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A very pleasant function took place a few days ago when Mr. N. H. Wilson, B.A.I., A.M.I.C.E.I., Assistant District Engineer, Coras Iompair Eireann, was the recipient of a presentation on retiring after 33 years service.

A large number of transport employees, representative of the technical, clerical, shop and permanent way grades, together with members of other departments, assembled for the occasion.

Mr. J. Hyde ffolliott, District Engineer, C.I.E., presided, and, in making the presentation, spoke of the regret which he and all those associated with Mr. Wilson felt at his retirement, and referred to the widespread and well deserved popularity that he had always enjoyed.

In handing Mr. Wilson a substantial cheque and a list of those who had sent subscriptions, amounting in number to nearly 500, Mr. ffolliott conveyed the good wishes of all to Mr. Wilson for health and happiness in his retirement.

A number of those present also spoke of Mr. Wilson in complimentary terms, and after Mr. Wilson had replied suitably, the proceedings terminated with the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

D.F.C. FOR LIMERICK MAN

Flying Officer Joseph Harold Brabazon, R.A.F., V.R., who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for displaying "the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty" during numerous operations over Germany, including eleven times over Berlin, was born in Limerick in 1919. Educated at Crescent College, he subsequently went to reside in Cork, where he played rugby for the Dolphin Club.

Macken's "Mungo's Mansion," though a far-out approach, was the nearest approach to O'Casey. There was more sanctity in an Irish kitchen than in a Mayfair drawingroom. Subsidies encouraged conservatism and subservience and a fear of offending Government policy, and it would be better, therefore, for the Abbey Theatre to stand on its own feet.

ART INTERNATIONAL.

Art was international and if our playwrights and actors emigrated we should not grudge them the fame they earned in other parts, nor should we grudge the benefit of their genius to other peoples.

In winding up, Mr. O'Sullivan replied suitably to the various speakers and said that the National Theatre was as entitled to subsidy as was the National Gallery. If France, Germany and Russia subsidised their National Theatres why not we.

The motion was carried by a very slender majority.

To-night the usual weekly debate will take place at 8 o'clock.

GLIN MAN'S DEATH

The death of Mr. John Lynch, farmer, Ballinagoul, Glin, during the week is deeply regretted by his numerous friends in Glin (writes our correspondent there). Deceased went some weeks ago to a Dublin hospital for treatment but complications set in and he died during the week to the great grief of his sister, Miss Mary Lynch, with whom he lived, and to whom deepest sympathy is offered on his death. His funeral from the Parish Church to Kilfergus Churchyard was extremely large and representative. Rev. Father Carroll, P.P., and Rev. Father McCarth, C.C., officiated at the church and graveside.