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ructed by Mr. R. Geary, solr.), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. M. Danaher, B.L. (instructed by Messrs. Bennett and Walsh, solicitors), for the defendant.

After hearing the evidence his Lordship held that the words complained of were not defamatory, but were words of abuse used in the course of an altercation. He dismissed the claim with costs.

ELDERLY WIDOW FOUND DEAD

In the early hours of Tuesday morning (writes our Croom correspondent), Mrs. Julia Murphy, a widow, aged 76 years, was found dead at the house of Mrs. Moynihan, Carass Cross, Croom, where she resided for some time past. She had been ailing for some days prior to her fatal seizure. A kindly, generous and inoffensive lady, she was most popular, and her death came as a shock to all who knew her. The late Mrs. Murphy spent some years in America, having returned to Ireland some time ago. The funeral to Boherard burial ground on Wednesday was of large dimensions, a tribute which evidenced the esteem in which the deceased lady was held.

ABBEYFEALE FAIR

(10th February).

Owing to harsh, cold weather, supplies were below the usual. Calves, 10/- to £2 10s.; yearlings, best, £9 to £12; others, £5 to £7; old cows ("canners"), £6 to £12; better conditioned, £15 to £18; three year old in-calfs, £16 to £22; springers reached £27 from £29; bonhams, £2 to £3 10s.

Naughton, of Feohanagh, Co. Limerick, farmer; and Mrs. Margaret O'Regan, of Ballyagran, Co. Limerick, farmer. The Naughtons' mother, Mrs. Eliza O'Sullivan; Mr. Hickey's mother, and Mr. McGirr's mother were sisters; the family home being at Gibbonsgrove, Charleville. Mr. McGirr's mother married a Mr. John McGirr, a dairy farmer of Louisburg, Co. Mayo, and the parties settled in Parkes, New South Wales, after emigrating over 70 years ago. The new Prime Minister was born there on the 30th of October, 1891. Prior to the outbreak of the war in 1939, Mr. McGirr's brother, Mr. John Joseph Gregory McGirr, also a member of the New South Wales Parliament for many years, in which he held various portfolios as Cabinet Minister, after completing a world tour with his daughter, Pat, and other Australian notabilities, paid a flying visit to Charleville, where he looked up his cousin, Mr. Hickey, and afterwards contacted another first cousin, Mr. Michael Naughton, who took him to Gibbonsgrove to see his mother's place. The house at Gibbonsgrove is now occupied by a Mr. Patrick O'Hara.

MARCH WINDS AND FUEL SUPPLY

From the West Limerick, Kerry and North Cork districts lorry loads of turf have every day for some time back been speeding towards Limerick and elsewhere. Referring to this, our Abbeyfeale correspondent says that "soon the March winds will sweep the turbary areas, bringing a welcome accession of fuel through the clearances of the locked up supplies."