

from his superiors to have always to the circumstances applicant, when selecting work. He had been told by Assistant Surveyor to give first preference in schemes to needy men, and he had carried out instructions as far as possible.

BOG STRIKE OF 1942.

Examined by Mr. Hartnett, he said there was a bog strike at Limerick in 1942 and he thought it probable that the local Club was involved in it. He thought that he, as supervising, would consult with his superiors about the selection of men for particular job. He said that Copse's son was given so much work with the Council because alternative labour was not available. He had never gone to his superiors and asked them to restrict employment of their relatives as farmers as long as married men were idle. Neither did he investigate whether or not his superiors practised political discrimination.

When selecting of carters was left to the gangers working under the Farmers were picked for the best of work only when ordinary labourers were not available. He never came across politicians at Limerick and had never been approached by a representative of any political party in an attempt to get work for somebody. He would not deny that he said to his superiors the previous times: "When times were good, you didn't ask for them," and if he did say it, he couldn't recall if the good times were to was "the golden era" which closed on February 4th last. He thought that it was a most important duty of his, as supervising, to see that there was equitable distribution of Co. Council work and that needy persons were given priority instead of men of means. He could not recall at the time one single person whom he had recommended in favour of married men.

HE WAS ASKED TO LODGE COMPLAINTS.

Examined by Mr. Cussen, he said that none of the previous superiors had approached him to lodge complaints. If he had to do so every man working under him would never get work done. When bringing the Inspector, witness that during periods when there were no Council road works in progress, he was always a man and his work consisted in supervising this man on maintenance, which consisted in digging and filling pot holes. He thought the man would, in turn, be examined by an Assistant Co.

BACK TO HIS DIOCESE IN U.S.A.

Amongst recent visitors to West Limerick (writes our Newcastle West correspondent) was Very Rev. M. Kyran Barry, P.P., V.F., who left the homeland some thirty-four years ago. During his stay in the country Father Barry was the guest of his sister, Mrs. D. J. Danaher, North Quay, Newcastle West, and other relatives. Three weeks before leaving the States he was appointed Parish Priest of Independence, Kansas, having been previously Dean of Foulton. Father Barry, who has now returned to America via Southampton, is son of the late John S. Barry, N.T., and the late Mrs. Barry, Creeves, Shanagolden. During his sojourn in the homeland he was delighted to avail of the opportunity of renewing many old acquaintances, and, incidentally, his charming personality won for him many new friends.

DEATH OF P.P.

The death took place at the Presbytery, Seville Place, Dublin, on Sunday morning last, of the Very Rev. Father Michael O'Daly, P.P., St. Laurence O'Toole's, Dublin. The deceased (writes our Charleville correspondent) was a member of an old and long established Charleville family, at one time prominently identified with the business life of the town, and brother of the late Mr. Bob O'Daly, Pike Farm, Ballysally, Charleville. A sister of his, Mrs. J. O'Donnell, resides at Main Street, Charleville.

The late Father O'Daly was ordained at Maynooth in 1906 at the age of 24 and ministered in his first curacy at Eadestown, Naas, later being transferred to Francis St., Dublin, and then to Rathgar, before being appointed Parish Priest of St. Laurence O'Toole's ten years ago.

FISHERMEN CHASED BY SHARK

Three lobster fishermen in a small boat on Carlingford Lough were chased by a shark while fishing. One of them, Edward Mullan, by prodding the shark with a boat-hook, kept it off until they reached other fishing boats, when it gave up the chase.

BLACKBERRIES IN DEMAND

Blackberries are beginning to reach the Dublin markets in some quantity. They are in demand at

ter may do so yet. It is no use drifting again to the bullock too much. Talking about higher pay for farm workers, with too many bullocks it would be just a man and a dog, the same as before—no room for any more.

Unemployment was stressed a lot during the last general election. This factory would help to solve it locally. Workers belonging to the different political parties in Kilmallock should press hard. It is too great a chance to let it pass easily.

Many thanks, sir, in the hope of you printing these few lines.

Yours truly,

"UNEMPLOYED."

LABOUR PARTY

FEDAMORE BRANCH

At a meeting of Fedamore Branch of the Irish Labour Party, Mr. Garrett Sheahan presided, and there was a full attendance of members.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:—"That we call on the County Manager to speed up without delay repairs of the cottages at Euaghroe, Fedamore, as they are in a very bad state of disrepair owing to the water coming through the roofs; also the cottiers of Euaghroe have no place to get spring water and are badly in need of a pump; and also the people of Carnane have no water owing to the pump being in want of repair. Furthermore, that we condemn the action of the Government in cutting our butter ration by 2 ozs. It is very hard on poor men going out to work, and we call on them to restore it without delay. Also, we wish to thank the people of Fedamore who subscribed to the Labour collection held at Fedamore recently."—Signed, JAMES HOGAN, Secretary.

MORE PUBLIC LAMPS NEEDED

DROMCOLLOGHER LIGHTING

It is now over three years since the matter of increased public lighting for Dromcollogher was under consideration (writes our correspondent there). On that occasion it was promised that the matter would receive immediate consideration but nothing has since been done in the matter. The six public lamps that serve Dromcollogher are altogether inadequate and villages half the size