

## HARBOUR BOARD

### Use Of Weigh Lever

#### COUNSEL'S OPINION

The Mayor (Ald. J. Reidy, T.D.) presided at a meeting of Limerick Harbour Board, held to-day. Also present were—Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.; Messrs. A. E. Goodwin, J. O'Keeffe, Morgan McMahon, E. Holliday, T. J. Loughrey.

Mr. D. McNeice, Secretary, Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E., Harbour Engineer and Capt. C. J. Hanrahan, Harbour Master, were the officials in attendance.

The Board decided to make its annual subscription of 5 guineas to the Irish Nautical College and Training School.

An application from Messrs. Molloy and Sons for permission to use the west end of the docks for the purpose of building pontoons for use at the Shannon Airport was granted unanimously.

#### COUNSEL'S OPINION.

A letter was read from the Law Adviser enclosing counsel's opinion on the recent question as to the use of the weigh lever at the docks. Counsel's opinion was that the Commissioners were perfectly entitled to weigh goods on the weigh lever for members of the public, and to charge the usual fee, and, secondly, that the Market Trustees had no right to prohibit the Commissioner from weighing agricultural produce, whether the same be bought outside the city or not, but if the produce consisted of corn, grain, seeds or butter that is bought or sold within the limits of the markets it is subject to compulsory weighing on the weighing machine of the Market Trustees and the weighing of same on the harbour weigh-bridge would suggest an attempt to evade tolls and as a matter of policy it might be unwise for the Harbour Commissioners to co-operate in this.

Mr. Morgan McMahon said the matter arose when Mr. M. McGuire was prevented from having produce weighed on the weighbridge. Counsel's opinion now placed the position beyond doubt.

Mayor—The Commissioners cannot be prevented from having produce belonging to public individuals weighed on the weigh-levier.

#### TRADE OF THE PORT.

The Secretary stated that the audit for the year had not yet been completed, but approximate figures were available. Thirty-four vessels entered the port as against forty the previous year. Net tonnage increased from 18,448 in 1943 to 25,566 tons in 1944, despite decreased

## A GREAT PRIEST

### Passes to His Reward

#### DEATH OF CANON O'DWYER

It is with very deep and sincere regret that we chronicle the demise of Very Rev. William Canon O'Dwyer, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's, Limerick, which took place yesterday, in St. John's Hospital, after a long illness.

The late Canon O'Dwyer was one of the most distinguished priests in the Diocese of Limerick, and the news of his death, though not unexpected, will occasion deep and profound regret amongst all sections of the community, irrespective of religious persuasion.

Born in the townland of Garrouse, Bruree, in 1866, he showed, at an early age, a calling to the Church, and as a boy he entered St. Munchin's College to complete his secondary education. In the Diocesan Seminary he won distinction after distinction, and in that connection it was recorded of him that he was one of the most brilliant students of his period to enter Maynooth, where he was ordained in 1890, he being then only 24 years of age. Following his ordination he went on the Mission in Scotland, but was recalled after two years to fill a vacancy on the professorial staff of St. Munchin's College. Because of failing health, however, he had to relinquish this appointment and in 1907 he was appointed curate at Shanagolden. Within four years he resumed his professorial duties in the Diocesan College, where he remained until his appointment as curate in Rathkeale in 1915. In 1921 he was elevated to the pastoral charge of Templeglantine and in 1924 he became parish priest of St. Patrick's, and two years later he was appointed P.P. of St. Munchin's, the dignity of Vicar Forane being conferred on him at the same time. During the past nineteen years he laboured most assiduously for the spiritual and temporal welfare of his people, never sparing himself where their interests were concerned. His anxiety for the public weal was his paramount consideration and this trait, coupled with his saintly disposition, holiness of character, gentle and unassuming manner, won for him the love, esteem and affection, not only of his parishioners, but of the people of the Diocese as a whole.

The late Canon O'Dwyer was a man of great erudition. An omnivorous reader, he had made a deep study of Scriptural classics and, indeed, of all that was best in the

## REDS PUSH ON

### Nearer The German Frontier

#### FIGHTING IN ALSACE

An official announcement received in Moscow to-day from Marshal Koniev's Headquarters says that the Red offensive continues and that the Russians are now less than 65 miles from the German border.

A Moscow commentator to-day states that Marshal Koniev's forces are holding the Nida River line, and while maintaining a rapid advance towards the German border the Red forces are mushrooming out towards the German position in Crocow and Kielce.

The Soviet forces have now established a 40-mile front to the north-east of Cracow, and all indications are that the three-day-old offensive will prove to be one of the most momentous of the war.

Reports from Allied Headquarters on the Western Front are to the effect that new Allied attacks in the north-east of the Ardennes salient are meeting with little progress. Allied air formations report preparations by the Germans on a large scale, traffic and movement of troops being observed.

The German communique comments on fierce fighting in the northern Alsace region. It also refers to a new drive by Field Marshal Rundstedt south of Malmedy, the village itself having been already captured. In a fierce battle yesterday to the south of that town, twenty-seven German tanks were hurled against Allied positions. As resistance was encountered and some of the tanks driven back fifteen more were thrown into the battle, forcing the Allies to forsake many positions of strategic importance.

## MURDER TRIAL

### HOSPITAL TRAGEDY RECALLED

In the Central Criminal Court Green Street, Dublin, to-day, before Mr. Justice Overend, John W. Moloney, Bridge House, Knocklong, former Technical School teacher, charged with the murder of Mr. Joseph Kirwan, Technical Schools Inspector, at Hospital, was ordered to be kept in custody pending the Government's pleasure