

to-day presided at a conference in the Council Chamber of Limerick County Council in connection with the production of food during the coming season.

The Minister appealed for renewed efforts in connection with the growing of wheat this year and asked farmers not to allow a mentality of relaxation to creep into their work. He expressed hopes that a greater endeavour would be made by dairy farmers to develop the dairying industry, so that Irish produce would be in a position to take a prominent place in post-emergency world markets, which, he predicted, would be more competitive than ever before. The position as regards food was as critical now as it was during the war, he said.

The Minister was welcomed by Mr. John Quaid, Chairman of the Limerick County Committee of Agriculture. Delegates were present from the Limerick, Cork, Kerry, Tipperary and Waterford Co. Committees of Agriculture.

A full report of the conference will appear in our week-end issue.

SHANNON CRASH

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STILL A "MYSTERY"

The inquest into the deaths of the thirteen victims of the T.W.A. plane crash at Inis Macnaughton on December 28th last concluded at Ennis this morning before Dr. J. H. Coughlin, Coroner, and the jury returned a verdict that death, in the case of each victim, resulted from injuries received due to the plane crash. A rider to the verdict stated that the evidence tendered was insufficient to enable the jury to determine the cause of the accident.

The foreman of the jury said he considered that T.W.A. had treated the inquest very lightly; the company had not put forward any witness who would help in unravelling the mystery of the crash. No evidence had been tendered as to the condition of the altimeter of the plane and no witness had been produced to indicate that the general condition of the plane had been checked before its last flight.

Mr. F. J. Power, solicitor for T.W.A. said that the reason for the crash was just as much a mystery to the Company as it was to anybody.

The proceedings then closed.

round breeder, being the owner of "Star Point," winner of the Greyhound St. Leger at Limerick a short time ago. It will be recalled that he obtained some fine prices of over £1,000 for foals at Pallsbridge Sales in the last few years.

WEST LIMERICK TRADER PASSES

The death of Mr. James White, of Ballybehy, Abbeyfeale, which occurred in his 74th year, after a prolonged illness, removes from Abbeyfeale one who was honourably connected with the general egg, fowl and butter trade of the district for more than 40 years. A man who was esteemed and respected for his upright dealings in all his trading with the public, his death was regretted by many relatives and friends. The attendance at the funeral and interment was of very large proportions. The prayers at the graveside were read by the Rev. J. Halpin, C.C., and Rev. J. Liston, C.C.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS' COSTS

Mr. Smith, Minister for Agriculture, stated in the Dail yesterday that legislation would shortly be introduced to provide for the establishment of a permanent tribunal or commission to advise as to appropriate producers' costs for agriculture products. It was not yet possible to say when the Bill would be ready for introduction but he gave an assurance that it would be introduced as quickly as he could have it prepared.

DROMCOLLOGHER SOCIAL CLUB

The Billiards Tournament organised by the Dromcollogher Social Club has provided some excellent games, and the following are recent results:—E. Noonan beat J. Barry (184); J. Noonan beat J. Geary (167); J. Scully, N.T., beat N. Farrell (143); J. Scully beat J. Hyland (176).

Semi-Finals—E. Noonan beat J. Noonan (180); J. Scully beat J. Cleary (177).

LIMERICK EX-SERVICEMEN

A general meeting of ex-Servicemen of Limerick will be held in the Thomond Cinema, Nicholas St., at 12 noon on Sunday next, 2nd February. All ex-servicemen of the

2,000 years old. All are in an excellent state of preservation. Three bronze brooches of Celtic or early Christian period included in the collection. One of these is known as the Athlunkard Pin by reason of the fact that it was found in the Shannon at Athlunkard Bridge.

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HISTORICAL INTEREST.

The collection, too, includes several ancient coins, all of which are of great historical interest. There are two pieces of silver ring money, a very fine set of seventh century Limerick trade tokens, also includes several well preserved Saxon coins of the tenth and some Roman coins of the first and second centuries. There are besides, four blue and white beads, probably late Celtic, and two locally. Many sacred and antiquities unearthed from the grounds of Adare Manor are the gift of the generous Mrs. Flood. In this way, the number of visitors to our Museum is increasing. Yet, it is really surprising that numerous citizens have not entered it. Strange, isn't it?

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A FINE PAINTING.

But to return to the Art Gallery. Some time ago Mr. Flood succeeded in securing a very fine painting. This picture, from the collection of the late Sir Wm. Orpen, a famous Limerick artist, is by J. Keating. According to experts, the painting is worth £1,000. Mr. Flood got it without incurring a penny expenditure in so far as the finances of the Art Gallery Committee are concerned. He succeeded in procuring Orpen's masterpieces will be told at the proper time. For the reason we do not wish to spoil the story, but this much we can say—Limerick owes a great debt to Joseph Mary Flood.

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MERITED PRAISE.

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