

high places, if not firsts, in the National Fire Fighting Contests held once or twice in Dublin some few years back.

These enthusiastic amateurs should be kept together, and the ratepayers would not grudge 1d. or 2d. in the £ for the immense additional protection which would be assured for such a modest fee.

The various firms who housed the equipment of these squads would surely do so again, and I imagine that the many fire insurance companies would contribute towards maintenance costs.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Corporation should be asked to take up this serious matter, and I suggest Mr. G. E. Russell, who is both President of the former body, and a Municipal Councillor, as the obvious person to initiate the affair.

Your paper told us that £500,000 damage was caused by the recent fire at Roches Stores. This sum could have run into several millions of pounds had there been a high wind or if the brigades from other centres could not have travelled.

Mr. Mills has done a valuable civic service in raising this question, and he, too, is well qualified to take a leading part in organising an efficient auxiliary fire fighting service.—Yours truly,

"CITIZEN."

DEATH OF MRS. FLANAGAN

With very deep regret we announce the death of Mrs. Hannah Flanagan (nee Maher), wife of Mr. J. Flanagan, Boroughville, Shelbourne Road, Limerick. Deceased, who had been seriously unwell for several weeks, passed away at her residence last evening. Highly and deservedly popular with all classes, she was a lady of many very fine characteristics. Kindly, charitable and good-hearted, she was of a cheerful and sociable disposition, and all who knew her held her in the highest esteem and confidence for her many admirable qualities. Her death removes a model wife and mother and an excellent neighbour, and the deepest sympathy, in which we fully join, is extended to her bereaved husband, family and other relatives. The remains will be removed at 7 o'clock this evening to St. Munchin's Church, and the funeral will take place at 3 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

tribute to the work done by the outgoing committee and said that the present virile condition of the Association was the result of this work. The test of the virility of the Association was, he said, the manner in which the Supplementary Budget had been received in Limerick—the fact that, despite its impositions, there were very few price-cutters. At the moment, he believed there were only four price-cutters in the licensed trade in Limerick, and he would suggest that any of these who were members of the Association should be expelled forthwith.

The Secretary said that when any price-cutting tactics were notified against any member of the Association, his subscription was refused and he was, therefore, automatically expelled. There was only one such member at the moment.

COURT PENALTIES.

Mr. O'Driscoll said he wished to appeal to the Association to take some action against what he termed the excessive penalties being imposed on the licensed trade in the courts in Limerick. He thought that severe monetary penalties should be sufficient to satisfy the State in cases of isolated lapses, without the imposition of endorsements on licences. The trade, through the Association, should protest to the Minister for Justice against these excessive penalties.

The Chairman pointed out that this was a delicate matter and said it should be treated in that light. There was a considerable amount of illegal trading going on in the city and this practice was most unfair to those who ran their businesses in an orderly manner. It would be very difficult, in presenting the suggested protest to the Minister, to distinguish between the decent publican and the habitual illegal trader. He thought the matter should not be discussed further. If illegal trading were permitted to go on on a big scale, the eventual position would be that every trader, in order to make a living, would have to resort to the same thing. That would be the most undesirable position which could arise.

Mrs. Clohesy agreed with the Chairman and said that the possible outcome of the protest to the Minister suggested would be that the District Justice would become incensed against the Limerick publicans.

ALLEGATIONS AS TO CRIME AND DRINK.

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