

BUDGET SECRETS OUT

Cut In Income Tax

REDUCTION OF SIXPENCE

Cinema Concessions For Rural Areas

WHEN Mr. McGilligan, Minister for Finance, rose in the Dail to-day to introduce his second Budget the public galleries were crowded.

The Minister announced that the standard rate for income tax would be reduced by 6d., making the standard rate 6/6 in the £.

There would, he said, be an increased allowance for dependents from the existing rate of £25 to £50 per year. The allowance for housekeepers would be increased from £45 to £100 per year.

The income tax allowance in respect of children would be allowed from date of birth of each child for the future.

The Minister announced that the duty on firearms would be increased, but he did not specify the new duty. He stated that he estimated a revenue of £30,000 in a full year from this source.

Mr. McGilligan stated that relief would be given to encourage amusements for rural areas.

Import duty on cinema news reels would be removed and other concessions given in tax remission in respect of cinema shows given in areas at least three miles distant from centres of population of 500 and over.

The Minister also mentioned that the duty on dances, which was removed in the last Budget, but not passed on to the public, will be restored as from 1st July next.

Continuing, the Minister said that it was his intention to introduce legislation for the purpose of clarifying the position in respect of stamp duty. This legislation would ensure that foreigners would pay the 25 per cent. duty no matter what steps they took to evade the duty.

The duty on wines imposed during the emergency (apart from the duty on sparkling wines) will be removed as the continuance of this duty was likely to affect employment.

In connection with income tax concessions, the Minister said that the allowance of £60 in respect of children would be allowed for the future in each year no matter at what period of the year in which the child was born.

The Minister announced that a preference duty of 1/6d per lb. would be allowed in respect of home grown tobacco.

Proceeding.

QUEER "ADS"

SAMPLES IN THE MAY

"JUNIOR DIGEST"

"Wanted—A room for two gentlemen thirty feet long and twenty feet wide."

Anybody interested in starting a new hobby should read Roderick Wilkinson's humorous "Why Not Collect Ad-Oddities" in the May issue of "Junior Digest." The author collects queer newspaper advertisements. The best sample from his collection, probably, is this advertisement for babies' feeding bottles taken from an English newspaper:—

"When baby is done drinking, it must be unscrewed and laid in a cool place under a tap. If the baby does not thrive on fresh milk, it should be boiled."

Also in this issue are authentic sketches of the men behind actual sports telecast from Madison Square Gardens, New York, and a simple but highly informative account of how television works and what its development will mean to the man in the street.

Irishmen are always where danger is and Kyle McGrady is no exception. Every week he "shoots" the Snake River Rapids in a packet steamer. He is employed by the U.S. Postal authorities. The dangers he encounters while bringing the mails through the jagged toothed rock strewn canyon are vividly described by Lloyd Sutherland.

The May issue of the "Junior Digest" contains, too, the second instalment of the vivid expose in comic strip form of organised Communism, entitled "Is This Tomorrow?" This feature will certainly awaken every live-minded young reader to the dangers of Communism, and, indeed, if "Is This Tomorrow" were the only feature in it, this May "Junior Digest" would be worth every halfpenny of the ninepence it costs.

But as there are fifteen top line articles, fiction (including a short story by J. Jefferson Parjeon) and regular features like The Teen-Age Times, The Brains Trust, World Humour and Book Reviews (all still as refreshing as ever), it represents the cream of recent writing, and it would be difficult to find

DIED IN LONDON

CO. LIMERICK DOCTOR

Dr. Maurice M. Power, who has died at his residence, Palmers Green, London, was born at Croomhill House, Kiltelly, Co. Limerick, and was son of the late Mr. Edmond Power, J.P., and the late Mrs. Power. The late Dr. Power received his early education at St. Alibé's Seminary, Emly, and later studied at Rockwell College and Mungret College, graduating at the Royal University, Dublin, in 1907, and obtaining the Degrees of M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. After graduating, he commenced practice in England. He served in the first World War from 1914-1918 with the Royal Army Medical Corps, holding the rank of Major, and was decorated with the Military Cross and two Bars for valour. He was severely wounded in France during the war. He is survived by a widow and one daughter, Miss Sheila Power.

Deceased was brother of Mr. John J. Power, solicitor, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, who recently retired from the position of State Solicitor for Limerick City and County, and brother of the late Dr. Richard Power, of Kilmallock, Dublin. He was uncle of Mr. Maurice M. Power, the present State Solicitor for Limerick City and County; of Mr. E. M. Power, solicitor, Kilsnane; of Miss E. P. Power, solicitor, Dublin; of Dr. Ed. Power, Dublin; of Dr. P. Power, Wales, and of Mr. Maurice Power, L.D.S., Carrick-on-Suir. He was a member of a well-known and much esteemed County Limerick family.

TREES AND DRAINAGE

For many years (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent) attention had been directed to the national necessity of having the areas in West Limerick, North and East Kerry, as well as the North Cork border, re-planted. From these areas many useful and beautiful woods and plantations had been cleared thirty odd years ago. There are now indications that re-afforestation is engaging the attention of the Government in connection

FOUND DROWNED FROM DOWN UNDER

Inquest On Missing Girl

WHAT YOUNG ANGLER SAW

The tragic death of Miss Nora Kelly (21), a native of Mount Trenchard, Foynes, whose body was recovered from the Shannon recently, was described at an inquest held by Dr. J. P. Clery, Coroner for East Limerick, sitting with a jury in Barrington's Hospital, last evening.

The proceedings were conducted by Supt. P. Colleran.

James Kelly, Mount Trenchard, brother, said that the deceased was 21 years of age and was single. She was a waitress at the Glentworth Hotel, Limerick. Witness last saw her alive on the 18th of December at the Glentworth Hotel, Limerick. She was then in good health. On the night of the 25th April, witness identified her body in Barrington's Hospital.

Dr. Francis Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, said that he carried out a post-mortem on the body of the deceased. The body was decomposed. She was about 42 days dead. Death was due to asphyxia following immersion in water.

Thomas Heaney, head porter, Glentworth Hotel, said that the deceased was employed in the Hotel up to the 26th March. Between 3.30 and 4 p.m. on that date she left the hotel. She was dressed at the time in the usual housemaid's attire. She also had a raincoat on her and fleeced-lined boots. Witness identified the body on the 25th of April as the body of Nora Kelly.

SAW HER JUMP IN.

Thomas Clancy (13), 2 Little Clontarf Place, Limerick, said that he remembered the evening of the 26th March when he was fishing at the Docks, near Glynn's shed. It was about 7 o'clock when he saw a woman standing near the edge of the dock wall. She had a white oil coat and high fur-lined boots on her. He saw her looking into the river, then she stepped back about two feet and ran and jumped in. When he saw this happening he shouted to a man, who ran for the lifebuoy. While the man was getting it, witness saw only the hand of the woman over the water. By the time that the man came along with the lifebuoy, she had disappeared. The tide was just on the turn, and there was a quick current.

Coroner—The girl did not roar or anything?—No, sir.

Supt.—And there was nobody near her?—No, sir.

John Walsh, "A" Company, Sarsfield Barracks, Limerick, said that on the evening of the 26th March he remembered walking along the Docks about 7 o'clock. He saw a young woman walking along the edge of the dock wall. After going 100 yards, he heard the last witness shouting behind and saying that a woman had jumped into the river. Witness ran for the lifebuoy and ran down to where the woman had jumped in. Witness saw a shadow of her coat on the water, and he threw the lifebuoy down on top of her. There was no response, and he failed to see her any more. On the 26th April, he saw the dead body in the hospital and identified it as the woman whom he had seen on the occasion in March at the Docks.

OBSERVED THE BODY FLOATING.

James Wallace, 6 Barrack Lane, Thomondgate, gave evidence that he was a fisherman by occupation, and on the 25th April, 1948, he was returning from a fishing tour in the Shannon with two other men. Coming to Spillane's Tower he observed something floating in the river and proceeded to investigate what it was. Witness then discovered that it was the dead body of a woman. He then had the body towed to the pier of St. Michael's Rowing club and it was conveyed from there to Barrington's Hospital. When witness found it, it had a white waterproof coat and high boots on.

The Coroner brought in a verdict in accordance with the jury's findings, that the deceased died from asphyxia following drowning while temporarily insane. He expressed deep sympathy with the brother of the deceased.

Supt. P. Colleran, on behalf of the Gardaí, and Mr. Thomas Dillon, on behalf of the members of the jury, associated themselves with the Coroner's remarks.

Mr. Thomas Heaney, on behalf of the manageress and staff of the Glentworth Hotel, also conveyed deepest sympathy to the brother of the deceased.

New Zealand Premier At Shannon

TRIBUTE TO AIRPORT

A well-known visitor to Adare and Foynes some years ago, Mr. Peter Frazer, Prime Minister of New Zealand, dined at Shannon Airport last night on his way home from the meeting of the Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth in London. He was travelling on AOA's Constellation, Flagship "Ireland" (until recently, Flagship "Elre"). "I almost feel a native of the country, I have visited Ireland so often," said the Prime Minister as he disembarked.

He would not refer to recent international events, in so far as he would be discussing the politics of any particular nation, but he told our special correspondent at Shannon that he believed that Ireland would play her part with the other democratic countries of the world in the furtherance of democracy itself.

Both he and the official party with him, including the New Zealand Secretary of Foreign Affairs, paid glowing tributes to Shannon, saying that it ranked high above any other international airfield. "At what other airport would you find a diningroom like this?" asked Mr. Frazer, as his party sat down to dinner.

During their world tour last year, Mr. de Valera and Mr. Aiken were the guests of Mr. Frazer while in New Zealand.

STRIKE SETTLED

DISPUTE OUTSIDE CITY BOUNDARY

The Labour Court has issued its award on the claim put forward by labourers employed in a public scheme outside the borough boundary for the city rate of pay. The men were being paid 1/9 per hour and they struck work for the city rate for builders' labourers of 2/3 per hour.

The Court recommended a rate of 1/11 per hour.

Following the receipt of the award, a conference was held in the offices of the County Council and following discussions the officials agreed to recommend the men to accept a rate of 2/- per hour.

This offer has been accepted and it is understood that there will be a full resumption of work on the scheme on Monday next.

The full findings of the Labour Court on the questions at issue will appear in our week-end issue.

TO SEE ATTLEE

MR. MACBRIDE IN LONDON

A message from London, received this afternoon, states that Mr. MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, is to see the British Prime Minister (Mr. Attlee) and the British Foreign Secretary (Mr. Bevin) before he leaves London to-morrow for home.

Mr. MacBride is to discuss with them the provisions of the Bill introduced into the House of Commons consequent on the passing of the Republic of Ireland Act. His conversations with the British Ministers will have particular reference to the clause which is designed to make Partition permanent. It is understood that Mr. MacBride will make a vehement protest against this provision.

THE GAS SERVICE

SUPPLY CURTAILED

During the past few days the City gas service has been curtailed because the existing plant is not capable of manufacturing enough to meet the demand. In our advertising columns this evening will be found an explanatory statement from the management regarding the position.

The demand for gas in Limerick is increasing at an abnormal rate. During last month, for instance, 7 1/2 per cent. more gas was manufactured than for the corresponding month of 1939. In the meantime the plant, never too good, has become ten years older.

The installation of the new auxiliary plant is now almost com-

TOWN TOPICS

NOT TRUE.

A statement published in a Dublin paper to the effect that Tom Clifford, (Young Munster's international) contemplated turning professional is not correct. It is true that this great forward was invited to play for Halifax, an invitation that he has turned down. In an interview with the Press, Tom stated that he had no intention now or at any time of taking up Rugby League football. His decision not to sever his connection with the "Wasps" will be received with general satisfaction. Clifford is one of the most popular of our exponents of the handling code and the report that he was negotiating with Halifax caused no little concern in rugger circles.



CLINIC FOR ANIMALS.

The Limerick Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is making arrangements for the opening of a clinic for the treatment of domestic pets belonging to the very poor, who are not able to pay for professional services. Greyhounds, it is stated, will be debarred, as it is felt that owners of "longtails" could not, under any circumstances, be classified as poor. The clinic, which will be situated in Little Gerald Griffin Street, will be in charge of a veterinary surgeon. The opening date has not yet been fixed, but due notice will be given when the clinic will be ready for service. This development on the part of the Society will be both welcomed and appreciated.



ANIMAL SHELTER.

The Society also contemplates the opening of a shelter for stray dogs and cats. The need for such a facility in Limerick is an urgent necessity, for the city is infested with homeless cats and dogs. The cost of maintaining a shelter would seem to be causing the Branch considerable anxiety, but there is no reason why a part of the City Pound could not be placed at its disposal. If that were done rent and other charges would be avoided. Such an arrangement could be made if the officials of the Branch approached the City Manager, who would, no doubt, be only too willing to accommodate them in every possible way.



PISCATORIAL ART.

These nights hundreds of amateur Waltonians are to be seen at the Sarsfield Bridge and along the quays. They are, too, being rewarded with good "catches" of fish of different species from the humble eel to the more aristocratic trout. Indeed, the fishers are surprised at the speed at which they bring to the surface shimmering inhabitants of the river. And, of course,—the cause for the abnormal "run" is a matter for animated discussion amongst the anglers, who are of opinion that it is attributable to the fact that eel-fry are now going up stream by the million, attracting in their wake fish ready to devour them.



THE OPENING.

The Gaelic Grounds, Ennis Road, will scarcely be recognised when they are re-opened on Sunday next. Closed down for many months so that extensive improvements and renovations could be carried out, the grounds have undergone a transformation. A magnificent job of work has been done, on which hearty congratulations are due to all concerned. The enclosure is now one of the finest in the country and when a covered stand has been provided—a project yet to be undertaken—it will be second only to Croke Park. Visitors to the grounds on Sunday next will be agreeably surprised at what has been done. We will leave it at that.

ON HOLIDAY FROM AUSTRALIA