

The Minister will be accompanied by the Secretary and other officers of the Department.

We are officially informed that the coming Conference will be open to the Press.

NEWCASTLE WEST RAILWAY STATION

Traffic handled at Newcastle West Railway Station during the six months ended 31st December last was described as the heaviest for the same period for a considerable number of years (writes our Newcastle West correspondent). Traffic in beet, wheat and turf was particularly heavy, while there was also a big increase in the number of cattle dispatched from the station. Despite the heavy extra work imposed on them the station master and staff discharged their duties with complete satisfaction and efficiency.

LETTING TO A POLITICAL PARTY

At a meeting of the Clare County Council on Wednesday, Mr. M. Malone raised a question with reference to the County Manager letting portion of the old County Infirmary premises to a political party during the recent election.

The County Manager (Mr. David O'Keeffe) explained that he had got £1 per week for three weeks for the use of the premises, which were required for no other purpose, and he had accepted it.

The action of the Manager was approved.

KILKEE PARK PROJECT

The Kilkee Town Commissioners approved plans for a park on the strand at a cost of £2,300, and decided to ask the L.G.D. to sanction plans without delay, so that work may commence.

The park, which will contain a band stand, will cover an area of two acres and will be enclosed by a wall. A stream which flows into the strand is to be bridged over.

NEW BUSINESS FOR ASKEATON

Mr. Mannix Ryan, as will be seen from an announcement in our advertising columns, will open a victualling business in his native town of Askeaton on Friday next, 18th inst. Mr. Ryan, son of Mr. Michael Ryan, Toomdeely, Askeaton, has wide experience of the victualling trade in Dublin and other centres, which can be taken as a guarantee that he will give his customers an efficient service and beef and mutton of the primest quality.

CO. LIMERICK MAN'S ESTATE.

Mr. Mountiford Westropp, of Mellon, Kildimo, Co. Limerick, landowner, who died on May 8th last, intestate, left estate in Great Britain valued at £10,229. Letters of administration have been granted to his sister, Miss Rose V. Westropp, of the same address.

CLARE BANK OFFICIALS.

At the annual meeting of Clare Bank Officials' Association, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. T. B. Le B. Francis, Manager Provincial Bank, Ennis; Vice-President, Mr. G. J. Crowley, Manager National Bank, Scariff, and Hon. Sec., Mr. Fred Daly, Provincial Bank, Ennis.

"V.C." HOLDER FOUND DROWNED

A verdict that death was caused by drowning was returned at an inquest held at...

NOMINATOR

The Irish Cup coursing meeting at Clounanna concluded to-day with favourable weather prevailing. The large majority of the enthusiasts who made the trek to the famed venue were jubilant at the success of Robert Robinson in the final of the Irish Cup, as he had been installed a firm first choice after the initial day's trials. Nominated by the Cratloe sportsman, Mr. "Jim" Frost, he is jointly the property of Messrs. McHugh and O'Donnell, Liscannor.

(Full details of to-day's coursing will be found on page ten of this issue).

JAFFA ORANGES IN DUBLIN

A cargo of Jaffa oranges arrived in Dublin this morning.

A Limerick-Leader representative was told by a city wholesaler that a consignment for Limerick could not arrive before Wednesday, as the oranges would have to be re-graded in Dublin before being dispatched to the provinces. He added that it was not likely that bananas would reach Ireland for some time to come.

KILMALLOCK CONVENT RETREAT

Very Rev. Father Brady, C.S.S.R., conducted a three day retreat for the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul at St. Joseph's Convent, Kilmallock. Subsequently a Triduum, also conducted by Father Brady, opened at the Convent for the pupils of St. Joseph's Secondary School.

GLIN OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of Glin Old Age Pensions Committee, Mr. P. Langan, Co.C., presided, and there were also present Messrs. Thomas Fitzgerald, P.C.; William Dillane, and James Hogan. Four claims were submitted and all were passed at 10/- weekly.

A NEW USE FOR GLASS.

American manufacturers in Chicago are now using glass to reinforce concrete and plastics. One suggested use for it was for the coachwork of railway carriages. On examining a plastic reinforced by glass it showed that it had great structural strength and would not corrode.

WEST LIMERICK COURTS

There was no sitting of Newcastle West Monthly District Court to-day (11th inst.), owing to the absence on leave of Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L. Newcastle West Civil Bill Court will be held as usual on Friday, 18th inst. Rathkeale District Court will not be held on Monday, 14th inst.

HOCKEY—IRISH SENIOR CUP.

The following team will represent Millbrook against L.P.Y.M.A. "B" to be played at Ennis Road, on Saturday, at 3.15 p.m.:—A. Kirby, F. Graham, G. Hanley, J. Earlie, P. O'Dwyer (capt.), A. McCarthy, P. Leonard, J. Darcy, F. McNamara, E. Murphy, M. Anslow.

JAPS TO DIE.

During this week two more Japanese were convicted by U.S. military commissions in Manila, Philippine Islands, and sentenced to hang for the torture and death of 105 persons.

LIMERICK MUNICIPAL DINNERS

she followed the child and shook her, but did not strike her. Nobody saw it happening.

Mr. O'Malley—Is it your evidence that an independent witness, this official from the jail, is concocting this story?—He is a great friend of Mr. Connery.

Defendant also denied striking another girl on a previous occasion.

The Justice said that he could not accept defendant's evidence that nobody saw what happened, and that would reflect on the rest of her evidence.

Defendant was fined 5/-, with 20/- costs and 18/- expenses.

FATHER OF THREE CIVIC GUARDS

At the interment in the old Abbey Cemetery, Abbeyfeale, of the late Mr. Edmond J. Roche, P.C., of Ballybehy, whose death occurred at the age of 72, there was a very large attendance of the general public (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent). Deceased was father of Garda James Roche, of Dunboyne; Guard Thomas Roche of Dalkey, and of the late Guard John Roche, D.O. whose death occurred a few years ago under tragic circumstances in Cork. Many expressions of sympathy were conveyed to the members of the deceased's family. The prayers at the graveside were read by the Very Rev. P. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F.; Rev. J. Halpin, C.C.; Rev. J. Liston, C.C.; Rev. M. Murphy, C.C.

CLOSING OF CLARE MINES

Clare County Council unanimously adopted a resolution calling on Deputies and Senators representing Clare to interview the Minister for Industry and Commerce with the object of keeping open the Noughaville and Doolin Phosphates Mines, which up to the present have given employment to hundreds of men.

Mr. T. Gardiner said it looked as if the present intention was to close the mines, as scores of men had got notices during the week terminating their employment.

NEW AIR SERVICE THROUGH RINEANNA.

An American Overseas Airline Skymaster arrived at Rineanna, yesterday, from Stockholm, where it had completed a survey of their new air route which will open soon through Rineanna.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.

Mr. Brian J. Connolly has been appointed Public Relations Officer to Aer Rianta TTA and Aer Lingus TTA., and has taken up duty since 1st January. Mr. Connolly was formerly Public Relations Officer to the Irish Tourist Board.

DUKE AND IRISH ESTATES

The Duke of Westminster, who in December was stated to be the purchaser of Bruce House and its 300 acres of land, is now reported to be interested in an estate near Lismore, Co. Waterford.

GOOD BEET YIELD

The average beet yield in Southern Wexford jumped from 11½ tons per statute acre in 1944 to 14½ tons last year. The sugar content has also considerably increased.

THE TWO EXTREMES

One of the worst droughts in the history of South Africa was followed by a destructive downpour in which cattle were drowned and crops and property ruined.

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