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## PATRIOTIC FIGURE

### DEATH OF MR. R. P. O'CONNOR

A deservedly popular and widely respected citizen passed away in the early hours of Saturday morning in the person of Mr. Richard P. O'Connor, formerly of 23 Mallow Street, Limerick. 'Dick' O'Connor, as he was familiarly known to his friends and associates, was a thoroughly sincere and genuine lover of his country. A printer by trade, he took an active and unselfish interest in everything concerning the welfare and advancement of his native land and his native city. He was a strenuous worker in the movement for the revival of Irish industry, and Sunday after Sunday over thirty years ago he and other members of the old Limerick Industrial Association, including Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, Mr. T. S. Lawlor, Mr. P. O'Brien, Mr. M. P. Riordan and Mr. Robert Dorman, visited outlying districts and addressed meetings advocating support for Irish manufacture. His heart was in the work and he never spared himself in pushing it ahead in every way he could.

The late Mr. O'Connor was also an active member of the Irish volunteer movement, and was intimately associated with Sinn Fein. After the 1916 Rising, in which his brother and nephews took part, he was more than once arrested. On one occasion he was deported to Wormwood Scrubbs, where he went on hunger strike with the other political prisoners there. He was on close terms of friendship with P. H. Pearse, The O'Rahilly, Sean MacDermott, etc. For several years he was a member of Limerick Corporation, and in that capacity, as in all others, he was a single-minded and upright advocate of the rights and interests of the people. A kindly, sociable, good-hearted man, he enjoyed, as he richly deserved, the confidence and good wishes of all classes. The respect in which he was held was amply testified by the large and very representative funeral yesterday from St. Munchin's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, where interment took place. The coffin containing the remains was covered with the Tricolour, a fitting tribute to one whose love for Ireland was as ardent as it was unselfish.

The chief mourners at the funeral were:—John S. O'Connor and Frank O'Connor, Dublin (nephews); Patrick O'Connor (grand-nephew); Jerry, Frank,

his premises.

To Mr. Ball, witness said defendant did not call and complain that his quota was not delivered until the bill was sent. There was another John Higgins trading in the same district, but he did not deal with witness. The defendant had been dealing with her for a long time and this was the first occasion on which he had disputed a delivery or an account.

Mr. Ball said the whole point in the case was one of delivery. They did not suggest any dishonesty on the part of plaintiff's boy employee, who was supposed to have delivered the cigarettes.

Defendant said he did not get the cigarettes mentioned. A week or two after they became due he went to plaintiff's mother and complained that he had not received his quota of cigarettes. Mrs. Lynch said he had got them already and witness said he had not.

In cross-examination, witness said he did not complain about the non-delivery of his quota sooner because he had plenty of cigarettes in stock.

To the Justice, witness said he also got a quota from the Sweet Afton firm.

Justice—How was it that you had plenty of cigarettes in stock just at Easter?—I give them only to the bar customers.

Mr. Ball said that in view of Mr. Higgins's business record, it was unlikely that he would say the cigarettes were not delivered if he had got them. On the other hand, they would not say the boy was dishonest, but he may have delivered them to the wrong shop.

Mr. Sexton—All we will say, having regard to the manner in which Mr. Higgins has given his evidence, is that his memory may have been at fault.

The Justice said he was impressed with the boy's evidence, and he also believed that Mr. Higgins would have complained sooner than he did if the quota had not been delivered.

The Justice gave a decree for the amount claimed.

(Other cases before the Court are reported under separate headings).

### TEA IMPORTS

Tea imports to the Twenty-Six Counties for the five months January to May of this year totalled 2,906,575 lbs. as against 2,616,135 lbs. for the corresponding period of 1944.

Joe and Jack Geary (relatives).

The clergy in attendance were:—Very Rev. Canon O'Neill, D.D., P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's; Rev. Father McCarthy, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Godfrey, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Griffin, C.C., do.

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