

## NEW BUDGET

### Increased Taxes

#### SUBSIDIES FOR FLOUR, SUGAR, TEA

The Minister for Finance announced his new Budget proposals in the Dail this evening.

He announced a new tax of 5d. per oz. on pipe tobacco.

An increase of 4d. per packet of 20 cigarettes.

Motor car taxation is to be increased. The tax on an 8 horse-power car is to be increased from £8 to £12. Proportionate increases on higher powered cars.

Beer will be increased by 3d. per pint.

Income Tax is increased by 6d. in the £ on the standard rate. This means a rate of 7-.

The Minister stated that subsidies will be given costing many millions of pounds on flour, tea, and sugar.

The entertainment tax is to be increased. Cinema seats now charged at 6d. will cost 8d.; seats now charged at 6d. will cost 8d.; seats priced at 1/8 now cost 2/4; seats priced at 3/6 will now cost 5/.

Proceeding.

## PORT REVENUE

### MORE THAN OUTGOINGS

The revenue of the Limerick Harbour Board for the nine months ended 30th September last exceeded expenditure by £1,100, writes a *Limerick Leader* reporter.

Six years have elapsed since the income of the port was sufficient to meet outgoings and during that period the Board has suffered a loss of approximately £16,000.

Though there is now evidence that the port has weathered the storm, as it were, the trading for the past nine months is not comparable with other Irish ports, notably Cork. The revenue of the Cork port for the past nine months exceeded expenditure by £30,000, as compared with Limerick's surplus of £1,100.

The total revenue of the port of Limerick for the period under review was £13,000 and the outgoings, £11,900.

Our tonnage imports for the nine months were up by 14,500 tons as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Direct imports of coal to Limerick totalled only 2,066 tons as against 14,500 tons for the same period of 1946. It would seem that nearly all our coal consignments are now coming by rail.

The plans for the proposed improvements to the port, estimated to cost £300,000, will be submitted to a meeting of the Port Development Committee on Monday.

## PROMISE MADE

### E.S.B. CHARGES IN

#### LIMERICK

The claims of Limerick to secure a reduction in electric light charges will receive attention from the E.S.B. at the next revision. A statement to that effect was made at the meeting of the Corporation last night, the Mayor (Mr. P. O'Connell) presiding.

A letter was read from the Gal-

## PRICE CONTROL

### Minister's Proposal

#### STANDING COMMITTEE TO BE SET UP

Our Dublin correspondent wires:—The suggestion of the Minister for Industry and Commerce to set up a Standing Committee to the Trades Union Congress on prices and prices control will be discussed by the Congress of Irish Unions at a special delegate meeting in Dublin on Friday.

The Minister, in a letter to the Congress, stated that it was his idea that this special committee would be regularly consulted by his Department in regard to the principles of price control policy and their application to particular commodities.

The Standing Committee, the letter continued, would meet representatives of manufacturers and labour organisations, and would be free to convey its views to him on all matters affecting prices.

The Minister's proposal has also been conveyed to the Irish Trade Union Congress.

## FISH POACHING

### INSPECTORS' REPORTS

Stories of active poaching in the Shannon and in all its tributaries were contained in the reports of Limerick Fishery Board's three inspectors, submitted to a meeting of the Board on this (Wednesday) evening, at which Mr. A. J. Blood-Smyth, solicitor, presided.

Inspector M. Breen reported that during the past ten days rivers were again low and clear in the Limerick area, and poachers were particularly busy on the first three days of October while keepers were off duty owing to the Board's scheme of staff reorganisation. The Gardai were especially helpful in checking the theft of fish from the waterways.

From Listowel, Inspector W. Cavanagh reported big stocks of fish in all rivers in the area. He believed the coming spawning season would be a record one.

Inspector M. Hickey reported from Longford that he had received reliable information during the past month that there was extensive eel poaching in some of the West Meath lakes. He described his activities, in co-operation with Inspector Breen, in an endeavour to check the active poaching of the rivers in the Limerick area.

The reports were unanimously adopted.

## FALL FROM TRAIN

### INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON

#### INQUIRY

The report of the inquiry into the accident to an American boy, John Magennis, who fell from a moving train near Charleville, Co. Cork, on August 1st last, is now available.

The inquiry was held on August 18th and 19th in the Boardroom, Kingsbridge Station, by Mr. T. C. Courtney, M.E., Railway Inspecting Officer, on the direction of the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

The report discloses a conflict of evidence. The inspecting officer came to the conclusion that the boy was leaning out over the door and must have turned the handle of the door himself, thereby causing the accident whereby he lost his life. He reported that there was no defect in the door or lock; that the braking system was effective, and that no appliances could be obtained.

## FATAL ACCIDENT

### Tragedy In Kilrush Mill

#### COMPENSATION CLAIM AWARD

An eighty-eight years old Kilrush woman was the plaintiff in a case heard by Judge Barra O Briain, S.C., at Limerick Circuit Court, on Tuesday morning last, in which Mary Kiely of St. Joseph's Terrace, Kilrush, claimed compensation for the death of her son, John Kiely, on whom she was partially dependent, from Eileen Mary Glynn and others, trading as M. Glynn & Sons, Kilrush.

Mr. James McMahon, B.L. (instructed by Messrs. M. O'Shea & Co., solicitors), appeared for the applicant, and the respondent firm was represented by Mr. Eoin Keane, B.L. (instructed by Messrs. M. Killeen & Co., solicitors).

Mr. McMahon explained that on June 27th last, while working in the flour mills of Messrs. Glynn, John Kiely got caught in the machinery, sustaining a fractured skull and a lacerated brain from which he promptly died. The respondent firm did not deny that Kiely's fatal accident arose out of and occurred in the course of his employment in the mill.

The applicant, went on Mr. McMahon, was mother of deceased and was an old woman of over 80 years of age. Deceased also had a brother, Michael Kiely, and a married sister named Christina O'Mahoney, neither of whom was even partially dependent on his earnings. The mother had been living with deceased, from whom she was given board, lodgings, and clothing, up to the time of his accidental death. He was the youngest son, and lived alone with the applicant who, except for 10/- a week old age pension and 2/6 a week by way of food vouchers, was totally dependant on him for her existence. He (Mr. McMahon) would submit that during the three years prior to his death, John Kiely, at the rate of £4 a week, earned £500; and that the mother's dependency on these earnings, amounted to 70 per cent. of total dependency, under which she would be entitled to receive a sum of £300.

Michael Kiely, son of the applicant and brother of the deceased, John Kiely, swore that his mother had lived with deceased up to the date of his accidental death, and had been given board and lodgings and clothing. He knew that if he could claim dependency on his brother that he would be entitled to compensation, but he had no wish to do this.

Christina O'Mahony, a married sister of deceased, corroborated this evidence.

Mr. Keane said he did not dispute his clients' liability, nor the facts sought to be established by the evidence.

His Lordship said he found in favour of the applicant on all relevant matters. He was satisfied that John Kiely had, for three years prior to his accidental death, earned £546 from the respondent firm and found that, in the case of total dependency, the amount of compensation payable to the applicant would be £300. He further found that the case was one of partial dependency, but, having regard to the age of the old lady and the other matters brought to his attention, he would be inclined to consider her dependency on her deceased son very considerable. Accordingly, he accepted the submission of Mr. McMahon, and awarded £210 with costs.

## TILLAGE DEFICIT

## MONEY IN COURT

### To Be Paid To Children

#### FATHER DIED IN ENGLAND

The death in England four years ago of a Kilmallock man, had a sequel at the opening of the Civil list of Limerick Circuit Court, before Judge Barra O'Briain, S.C., on Tuesday morning last, when Nora Keating, Ballinlee, Shearin's Cross, Kilmallock, applied for the payment out of Court, of a sum of £473 11s. 6d., lodged to the credit of the children of the late Dennis Keating, her brother, who died in England in the spring of 1943.

The application was made on behalf of the children's aunt by Mr. Sean Kenny, B.L. (instructed by Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor).

Mr. Kenny said that Dennis Keating died in England, on February 16th, 1943, and his employers, Messrs. Caffin and Company, Ltd., lodged in the Oxford County Court the sum of £600 to the credit of his dependent family. Later deceased's widow, Margaret Keating, applied to have the money transferred to the Courts in Ireland for allocation to the benefit of her five children, whose ages ranged from 12 years to 6 years. These children were now being maintained by their aunt, Nora Keating, and he (Mr. Kenny) now sought that this woman should be appointed guardian to the children, and that she be allocated a certain amount each month for the subsistence of each child.

Inspector John Foley, N.S.P.C.C., said he had investigated the condition of the Keating children who lived with their aunt in this country. The children's mother was supposed to be in England but had not contributed to the support of her family since 1945. The children's aunt had no means of keeping the children and the manner in which she supported them was creditable. In his opinion the aunt was a proper person to have control of the children.

Nora Keating, aunt of the five children, said she was in receipt of 10/- a week home assistance and 7/6 weekly as children's allowance. This, with her father's 12/6 a week old age pension, was her only means of supporting the children.

Mr. Kenny suggested that £400 should be distributed equally among the children and that the balance be retained in Court to meet any future demand by the mother.

His Lordship directed that £400 of the money lodged in Court should be suitably invested and that £5 a month should be paid to the aunt towards the upkeep of the children. He made no order as to the balance of the amount lodged in Court, but allowed the costs of the present proceedings.

## FOUGHT IN ANGLO-IRISH

### WAR

#### LIMERICK GARDA'S DEATH

##### AT COBH

Detective Garda Thomas Kelly, Cobh Garda Station, Co. Cork, who died during the week-end, was a native of Shearin's Cross, Dromin, Bruff, and was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kelly, Shearin's Cross (writes our Bruff correspondent). He joined the Gardai at the inception of the force in 1922 and was stationed since then in County Cork, spending most of his time at Cobh, where he was in fact amongst the first stationed there when the Garda station was established in Cobh.

He took an active part in the Irish War of Independence, and was a prominent member of Dromin "F" Company of the East Limerick I.R.A. during that period. He was one of the most active of the Old I.R.A. and took part in

## ROAD TRAFFIC

### Cyclist Charged

#### LORRIES IN COLLISION

Christopher Powell, of Thomondgate Road, Thomondgate, was charged yesterday, charged under the Road Traffic Act with the dangerous driving of a motor lorry at Castlemungret, on September 29th.

Supt. J. J. Cooney and Mr. T. E. O'Donnell appeared for the defence.

Edward Baggott, of Cement Ltd., said that turning to the factory in question he found employee, Patrick O'Connell, lying on the road and that his leg was broken. The injured man was taken to the First Aid Station, from which he was taken to hospital.

#### DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT

Sergeant Condon's statement made by the defendant who said that at the factory he had drunk in Mungret village at 9 p.m., when with a companion who on his bicycle. Defendant no light was cycling hand side of the road and was struck by a lorry against him. As a result he fell backwards and was injured.

Supt. Cooney said that the result of the accident was that the defendant, O'Shaughnessy, was taken to hospital with a broken leg.

Mr. O'Donnell said that the defendant was very unfortunate. He was cycling on the side and the man cycling towards him had a lamp. He was cycling without a lamp to meet the case.

The Justice fined the defendant for cycling in a manner dangerous to the public, and allowed the defendant's costs. He felt he was in dealing with people who were cycling without lights the only way to stop the trouble would be to impose a fine in each case.

#### LORRIES IN COLLISION

Private Laurence Sarsfield Barracks, Limerick, was charged under the Road Traffic Act, with the dangerous driving of a motor lorry on the 12th September.

Supt. J. J. Cooney and defendant were represented by Mr. O'Donnell, solicitor, held a water court at Cobh on behalf of the driver of the lorry involved in the collision which led to the accident.

Patrick Kerins, licentiate, said that on the day of the accident he was conveying a consignment of merchandise from Rathkeale, with Patrick Manning, driver. After leaving Rathkeale, when defendant came along and crashed into the lorry, the side of witness's lorry was damaged.

Guard Kiely produced evidence of the scene of the accident when he arrived before the lorry was damaged. The dust were thrown on the lorry. The lorry was taken to the Army lorry. The occasion was good for the lorry.

Patrick Manning, Kerin's lorry, said that the lorry approached on the left and struck his (witness's) lorry.

#### HE STARTED

Defendant, in evidence, had to pass over a crossroad and as the road was started to skid towards the front of his lorry of the other lorry. He estimated about seven tons of merchandise were on the occasion.

The Justice said that the defendant was too much on the wrong side and was not convicted him. He was driving in view of his good record, he would