

LIMERICK I.N.T.O.

The Late Ciaran
O'Kelly

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Limerick County Committee of the I.N.T.O. was held on Saturday, 1st June, and was presided over by Mr. Liam Hough, Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Hough, at the start of the meeting, said:—"We meet to-day under exceptionally sad circumstances. Little did we think when assembled here in December last that it would be the last time our beloved Chairman, Ciaran O'Kelly, would preside over our deliberations. Little did we think that he was addressing us for the last time. It is hard to realise it, to imagine that the voice of our dear friend would no longer ring with words of encouragement and advice in this assembly. His death, so unexpectedly, creates a void which, I fear, will remain unfilled. Ciaran was the embodiment of all that a member of the I.N.T.O. should be. He fearlessly advocated our cause at all times and he seemed to revel in being in the thick of every fight for the amelioration of our wrongs. For over 30 years he has been a ceaseless worker on our behalf, and now more than ever we would need his guiding hand, his sound advice, in this critical fight in which we are engaged. At times, perhaps, we did not always see eye to eye with him, yet we must all admit that he had an exceptionally clear vision of current affairs and was not slow to express them. Socially he was one of the best, and an hour in his company always left happy memories. To his bereaved wife and little ones we extend our deepest sympathy. We condole with her and extend to her, on behalf of the teachers whom we represent here, our deep regret and we pray that the green sod may lie lightly on the noble breast of our departed friend, Ciaran O'Kelly."

Several members spoke in feeling terms about Mr. O'Kelly and the very deepest sympathy of the Committee was tendered to his widow and family.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and signed, the officers for the coming year were elected.

Mr. P. O'Riordan proposed and Mr. Hanley seconded, Mr. Hough for the position of Chairman. Mr. Fitzpatrick was elected Vice-Chairman, and Mr. A. Horan, Treasurer, and Mr. M. Dillane, Secretary. Arrangements were made for the holding of a public meeting on 15th June.

The state of organization in the county was considered very satisfactory. Abbeyfeale, Dromcollogher and Kilmallock have all members associated.

LORRY MISHAP

Cyclists Blamed

WENT TO THE WRONG
SIDE

When a lorry mishap had a sequel at Kilmallock Court, before Mr. H. L. Connor, B.L., D.J., the defendant in the case said that he met two cyclists who went to the wrong side of the road, and he went to the wrong side to avoid them.

The case was one in which Laurence Byrne, South Quay, Newcastlewest, was charged with driving a motor lorry in a manner which was dangerous to the public and there was also a charge of being drunk in charge of a motor lorry on the same date, May 30th.

Supt. H. J. Keegan, Bruff, prosecuted and Mr. M. M. Power, solr., defended. Guard D. McNamara stated that he received a report and on going to the scene he found the lorry in the position indicated in the sketch produced. The lorry had struck a wall and was somewhat damaged. The position would show that the lorry was being driven on the incorrect side. The defendant was in a rather dazed condition.

To Mr. Power—The driver told him that he saw some people on the road ahead and at that point he swerved to the ditch and came back again.

Witness read a statement made by the defendant.

Sergeant O'Connor, Kilmallock, gave evidence of arrest.

Doctor M. J. O'Connor, Kilmallock, stated that he was called on the 30th May to see the defendant at the barrack. He would be incapable of driving a car when he saw him.

To Mr. Power—There would be a certain amount of shock there.

Sergeant O'Connor, in reply to Mr. Power, said he saw the lorry when it passed down by the church. It had to go through a funeral to reach the open road and it was well driven. There was no public house between that place and the place where the accident occurred.

The defendant stated that he was five years driving and his work that day was to deliver turf at Kilfinane. He had four or five drinks. On the road where the accident took place he saw two cyclists, who went to the wrong side of the road, and he went to the wrong side to avoid them. His front wheel was burst when he struck the ditch and the lorry was almost stopped when he struck. He had a good record as a driver.

Guard McNamara, referring to the map produced in court, said that there was a mark ninetyfive feet long indicating where the lorry had travelled and the defendant had a good record and he had now taken the pledge.

His Worship said that he need not take the pledge at all but he could take it if he wanted to. On the charge of dangerous driving there was no acute danger. The defendant had passed two cyclists

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