

VALUE OF TURKEY
Set at £2 10s.

GREYHOUND OWNER SUED

Killing of a turkey cockerel by a greyhound at Clonlara led to a claim for £2 10s. against the owner of the greyhound at the sitting of the Limerick Civil Court before Justice D. F. O'Connell, when the owner of the cockerel, Margaret Flannery, Sumner, Clonlara, sued Michael O'Connell, same address, for the value of the turkey.

"THE ONLY ISSUE"

Tynan said the only issue was the value of the turkey, which was the cause of the action. The plaintiff owned a turkey cockerel which was killed by a greyhound, the property of the defendant. The plaintiff, after the killing, claimed the potential value of the cockerel, which she hoped to use for breeding purposes. She offered 10s. in full payment, but she refused to accept. An offer of 15s. was made by the plaintiff again refused this time. Mr. Dodds then tendered 15s. and the plaintiff again refused the offer. Soon afterwards a civil bill for £2 10s. was issued, which Mr. Dodds told him (Tynan) that he would lodge in Court.

Before the hearing, Tynan went on to inform the late Ball of Mr. Dodds' office that he would take the 15s., if the costs of a civil bill were paid. Mr. Dodds refused to do that. Apparently the defence is that the 15s. had been tendered. I am still prepared to take the 15s. if the costs of the bill are paid.

ORDERED BEFORE CIVIL BILL ISSUED

Dodds stressed that the defendant would not agree to pay the bill. A legal defence was that the 15s. had been tendered before the civil bill was brought. Tynan, in reply to the last point, pointed out that the matter was a tort could not be made in a claim for unliquidated damages.

The plaintiff then gave evidence of the value of the turkey, mentioned at the time of the killing. The cockerel was nine lbs. in weight and was worth 18s. If she had a full-grown cock next to her, to replace the killed cockerel, she would pay £3 for it. The defendant's daughter, Janet O'Connell, gave evidence stating that the cockerel was no bigger than a turkey when killed. Turkeys were 2/8 per lb., and the cockerel was only about three lbs. in weight. Justice gave a decree for £2 10s.

MARKET PRICES

Flour (bakers), 45/3 sack; retail, 45/3 per sack; meal, 41/9 per sack; oatmeal, 37/6 per sack; flake oatmeal, 7/- per sack.
LIMERICK MARKETS—Saturday.
 Eggs—3/2 to 3/6 per lb.
 Hens—4/3 to 4/9 per doz.
 Cocks—4/- to 4/5 per doz.
 Chickens—13/- to 20/- per pair.
 Ducks—9/- to 13/- per pair.
 Poultry—11/- to 17/- per pair.
 Geese—2/8 to 2/9 per lb.
 Turkeys—12/- to 16/- each.
 Apples—5/- to 7/6 per ton.
 Potatoes—4/- to 5/6 per ton.
 Onions—8d. to 1/- per stone.
 Beans—55/- to 60/- per ton.
 Hay—95/- to 120/- per ton.
 Straw—75/- per ton.
Stocks
 Cattle—71 calves in market. They range from 40/- to 220/- each.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

LIMERICK BRANCH C.B.A.I.

The first of the turkey drives will take place on Friday next in the Hotel. It will commence at 10 sharp and members are requested to enter their names before the drive.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS.

1. G. Adderley and W. H. O'Connell, 84. A. M. O'Connell, 78. J. J. O'Connell, 75. J. J. O'Connell, 75.

THE LIMERICK MENTAL HOSPITAL

Operation Of The 48 Hour Week

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF CLERK

Coming Resignation Of R.M.S.

Mr. R. M. Clery, Co.C., Chairman, presided at a meeting on Saturday of the Limerick District Mental Hospital Board. Other members present were:—Very Rev. M. Canon Moloney, P.P., V.F.; Messrs. G. B. Dillon, B.C.; J. C. Hickey, B.C.; P. O'Connell, B.C.; J. Connery, B.C.; J. J. McNamara, Co.C.; P. Langan, Co.C.; P. H. Donegan, Co.C.; D. McAuliffe, Co.C.; P. Clohesy, Co.C.; J. Mackey, Co.C.; M. Hickey, Co.C.; M. J. K. Dore, solr., Co.C.; J. Hayes, Co.C.; P. Fitzsimons, Co.C. and T. O'Connell, Co.C.

Officials in attendance were: the City Manager (Mr. M. Macken, B.A.); the R.M.S. (Dr. P. J. Irwin); the Chief Clerk (Mr. P. Harnett) and the Assistant Clerk (Mr. R. P. Coll).

REPORT FROM R.M.S.

In his monthly report to the Board, the R.M.S. said that since the last meeting three patients had been admitted, one had died and there were twelve for discharge, leaving 858 in residence at the moment. This number, said the R.M.S., was an increase of forty as compared with the corresponding date last year. The R.M.S. added that the health of all patients in the institution, with the exception of the aged inmates, was very good. A consultation had taken place between the staff and the Manager during the month with a view to implementing the recommendation by the Minister for Health that a 48 hour week be established for the attendant and nursing staff. It was proposed to put this recommendation into effect as from December 6th.

THE 48 HOUR WEEK.

The City Manager said that arising out of the report of the R.M.S. he wanted to mention that it had now definitely been decided to implement the 48 hour week for the staff as from the date mentioned. He recalled that at a previous meeting it had been decided to request the staff to endeavour to work out some arrangement whereby the shorter week could be implemented without the Board having to provide additional accommodation to house the extra staff which would be consequently needed. The staff had done as requested and he was now in a position to tell the Board that it would be possible to have the shorter week implemented. This would require 35 extra attendants and these, together with the payment of bonuses, would cost an estimated £13,000. All this additional expenditure would, however, not fall on the rates, but would be met out of central funds in accordance with the provisions of the Health Grant. On the proposition of Mr. Hayes, it was decided to have the new working week implemented as from the date mentioned in the report of the R.M.S., which was, in turn, unanimously adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF CLERK.

The Manager said that since the

last meeting he, on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners, had appointed Mr. Harnett as Chief Clerk to the Board in a permanent capacity. He had also been informed that the Commissioners had appointed as R.M.S. in succession to Dr. Irwin, who was retiring, Dr. O'Higgins, at present employed as R.M.S. at Enniscorthy. He was awaiting details as to when the new R.M.S. would assume duties in the Mental Hospital.

The Chairman and the members warmly congratulated Mr. Harnett on his appointment and Mr. Harnett suitably replied.

Associating himself with the remarks of the members, the Manager expressed keen appreciation of Mr. Harnett's ability to fill the permanent post now allotted him. In his position as Manager, he had been very intimately associated with Mr. Harnett in the work of administering the institution, and he could say that the Local Appointments Commissioners had been very wise in their choice and the Board very fortunate in having secured such an able Chief Clerk.

COMING RESIGNATION OF R.M.S.

Mr. Langan remarked that the members of the Board were very sorry at the prospect of losing Dr. Irwin after such a long number of years.

Mr. McAuliffe—We are all very sorry to be parting with the poor doctor anyway.

Manager—You will have him for a few months yet.

R.M.S.—Oh, you haven't got rid of me at all yet (laughter).

Canon Moloney expressed pleasure at the information that the Board would have the benefits of "Dr. Irwin's kindly influence" for some time yet.

Dr. Irwin returned thanks to the members for their sentiments.

LAND STEWARD'S REPORT.

The following report of the Land Steward (Mr. W. Fannon) was adopted unanimously:—

"During the month operations on the farm were as follows:—Finishing and digging of the potato crop, pulling and drawing in mangolds, pulling, crowning and loading beet for factory; drawing in potatoes, drawing gravel, ploughing stubble ground and other work of a seasonal nature.

"On November 30th the livestock on the farm were as follows:—59 cows, 24 fat cattle, 80 store cattle, 35 calves, 2 bulls, 76 sheep, 20 lambs, 10 horses, 1 filly, 1 foal, 2 ponies, 79 pigs. Purchases were 10 fat cattle, costing £372; 20 store cattle, costing £561 3s.; 10 sheep, costing £64 2s. Sales were 6 young sows and 2 young boars, making £176; 6 suck calves, making £31 10s. 6d. The "fall" of the slaughtered animals realised £55 odd.

"It will be necessary to purchase 20 cattle and 30 sheep during the month of December."

LIMERICK STOCK LIST

Government Funds
 5 p.c. National Loan ... 104
 4 1/2 p.c. Third National Loan ... 44
 4 p.c. Land Bonds ... 115 1/2
 4 p.c. Exchequer Bonds ... 102 1/2
 3 p.c. Exchequer Bonds ...
 3 1/2 p.c. War Loan ... 103 7-16
 Dublin Corporation 3 p.c. (£30 paid) ...

Banks.

Bank of Ireland ...
 Munster and Limerick ...
 National ...

Transport.

C.I.E. Com. Units ... 6/9

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1948.

The Corporation is authorised under the above-mentioned Act to make Grants to persons erecting houses for letting in Limerick County Borough. The Grants are payable in respect of houses having at least three rooms, whose erection commenced on or after the 1st November, 1945, and is completed on or before the 1st April, 1950, and whose floor area lies between 500 and 1,250 square feet.

A person proposing to erect a house which would qualify for a Grant should submit a proposal to the Corporation in the form of a Scheme, which should be accompanied by:—

BRAKES WENT DEAD

And Tragedy Was The Result

HOW FARMER MET HIS DEATH

How the brakes in a motor van went dead, with the result that a farmer met his death, was described at an inquest held in Clare County Hospital on Saturday evening.

When driving cattle home from the fair at Ennis on Friday evening, a married farmer named John McMahon (50), of Knockagun, Newmarket-on-Fergus, was involved in a motor accident and received fatal injuries.

The inquest was held to inquire into the cause of death.

Supt. J. S. Flynn, who conducted the proceedings on behalf of the State, said the van, driven by Stephen Kearney, commercial traveller, residing at 30 Cross Roads, Thomondgate, Limerick, came from behind a stationery station wagon and being unable to pull up ran into the cattle and struck McMahon either directly or struck McMahon which then struck McMahon. The failure to pull up was due to the hydraulic brakes not operating through some mechanical defect.

THREE ALTERNATIVES

Sergeant J. Rispin said that when he visited the scene of the accident on the Ennis-Limerick road he found a pool of blood about 24 by 18 inches on the road. The driver of the van, Stephen Kearney, made a statement, in which he said that he saw the station wagon on the road in front of him. The wagon pulled up and Kearney pressed his foot brake pedal to do likewise. The brakes went dead and he was faced with three alternatives—to hit the wall on the side, to hit the station wagon, or to hit the cattle. He made for a white bullock and hit the animal with his van. This had the effect of throwing the animal upward and backwards and it appeared to fall back on the top of the man with a bicycle.

Stephen Kearney, giving evidence, said the hydraulic brake was all right when starting from Limerick but the hand brake had been defective since the first day the van had been put on the road. He was positive he did not strike McMahon with the van but he did strike the bullock, which fell on top of McMahon.

He admitted in reply to Mr. I. M. Houlihan, solr., for the next-of-kin, that he had been driving the van with a defective hand-brake for the past twelve months.

"ONE GREAT FAULT"

Sergt. J. Grannell, in evidence, said the failure of the hydraulic braking system to work was due to a leak in the system as a result of which the fluid which operated the brakes came out on the road. That was one great fault with hydraulic brakes. If the slightest leak developed in the system the brakes instantly became useless. Sudden pressure would cause this failure. He had met several cases of failure, without the driver having any warning that such was about to happen. Sometimes a driver may get warning but very often he got no warning whatsoever. Normal servicing was not any guarantee against failure of the brakes. The hand-brake acted as an auxiliary and had no relation at all to the hydraulic brake and it was an offence not to have the hand-brake in order.

JURY'S VERDICT

Other witnesses were examined, after which the jury brought in a verdict that McMahon died from shock and heart failure caused by injuries received when fatally struck by a motor van, which should not be in service owing to the "defective condition of its brakes."

Sympathy, in which the Coroner (Dr. J. H. Counihan), Supt. Flynn and Mr. I. M. Houlihan, solicitor, joined, was tendered by Mr. M. B. O'Malley, solicitor, who appeared for the driver of the van, to the widow and four children of the deceased.

DROMCOLLOGHER FAIR

The first of the December fairs in Dromcollogher was of very large proportions, and with a large attendance of buyers, trade was brisk at current prices and clear-

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