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 Insepctor 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

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 durthe 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.

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