rest. He is succeeded by Eamonn O Seachnasaigh, of Kilkee.

#### KILLALOE FIANNA FAIDH

The Killaloe Cumann of Fianna Fáil appointed the following officers for the coming year:—President, Mr. Sean Hayes; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. Hayes and J. Crowe; secretary, Mr. P. Comer; treasurer, Mr. P. Comer. Mr. M. Hayes and P. Comer were appointed delegates to the Ceanntair.

#### LIMERICK GOLF CLUB (Ladies' Section).

I.L.G.U. Spoon—Winner, M. Ryan. Best aggregate for year