

Things That Matter The recent G.A.A. conventions throughout the country make one deduction inevitable. They indicate quite clearly that the foreign games rule is definitely facing the doom that is sooner or later the lot of every futility of the kind. In one shape or another the question came up at practically all these annual gatherings. This is proof positive that in every county Gaels are coming to realise that it is time to depart from the existing and now indefensible official attitude on this matter.

Another point of significance is that not a single speaker at any meeting or function has succeeded in making anything like a reasoned case for the retention of the ban. The fact is that the arguments are altogether against them, and that is why they generally work themselves into a sort of white heat of patriotic fervour instead of facing the issue in a spirit of candour. They carefully avoid any attempt to explain in plain, practical language why they think the prohibition is doing good and that its removal would be injurious to our national pastimes.

Those who urge the continuance of the ban, it is to be noticed, are very fond of answering something that nobody has said! "You might as well say that Trinity College made patriots of Thomas Davis and Wolfe Tone as to say that the playing of foreign games makes patriots of anybody," said Mr. Dan O'Rourke, T.D., President of the Central Council of the G.A.A., at the Co. Roscommon Convention. Who, in Heaven's name, ever held that the playing of foreign games "makes patriots of anybody?" Nobody ever did, of course, for it would be as foolish to say so as to contend that an Irishman is essentially a patriot because he plays hurling and Gaelic football.

Statements like that of Deputy O'Rourke are very illuminating, for they show the intrinsic weakness of a position that has only such nonsense to bolster it up. Another pretence is that those who advocate the removal of the ban are actuated by a desire to see foreign games flourish in this country. The best answer to this is the fact that never even once has any keen supporter of the furtherance of rugby or soccer in Ireland spoken or written in favour of the withdrawal of the foreign games rule, for they rightly realise that it is the best recruiting sergeant they could have.

That the ban is no barrier against the growth of foreign games in this country must be obvious to everyone except those who deliberately refuse to face facts. It must be equally clear to every mind ready to see things as they are that it is doing immense harm to our native pastimes and creating as well a cleavage and bad feeling amongst young Irishmen. On what grounds, therefore, is it to be defended? This is the all-important question that those who support its continuance invariably fail to answer. The reason is very simple—they have nothing in the way of solid argument to offer and must content themselves with high-sounding platitudes about nationality and trying to create the impression that all the patriots are on their side and all the renegades on the other!

Our national pastimes are not the exclusive property of the Gaelic Athletic Association, as that body would almost have us believe. They belong to the Irish nation, and it is nothing short of an impertinence on the part of any group, no matter how strong it may be numerically, to tell particular Irishmen that they must not play the games of their own country. This is what the ban is actually doing, and how any responsible section of our people can endorse such a proposition strikes us as truly amazing.

This prohibition is not only a slight on our fine native games but an obstacle to their fuller development and advance. It is, on the other hand, a most valuable aid to the spread of foreign games, the advocates of which very fondly hope it will never be removed. The irony of it all is that it is being maintained through sentimental attachment to a spurious spirit that masquerades as nationality but which is in reality nothing more than an unconscious manifestation of the slave soul and mind.

Knocked Wown By Train

JURY'S RECOMMENDATION TO C.I.E. Mrs. Bridget McCarthy, aged about 42 years, residing at Woodcock Hill, Akenick, Co. Clare, which is a few miles from the railway line near her home at approximately 3.30 p.m. on Saturday last.

It appears that the deceased was going from her home to a farmer's house to milk the cows, and was taking a short cut across the railway line. She was seen walking down the line by Mrs. Kathleen Quinn, Railway Lodge, and a few seconds later the passenger train—Athenry to Limerick—approached. When the train had passed, Mrs. Quinn observed that Mrs. McCarthy was lying on the line. She rushed to the scene, and immediately summoned help. The injured woman was removed to a neighbour's house, where first aid and spiritual attention were given.

Dr. C. E. Moloney, The Crescent, Limerick, was requisitioned, and on his instructions the injured woman was conveyed to the Co. Infirmary. She was in a state of semi-consciousness on arrival at the Infirmary. Her condition worsened, however, and she passed away at nine o'clock that night without regaining consciousness. The deceased, who sustained serious injuries to her head, left shoulder, arm and back, leaves a husband and four children to mourn her loss. Deepest sympathy will be extended to them in their poignant sorrow.

THE INQUEST. At the County Infirmary, Limerick, on Wednesday evening, Deputy Coroner J. S. McNeice, with a jury, held an inquest into the circumstances of Mrs. McCarthy's death. Dr. Bridget Crawford, House Surgeon, Co. Infirmary, gave evidence of having examined Mrs. McCarthy when she was admitted unconscious, to the Infirmary on Saturday evening last. Deceased was suffering from severe injuries and her head was almost "scalloped"; her left arm and the seven upper ribs on the left side were fractured. She died three hours after admission, without regaining consciousness. A post-mortem examination next day revealed, in addition to a fracture of the skull, perforation of the left lung, and abrasions and a lacerated wound, about 1 1/2 inches long, on the back of the right hand. Death was due to shock and internal hemorrhage, resulting from the injuries described.

Mrs. Kathleen Quinn, Punchbow, Meelick, gave evidence of having seen the deceased walking on the railway line near her home on Saturday evening last. She next saw the Ennis-Limerick passenger train approaching from behind her, but it was so close at the time that she could do nothing more than put it up and down. The next thing she observed, when the train had passed on, was the deceased lying almost dead on the right-hand side of the line, facing Limerick. The high wind at the time had been blowing into deceased's face. Deceased, when found by witness, was roaring with pain. Deceased had often used the railway line as a short cut to her employment at the farm of Joseph Nix.

James Quinn, husband of the previous witness, and ganger on the railway line near where the accident occurred, said that he had frequently warned the deceased of the danger of using the railway line. ENGINE DRIVERS' EVIDENCE. Thomas Meehan, 96 Carey's Road, Limerick, the engine driver who was in charge of the train involved in the accident, said that on the journey between Ennis and Limerick on Saturday evening last, he noticed no obstruction on the railway line, nor did he notice the train striking any object. He blew a long blast of the whistle when approaching Meelick level crossing. He was driving on this route for over 30 years. When travelling down the incline near Meelick crossing, he shut off steam, as regulations prescribed. There was a curve on the permanent way near Meelick and at that stage the barrel of the engine obscured the view in front. After a brief adjournment, the jury returned a verdict that death was due to injuries described by Dr. Crawford, and regulations prescribed. There was a curve on the permanent way near Meelick and at that stage the barrel of the engine obscured the view in front.

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Cold Condition Of Courthouse

JUDGE BARRA O'BRIEN, S.C., at Rathkeale Circuit Court on Wednesday, made a strong protest against the very cold condition of the Courthouse. He said the County Registrar (Mr. H. O. Moran) to inform the Co. Council, as the responsible authority, that unless adequate and proper heating facilities were provided in the building he would not sit in Rathkeale again during the winter months. The only heating they had in the building were a number of small electric radiators. He had a duty to the public but he could not be expected to discharge that duty while sitting there in the extreme cold all day. It was the duty of the Co. Council to keep up and maintain the Courthouse, but apparently the Co. Council thought there was no necessity for heating it. The County Registrar could write to the Co. Council inquiring if they proposed adequate heating in the Courthouse. If they did not, he would not sit in Rathkeale again during the winter months. In that event the work of the Court would, of course, have to be transferred to Limerick, with consequent inconvenience to litigants at the Western side of the county. He could not understand why public funds should be used for their duty in a matter of this kind. He would try to sit out the rest of that sitting, but it was very difficult to work in such extreme cold.

The County Registrar said he would write to the Co. Council informing them of his Lordship's protest.

BANK OFFICIALS MEETING

The 30th Limerick District annual meeting of the Irish Bank Officials' Association was held in the L.P.Y.M.A. Badminton Hall, O'Connell Street, Limerick, on Saturday last. Mr. Eoin O'Kelly in the chair. There were about 110 members present, including Mr. P. C. Bell from Dublin, member of the Executive Committee, and Mr. J. T. Donovan, Organising Secretary. After Mr. Bell and Mr. Donovan had addressed the meeting, and answered many questions, Mr. R. E. Montgomery was re-elected local representative on the Executive Committee for the coming year. Messrs. T. P. Cosgrove and T. A. Gannon were elected as delegates to the general meeting in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day. The agenda for that meeting was considered and the delegates were instructed how to vote.

The offer of the banks to extend the Northern Ireland salary scale to Eire was unanimously condemned as totally inadequate and it was felt that the time has arrived to take steps to get a salary scale in keeping with the cost of living in Eire. Thanks were voted to the L.P.Y.M.A. for the use of their excellent hall for the meeting.

PLAINTIFF ABSENT

Mr. Lee asked for a dismissal of the civil bill. The defendants' solicitor had, he said, received a letter from the solicitors of the plaintiff (Messrs. Bennett and Walsh) stating that they had received no further instructions from the plaintiff. Neither had they received instructions to withdraw. His Lordship dismissed the action with costs.

BRUREE LODGE AND LANDS

The Duke of Westminster, who purchased Bruree Lodge and lands some time ago, has now, it is learned, purchased from Mr. Francis Wise Browning (not Mr. Thomas Wise Browning, as was incorrectly stated last week), the owner, Bruree Lodge and lands, adjoining the Bruree House Estate. The lands going with Bruree Lodge contain about 20 acres. Mr. Francis Wise Browning is well known in sporting circles in Munster, and is a successful bloodstock and greyhound 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 Ealsbridge Sales in the last few years.

AGAIN REMANDED

Remanded in custody from last Friday's sitting of Limerick District Court, James Courtney (52), of no fixed abode, but stated to be a native of Newport, Co. Tipperary, again appeared before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., at to-day's sitting of the Court, on a charge of breaking and entering the house of Rev. J. Gilmartin, C.C. Murroe. Courtney was not professionally represented and Supt. Dunning appeared for the Attorney-General. Det.-Supt. M. Murphy, Limerick, made a formal deposition, seeking a further remand.

OIL TANKERS AT FOYNES

On Saturday, February 2nd (writes our Foynes correspondent) the tank "E. G. Gessio," arrived in Foynes with 750 tons of paraffin oil for the Irish Shell Oil Company. On Sunday, February 3rd, the tanker "Dachshund" arrived in the harbour with 1,100 tons of aviation spirits, which were divided between the Irish American and the Irish Shell Oil Companies.

CLAIM FOR PERSONAL INJURIES

At Limerick Circuit Court yesterday, before Judge Barra O'Brien, S.C., Edward O'Reilly (labourer), 3, Back Clare Street, Limerick, claimed £300 damages against Patrick Mullally (farmer), Lovell Park, Limerick, for injuries sustained when, due to the alleged negligence of the defendant in riding and managing a pedal bicycle, the plaintiff was knocked down and suffered severe permanent injuries, pain, shock and incapacity for work.

Mr. G. Kenny, B.L. (instructed by Mr. A. Blood-Smyth, solicitor), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Sean Kenny, B.L. (instructed by Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor), defended. Edward O'Reilly, who went into the witness box with the aid of a crutch and a stick, swore that while walking on the Canal Bank near Madden's Lough, on the night of December 3rd last, he noticed a lighted bicycle coming towards him from the Park direction. When the bicycle came nearer to him, instead of avoiding him, it struck him, knocking him down. As a result of the injuries thus sustained, he spent a period in hospital undergoing treatment for his left leg, which had since shortened. He was unable to walk without a crutch and was incapacitated for work.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sean Kenny, witness denied that he was crossing and re-crossing the Canal Bank path when he was struck. Dr. A. Humphreys gave evidence of having examined the plaintiff after the accident. The left thigh-bone was fractured and as a result the limb had shortened by two inches. He would say that the plaintiff had suffered much pain as a result of the injuries and he believed he would always have to use a stick or crutch. Repeating to Mr. Sean Kenny, Dr. Humphreys agreed that the plaintiff's general health had not been impaired to any extent by the injuries. The defendant, Patrick Mullally, said that the collision which was the subject of the claim occurred while he was on his way into Limerick from Park to attend a Confraternity meeting. He was cycling on the path on the Canal Bank, on a lighted, pedal bicycle and when he reached a point near Madden's Lough he noticed a man coming towards him. The man crossed and re-crossed the bank on a number of occasions, and just as witness was about to pass him the plaintiff came out off the grass margin and witness struck him with his hip. He was travelling at about eight miles an hour at the time.

Dr. Gerald Tynan gave evidence of having examined the plaintiff on February 1st last. There was an impacted fracture of the left thigh bone, with resultant shortening of the limb and limitation of the hip movements. Since the accident the fracture was well united and the injuries would not impart any other general ill-health, apart from the shortened leg. His Lordship found that there was a slight degree of negligence by the defendant, and found that the plaintiff did not contribute to this negligence. He could not see how an old man could cross and re-cross the bank with such a degree of agility as was alleged by the defendant in his evidence. The injuries were serious and he would give a decree for £120, with costs. On the application of Mr. Sean Kenny, the Judge ordered that the payments made in twelve instalments of five the first payment to be made on March 1st next.

GARDA TRIBUTE

At Newport District Court on Wednesday last week, Supt. O'Mahoney said that he understood that his Worship (District Justice Flood) was about to retire after 24 years on the Bench. He (Superintendent) regretted very much the Justice's retirement after all those years. His Worship remembered the Garda in their pioneer days, and he was responsive in many ways for assisting and giving courage in the building up of such a fine Garda force in his area.

His Worship said that he knew Supt. O'Mahoney in Limerick as a junior officer of the force. In his district the Guards always faithfully discharged their duties and a very high degree of efficiency was recorded in the force by their very decent conduct. The Guards always gave entire satisfaction in his area. He thanked the Superintendent for his very kind remarks.

TO MARK SIGNING OF PEACE TREATY

On the occasion of the forthcoming signing of the Peace Treaty with the Allied Governments in Italy, which will take place in the latter country, a ten minutes strike will take place throughout Italy to mark the occasion. All shops will close and there will be a general suspension of work.

SHANNON AIRPORT TO NEW YORK AIR RECORD.

"Empress Of The Skies," a Constellation passenger plane, owned by Pan-American Airways, yesterday set up a new air record, when she flew from Shannon Airport to New York in 12 hours and 48 minutes.

MR. GEORGE C. BENNETT, T.D.

Mr. George C. Bennett, T.D., is at present unable to attend to his public duties, owing to indisposition. It will not be possible for him to attend to correspondence or other matters awaiting his attention for some little time to come.

DEAD IN BED

John O'Keefe, single, blacksmith, aged 49, a native of Limerick, was found dead in bed at the residence of his employer, Mr. T. O'Sullivan, Graigue, Kilmallock, on Monday morning.

SHIPS LOADED AT WELSH PORTS

The British House of Commons opened a debate this afternoon on the serious fuel situation in England, as outlined in a statement submitted by the Fuel Ministry. Arriving out of the fuel crisis, it is stated that passenger steamers operating between English and Irish Ports are not affected by the restrictions.

In South Wales this morning, ships in the harbours were being loaded with coal as usual, and it appeared there that the ban on coal exports was being deferred for the moment. In London this morning ships were lined on the quays ready to discharge their coal cargoes of several thousand tons. Messages received from Cardiff to-day state that general confusion prevails in the Welsh coal fields regarding the Government ban on the export of coal to foreign countries, including Eire. As usual, ships were loaded to-day at ports in South Wales, as the Great Western Railway, the owners of the docks, had not received any notification regarding the ban on shipments.

The L.M.S. announced to-day that they would continue their Irish steamer service, as the ban did not apply to Irish ports. Our Dublin correspondent, in a "phone message this evening, stated that the heads of the Department of Industry and Commerce were in touch throughout the day with the High Commissioner's office in London. Efforts are being made to have the position clarified. Until this is done no official statement will be made.

LICENSING CASE

THE FIRST OFFENCE To-day, at the Limerick District Court, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., Josephine Hogan, 2 Shelbourne Terrace, was charged with a breach of the Licensing laws. Supt. Calleran prosecuted and Mr. R. Ball (Messrs. F. M. Fitt & Co., solicitors) defended.

Guard Murphy said that when he inspected the premises of the defendant last 40 p.m. on January 26th last (Sunday) he found six men on the premises. The publican explained that she had been endeavouring to get the men out since closing time (7 o'clock). Admitting the offence on behalf of the defendant, Mr. Ball said that this was the first time ever she had been charged. He said the premises had been sold since the offence and the licence was transferred. The Justice imposed a fine of 10/ on the publican and fined the men found on the premises 2/6 each.

MARY WAS WELL PLEASED!

There was much laughter in Limerick District Court to-day when Guard McHugh, Mary Street, prosecuted Mrs. Mary Hastings (nee Crowe), of no fixed address, with being drunk in a public place. When the Justice remarked to Hastings: "You are here again, Mary," the defendant said: "To tell you the truth, your Honour, I came down to see you before you go away. You are very good to the Croves and I am very glad to see you. There will be another Crowe up to see you this day week again."

WAS LOYAL AND ACTIVE VOLUNTEER

Dear Sir—As Hon. Secretary of the Limerick City Regiment, Irish Volunteers (1916) Committee, I have been instructed to state that the late Michael Hayes, Castle Barracks, who died on the 3rd inst., was a loyal and active member of the Regiment, and paraded for active service on Easter Sunday, 1916.—Yours faithfully, A. J. O'HALLORAN.

BRITAIN MAY BAN GIGLI

In the British House of Commons, yesterday, the Home Secretary said that appropriate steps would be taken to bar Beniamino Gigli, from England, if investigation showed him to be a Fascist. It had been stated in the Commons that Gigli, in 1943, wrote a book called—"Why I am a Fascist."

TO SALVAGE "IRISH PLANE" CARGO

Ten salvage technicians arrived in Cork, yesterday, from the Liverpool Salvage Association in order to arrange for the recovery of the cargo on board the "Irish Plane," which is still stranded on the rocks near Ballycotton. These operations will start in a few days, while an attempt will be made next month to get the vessel off the rocks.

OPENING OF NEW THEATRE

The absence of a suitable theatre in Limerick has long prevented many travelling drama companies from coming to Limerick, declared Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., at Limerick District Court to-day, when Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, solicitor, applied for a fourteen days licence on behalf of The College Players for their new Hall in O'Connell St. Mr. O'Donnell said The College Players had arranged to open their Hall on Monday night next. The Hall had been inspected by the City Engineer, who agreed that the necessary requirements had been carried out. As far as the City Engineer is concerned, the licence could be granted.

Supt. P. Calleran said he had no objection to the granting of the licence. GRANTED WITH GREAT PLEASURE. Justice—I grant this application with very great pleasure, Limerick has long wanted something in the nature of a suitable theatre, and its absence has prevented travelling dramatic companies from coming to our city. A suitable theatre, where good dramatic societies can perform from time to time, is a very great educational advantage to any city, and I am glad that the work of The College Players, who have worked very hard to get such a theatre going, has been successful. I am very glad, indeed, to hear that they have got a Hall, and I wish The College Players every success in the future.

THE OPENING. History will be made in the Irish Amateur Dramatic movement on Monday night next, when The College Players, oldest Little Theatre Group in the country, open their new premises in the Playhouse. The event will mark the culmination of several months hard work by the members, who, through the generosity of a number of Limerick citizens, wedded to their own enterprise, have now attained a high ambition. The opening has been selected by Walter Makin, brilliant comedy, "Mungo's Mansion" on the comedy, by James Gull, rehearsals have been in progress for many weeks—the players snatching intervals off to assist the main body in the work of turning a bare hall into a small theatre. The play centres around the life of a Galwegian, high-lighted by the luck of "Mungo" who wins a large sum in the Sweep. When the first performance was given at the Abbey, critics dubbed the author as the O'Casey of the West, and his work is a judicious mixture of sheer comedy with a dash of tragedy. The chief role is played by Kevin Lorain, while several well known players, including J. Gleeson, Dan Casey, Kevin Dineen and Fred Lawlor, are strong support. A number of newcomers are also introduced and give considerable promise.

CAPACITY OF PLAYHOUSE. It would be a proud occasion for The College Players were they in a position to invite all their friends and patrons to this opening performance, but this is not possible, owing to the fact that subscribers more than double the capacity of The Playhouse. All they can do under the circumstances is to remember with gratitude the many who support and encouragement enabled the completion of a great project. Booking for "Mungo's Mansion" is now opened at the "Limerick Chronicle" office, and intending patrons are earnestly requested to make their reservations well in advance.

WORLD-FAMOUS PIANIST

The world-famous Polish pianist, Mierowski, who is to give a recital in the Limerick Grand Central on Sunday night next, has an enormous repertoire. It includes all Chopin's 180 compositions, Beethoven's 32 sonatas, 48 preludes and fugues by Bach, and 70 of Liszt's compositions. His memory is so good that he can perform at a moment's notice any one of twenty complete recital programmes. During the present tour he has given 37 recitals in 1918. He is being presented in Limerick by the Limerick impresario, Mr. Hugo Larsen, who, in arranging concerts and tours for first rank musicians, has been around the world eight times. Mr. Larsen plans to bring more artists of international renown to Ireland.

FOYNES HARBOUR BOARD

Mr. H. M. V. O'Brien (Chairman) presided at the monthly meeting of the Foynes (Co. Limerick) Harbour Board, held at Foynes. The meeting decided to grant an increase in the salaries of the secretary and harbour master, and also to the man employed by the Board on harbour maintenance work. Sympathy was voted to Mr. Patrick Fitzsimons, M.C.C., a member of the Board; on the death of his uncle, Mr. Cornelius Mangan, all members standing.

LIMERICK GREYHOUNDS DO WELL IN SCOTLAND.

Limerick greyhounds continue to do well on cross-Channel tracks. Recently, in the final of the Glasgow League, an event which has been operating for some months past between representatives from all the Glasgow racing tracks, Limerick-bred dogs finished first and second. These were, Our Tansy and Mighty Maw. Other Limerick-bred greyhounds which won on Scottish circuits recently were Cherry Chaser and Over Crash. The former clocked 29.35 secs for the 525 yards, while Over Crash did 29.71 for a similar distance.

WITHDREW THEIR LABOUR

We are informed by the Secretary of the Limerick Branch of the Irish Engineering Union that 14 of his members have withdrawn their labour since 23rd January from the Condensed Milk Co., Ltd. This action was taken, it is stated, because the Company had refused to pay the new rate of pay—3/- per hour.

LONDON DOCKERS ON STRIKE

Two thousand London dockers went on strike this morning over the dismissal of one of their members. After an early morning meeting, at which they considered that the punishment was too harsh.

MOTOR DRIVERS FINED

At Limerick District Court to-day, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., James McGrath, c/o Michael O'Holloran, Tulle, Co. Clare, and Edward Cusack, Fanningstown, Co. Wick, were charged with the careless and dangerous driving of motor lorries at the junction of Henry Street and Shannon Street. Supt. Calleran prosecuted; Mr. A. J. O'Flynn, solicitor, appeared for McGrath, and Cusack was represented by Mr. David Fitzgerald.

Thomas Donnellan said he was in the lorry driven by McGrath. He said that when approaching Shannon Street, on the correct side, at about twelve miles an hour, he saw another lorry coming down Shannon Street. Neither seemed to pull the brakes at all, beginning with McGrath apparently, though he had the right of way and pulled his brakes too late. Both lorries collided and McGrath's lorry struck the door of the other lorry. Replying to Mr. Fitzgerald, witness agreed that the lorry driven by McGrath had almost crossed the junction of Shannon Street and Henry Street when the collision occurred.

To Mr. O'Flynn, witness said the accident would have been avoided if Cusack had stopped when he saw McGrath's lorry approaching. Guard Minihan said that when he arrived in the scene of the accident he found the two lorries locked in each other. Both lorries were in Shannon Street, not far from the Carlton Cinema. Both McGrath and Cusack made statements regarding the accident. Cusack said he was proceeding up Shannon Street from Spaight's, on the way into Henry Street, when the accident occurred. He had sounded his horn before coming into the junction. The statement of McGrath was that when crossing the Henry Street-Shannon Street junction in his lorry, he saw another lorry coming on to Henry Street from Shannon Street. McGrath felt he had the right of way and endeavoured to pass the mouth of Shannon Street before the other vehicle came on to Henry Street. However, the other lorry did not stop and the two vehicles collided. He was travelling at 12 m.p.h. at the time.

DEFECTIVE BRAKES. Sergeant Connolly said he examined both vehicles after the accident. McGrath's lorry had a very defective steering apparatus and the foot-brake was totally defective on the two front wheels, and was weak on the back wheels. The hand brake was good. Cusack's lorry had a foot-brake which was defective on two wheels, and the steering was very bad under the provisions of an Emergency Powers Order. Witness ordered that both defendants stop using their lorries until they were put into proper repair. Cusack had since repaired his vehicle, but he had heard nothing about McGrath's lorry since he issued the order. To Mr. Fitzgerald, Sergeant Connolly said it was difficult to procure parts for motor lorries at the moment, but he believed they could endeavour to get their lorries repaired. Replying to Mr. O'Flynn, witness said he didn't regard McGrath's lorry being an immediate danger to the public.

The Justice said he felt that, since McGrath had the right of way on the occasion, Cusack had been the cause of the accident by not stopping to let the other lorry pass the junction before coming on to Henry Street. He would fine Cusack £10 on the charge of careless driving, and would discharge McGrath on the two charges. He would, however, fine both defendants £1 each because of the state of disrepair of their lorries.

ANOTHER TRAFFIC CASE.

Joseph Casey, New Road, Singland, was charged with the careless and dangerous driving of a motor car at the Cecil St.-O'Connell St. junction, Limerick. Denis Maher, solicitor, appeared for Casey, and the case was represented by Mr. A. Blood-Smyth, solicitor. Guard Lenihan gave evidence of having inspected the scene of the collision, near the junction of Cecil Street and O'Connell Street. He saw the mark made by the pedal of a bicycle, as the machine was being dragged along for 42 feet. The accident apparently occurred on the crown of the road, when the left front portion of the car struck the bicycle. The left head lamp of the car was broken.

Denis Maher said that as he cycled down Upper Cecil Street towards O'Connell Street, he applied the brakes. When he came as far as the junction, he saw the motor car, which was facing Patrick Street, and he struck him against a car parked outside Liston's shop. His bicycle was struck on the back wheel and was dragged along for a distance.

Thomas English said he saw the bicycle and car after the accident, and he corroborated the evidence of Denis Maher as regards the position of the car and the bicycle. Joseph Casey, the second defendant, said he had seen driving a car for the past 35 years and he never had an accident. On the evening in question, he was travelling down O'Connell Street, with another car in front. The other car pulled up outside the George Hotel and shortly after he passed this car, he saw the motor car coming out of Cecil Street and cycled straight in front of his car. Mr. and Mrs. Sexton and Miss Sexton were in the car at the time.

Witness, cross-examined by Mr. O'Malley, said that he was travelling on the centre of the road when the accident occurred. Denis Sexton, who was sitting beside Casey in the car on the occasion, corroborated Casey's evidence. Mr. Blood-Smyth drew attention to the regulations under the Road Traffic Acts which provided in this case that Casey had the right of way as he was travelling on the main street. The Justice thought the circumstances, as revealed by the evidence, showed that Maher was struck after he had got into O'Connell Street. He didn't believe that Maher had shot out as described by Casey. He acquitted Maher, but fined Casey £10 on the charge of careless driving.

PRICE OF MUTTON. The price of mutton is rising at an alarming rate, as a result of the butchers' strike. Any way respite is being given to the public by the fact that the mutton which is being sold is of a lower quality than that which was being sold before the strike.

GOING TO THE INTERMARRIED. The intermarried Dublin, who are on duty on 17th transfer, have come by the married who are no impossible to accomplish their duties. The intermarried who are on duty on 17th transfer, have come by the married who are no impossible to accomplish their duties. The intermarried who are on duty on 17th transfer, have come by the married who are no impossible to accomplish their duties.