

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. Council'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-bridge.

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 shipping. The total revenue was approximately £9,010 and expenditure £12,900, which would mean a deficit of about £4,000.

Mr. Holliday—How long can we carry on under existing conditions?

Secretary—I should think we can carry on for the duration of the emergency.

HOUSING NEEDS

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POST-WAR PLANNING

Mr. M. P. Colivet, General Housing Inspector, attended a conference in Ennis to discuss with the County Manager for Clare, Mr. D. O'Keeffe, and the county officials, post-war planning in connection with the erection of houses (writes our Ennis correspondent). The position of Ennis and Kilrush Urban District Councils, also that of the Kilkee Town Commissioners, in regard to house building, was fully put before Mr. Colivet, who was anxious to ascertain the minimum housing needs of each district. Such needs will govern the allocation of materials at the end of the war.

It was stated that the arrival of building materials in this country may be expected in small quantities only on the cessation of hostilities, and that it is the intention of the Government to allocate to the different counties only as much materials as will suffice for the carrying out of twelve months work. This allocation may be regarded as a first instalment, but only counties that have their post-war plans ready will receive it.

At the last meeting of the Ennis Urban Council the appointment of a town planning expert was adjourned, but in view of the information supplied by Mr. Colivet, the Council may now alter its decision.

ARMY CAPTAIN

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CHARGED WITH TAKING

professional 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 Templeglane 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 realm of literature. He was, too, a preacher of a high order, his sermons always being marked by earnestness, clarity in phraseology, and apt quotation.

When in the enjoyment of good health, Canon O'Dwyer took an active interest in local public affairs. Up to the time of his death he was a member of the Mental Hospital Board, and in that connection it should be mentioned that he was responsible for the introduction of reforms in relation to the lunacy laws. He was also interested in all forms of field sports and games.

His demise has bereft the Diocese of Limerick of one of its most outstanding pastors, whose name and works will for long remain a cherished memory with the people of the city and county. Requiescat in pace.

The remains will be removed from St. John's Hospital this evening at 6.30 o'clock to St. Munchin's Church. The interment will take place to-morrow, after Requiem Office and High Mass, at 12 o'clock.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

A tribute to the memory of the late Canon O'Dwyer was paid by the Mayor (Ald. James Reidy, T.D.) at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board to-day.

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy to the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, and the relatives of the late Very Rev. Canon O'Dwyer. The Mayor said Canon O'Dwyer was a most distinguished clergyman, who had for many years served on the Mental Hospital Committee and rendered valuable services to the public.

The resolution was passed with the usual mark of respect.

MUINTIR NA TIRE

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FATHER HAYES TO SPEAK AT LIMERICK

Rev. Father Hayes, Chairman, National Executive, Muintir na Tire,

been already captured. In a fierce battle yesterday to the south that town, twenty-seven German tanks were hurled against Allied positions. As resistance was countered 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

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HOSPITAL TRAGEDY RECALLED

In the Central Criminal Court, Green Street, Dublin, to-day, before Mr. Justice Overend, John 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 during the Government's pleasure.

MADE NEW FRIENDS

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THE SWAN AND DEED OF KINDNESS

Little deeds of kindness, little deeds of love,

Help to make earth happy, lift up the heaven above.

The well-known lines (writes our Ennis correspondent) may be applied to the Ennis Gardai, the swan of the River Fergus, a result of a deed of kindness the swan made new friends after her kith and kin had forsaken her and left her a deserted widow. Some time ago the swan broke a wild trail after her in the water and she found it difficult if not impossible to make progress on land. This injury confined her movements to a stretch of water running between the Garda Barracks and Christian Brothers Schools. Kin-hearted Gardai seeing the plight of the bird, which was gradually becoming more handicapped, caught and brought her to Dr. W. F. O'Keeffe, the County Physician, for skilled medical attention. He made an excellent medical attendant for the bird, whose wounds he treated and bound in such a manner as to permit of the greatest freedom of movement in the circumstances. On being liberated the swan took a new interest in human beings. Now at lunch hour the swan can be seen patiently waiting at a slip on the river for the arrival of the schoolboys to give her bits from their lunches. If not satisfied with the schoolboys' fare, the stately bird swims to the back of the Garda Barracks, leaps the water, and enters a fowl yard where she fraternises with other feathered folk. The bird takes its food from the hand of Mrs. Hickey, wife of the Station Sergeant, and even allows Mrs. Hickey to take her up in her arms just the same as a person would lift a goose. The swan was apparently thrown in her entire