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**CITY HOUSING**  
**Conditions In 1821**  
**WHAT RECORDS SHOW**

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")  
A Chara — Your readers will doubtless be interested to have definite proof of how the Limerick city worker and his family were housed some 130 years ago.  
In the year 1821 I had occasion to examine very minutely the records of the first modern census of your city (1821). The method employed in its taking was very thorough. A separate form was not issued to each family, as is done in our day. For each civil parish there was appointed a competent enumerator who signed a declaration of fidelity before the Petty Sessions Court and provided two guarantors for his due discharge of the works. For its completion he was allowed one month; he visited each house in turn and took down all relevant particulars. The enumerator for St. Mary's Parish, Limerick, was one Robert Murphy, a most excellent penman, who executed his task in business-like fashion.  
**SEVENTEEN FAMILIES IN ONE HOUSE**  
In Mary Street the houses must necessarily have been very "roomy" indeed. I take as an example No. 48, in which resided no less than seventeen separate families, comprising seventy-three persons, including the owner of the house, Patrick Garvey, the difficulties of whose office as supervisor may easily be imagined.  
Mary Street consisted of ninety houses, and I had the curiosity to add up the total population figure for that single thoroughfare. It was two thousand five hundred and seventy nine (2,579), an average of over twenty-eight persons to each house.  
I once mentioned these particulars to one of the clergy of that parish, and he told me he had always wondered how and where the dense population of the period found accommodation, judging by the huge numbers of baptisms, marriages and deaths recorded in the parish registers.  
**NATIVE TRADES**  
The factory system had not yet matured in England, so our native trades folk were extensively represented in Limerick.  
Here are a few of the recorded callings: cordwainer, hat trimmer, hatter, bonnetmaker, seamstrees, glover, farrier, binder of shoes, cabinet maker, fish tackle manufacturer, bronze-maker, blacksmith, chair-bottomer, maker of plaid shoes, mantua maker, straw platter, locksmith, chandler, dyer, cooper, and one John Purcell was paper stainer.  
In July, 1922, all these interesting documents unfortunately went up in smoke in the Record Office conflagration.  
**RISTEARD O FOGHLUDHA**  
44 Eaton Square, Terenure, Dublin.

**GREYHOUND OWNERS**  
**LIMERICK BRANCH OF ASSOCIATION**

The general meeting of the Limerick Branch of the Irish Greyhound Owners' Association was held on Wednesday, 13th April, in the Catholic Institute Hall.  
The chairman, Mr. M. O'Neill, presided, and in welcoming those present said it was good to see owners at last organised in looking for their rights. There could not be any doubt, he went on to say, that the many changes which have come about are entirely due to the presence of an association catering for owners.  
The secretary, Mr. W. Lysaght, in his report stressed the need for greater organisation during the coming year, saying that each individual member should do a little organising on their own. In this way the association would hold the strength necessary to carry on the work.

**GREAT ORDER**  
**Loses Distinguished Missioner**  
**DEATH OF FATHER WILLIAM O'SULLIVAN, C.S.S.R.**

On Holy Saturday, following a long illness, the death took place at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, of Rev. Wm. O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R. Born in the parish of St. Munchin 75 years ago, the late Father O'Sullivan entered the Redemptorist Novitiate when he had completed his secondary education at St. Munchin's College. He was ordained in Belfast in 1901 and was attached for a period to the Redemptorist Monastery at Clonard. Over 40 years ago he went out to the Philippines, along with another Limerick-born Redemptorist, the late Rev. John Creagh, to spread the Gospel in these Islands. Having laboured there for some years, he proceeded to Australia, where he was destined to spend the greater part of his missionary life. He traversed the entire Australian Continent, holding missions and retreats in the most out-of-the-way places. Worn out after years of self-sacrifice, he returned to Limerick a year ago to recuperate and to enjoy a respite from his arduous labours. His health, however, began to fail and on Christmas Day he celebrated his last Mass at Mount St. Alphonsus. Ever since he was confined to his room and on Holy Saturday, surrounded by his religious brethren, he breathed forth his soul to the Master he had served so faithfully and well as a religious and priest for over 50 years.  
**THE INTERMENT.**  
The interment took place yesterday in the vault beneath the High Altar at Mount St. Alphonsus, following the celebration of Office and Requiem High Mass.  
The Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, presided at the obsequies.  
The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. P. Whelan, C.S.S.R.; deacon, Rev. T. J. Connolly, C.S.S.R.; sub-deacon, Rev. M. Fitzsimons, C.S.S.R., and master of ceremonies, Rev. W. Murphy, C.S.S.R.  
The chanters were—Rev. A. O'Connor, C.S.S.R., and Rev. P. O'Boyle, C.S.S.R.  
Amongst the clergy in the sanctuary, in addition to the Redemptorist Community, were Very Rev. D. Canon Martin, President, St. Munchin's College; Very Rev. Canon Donworth, P.P., Adare; Very Rev. T. Canon Wall, P.P., Ballygarry; Very Rev. Ed. Punch, P.P., Mungret; Very Rev. M. O'Grady, P.P., Fedamore; Very Rev. P. J. Lee, P.P., St. Mary's; Very Rev. Dr. J. Cowper, P.P., St. Patrick's; Very Rev. B. McMahon, S.J., Rector, Mungret; Rev. P. Vaughan, S.J., Crescent; Rev. D. Meagher, S.J., do.; Rev. D. Roche, S.J., do.; Rev. P. Hanna, S.D.B., Pallaskenny; Rev. P. Walsh, O.S.A.; Rev. J. Hooper, O.S.A.; Rev. R. Hannigan, O.P.; Rev. Father Thomas, O.F.M.; Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M.; Rev. M. Tynan, Diocesan Inspector; Rev. M. Breen, St. Munchin's College; Rev. E. O'Dea, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. T. J. Lyons, C.C., do.; Rev. J. Kennedy, C.C., St. Mary's; Rev. E. McCarthy, C.C., St. Munchin's; Rev. P. Meaney, C.S.Sp., Rockwell College.  
Most Rev. P. Murray, C.S.S.R., former Superior General; Very Rev. J. Treacy, C.S.S.R., Provincial; Very Rev. P. Kelly, C.S.S.R., Rector, Limerick; Very Rev. G. Reynolds, C.S.S.R., Rector, Belfast; Very Rev. B. Gorey, C.S.S.R., Esker; Very Rev. G. Power, C.S.S.R., Dublin; Very Rev. J. Fitzgerald, C.S.S.R., Galway; Very Rev. A. O'Connor, C.S.S.R., Dundalk.  
The chief mourners were—Mrs. Goonan, Navan (sister); Mr. M. Goonan (nephew).

**AN OIGE HIKE**  
**NEXT SUNDAY'S OUTING**

Sixteen members of An Oige availed of the Easter recess to

**VALUATIONS**  
**And E.S.B. Charges**  
**GRIEVANCES OF FLAT DWELLERS**

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")  
Dear Sir The questions of valuations and E.S.B. charges have been discussed so widely of late that I venture to suggest that the following facts may be of more than individual interest.  
I am living in a house which has been converted into self-contained flats. The landlord occupies the ground flat and basement. Recently I had occasion to enquire as to the valuation of the premises, and found it was as follows—The whole house is valued at £47 per annum, which is apportioned thus: ground flat and basement, £14; first flat, £11; second flat, £10; third flat, £8; store at rear, £4.  
Now as to the apportionment generally I make no comment, but as I am living in the third or top flat, I consider that I am labouring under a disability which deserves publicity. I have no knowledge as to the number of apartments in the ground flat and basement, but both the first and second flats contain living room, kitchenette, two bedrooms and bathroom. The third flat consists of three rooms with bathroom. I am in occupation of two of these rooms and bathroom, I am not and never have been a tenant of the remaining room, which is probably the largest, as it is certainly the best in the flat. Yet my valuation is £8. The serious part of this is, that for just thirteen years the fixed charge of the E.S.B. has been based on this valuation, with the result that apparently I have been paying in excess during all this time.  
People generally are apt to grumble about income tax, but there is at least this much to be said, that those who feel they have a grievance in the matter get every fair chance to claim abatement or withdrawal of demands made on them, but as far as I can understand it I have been virtually taxed over a long number of years in respect of premises of which I am not in occupation. I was not even aware that the flats were separately valued, and certainly no one ever contacted me with reference to the valuation of the apartments I occupy. All this may be in accordance with precedent, and be good law, but it appears to me to violate the canons of justice, and those responsible must never have heard of Euclid, or else they repudiate his teaching, since they seemingly hold that a part is equal to the whole.  
There I leave the matter for the present.  
Yours faithfully,  
"CITIZEN."

**GOT FIVE YEARS SAVAGE ATTACK ON AGED MAN**

In the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, to-day, before Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy.  
Christopher Hunt, aged 20, a labourer, was put forward on a charge of having inflicted grievous bodily harm on John Keane Ambrose, Dromindog, Newcastle West, on January 20th, 1949.  
Hunt was also charged with having broken into the Catholic Church at Newcastle West and Rathkeale with intent to commit robberies and with having broken into the house of Patrick Corbett, Dromindog, Newcastle West, and stealing a naggin of whiskey, some sweets and seven pence in cash.  
Hunt pleaded guilty to all the charges.  
The Judge said that Hunt had pleaded guilty to a savage attack on an old man whom he found alone. He beat the unfortunate man with an iron bar on the head, inflicting eight serious scalp wounds. It was nothing short of a miracle that the unfortunate man was not killed. For

**NIGHT ATTACK**  
**Old Lady Injured**  
**AND SUM OF MONEY TAKEN**

At about midnight on Holy Thursday a man entered the small shop at Rylans, Ballygarry, where 73 years old Miss Mary Kate Blake lived alone. The man attacked Miss Blake, inflicting on her serious injuries and robbing her of £5.  
The outrage was discovered on the following morning when neighbours called and were horrified to find Miss Blake suffering from a broken leg and other injuries. An ambulance was immediately summoned and the injured lady was taken in it to the County Hospital, Croom, where she was found to be suffering from two fractured ribs and a broken leg. Her condition is still reported to be very serious.  
**DEMANDED MUNEY.**  
It is learned that at the time mentioned, on Holy Thursday night last, a man called at Miss Blake's shop. He demanded money and, on being refused, attacked Miss Blake. Eventually he got from her £5 and left.  
Intense Garda activity in the area immediately followed the news of the offence on Good Friday morning. Chief Superintendent Dieren, Superintendent J. J. Cooney, Adare, Detective Sergeant Michael Murphy, Detective Officer Roynan and Garda Sweeney, Limerick, with Sergeant Clifford and members of the Ballygarry Garda, participated in a series of investigations during the week-end which resulted in the arrest of a young man.  
**FORMAL CHARGE.**  
On Monday morning last, a young man named Patrick Clancy, of Ballyfolan, Kilsfinny, was formally charged with unlawfully assaulting Miss Blake and robbing her of £5. He was remanded in custody.  
On yesterday (Tuesday) morning before Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., at Charleville District Court, Clancy was again charged with the offences mentioned. He was before the Court in custody.  
Supt. J. J. Cooney, Adare, prosecuted.  
Sergt. M. Clifford, Ballygarry, confirmed a formal deposition of arrest made by him on the previous morning before the Peace Commissioner. Witness said that on being charged and legally cautioned, accused made a statement which he (witness) did not propose putting in evidence at the moment. He asked for a further remand in order that inquiries might be completed.  
**MISS BLAKE'S CONDITION.**  
Supt. Cooney asked the Justice to fix a special day for the taking of depositions in the case. He said that Miss Blake, who was an elderly lady, was in a serious condition in the County Hospital at the moment.  
The Justice said he would remand Clancy in custody to a special sitting of the District Court in Adare on Tuesday next, April 26th, at eleven o'clock in the morning.  
A "Limerick Leader" reporter learned at the County Hospital this evening that Miss Blake's condition had improved since this morning.

**MEN OF 1916**  
**LIMERICK'S TRIBUTE**

On Easter Sunday the memory of the Volunteers who fell in the Rising of 1916 was honoured by one of the largest processions of the kind seen in Limerick for many years.  
There was a very strong muster of Old I.R.A. men, most of whom wore their 1916 medals and "Easter

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**MASS IN BA**  
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At 12 o'clock through the city the 12th Bat Dundon, with F City, Bruff, New Nenagh and o troops were fo I.R.A. and repr ous organisation The following part:—12th Batt field and St. Mic The Colours i carried by Capt Keohane.  
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