

AND THE IMPORT OF COAL

To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")
 Dear Sir—Having read so much about the hardships imposed on turf workers, bog and lorry owners, owing to the dropping of hand-won turf work, as a city man and an opponent of the present Government I want to say "hear, hear" to the opportunity presented to purchase coal. For a number of years city residents were fleeced by the turf lords, who sold "fue." that needed other fuel to dry it. The opportunity to purchase coal, even at the high price obtaining, means a saving of from 4/- to 7/- per week to a worker with a family, and the less we hear about an "industry" that enables a few to prosper while the masses shiver, the better.

Yours faithfully,
 "ANTI-HUMBUG."

THE SINGING BOY FROM KILFINANE

Our Kilfinane correspondent writes:—Mr. Neilus Fitzpatrick, who has become known as the singing boy from Kilfinane, got a wonderful reception at the Savoy Cinema, Limerick, on Sunday night, when he sang three songs—"The Heart Bowed Down," "The Holy City," and "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes." He has signed on for further engagements in the Savoy, and it is expected that much will be heard yet of this young tenor with such a rich voice.

THE MEANS TEST

A meeting of the Ballylanders Old Age Pensions Committee was held recently and all officials and members of the Committee were present, as well as Mr. Thomas Reaney, Pensions Officer.

The meeting passed a resolution asking Mr. Norton, Minister for Social Welfare, to abolish the means test in respect of applicants for old age pensions.

It is thought that in some deserving cases applicants, through the rigours of the means test, were deprived of part, or all, of the pension allowance.

LIMERICK CLUB'S CLAIM DISMISSED

At a meeting of the League of Ireland Football Management Committee, held last night in Dublin, a

for the dangerous driving of a motor car.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solr., defended.

Oliver Gleeson said that when driving a bread-van through the Bedford Row-Henry Street crossing on January 17th last the defendant's car backed out of Bedford Row, on the Savoy Cinema side, ran under his horse, and knocked it.

Guard Dalton, proving measurements, estimated that the collision occurred about 3 feet 9 inches from the kerb outside Messrs. Spaight.

The defendant, in evidence, said he was in the process of backing his car out of Upper Bedford Row, across Henry Street, into Lower Bedford Row, where he proposed parking it, when Gleeson's horse came along and crashed into the side of his car.

The Justice said there was no doubt about the defendant's inexperience at driving. It was careless to have reversed his car across a junction in the manner admitted by the defendant. However, as the case wasn't a serious one, he thought a fine of 10/-, with 19/5 expenses, would meet it.

CO. LIMERICK PRIEST

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DIES IN AUSTRALIA

The sad news has been received that Rev. Francis Madden, O.S.A., a County Limerick priest on the Australian Mission, passed away suddenly on Monday last in St. Joseph's Priory, Cairns, Australia. The deceased was second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Madden, Caherline, Pallasgreen, and brother of Rev. Edmond Madden, O.S.A. Deepest sympathy is extended to the highly-respected parents and the other bereaved relatives. Office and High Mass were offered up at 10.30 o'clock this morning in Caherline Parish Church.

THE COLLEGE PLAYERS

The production of "The Proposal" and "Johnnie's Britches" by the College Players proved such absorbing entertainment last week in The Playhouse that repeat performances will be given in the same theatre on next Sunday night. It is as a result of popular demand that the group has decided to put on these comedies again. "Johnnie's Britches," which was penned by a Limerick man, Mr. P. G. O'Dea, ranks high in the list of rollicking comedies.

additional patients. Dr. Mack, with the Manager and Hayes, S.M.O.H., and Dr. Humphreys, R.M.O., City Home and Hospital, examined the buildings, as the result of which a favourable report is anticipated.



MINISTER IN LIMERICK

Mr. James M. Dillon, Minister for Agriculture, paid a day's visit to Limerick yesterday afternoon, when he attended the annual congress of the Irish Shorthorn Breeders' Society. The Minister went direct to the Condensed Milk Factory, and was received by Mr. O'Friel, chairman of the Dairy Disposals Board; Mr. McAuliffe, and Mr. Horan, directors, who conducted him on a tour of inspection of the works. Mr. Dillon displayed keen interest in the operations conducted in various departments, chatted with the men in charge, and indicated generally that he was very pleased with the way in which this industry is being conducted.



WHERE ARE THE PIGEONS

Quite a topic of conversation in the city in recent months is the flight or, should it be said, disappearance, of our feathered friends—the pigeons—from the vicinity of the local mills. Local student ornithologists are of the opinion that the fancy price obtaining for pigeons has brought about the complete annihilation of these birds. During the war years there was a big demand for them from English buyers, who paid as much as £10 each for choice ones. To-day a single pigeon is to be seen in its old haunts.



"NUISANCE RAIDS"

In passing it can be said that the pigeons—in the past—carried away many "nuisance raids" on vehicles laden with wheat plying between the mills, but when the crops of maize or wheat came to the city they were in "clover," and