

MR. NOEL HARTNETT, B.L.

There is no doubt about it, but a considerable number of the lookers-on were drawn to the Inquiry by the heralded appearance of Mr. Noel Hartnett, as Counsel for the Workmen. Strange to relate, Mr. Hartnett, too, could claim to be a County Limerick man. For was he not the grandson of "Master" Hartnett, the well-known and beloved National Teacher, who taught at Monemohill, Shanagolden, sixty or seventy golden years ago. There was hardly a man in the Courthouse who hadn't some relation that owed his early education to "Master" Hartnett, and to this date he is remembered and revered by the Monemohill folk. He was a contemporary of and as good a teacher as "Master" McNamara, the famous Kilcolman schoolmaster who taught Bishop Hallinan, Counsellor Kelly and many others. "Master" Hartnett married one of the Lanes of Monemohill, so that on both sides, grand-fathers and

gave orders and expected them to be carried out. And now here he was shrunk to the little measure of a hard bench, trying to collect himself against the increasing onslaughts of his cross examiner. He came out with flying colours, but that did not detract from the savour of the affray. There is no doubt but it would be good for governed and governors alike if they had to take the witness stand now and again, and answer all the questions touching their administrations.

INQUIRY WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED.

The result of it all? Well that is a matter for the Inspector and his report. But when the report is long forgotten, the Inquiry will long be remembered. And on many a winter's night the drama of those few days will be re-enacted, and the hearth will resound with the counsellors' oft-repeated and ringing tones, tempered by the well-remembered judicial pronouncements of the Inspector.

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BIG VOLUNTARY EFFORT

Operations were commenced on Monday on a voluntary scheme for the draining of the River Deel, which is being carried out under the direction of Feohanagh-Castle-mahon Guild of Muintir na Tire (writes our Newcastle West correspondent). As a result of an appeal for voluntary workers for the unique project some twenty-five farmers and labourers turned out for the start of work on the scheme, which was initiated following unsuccessful representations to the responsible Department with a view to the cleaning of the river. The Guild decided that some practical effort was called for in order to deal with the recurring floods on the Deel which, on occasions, have ravaged the whole countryside and were, as late as last winter, so serious that all road transport in the area was practically brought to a standstill for a number of days. Following a special meeting of the Guild the appeal for workers was issued and met with an immediate and generous response. Work was continued during the week but it is hoped to increase the number of volunteers when more men are available from the harvest fields. It is proposed in the first instance to confine operations to the Deel and later to drain and clean the Curragh and Banoke, two of its tributaries which are also subject to flooding. In due course, it is hoped, the Government will accord official recognition to the effort by providing financial and other assistance, but meanwhile all work is being carried out on a purely free and voluntary basis.

DEATH OF MRS. MCKESSY, BEAUFORT

Widespread regret has been occasioned by the death of Mrs. Ellen McKessy, of Beaufort, Newcastle West, who passed away on Monday after a comparatively brief illness.

Deceased, who belonged to a highly esteemed and widely respected West Limerick family, was a very popular and respected lady, and sincere sympathy will be tendered to the bereaved husband and family. All sections of the community were represented in the very large attendance at the funeral from Ardagh Church to Grange Cemetery on Tuesday.

The officiating clergy were:—Rt. Rev. Mgr. Hannan, P.P., V.G., Newcastle West; Rev. Father Ruddle, P.P., Ardagh; Rev. Father Wilmott, C.C., do., and Rev. Father O'Connell, C.C., Coolcappa.

Chief mourners included:—Thomas McKessy (husband), Jack Tom and Jer McKessy (sons), Mrs. P. Hennessy, Mrs. J. Harte, Mrs. J. Nash (daughters), Patrick Hennessy, James Harte, John Walsh (sons-in-law), Mrs. T. McKessy, Mrs. J. McKessy (daughters-in-law), M. McKessy and P. Murphy (brothers-in-law), Mrs. P. Murphy, Rathkeale (sister); Mrs. J. Murphy (sister-in-law), Mrs. J. Murphy, Mrs. Meehan, Mrs. Downes, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. J. McKessy, Mrs. O'Shea, Helen, Kathleen, Tom McKessy, Maureen, Noreen, Eugene, James, Thomas and Patrick Harte (grand-children), Mrs. D. Costelloe, Mr. and Mrs. John Harte, Mrs. T. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tobin, Mrs. E. Cussen, Mr. and Mrs. M. Murphy, Newcastle West; Mr. M. Murphy and Mr. J. Murphy, Abbeyfeale; Mr. D. Daly, Mr. T. Daly, Mart, Harry, Cathleen and Mary Downes, etc.

minors among the winners, as it augured well for the future popularity of the game.

Mr. P. Conway was a very capable M.C.

SHEEP BOUND IN AUSTIN MOTOR

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir — I would be grateful for a little space in your valuable paper to excel "Humanity Dick's" revelations on cruelty to animals. On Tuesday evening last, August 31st, at 6.15 p.m., I had occasion to call to Henry St., Limerick. Passing Messrs. Spaight's, I observed an Austin car parked with a sheep doubly bound and apparently in distress housed in the partly closed luggage grid of the above motor car. I had every intention of reporting this—the worst case of cruelty (and I don't profess to be very sensitive in these matters), but on my return the owner had driven off with his luggage, probably a purchase at sales on that day; also only for the fact that my driver was in a hurry I would have certainly telephoned the authorities of the fact.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor,

"UNOBSERVANT."

RECENT WEDDING

O'CONNOR—MULVEY.

The marriage took place with Nuptial Mass and Papal Blessing in the Church of Saint Vincent de Paul, Marino, Dublin, of Mr. Donal O'Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O'Connor, Ennis Road, Limerick, and Miss Selia M. Mulvey, daughter of Mr. A. Mulvey, M.P., and Mrs. Mulvey, Derry Road, Omagh. The bride was given away by her father. Rev. Donal O'Connor, P.P., Uttoxetter, Staffs. (cousin of the bridegroom), officiated, assisted by Very Rev. C. Byrne, P.P., Omagh, and Rev. J. J. Carlin, C.C., Omagh.

Mr. Sean O'Connor (brother of the bridegroom) was best man, and Miss Maureen McGeough was bridesmaid.

The organist was Mr. George Crean, and the soloist Miss Ellis Mulvey.

WHEN SILENCE IS NOT GOLDEN

Fines ranging from £1 to £2 were imposed by Justice Gordon Hurley, B.L., at Milltownmalbay District Court on motorists who had failed to sound their hooters at a dangerous road bend in the Quilty district.

Sergeant M. J. Hegarty, who prosecuted, said it was absolutely imperative that they should sound hooters and drive slowly at this bend, which was very dangerous for traffic. There was no excuse for not knowing the bend was there, because at each approach side were danger signs erected by the local authority.

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