

Writing to the Ennis Urban Council, Mr. P. Hogan, T.D., Leas-Ceann Comhairle, An Dail, stated that another cement factory was now needed in this country to meet increased demand. It was likely that a decision would soon be taken as to the site to be selected, and Clare had many claims on that decision. It seemed to him that such claims should be voiced by the people of Ennis and district, and for this purpose he had taken it on himself to call a public meeting to be held in the Boy Scouts Hall, Ennis, on Monday night, 6th Feb., at 9 o'clock.

The Council approved of Mr. Hogan's action and requested every member who could do so to attend the meeting.

SOCCKER CLUB MANAGER'S £300 CLAIM

A former manager of Shelbourne A.F.C. and captain of the Irish soccer team on several occasions, sued the Club before Judge Wyse Power in the Dublin Circuit Court to-day for £300, said to be due to him in salary and commission.

Senior Counsel were engaged by both sides, and the Court was crowded by football club officials and supporters.

The plaintiff was Charles Turner, Clifton Road, Manchester, football club manager.

Turner's case was that as manager of the Shelbourne Soccer Club he earned £10 a week and £6 a week during the closed season — May to October. He got 10 per cent. commission on the transfer figure paid by the big English clubs for Shelbourne players. Under these two headings, £300 was due to him.

The case is at hearing.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN DUGGAN, JUNR.

The death of Mr. John Duggan, junior, Barrington Street, Limerick, which occurred this morning, following an long illness, is deeply regretted.

The deceased, youngest son of our highly esteemed and respected fellow citizen, Mr. John Duggan, merchant glazier, was a very popular young man and his demise, while yet in the twenties, has occasioned widespread regret and sorrow. Deepest sympathy is tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Duggan, brothers and sisters and other relatives in their bereavement.

The remains will be removed at 8 o'clock to-night to St. Michael's Church. Requiem Mass will be celebrated to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock and the funeral will leave at 2 p.m. for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

decided that the development of the port along modern lines necessitated an agreement as between all the parties concerned in the working and operation of the docks, the principal parties, of course, being the workers and the importing merchants. The Board had sent him (Chairman) and other members to meet the parties mentioned and whose co-operation was invited for the preparation of a comprehensive agreement to ensure the efficient working of the modern plant that the Board proposed to equip the port with. At conferences that took place it was pointed out how essential it was to get external trade and that this trade could be only got by having the port modernly equipped and by having the modern equipment worked efficiently and economically. These conferences had taken place over a period of three years and eventually the basis of an agreement was reached for the working of cranes and half-ton tubs for the discharge of cargoes of coal. In view of that the Board had agreed to provide a sum of £34,000 for the provision of equipment at the port to ensure the quicker discharge of cargo.

A TRIAL PERIOD

He understood that agreement was reached between the dockers and the merchants to the effect that the use of tubs should be given a trial for six months. Mr. Keane, the dockers' chairman, and their second representative, Mr. Horrigan there and then recommended to their general

SAVAGE ATTACK WOMAN BEATEN AT NIGHT

When Mrs. Mary Ellen Hanrahan, of Clonroadmore, Ennis, was proceeding from her home and going in the direction of Turnpike Road to do some shopping, about nine o'clock on Thursday night, she was pounced upon by a man who jumped over the wall, and beaten so severely that medical attention was necessary (writes our Ennis correspondent). No reason can be assigned for the assault. She had in her possession at the time a certain sum of money, but no attempt was made to take it. No trace of the assailant has been found. He disappeared after "beating up" Mrs. Hanrahan.

CLARE I.C.A. OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Clare Federation of the Irish Countrywomen's Association, Mrs. Ruttle, Ennis, was re-elected President for 1950; Mrs. Keane, Kilferia, Vice-President; Mrs. Keane, Sixmilebridge, Treasurer, and Miss Clancy, Ennis, Hon. Sec.

the dockers. He could not state expressly if Messrs. Keane and Horrigan had resigned because of the action of the dockers, but it was a fact that they did resign at the meeting at which the recommendation was rejected.

THE LABOUR COURT

Continuing, Mr. Browne said that, in his opinion, no useful purpose would be served by pursuing this matter further, especially in view of the letters that had appeared in the Press during the week-end. He thought that these letters should be accepted in good faith and have an agreement prepared under the aegis of the Labour Court.

The Manager said that an official of the Labour Court was in the city, and he (Mr. O'Brien) was in touch with him in relation to the Board's request to the Court to use their good offices to effect an agreement in connection with working conditions at the port. This official was willing to discuss the whole matter with the various groups concerned for the purpose of ascertaining if a conference could be arranged.

The Mayor proposed that the matter be not further discussed by the Board, and that the Manager be directed to make contact with the official of the Labour Court, who was in the city, for the purpose of availing of his services to bring all parties together.

Mr. Russell seconded this proposition, and it was declared passed unanimously.

DIED IN DUBLIN FORMER OARSMAN PASSES

The death took place in Dublin some days ago of Mr. John McConkey, a former well-known Limerick oarsman. He was a member of the Athlunkard Boat Club and, with his brother, "Alec," rowed in the fours and eights in several regattas. His death, after a short illness, is much regretted in his native Limerick as well as in Dublin, where he also had very many friends.

WON MILE RACE IN U.S.A.

John Joe Barry, the Irish mile champion runner, won the mile race on Saturday night at the Boston Athletic Association meeting. His time was 4 mins. 13.4 secs.

PICNIC TRAGEDY

Six people died from injuries when a van carrying 42 persons home from a picnic skidded and struck a tree 50 miles from Melbourne.

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