

asked the Justice. "Nothing, sir," replied Michael meekly.

"Well," said the Justice, "I suppose we cannot treat you less favourably than your sister, so you, too, will get the benefit of the Probation Act," whereupon Michael smiled broadly and sat down.

INJURY THAT PROVED FATAL

While working on the housing scheme at Corbally, Limerick, yesterday evening, for Irish Estates Ltd., a labourer named Patrick Coughlan, aged 59 years, 4 Barrack Place, off Lower Gerald Griffin St., sustained an injury which proved fatal.

It would seem that at about 4.30 yesterday evening Coughlan received a blow on the head from an iron bar, which became detached from a lorry. He was rushed to Barrington's Hospital in an unconscious state and died early this morning. Deceased was a married man and had a large family.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

It is noted that seven towns and villages in Co. Limerick are during the current month to be supplied with public lighting systems (writes our Dromcollogher correspondent). For over three years Dromcollogher has asked for an extension of the meagre existing system, and two years ago it was intimated that the matter would receive favourable consideration. An additional three lamps would meet the situation, and now before the advent of the winter months the time is opportune to do something on the matter.

frast with the recklessly irresponsible action of the Directors in withdrawing banking facilities from the public, practically without notice.

INSULT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

"They now insult the general public by deciding to 'pick and choose' those to whom their facilities will be available. According to the latest news, 'only large employers will be served,' is now their slogan."

THE CLOSING ORDER

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—What is behind the closing of the Banks? If this step were made inevitable by a strike on the part of the staffs, a howl of indignation would be raised by the Directors, but when this is done under the guise of an Emergency Powers Order, it is the height of wisdom and, of course, in the best interest of the general community.

It is passing strange that the Banks can close their doors at the sweet will of the Directors. I was always under the impression that these institutions were bound to observe a procedure laid down by law before they could close their doors against their customers. This procedure provides that the closing order be published in "Iris Oifigiul," a copy to be supplied to the Manager of each Bank. In the absence of such an order in regular form, the Manager of a Bank, I submit, has no right or authority to exclude the public.

But this procedure is now abrogated in order, so it would seem, to suit the whims of the Directors, who, evidently, are anxious to crush not only their own staffs but the trading community as well. An announcement over the radio is now regarded as sufficient to suspend banking business in the

months ago, celebrated at the Franciscan Church, Ennis, on Friday morning with Solemn High Mass.

Rev. Father Paul, O.F.M., was the special preacher at the Triduum ceremonies, during which relics of the martyrs were exposed for veneration. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and over the High Altar hung a magnificent painting depicting the newly beatified. This was painted from actual photographs of the martyrs.

Twenty-Six Counties. This is Sovietism or Communism with a vengeance.

Is the business community prepared to tolerate such outrageous treatment? What is our Chamber of Commerce doing?

No doubt, the Directors and their staffs are at loggerheads over a variety of questions. With these I'm not concerned at the moment, for they do not enter into the point at issue—the right of the Banks to suspend business at their sweet will. Such a principle should not be recognised in a civilised community. It is an intolerable condition of things—a condition reminiscent of Hitlerite Germany. Indeed, what is now happening in our midst is indicative of a spirit of dictatorship.

Surely the Directors cannot deny their staffs the God-given right to better their conditions by agitation? To me it would seem that the people who control our Banks are under the impression that they are above the people—that they are not subject to the moral law. Such an attitude is fraught with positive dangers to the public well-being. In this connection, I must express my amazement at the supineness of our Government, who should be the custodians of the rights of the people. Whither are we drifting?

Yours faithfully,

"LUX."

accorded him. With their co-operation, he said, he believed the classes would be a great success. He exhorted the members of the G.A.A. to join the classes and sincerely hoped they would do so.

Mr. Lowe visited the Glen district during the week and arranged to conduct classes there on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

SALE OF GRAZING

RETURN OF DEPOSIT

During the hearing of a civil bill for £25 damages sustained by reason of breach of contract in connection with the sale of grazing lands, the plaintiff, Patrick Linehan, Lackyle, O'Callaghan's Mills, gave evidence at Tulla District Court on Thursday that he paid a deposit of £5, but after some correspondence between him and the defendant, Patrick O'Halloran, of Hurdlestown, he received a registered envelope one morning. Inside was a £5 note, but no letter or other indication as to where the £5 had come from. He assumed, however, that it was the deposit that he had paid to O'Halloran.

District Justice Hurley, B.L., gave a decree for the amount claimed against the defendant, who did not appear.

Mr. J. G. O'Donnell, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff.

DEATH.

WALLACE (Limerick)—Oct. 8th, at the City Hospital, Limerick, William Wallace (senr.), late of Henry Street. R.I.P. Remains will be removed this (Wednesday) evening, at 6 o'clock, to St. Michael's Church. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday), at 3 o'clock, to Mount St. Lawrence.