

at Beigh Castle. He thought that the Board should go further with their plan of development by having the river deepened sufficiently so that vessels of a draught of 28 feet could dock in the port.

CONGESTION IN OTHER PORTS

Mr. Whelan said that in other ports vessels that were not "liberty" ships were lined up waiting for discharge. That was happening while the port of Limerick was idle. He believed that the merchants of Limerick were not using the port for the carriage of merchandise. Recently the "Irish Hazel" came to the port with a cargo for Irish Wire Products, but the vessel had only 500 tons of general cargo for individual merchants. Goods for Limerick were coming through Dublin and other ports, with the result that there was congestion at the railway goods stores. The Chamber of Commerce should interest itself in this important matter. He also thought that shipping facilities should be provided in Limerick for the export of cattle.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS

Mr. Sheahan said that Mr. Frost and himself had the question of cattle shipments under consideration. He hoped to have full details for the next meeting of the Board.

Senator O'Dwyer—It would be a very good thing if cattle could be shipped through the port.

Chairman—I'm very glad to hear Mr. Sheahan's statement, and I think it would be advisable to await his and Mr. Frost's report.

TRADE WITH U.S.A.

Mr. Donnellan said that the "Irish Hazel" came to Limerick from New York with a cargo for Irish Wire Products. The general cargo was

The Manager said that 49,000 tons of coal came to Limerick by sea last year. Under the allocation Limerick's proportion should be about 70,000 tons.

CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS

Mr. O'Keeffe said that there was no congestion of shipping now in other ports because there was a general scarcity of world goods. Currency restrictions was affecting trade and ships were now available for the carriage of goods, if goods could be purchased. The position with regard to the coal trade was that in Dublin there were industries that could use any kind of inferior coal. These industries were not in Limerick and, consequently, coal of a fairly good quality—the best that could be got, had to be brought to Limerick—mainly for domestic use. That was why the shipments of the coal to Limerick were not as big as might be expected. He might add that the Limerick Steamship Company were making arrangements to inaugurate a livestock shipping service to Liverpool. Whether the service could be maintained would depend on the measure of support given by the cattle exporters.

TRIBUTE TO L.S.S. CO.

The Chairman said that Mr. O'Keeffe's announcement as to the inauguration of a livestock service was of great importance. He hoped that the enterprise of the Limerick Steamship Company would be justified.

The discussion then ended.

The Chairman extended the compliments of the season to the members and expressed the hope that all of them would have a happy and prosperous new year.

DEATH OF LIMERICK NUN IN AUSTRALIA

The death has occurred at Nudgee, Australia, of Reverend Mother Emillion Woulfe, of the Mercy Order, which she entered about 50 years ago. She is survived by another sister (Sister Augustine) and was interred in the same cemetery as her brother, the Very Rev. Dr. Maurice Woulfe, D.D., who predeceased her, and who was uncle to Miss Kate Woulfe, M.A., H.Dip., Principal of Colaiste Mhuire Secondary School, Abbeyfeale.

CHARITABLE WORK

The Killaloe St. Vincent de Paul Society did very good and charitable work during the past 12 months (writes our Killaloe correspondent). With the limited means at their disposal they helped those in need and relieved distress in many instances. For the want of sufficient funds, however, they could not provide for other deserving cases as they would wish to.

DEATH OF ABBEYFEALE RESIDENT

The death of Mr. Patrick Histon, of Church Street, Abbeyfeale, took place at the age of 70, after an illness of some weeks. He was a member of an old native family who was associated with a local industry for many years but no longer existing. Of a retiring disposition, he was in earlier years a keen angler. There was a large attendance at the interment in St. Mary's Cemetery on Sunday last. The prayers at the graveside were read by the Very Rev. P. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F.; Rev. John Browne, C.C., Athea; Rev. J. Halpin, C.C.; Rev. J. Liston, C.C.

RECEIVED INTO CHURCH

Mrs. Orksana Kasenkina, the Russian schoolmistress who escaped from the Russian Consulate in New York in August by throwing herself through a window, has been received into the Greek Catholic Church in New York.

are even lucky to get off so light. If your correspondent has not the licensed exporter in mind, I don't see how the sender of a gift turkey is classed by him or her as an exporter.

As to the rumour of gift turkeys being stuffed with tea and sugar, have not the English people a greater ration of tea than we ourselves have and the poor English woman who so innocently took for granted a turkey stuffed with a few bottles of whiskey instead of bread-crumbs, and had the door of her oven blown away, most certainly deserves sympathy—if this yarn were told to an "ass" somebody would suffer. The Department should have more rigid scrutiny by placing "Play The Game" as head of affairs next time. He or she should easily pick out the bona fides of the exporters. Everybody knows that demand and supply regulate most markets, and the farmers who got 4/- per lb. in the Limerick markets the Christmas week were simply enterprising. Some of those late sellers got a reverse last year and sold as low as 1/8 a pound. I have sympathy for the housewife who did not get a turkey at a fair price. The pendulum has swayed against her this time, which often happens the late shopper.

Thanking you, sir, for trespassing on your space, I remain sincerely yours,

"A LICENSED EXPORTER."

SOUTH LIMERICK BYE-ROADS

Due to the continuous flooding, following almost incessant rain of a couple of weeks ago, the condition of the bye-roads in South Limerick is appalling (writes our Kilmallock correspondent). Horse-drawn traffic is almost at a standstill in some places owing to the uptorn condition of the roads and in several instances animals carrying milk to local creameries have fallen. In hilly districts the floods have torn up the roads completely and they present a picture of what would appear to have been done with the aid of a pickaxe. This is not to say that the men employed on the upkeep of the roads are to blame, as the stopping of the flood havoc was beyond their power.

AGRICULTURAL WAGES ACT

The list of persons nominated as members of Agricultural Wages Area Committees under the Agricultural Wages Act includes the name of Mr. J. J. McNamara, Toureen House, Croom, Co. Limerick, representing employers, and that of Mr. Patrick Griffith, c/o Mr. Michael Burke, Doon, Co. Limerick, representing workers.

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