

ment of this bog would be
ned because of the employ-
its working would involve.
Madden disagreed with this,
that any such advantages
be more than offset by the
local owners, who had vested
rights in the bog.
There was no action taken on the

ROAD WORKERS' WAGES.

Proposing the suspension of
working orders, Mr. J. Hayes intro-
duced the Secretary of the Irish
Road Workers' Union, Mr. Nugent, who
addressed the Council briefly on
behalf of the Co. Limerick road
workers.

Mr. Nugent drew attention to the
disparities between the rates
paid to road workers and those
paid to agricultural labourers, men-
tioning that if such a gap was
not to exist, few labourers
would be left to carry out Council
schemes. He drew particular
attention to the case of gangers,
he said, were in most cases
being paid 7/- more than the
ordinary labourer. This was not
a recognition for the respon-
sibility of a ganger, and he
pleaded strongly to the Council to
accept this position. In order to
be able to enjoy the standard
of living of life, road workers
require an increase of 50 per
cent in their present wages.

The Chairman promised Mr.
Nugent that his appeal would have
the Council's whole-hearted support,
and Mr. Nugent withdrew.

SYMPATHY.

The Council unanimously voted
in sympathy with Mr. J. J. Mulqueen,
a Limerick, on the recent
death of his sister; with Mr. Michael
O'Snell, a member of the Council,
on the recent death of his sister,
and with Mr. Frank Hartney,
a Limerick, on the death of his sister.
Other matters before the meeting
will be found reported under
appropriate headings).

ABBEYFEALE FINE GAEL

BRANCH

The reorganisation of the Abbey-
Feale Branch of Fine Gael (writes
Abbeyfeale correspondent),
was discussed at a meeting at which
Justin McCarthy was appointed
Chairman, Mr. Phil Enright,
Secretary, and Mr. M. J.
O'Shea, solicitor, Treasurer. Fifty
members having been elected,
a vote was passed congratulating
Mr. D. J. Madden, T.D., on
his re-election. Arrangements were
made for a parade on Easter Sunday
and Mr. D. Ward appointed to
organise a dance for the younger
members of the Branch.

FOOTBALL AT ABBEYFEALE

On Sunday afternoon the annual
inter-school contests between members
of Ita's Secondary School, Ab-
beyfeale, and Newcastle West
Secondary School, took place on
the Sports Field, Abbeyfeale, and
were refereed by Mr. P. O'Connor.
There was some good football
played, but the regular training
of the local team seemed to ac-
count for their top score of 8 goals
against Newcastle West's
only 3 points. A return match
will be arranged later.

Richard O'Kennedy, Mount Cath-
erine, Pallasgreen, was prosecuted
for a breach of the Noxious Weeds
Act.

Guard Burke gave evidence that
6 statute acres of the defendant's
holding of 60 statute acres, at Cun-
ningavala, were infested with rag-
wort when he paid a visit there
on the 20th August.

There being no appearance for
the defence, the Justice imposed a
fine of £3.

ILLEGAL USE OF RATION BOOK

Elizabeth Keating, 11, New Ter-
race, Cappamore, was prosecuted
for using a ration book, the property
of her deceased husband.

Guard Tobin, replying to Mr. J. J.
Power, State Solicitor, who prosecu-
ted, said that the defendant's hus-
band died in March, 1947, and the
book was used during the period
March, 1947, and November, 1947.
She drew her late husband's flour
ration, but she did not draw any
tea, sugar, or butter on the ration
book.

The defendant, in evidence, said
she did not know it was an offence.
Her husband was after dying when
she started to use the book, and
she was poor.

Justice—Is she very badly off?

Guard Tobin—Yes, your Wor-
ship.

Justice—I find the charge proved,
but I will dismiss it under the Pro-
bation of Offenders Act.

SIMILAR CASE.

A similar charge was preferred
against Patrick Ryan, 12, New Ter-
race, Cappamore.

Evidence was given for the prose-
cution that the defendant's son
went to England, and the defen-
dant drew his son's ration of flour.
Defendant had lost his own ration
book, and drew only the ration of
flour that he thought he was en-
titled to.

Defendant said that the evidence
was as stated. His ration book was
lost.

The Justice told the defendant
that he should have reported the
matter to the Guards, who would
have put him in a position to ob-
tain another ration book in lieu of
the one which he had lost. He
would find the charge proved, but
would dismiss it under the Proba-
tion of Offenders Act.

DEATH OF A NONAGENARIAN

The death of Mrs. Bridget
O'Connor, of Rathoran, widow of
the late William J. O'Connor, oc-
curred at the residence of her
daughter, Mrs. Colbert, Devon
Road Railway Station, at the re-
markable age of 97. She was a
member of an old Kerry family.
There was a large attendance of
the public at the funeral and inter-
ment at Abbeyfeale on Saturday
last. Prayers at the graveside were
read by the Rev. M. Quinn, P.P.,
and Rev. J. J. Halpin, C.C.

BRUFF OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

Very Rev. D. Canon Riordan,
P.P., Bruff, presided at a meeting
of the Bruff Old Age Pensions Sub-
Committee. There were eight claims
for consideration by the Committee,
and of these six were recommended
at the maximum rate and two ad-
journed to the next meeting.

but it is generally assumed
that it will. There have been many
political ups and downs in the
country during the past twelve
months, and a year ago no one—
except he were a prophet—could
visualise Mr. Morrissey succeeding
Mr. Lemass as Minister for Industry
and Commerce. But, such is life.



VERY DESTRUCTIVE.

The cormorant, as the name
indicates, is a great eater. This
member of the feathered family has
a special taste for fish, especially
for the more delicate varieties,
salmon and trout. For a consider-
able time past cormorants, in large
numbers, may be observed along
the banks of the Shannon, living in
the lap of luxury. These voracious
birds have commandeered, as it
were, the ruins of the old castle at
the Lax Weir, where they collect,
as it would seem, to arrange their
depredations. Experts say that a
single cormorant would devour at
least five lbs. of fish per day, from
which it can be judged the serious
menace this particular bird is to
our fisheries.



WHAT ABOUT THE

What has become of the proposal
to provide a public abattoir for the
city? Has this scheme been rele-
gated to the limbo of lost causes?
The public would like if these
questions were answered by some
one in authority. For years and
years and years we have been
hearing a lot about this abattoir,
but we are as far away as ever
from its realisation. Two or three
years ago the citizens were told
that an ideal site had been procured
in the Tank Field at Garryowen,
and that the plans had been sub-
mitted to the Department for
sanction. There is a hold up some-
where, but surely the public should
be told who is responsible for the
inordinate delay. It is about time
the Corporation came to handgrips
with this very important matter.



LINK WITH LIMERICK

A photograph of Parnell, taken
by a famous Limerick photographer
—Henry O'Shea—was recovered
recently in a house in Dublin.
The owners of the house—the Ely
O'Carroll family—had procured, in
the course of time, some of Parnell's
furniture in Avondale, and it is
presumed that it was in this way
they came into possession of the
photo. It would seem that the
artist, O'Shea, sent the picture to
Parnell while he was in Kilmainham
Jail in 1881, for the following note,
in Parnell's handwriting, was
attached to it:—"Kilmainham, 19th
December, 1881. My dear Mr.
O'Shea, I think this very good.—
Yours truly, Chas. S. Parnell."