

SERIOUS MENACE

Dumping Of Offals

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

At a meeting of Limerick Corporation held last night, the Mayor (Ald. M. Hartney) presiding, a deputation of residents from Charlotte Quay protested against a nuisance caused in the vicinity by a depot which was used for the collection of condemned offals from city slaughterhouses, etc.

The spokesmen for the deputation pointed out that the people of the district could not open the windows at the rear of their houses owing to a stench from the depot, while a further nuisance was caused by flies and rodents. In the interest of public health, they asked that the business be stopped or removed from the area.

The Assistant Town Clerk (Mr. E. J. Killeen) read a letter from Messrs. O'Keeffe, Ltd., the tenants of the depot, who have a contract with the Corporation for the removal of the condemned animals, in which it was stated that owing to the absence of suitable facilities for the depot or factory they would be compelled to terminate their business in Limerick on the 30th September. The firm found that they could not carry on the business under the existing arrangement.

Mayor—That disposes of the deputation's complaint.

The Assistant Town Clerk read the following report from Mr. Dunne, Chief Veterinary Officer, on the same subject:—

"I received a copy of letter from Messrs. O'Keeffe terminating their contract with Limerick Corporation, which contract was concerned with the removal of all condemned material, etc., from city slaughterhouses and other sources. This decision means that the cleansing staff must again collect and dump this material in Corcanree.

"I desire to point out that from a public health point of view, this is a very serious matter. I wonder if it is fully appreciated that the amount of material from all sources being dumped in Corcanree and elsewhere is of immense proportions. I will give one figure to illustrate my point.

"The weight of all offals removed from Limerick City from the 14th October, 1944, to the end of July, 1945, was approximately 475 tons. This material included all condemned meat, slaughter-house sweepings and bones, etc., collected from various sources in the city. It does not include carcasses of various kinds from other sources and not made available for collection, the disposal of which is, I fear, a further cause for dumping in Corcanree and elsewhere.

"The number of cattle being slaughtered in the city has increased tremendously in later years, and the resulting materials left for dumping is proportionately increased also. Generally speaking, we must dump mountains of waste material, and sooner or later this state of affairs is liable to lead to serious trouble. Indeed, over a long period, many long complaints have been made, and there is no doubt that the problem is a cause of considerable

CITY INQUEST

Boy's Fall From Boat

VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DROWNING

At Barrington's Hospital on Monday evening, Mr. J. S. McNeice, Deputy Coroner, held an inquest touching on the circumstances of the death of Charles Malone (16), post office messenger, 83 St. Munchin St., Island Field, who was drowned when he fell from a boat on the Shannon on Sunday.

Inspector Griffin conducted the inquiry.

Dr. O'Regan, acting house surgeon, said that death was due to asphyxia caused by drowning.

Richard Benn, 4 Little John St., Limerick, said he was fishing at Merchant's Quay at about 7.30 p.m. on Sunday. He saw a boy in a boat a short distance away. The boy was alone and was standing on the centre seat, rowing with one paddle, when he overbalanced and fell into the water. There was a depth of about 20 feet in the river at the time. He came to the surface once and grabbed at the boat but missed it. Witness got a boat and searched for the body with a man named Kennedy. He subsequently brought in the boy's boat, which contained water. The body was recovered by another man named McInerney.

Daniel McInerney, 3 Andrew's Gardens, Clancy Strand, said that on the evening in question he was doing duty for his brother, the boatman at Shannon Rowing Club, and noticed a crowd near St. John's Boat Club. Witness went up the river with a friend named Goerge McInerney and was told that a boy had been drowned. They returned to the club and got some grappling irons and joined a search party. They laid the grappling hooks between the two boats and recovered the body in the first drag. They brought the body back to the Shannon Rowing Club, and later it was brought to the hospital.

Charles Malone, father of the deceased, gave evidence of identification. He last saw his son alive at 11 o'clock on Sunday, when he was in normal health. He saw the remains of his son, who was a non-swimmer, at 10.30 p.m. on the same evening.

Returning a verdict of accidental drowning, the Coroner expressed sympathy with Mr. Malone on the great loss he had sustained. He also thanked Mr. McInerney and the other members of the search party for recovering the body, stating that the McInerney family had always proved most helpful to the authorities when drowning tragedies occurred in the Shannon.

Inspector Griffin, on behalf of the Gardai, associated himself with the expression of sympathy, and said that they were deeply grateful to the McInerney family for the assistance they always gave the authorities.

NAVAL DISASTER

LIBERTIES COURT

Stole Pair Of Shoes

EMPLOYEE STRIKES EMPLOYER

Before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., at the Liberties Court to-day.

John O'Brien, Castleconnell, was charged with breaking and entering a dwelling house, and stealing a pair of shoes value £1.

Guard Murphy stated that on the 16th August last, a report was made to him by Thomas Ryan that his house had been broken into and a pair of shoes taken. On the same date he met the accused who was wearing the shoes.

Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solicitor, defending, said the offence was admitted.

O'Brien stated that he did not break into the house. He knew Ryan well, and called to his house on the day in question. The door was not locked and he turned the knob and walked in.

Supt. Dunning said that some time ago the key of Ryan's house was lost, and he believed the accused had it. If the defendant would give up the key he would not press the case.

Replying to the Justice, the accused emphatically denied that he had the key.

Mr. O'Donovan said that there was nothing previously against the defendant.

The Justice imposed a suspensory sentence of two months, and said that if accused was charged again he would go to prison.

Michael Murphy, Monaleen, and his employee, Thomas O'Driscoll (16), Ballysimon, was charged with the larceny of a quantity of turf value 35/-, the property of Francis Baggott, Garden Hill, Castleconnell, on the 15th July.

Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solicitor, defended.

Evidence was given that on the day in question the defendant (O'Driscoll) went into the bog at Castleconnell and took a cart load of turf belonging to Baggott, which he brought to Murphy's house.

THE WRONG BOG

Guard Kingston read a statement made by O'Driscoll, in which he stated that he was sent by his employer, Michael Murphy, Monaleen, to get turf from the bog. Murphy had turf in the same bog, but a mile away from Baggott's. He mistook the turf and brought Baggott's turf back to his employer.

Michael Murphy, in evidence, stated that he had brought the defendant to his bog on one occasion previously to bring in turf. He sent him for turf on the 15th July, and the boy apparently mistook the bog and took the turf belonging to Baggott. Witness was not aware that he had got the wrong turf until the Guard called.

The defendant, in evidence, said he mistook the bog on the day in question, and had no intention of taking any turf but the turf that belonged to his employer.

Mr. O'Donovan said that Mr. Murphy was willing to compensate Mr. Baggott for the turf which had been brought to his premises.

The Justice dismissed the case.