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★ physical inability, or some other special circumstance, can prevent a person from going to the polls and voting in times. The practice of abstaining merely out of idleness or indifference is a lamentable lack of civic sense and sense of citizenship which has followed widely and persisted in it either to anarchy or anarchy. The extent to which it prevails up to this day is injurious in other ways as it tends to keep out of the types of candidate going forward. It is to be regretted, therefore, that on any day there may be as good a poll as is reasonable. In several of the general elections for the past ten or twenty years a poll was inexcusably refused in this respect there was a need for a very real improvement. It is our duty to find thirty or forty more out of every hundred who are deliberately refusing, as in the case, to exercise their civic duty of citizenising the franchise.

The lowest tender (that of Messrs. Murphy Bros., Cork), the Manager added, had been accepted.

HONOUR FOR LIMERICK MAN

The Irish Association Chancellery of the Sovereign and Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, writing from Howth Castle, Co. Dublin, asks us to publish the following:—

The Prince Grand Master of the Sovereign Order has conferred the Donats Cross of the 3rd Class upon Mr. Tadhg Smalle, P.C., Glenville, Farranshone, Limerick, who is Secretary in Charge of the Order of St. John Ambulance Unit in Limerick City.

The Prince Grand Master is a Cardinal in Rome.

Mr. Smalle has also just been appointed a Visiting Justice to Limerick Prison. His grandfather, the late Thomas Smalle, of Kilmallock, a master cooper, was a Papal Volunteer in 1860 and a member of St. Patrick's Battalion of the Papal Army under Major Myles O'Reilly.

DEATHS.

COFFEY—January 14th, 1948, at City Hospital, Phillip Coffey, 7 Mulgrave Street; deeply regretted by his brother and relatives. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. John's Cathedral this (Wednesday) evening, at 6 o'clock. Funeral on Friday, at 3 o'clock, to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

O'DWYER (Limerick)—At the City Home Hospital, Thomas O'Dwyer, 29 John Street. Deeply regretted by his family. R.I.P. Remains will be removed from City Home to St. John's Cathedral this (Wednesday) evening, at 6 o'clock. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday), at 3.30 to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

RYAN—January 14th, 1948, at his residence, The Bungalow, Raheen, Mungret, Limerick, Thomas F. Ryan, C.E. (late Co. Surveyor). R.I.P. Remains will be removed to Raheen Church this (Wednesday) evening, at 8 o'clock. Requiem High Mass on Thursday, at Raheen Church, at 11 a.m. Funeral immediately after to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

in an accident. Sergt. O'Mahony, Mary St. gave evidence of having visited the scene at 6.25 p.m. The width of the road was 30 ft. 6 inches and there were brake marks on the road at a distance of 77 feet before the point of impact. The defendant explained that his reason for stopping the car was to throw light on the body.

Sergt. Connolly gave evidence of the car involved in the accident, a Plymouth Chrysler 26 h.p. It was serviceable.

DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT

Supt. Colleran gave evidence of having taken a statement from the defendant. In the course of the statement he explained that he was employed as a hackney driver, Joseph Breen, Sixmilebridge. At 5.30 p.m. he was employed by an American Army officer to drive from Rineanna to Limerick. The lights of the car were fully on and he was travelling at between 40 and 45 miles per hour. He applied the brakes immediately he saw the man on the centre of the road. The man, who was stooped, looked towards the car and continued to walk towards the lights. Witness felt that he could not pass him on the left, but failed to do so. The car stopped within the length of itself.

The Superintendent said he was basing his case on the fact that the bus driver and another person who saw a car had succeeded in seeing the deceased and were able to identify him. He felt that defendant had sufficient time to pull up in 77 feet.

NO NEGLIGENCE.

Mr. O'Malley said that assuming for the moment that defendant was travelling at between 50 and 60 m.p.h., it could be hardly termed unreasonable for this stretch of road. In fact he was never driving more than 45 m.p.h. The defendant saw the man alright but instead of doing as the driver of the bus did in swerving to the right, he swerved to the left. He submitted there was no negligence on the part of the defendant but that the pedestrian was definitely negligent.

The Justice said that he did not think it would be fair to make a conviction. He did not think there was any criminal negligence and he would dismiss the case on its merits.