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YOUGHAL DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Mr. G. P. Farrell, B.L.)

Aherne v. Lyons. This was a civil bill in tort for £1 5/- for trespass and the taking of a quantity of cabbage plants. There was also a summons for abusive language.

Mr. J. N. R. Macnamara, solr., for plaintiff, and Mr. W. R. Hodnett, solr. for defendant. For the evidence, it appeared that defendant took a half acre at Ballyvergan from plaintiff acting for his cousin, in January, 1932, plaintiff setting a lot of plants. In March 1933, plaintiff had to go to hospital, and defendant called there in connection with the bargain. Aherne alleged that Lyons used threatening and abusive language towards him. Both parties asserted that the other had taken his plants. Evidence was given by an hospital attendant that he had heard Lyons threatening Aherne with jail. This the former denied, but admitted that he said he would make him amenable to the law.

After a very protracted hearing, the Justice said he was satisfied that there was little, if any grounds, for the claim for trespass, but he believed that the defendant had lost his temper during the interview at the hospital and threatened the plaintiff.

Dismissing the civil bill, he also dismissed the summons on the condition that no costs would go to the former. Guard Fenlon, charged Denis O'Brien, Chapel Lane, with being drunk and disorderly, being very boisterous and using bad language.

The Justice—Well, what do you say to that? Defendant said he woke in the morning with a pain there (laughter). He took a few cups of 3/- tea, but it did him no good, and then he went and got a half whiskey.

The Justice—How has he been since? Guard Fenlon—He was drunk again last night (laughter).

The Justice—What am I to do with him? Defendant—Your Worship, it is eight months since I was here before, and we read in the Great Book that the just man falls seven times a day (laughter).

The Justice—Very well, I will give you another chance. I will sentence you to a month's imprisonment not to be enforced if you take the pledge and keep it for the next three months.

Defendant retired, expressing his thanks.

Michael Mahony (25), Cross Lane, was charged with the larceny of a gold wristlet watch, the property of Mr. M. D. Broderick, Grove House, value £2 10s.

Supt. Dennehy, prosecuted. The accused was not represented professionally.

Mr. Broderick deposed that he purchased the watch some years ago, paying between £6 and £7 for it. The watch was missed early in March. He gave nobody authority to take it. The accused had been in his employment as handyman servant. He identified the watch (produced). It might now be value for about £2 10s.

Mr. Richard Power, North Main street, vintner, deposed that the accused came into his shop three or four weeks ago, and asked if he would purchase a watch, belonging to a friend of his, named O'Mahony. Witness said he did not want a watch, and in any case, he would like to know more about it. Accused said he would guarantee it was all right, and that he would go to fetch his friend. He then left, and returned after a time, saying his friend was too shy to come. Witness asked him how much he wanted for it, and he replied 6/- or 7/-. Witness then gave him 5/-. He kept it till Guard Fenlon called on the 19th, when he handed it over.

Guard Fenlon, having given evidence, Supt. O'Beirne read a long statement made by the accused, to the effect that he found the watch at the back of Mr. Broderick's residence. Hearing nothing about it after some weeks, he went and sold it to Mr. Power for 5/-. He sold an old watch to Mr. Power three years ago.

The Sergeant said he made inquiries at a local jeweller, who valued the watch at about 50/-.

The Justice (to accused)—What is your answer to this charge?—Guilty of finding the watch; I should have reported it to someone.

Do you want to be sworn?—No, sir. Replying to the Justice, accused said he found the watch in front of the window leading out into the garden, early in March, and kept it for three or four weeks, before selling it to Mr. Power.

Why did you tell lies about it?—I wanted a few bob.

Why did you bring another man's name into it—O'Mahony's?—I was talking to the chap. Mr. Power saw me talking to him. It is the first time it ever happened, and I am sorry for doing it.

Sergt. O'Beirne said there was nothing against the accused before. The Justice said when he had heard of the larceny of the gold watch, he thought he should send the accused to jail, but he didn't like taking such a blunt course owing to his previous good character. He was bound over under the Probation of Offenders' Act in his own and his father's bail of £20.

NEW SAORSTAT STAMP. A new stamp of a twopenny denomination will be issued by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to commemorate the Holy Year.

A Seized Net.

JUSTICE'S DECISION IN APPLICATION FOR FORFEITURE.

Mr. G. P. Farrell, B.L., at the Youghal District Court, took up the hearing adjourned from Ardmore Court, of the application, on behalf of the Lismore Estates Co. Ltd., for the forfeiture of an illegal net captured by Bailiff Dooley.

Mr. E. Carroll, solr., Fermoy, for applicants, and Mr. The N. R. Macnamara, solr., Youghal, for the owner of the net, J. O'Connell, Ardsallagh.

After some legal arguments, during the course of which Mr. Carroll pointed out that on the evidence of the owner himself, the original net had been illegal, being 230 yards long.

The Justice said that was one of the most difficult matters he had ever had to answer. Applications of the kind had frequently come before him, but the fact that no owners claimed the nets suggested that some illegal act had been going on. In that case the owner put in an appearance, and he (the Justice) was asked to refuse the application on the very ingenious point made by Mr. Macnamara on the by-law referred to—that evidence should be given that the net had been used. The application was based on the right to seize and destroy such net because it was longer than 200 yards. He thought that Mr. Macnamara was right to the extent that there must be some evidence that the net of over 200 yards had been used. The evidence was that the net was found at the water's edge in the "battery" of Youghal Bridge at 3.30 a.m. on Monday, April, 10th, and therefore, during the weekly close season. There was a certain amount of evidence that the net had been recently used; it was wringing wet and contained live crabs. The bailiff seized it, and brought it up to Lismore, where it was found to measure 303 yards. The weakness was that there was no other sign of fishing on boat, or people. One of the crew swore that they had used the net up to Friday legally, that it had been left there wet, that there had been some rain and fog on the Sunday night previous night, and that nobody with their authority had subsequently fished it. They also alleged that somebody had come along and added two sections to their net. Even on their own evidence it was slightly over-length—240 yards. Therefore, he was compelled to order its forfeiture and destruction.

DUTY ON SHEEP AND LAMBS. BRITISH CHANGE THE BASIS.

The British Government has altered the basis of the impost on Saorstát live sheep and lambs. A specific duty of 12s. per head will now be charged, instead of 40 p.c. ad valorem as hitherto.

The distinction hitherto drawn between animals "not for food" and "for food" is removed. A similar change in the basis of duty was recently made in the case of cattle.

It is anticipated that the yield of these duties in the aggregate will not be affected by the changes now made which have been decided upon in the light of experience in the administration of the present duties.

SAORSTAT BOUNTY. The Free State pays a bounty of 3p. per head on sheep and lambs.

An exporter stated that the new rate would not make very much difference. He felt certain however, it would not make for improvement.

SEANAD MOTION. Sir J. Keane has given notice that he will move in the Seanad:

"That, in view of the fact that it is the declared policy of the Government to depend to an increasing extent on home production and home markets, the Seanad requests the Executive Council to institute a public inquiry as to the form of agriculture that is best calculated to ensure the prosperity of that industry in the altered circumstances."

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Ardmore District Court.

ILLEGAL NET. INTERESTING APPLICATION.

At Ardmore District Court, before Mr. G. P. Farrell, D.J., Mr. Carroll, solicitor, Fermoy, applied on behalf of the Lismore Estates Co., Ltd., for the forfeiture and destruction of a net seized by the Company's bailiffs.

Lord Charles Cavendish sat next to Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Macnamara, solicitor, Youghal, said he appeared on behalf of James O'Connell, Ardsallagh, owner of the net, to oppose the application.

Patrick Dooley, stated he was employed by the Lismore Estates Co., Ltd., as bailiff. At 3.30 a.m., on April 10th, he got the net on the battery of Youghal Bridge, dripping wet and with several live crabs in it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Macnamara, witness said the weather was warm and dry and wet nets would dry quickly. There was no seaweed on the quay, but there was plenty in the net, which was dripping wet when he got it. All the other nets were on their stands and dry. Nets were not usually kept where he found that net. It was the first time this year he saw nets in that particular place. He had warned the fishermen to keep their nets on the stands. He did not see the net being used.

So that apart from the fact that the net was wet you have no evidence to show that it was used?—I know it was used because it was dripping wet.

You say that was conclusive proof it was used?—If it was out of the river some time the water would not be running out of it.

James Lynne stated he was valet to Lord Charles Cavendish. He was at the capture of the net. It was wringing wet and when Dooley put it in the car he had the unpleasant job of sitting on it. There were crabs in it.

Mr. E. E. Hey, Secretary, Lismore Estates Co., stated he measured the net afterwards. It was 303 yards long with 63 inch mesh, to fish for salmon.

Cross-examined by Mr. Macnamara—How many of these nets were new?—Six lengths, the rest was old.

The Justice—What does six lengths mean?—About 34 yards in each.

James O'Connell stated he was the owner of the net seized and the holder of the licence. His craft included seven nets value about £8. He did not know anything about the other two added. He always kept his nets in that place. His crew had fished up to Friday night. His seven nets measured about 200 yards.

Cross-examined by Mr. Carroll—How many parts of this net were new?—Six, and one old one. Did you measure the net?—No.

Then it could be over 200 yards for all you know?—No.

The Justice—Suppose this net was found soaking wet and with live crabs in it at 3.30 on this Monday morning—what do you say to that?—Crabs would be alive in it for a week after being taken out of the water.

To Mr. Macnamara—They always kept their nets at the "battery" for convenience—they thought it would be no harm.

Declan Geasley, fisherman, stated they fished up to Friday night. They did not fish on Saturday or Sunday. It was foggy and raining at 11.30 on Sunday night.

O'Connell, recalled said he saw the nets at 4 o'clock on Sunday. They were very damp. There were showers that night.

NET EXAMINED. The Justice suggested that the nets which were in the court, be brought outside and examined by Geasley.

With the assistance of some Civic Guards the bailiffs took the nets outside.

Resuming after the examination, Geasley said there had been two other lengths added on not belonging to the boat.

Justice—Doesn't it come to this: that somebody behind the back of the owner came along and put on two other nets?

Mr. Macnamara—That is one suggestion that is in the case.

Replying to the court, Geasley said the nets were poorly joined. They would not fish to his liking that way below the bridge.

Dooley, recalled, said the net was in perfect fishing order, joined up by a running string, which could be pulled out easily if the bailiff came along.

Geasley, cross-examined by Mr. Carroll, said crabs could live in the net for a week. It was foggy and raining that same night. The bailiff was swearing false when he said it was not. The two over-lengths were not theirs.

The Justice said he was satisfied that the net was found in fishing order at the bridge on the Blackwater, at 3.30 a.m., on the Monday, a time fishing was not permitted; also that it was overlength. The net had not been tampered with. They had it as the bailiff had found it. The question for him to decide was whether an overlength net could be seized in the circumstances detailed, or whether it was necessary to have evidence that it had been illegally used.

Mr. Carroll—Are you finding any facts as regards whether the net was illegally fished during the weekly close season? The Justice—I have to consider that. I have never had a case of the kind before me. Mr. Macnamara—I think it is the first case of its kind. The Justice said he would reserve his decision for the Youghal Court.

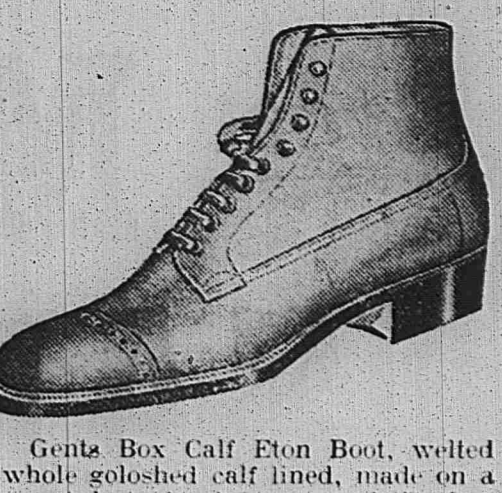
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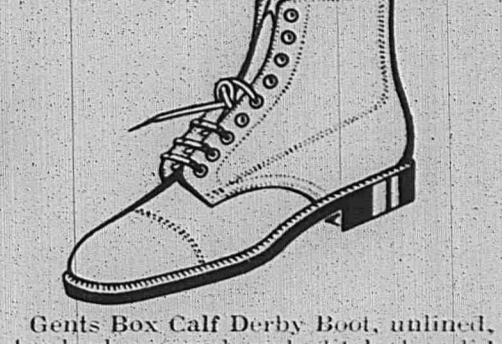
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CAPPOQUIN NOTES.

ROWING CLUB BILLIARDS HANDICAP.

The annual Billiards Handicap in the Rowing Club, which had been in progress for some time past, was concluded on last Friday night before a very large audience of members of the Club and other enthusiasts of the game from the town and districts around.

Sixteen players had entered for the handicap, the games being 250 points up.

The first round provided some really interesting games and a few rather close finishes, three of those games being won only by the narrow margins of 7, 11 and 16 points, respectively.

Mr. Thomas F. Olden, Hon. Secretary of the Rowing Club, and Mr. M. J. Sargent, Vice-President, do., being regarded as the two best individual players in the town, were heavily penalised by being placed 150 each behind scratch, while Mr. John Regan and Mr. T. McCarthy, came next with 100 behind, but most of the other competitors, for obvious reasons, were more liberally treated.

Despite their heavy handicaps, however, Messrs. Olden and Sargent emerged triumphantly through the first, second and third rounds, which left them in for the final, and the fact that the deciding game lay between these brilliant players accounted for the great interest taken in the final on Friday night.

Mr. Olden had been displaying wonderful "form" recently, having made some record "breaks" on several occasions, while Mr. Sargent's brilliant play in previous finals was also to be reckoned with, so that the records of the two men gave every reason to hope that their meeting on level terms in a game of 400 points up would provide a most interesting and thrilling finish.

Unfortunately, this hope was not realised, as Mr. Olden seemed to be completely "off form" on the occasion, while Mr. Sargent, on the other hand, played what was, probably, one of the best games in his life. He was leading only 13 points when the first 100 was reached, and by 30 points at the second 100, which showed that he was being well held by his opponent. Excitement ran high when he was passed at 203 by Mr. Olden, who brought his score up to 276, but Mr. Sargent's next visit to the table brought him once more ahead, the score soon standing at Sargent, 308; Olden, 320, or 28 points ahead. Mr. Olden had decidedly hard luck from this onward, while his opponent continued to play a steady and well-judged game and rapidly forging ahead at every visit to the table, he was eventually proclaimed the winner on the score: Sargent, 400; Olden, 310.

The results of the various rounds were as follows:

First Round. M. J. Sargent (owes 150) bt. J. Collins (owes 45) 250-162; J. Foley (owes 45) bt. S. Hick, rec. 15-250-230; T. Daly, rec. 15-250-234; P. Morrissey (scr. bt. M. Whelan (owes 25) 250-175; J. McCarthy (owes 60) bt. J. Regan (owes 25) 250-140; T. F. Olden (owes 150) bt. T. McCarthy (owes 100) 250-161; J. P. Olden (owes 80) bt. R. Glasco (owes 45) 250-153; J. Regan (owes 100) bt. P. McCarthy (owes 25) 250-243.

Second Round. M. J. Sargent bt. J. Foley, 250-133; J. P. Olden bt. T. Daly, 250-208; T. F. Olden bt. J. McCarthy, 250-188; P. Morrissey bt. J. Regan, 250-228.

Third Round. M. J. Sargent bt. P. Morrissey, 250-236; T. F. Olden bt. J. P. Olden, 250-96.

Final. M. J. Sargent bt. T. F. Olden, 400-310.

ATHLETIC AND CYCLING SPORTS.

At a meeting of the Waterford Co. Board of the N.A. & C.A. (I) held in Lismore on Sunday evening, Mr. M. F. Walsh, Vice-President, Cappoquin, presided, Mr. W. J. Nolan, Hon. Sec., Dungarvan, being also present, as well as delegates from Tallow, Glendine, Cappoquin, Dungarvan and Kilmachomas Clubs, Cappoquin and Kilmachomas being represented by such well-known sportsmen in the cycling and athletic line as Mr. M. J. Sargent and Mr. Percy Kirwan, respectively.

With a view to selecting the best possible County team of athletes and cyclists to represent Waterford at the inter-County Championship Sports to be held later, it was decided to hold an inter-Club Sports meeting, (confining to the Co. Waterford), in the Cappoquin Sportsfield on Sunday, June, 18th., and a most attractive programme of 18 events was struck out for this important fixture.

The programme includes all the usual events in running and weight-throwing, as well as the long jump, high jump and pole jump, the most spectacular event at any sports meeting.

A series of Relay races for teams of three competitors from each Club will also figure on the programme, while a distinct novelty will be provided by the inclusion of a three-mile steeplechase, which will be the first event of its kind ever seen in Cappoquin.

There will be three cycling events, viz., half-mile, one mile and two miles, as well as several other interesting items, and Mr. M. J. Sargent, Cappoquin, has with his usual generosity, kindly offered to put up a valuable Challenge Cup to be presented to the winning Club, while silver medals, with gold centres, will be awarded to the individual winners, and silver medals to the second in each event.

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Fuller details will appear in a later issue.

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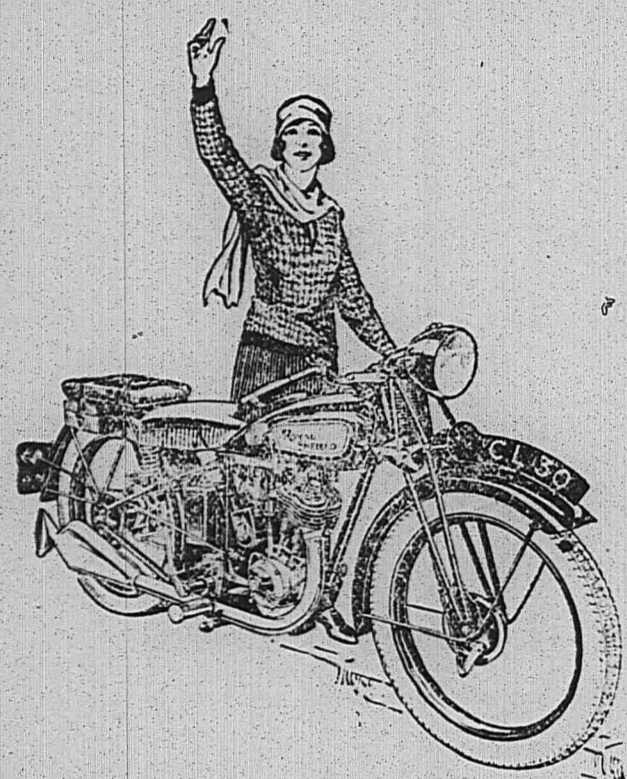
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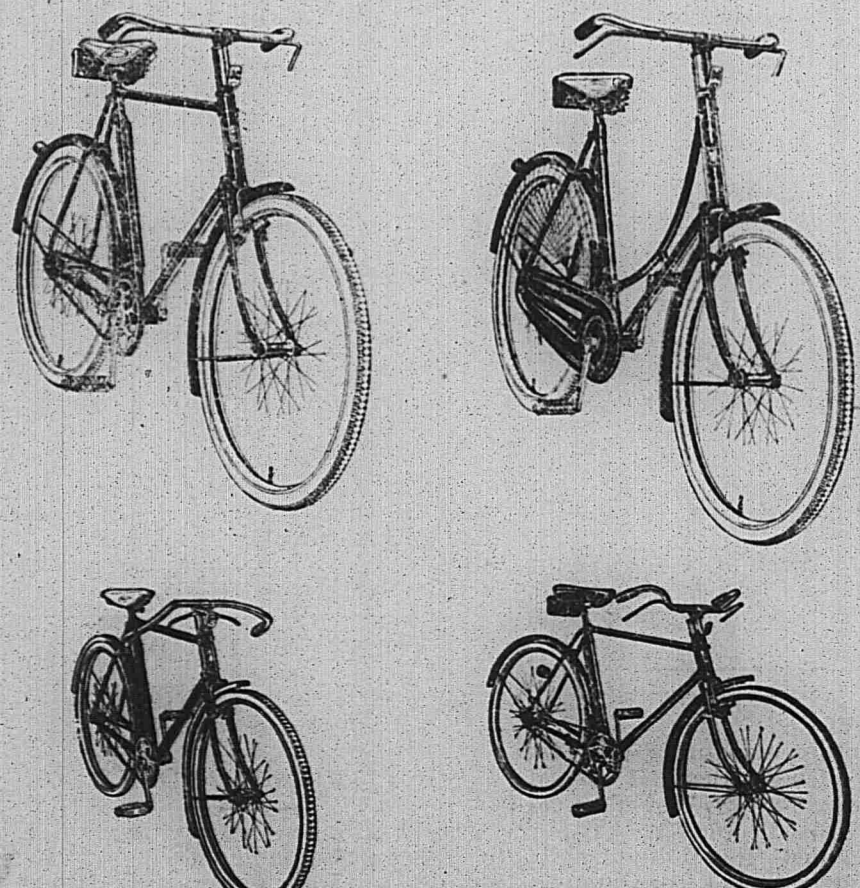
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### Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society.

DRINK MORE MILK.

At Dublin Spring Show, last week, a meeting of the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders Society, was held at which Mr. N. Fitzgerald, Co. Councillor, Bonhamon, President of the Society, presided. The correspondence read included a letter from Dr. Ryan, Minister of Agriculture, stating he would receive a deputation on Wednesday to discuss the Society's scheme for the inauguration of a "Drink More Milk" campaign.

On the motion of Mr. T. O'Sullivan, the following were appointed to act on the deputation: the president, Prof. Boyle, U.C.C.; W. O'Callaghan, treasurer; P. J. Halliden, hon. secretary; D. P. Forde, B.L., A. H. Good, M.A., E. MacLysaght.  
 On the motion of Mr. D. C. Maher, B.A., it was decided to ask the national teachers through their executive committee to assist in making the campaign a success, in view of the fact that the teachers were in a position to appreciate the benefits which would accrue to children of school going age by the drinking of more milk.

The costs of advertising were discussed and statistics prepared for submission to the Minister for Agriculture.

#### NEXT CONGRESS.

Lord Dunraven proposed and Sir Otway W. Cuffe, seconded, that the next Congress of Cow Testing Associations be held at Birr on Wednesday, 3rd, January, 1934. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

Mr. E. McLysaght proposed, and Mr. W. O'Callaghan, seconded, that the felicitations of the Committee be extended to Mr. D. Twomey, chief live stock inspector, on his recent marriage. It was decided to send a suitable wedding present in recognition of the invaluable work he had done for the Society.

#### MINISTER INTERVIEWED.

At Leinster House, a deputation from the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders Society waited on Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, to put before him the outlines of a national scheme for a "Drink More Milk" campaign. Mr. Sean Moylan, T.D., introduced the deputation, which consisted of Prof. Boyle, University College, Cork; N. Fitzgerald, President; W. O'Callaghan, treasurer; P. J. Halliden, hon. secretary; D. P. Forde, B.L., and A. H. Good, also accompanied the deputation.

Mr. Halliden, outlining the scheme, said it was not necessary to stress to the Minister the value of milk as an article of human diet, because the lecture given by him (the Minister) at the University College in Cork last November on the "Disposal of Dairy Products" was to a large extent responsible for the efforts now being made by the Dairy Shorthorn Breeders Society to focus the attention of parents and others on the desirability of our people consuming more liquid milk. "While the Irish are probably the largest butter eaters in the world, they are very poor milk drinkers. The Free State annual consumption per person is 39 gallons; Great Britain, 23; U.S.A., 36; Sweden, 68; Switzerland, 83. As the Minister had stated in Cork, "If our people continued on the present consumption of butter and were to use as much liquid milk as the Swiss, we should have no surplus butter for export."

Prof. Boyle, gave details of the cost of an effective advertising campaign and stated that as the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders Society had very little, if any, funds available for the campaign, they should appeal to the Government for financial assistance.

#### MINISTER'S REPLY.

Dr. Ryan expressed sympathy with the scheme outlined by the deputation and agreed that the time was ripe and opportune for an advertising and instructional "Drink More Milk" campaign. He appreciated the steps being taken by the Dairy Shorthorn Breeders in the matter. The drinking of milk was a habit that could be acquired. He (the Minister) had personal experience of that fact, and there could be no doubt of the benefits which would accrue from this campaign, especially to the younger generation, if it were enthusiastically taken up. He was afraid the physique of our children was suffering seriously because milk was not more extensively used in their diet, and parents had a big responsibility in this matter. He promised to assist the campaign in every possible way, and he would at once go into the matter of getting a grant from the Minister of Finance for the purpose.

Mr. Moylan, T.D., and Mr. Burke, T.D., having made some valuable suggestions, a vote of thanks to the Minister for his sympathetic hearing was proposed by Mr. O'Callaghan, and seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald.  
 Subsequently the deputation waited on Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, T.D., Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and Dr. Ward, T.D., and having explained the object of their mission, Mr. O'Kelly promised to do his part to ensure that where free meals were given in certain national schools that milk should in future be used instead of cocoa. His Department would also endeavour to arrange that in all public institutions the maximum amount of milk would in future be used.

Mr. Boland, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, on being interviewed by the deputationists, promised that the "Drink More Milk" slogan would at the earliest opportunity be used by the Post Office authorities. He would also agree for a series of broadcast "talks" on the value of milk as an article of diet.

### YOUGHAL URBAN COUNCIL.

THE RECENT FISHING TRAGEDY.

REFUTATION OF LIFEBOAT RUMOURS.

Mr. J. R. Smyth, P.C., Chairman presided at the meeting of the Youghal U.D.C. Also present were—Mrs. S. Hurley, P.C.; Capt. P. Dunne, Messrs. D. Dennehy, A. J. Fowkes, E. Clancy, D. J. Linehan, T. Beausang, E. P. Lynch, Vice-Chairman; P. J. O'Gorman, P.C.; J. Whelan, T. Harrington, M. D. Broderick.

The Clerk submitted his town rate estimate (including domestic water) for the year, 7s. 8d. in the £, an increase of 6d. on last year.  
 After a short discussion the estimate was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Whelan.

A deputation from the local Lifeboat Committee, including Col. Roch, President; Messrs. J. L. Keane, solicitor; Justin Condon, A. Nelson Cole, Hon. Sec., accompanied by Commandant Upton, R.N., waited on the Council.  
 Col. Roch said their reason for coming before the Council was certain statements which appeared in the Press, not exactly complimentary to the Lifeboat Service, and which they wanted to clear up. He should first say that the Committee highly appreciated the help they had always received from the Council. He would ask Messrs. Keane and Cole to deal with the Press report regarding the recent unfortunate accident in which two lives were lost.

Mr. Keane having referred to the communications that passed between the Council and the Committee, said there was one matter he would ask the Press to take note of. It happened at the time of the recent disaster, when excitement naturally arose, and unfounded rumours got afloat. One rumour was particularly unfortunate. It was stated in the Press that members of the Committee were present and tried to prevent the lifeboat going out to try and save life. If there was anybody so inhuman he would deserve condemnation, but for a member of the Lifeboat Institution to so forget himself as to try to prevent saving life—the sole object of his institution was so repugnant that it capsize one's intellect. Happily they could be able to prove there was no foundation whatever for the statement. The only member present was Mr. Cole, and when he heard of the accident he at once ordered the lifeboat out, and not satisfied with that he went out himself. Unfortunately, the false rumour was mentioned there at the Council. He had no doubt that any member who mentioned it did it bona fide, and believed what he said. But the effect was the same as if there were grounds for the rumour. Having been mentioned at the Council it naturally got into the Press, and there they were pilloried publicly—a Lifeboat Committee not only refusing to save life, but even trying to prevent it. He was sure they would be satisfied that the report in question had no foundation in fact, or at all (hear, hear).

#### Hon. Secretary's Statement.

Mr. Cole, said on the evening of the disaster, it being very wild, he decided to go to the Lifeboat house. On his way he heard of the accident, and he cycled as fast as he could to the Mill, where he found the crew already gathered. "The only instructions I gave the coxswain were to get the boat out as fast as he could." To hurry up the launching he got on board himself and urged the men to their level best. "This was the part he had taken in the getting out of the boat. How it could be translated into trying to prevent the launching he failed to understand, and he felt the matter very keenly. Since he became Hon. Secretary, the Youghal Branch of the Institution had become one of the most efficient in Ireland. He had a letter from headquarters congratulating him on his action in going out in the boat, and he was personally thanked by the father of the "poor fellow drowned." As regards the keys, there were three sets—one kept by the coxswain, one by the senior mechanic and the other by himself. Further distribution would be superfluous as the boat cannot go out without the coxswain and the mechanic.

Commander Upton said regarding the Council's suggestion that the boat should be kept afloat in bad weather, his opinion was that it would be neither feasible nor desirable. There was such an area to be covered she might easily be out of reach if required. In addition there was the danger of the propeller fouling in the nets. Men in danger would have a better chance of being rescued by boats fishing in the same vicinity. Then again, if the boat were kept afloat the men would be tempted to take greater risks. The Council could be assured that the Lifeboat Institution had the fullest confidence in the local Committee and its Hon. Secretary, Mr. Cole.  
 Mr. Condon said those unfortunate accidents had been occurring so frequently for many years past that they were inclined to adopt an attitude of fatalism towards them. The remarks passed at the Urban Council were probably made with the object of seeking to prevent loss of life in future. When a boat capsized the poor men heavily clad with oilskins could hardly cling on to the bottom long. He thought there should be some sort of lifeline run along the gunwale to which they could hold on till help came.

Mr. Broderick had great pleasure in proposing a vote of confidence in the Committee. They would get over any misunderstanding that might have arisen.  
 Mr. Harrington seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

### Passing of the Oath.

SINN FEIN VIEW.

THE PRESENT POSITION.

The Standing Committee of Sinn Fein have issued a statement saying:—  
 "The Oath is dead; long live the King!" might be the slogan of certain politicians to-day. The 'empty formula' has gone out of our Partition Assembly for 26 counties, with its false title of Dail Eireann, and with all its Executive authority vested in the King of England; but that Assembly has always been, is to-day, and will always be a usurpation, and even to attach to it a label inscribed: 'This was the parliament of a British Dominion yesterday; it is the parliament of a British Republic to-day' would not wipe out the memory of its crimes or make it acceptable to those who are loyal to the living Republic of Ireland.

"The Treaty of Surrender, the bogus 'Irish Free State,' its British imposed Constitution, and all its marks of enslavement, must be disowned, and swept out of existence before we can hold up our heads as citizens of a free Irish nation.

"Nobody knows this better than Mr. de Valera, who was President of the Republic of Ireland from 1919 to 1926, who in that capacity signed and issued decrees and proclamations declaring the so-called 'Irish Free State' a usurpation and a fraud which could not then or in the future lawfully claim the respect or allegiance of the Irish people; declaring also that the Treaty of Surrender was never binding and never would be binding on the Irish people, formally repudiating it and decreeing that the resolution passed by Dail Eireann on 7th January, 1922, 'be, and the same is hereby rescinded and revoked, and that any act, matter or thing purporting to be done thereunder is void and of no effect.'

"Those decrees and proclamations have never been revoked. There are people in Ireland who stand by them and who will never accept as the lawful government of this country the institution set up under the Treaty of Surrender as England's alternative to Irish Independence, whether that institution calls itself the Parliament of a Royal Dominion or of a Royal Republic.

"Mr. de Valera talks of proclaiming a Republic. He talks dishonestly, because he is aware that the Republic of Ireland was proclaimed in 1916.

"It was established in 1919, and sent out its Declaration of Independence to the world.

"It has never since been disestablished, and remains to this day, under God, the only lawful authority in Ireland.  
 "Its institutions have been suppressed, its functions usurped, its resources confiscated, and 78 of its Volunteer soldiers slaughtered by the usurping institutions for which Mr. de Valera asks the allegiance and respect of Irish Republicans to-day; but the Republic of Ireland lives, nevertheless, and to enthroned it and defeat its enemies foreign and domestic, should be the aim of all earnest Irish Republicans.

"If Mr. de Valera and those associated with him are sincere in their professions of Republicanism, let them come back to the established Republic and repudiate the pretensions to authority which they themselves have so often and so solemnly declared to be without title to the respect or allegiance of the Irish people.

"Let them cease to bolster up a British lie. Let them speak out the truth, which they must feel in their hearts, and achieve the only unity that will last—unity of Irish Separatists against England and her garrison in Ireland."

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DUNGARVAN BRANCH.

The special meeting of the Teachers of the Dungarvan Branch I.N.T.O., was the best attended and most enthusiastic for many years. As the meeting was held as a direct protest against the unjust victimisation of Teachers, discussion was confined to the "Economies Bill." It was made perfectly clear that the National Teachers have no objection to making any possible sacrifice for the good of their country. They do, and will continue to, object to such patent injustice as is being inflicted on them by this Bill.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

"That we, the Teachers of Dungarvan Branch, in special meeting assembled, enter our most vehement protest against the glaringly unfair discrimination against Teachers by the Government in its Economies Bill now under discussion in An Dail, and that we offer thereto our most strenuous opposition."

The resolution was proposed by Mr. Connory, and seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald.

The Chairman also spoke to the motion.

In proposing the resolution, Mr. Connory said—Mr. Chairman and fellow-Teachers—I feel indeed glad to see this record attendance of the old and the young members of this Branch and what is better, this grand display of the old fighting spirit of the I.N.T.O. There are, unfortunately, a negligible few not with us, but these have been so devoid of esprit-de-corps that they matter but little to the Teachers' cause. So far as we can ascertain, only the Teachers of two schools in the Dungarvan area have remained at work. Further comment is unnecessary.

We are here present in response to the call of our standard bearers in this emergency. We are here to show a united front to those who would victimise us. We are here to show our loyalty to that great bulwark against injustice and oppression—the I.N.T.O.—the vanguard of so many strenuous and long-sustained battles and the victor in most. We are here to show that we are determined to resist injustice no matter from what source it emanates. We are here to protest against deliberate and unjust discrimination by the Government while hypocritically holding forth to the public that the reverse is its policy. And lastly, we are here because we believe that God helps those who help themselves.

Teachers are ready and willing to accept sacrifices on an equitable basis. They have, in every national crisis, shown a fine spirit of patriotism and self-sacrifice, and in every forward drive for the upliftment of their country they have ever been in the van. They are ready to take their medicine to-day, but they protest against gross victimisation and a vicious unfair propaganda deliberately planned and broadcast.

It has been stated that the public are not with us. That is unfortunately true, but the reason is not on the merits, and the man-in-the-street is not to be blamed. This state of affairs and opinion is the result of a general ignorance of and lack of appreciation of the true position and work of the Teacher, and it is not recognised that the latter is in "loco parentis" to the future citizens of this country during their whole school career and at the most impressionable age. Who, outside the Teachers, has ever driven home that important factor in this forward march towards the goal of our national aspirations? Who deserves more from his fellow-countrymen than the National Teacher? Nobody, and yet the bare acknowledgment thereof is denied him.

Who has ever emphasised the undoubted fact that co-operation, cordial and practical, of both parent and Teacher, is essential to the proper training and upbringing of those on whose shoulders will rest the responsibility for the future of this country? Nobody. It is left to the Teachers, alone, unaided, and unencouraged, as if only

they dare to preach that essential factor of nationhood, namely, co-operation and sympathy towards those who are striving so manfully and so perseveringly towards that grand ideal of Ireland a nation, free and undivided.

Does any sane mind doubt for a moment that if public opinion were educated to a proper appreciation of the Teachers' position and worth to the community that the very flood tide of public sympathy would be theirs?

Again, the idea has been sedulously bruited abroad that the Teachers are "rolling in riches," and to give a splash of colour to this fairy-tale, the pay of the Teachers was, until recently tabulated as 10 per cent. higher than was the case even nominally, and I use this latter word advisedly, because Teachers never receive the full amount scheduled. 4 per cent. of gross salary is retained towards cost of Pension, an amount which no other body of public servants is called upon to pay, with the exception of Na Gardai Siotachana, who pay 2½ per cent. Besides this, there are considerable expenses in connection with schools which fall upon the Teachers, and which have never been experienced by other public servants.

The true reflex of the Teachers' remuneration is to be found in the fact, repeatedly stated and never refuted, that the gross average salary of the Primary Teachers in the Irish Free State is £245. From this sum deduct 4 per cent. Pension Premiums and £10 as very modest out-of-pocket expenses and there is left the net average salary of £225. Who will maintain that this amount will enable a Teacher to "roll in riches?"

To qualify for this profession so bountifully rewarded, young men and men are obliged to spend at least six years in intensive study and mental drudgery, with examinations in plenty during the course. Even for those who succeed, there is a further probationary period of from 2 to 5 years before a Teacher is finally declared qualified for his profession, so that it is possible that a Teacher could have reached the age of 30, and yet be set adrift on the world of which he has no practical knowledge or experience outside the course so diligently, but unavailingly followed.

Teachers have been taunted with having hounded on the Fianna Fail Government to this economic war. I don't think the adjective a very appropriate one, but let it stand. We have been taunted with crying for sympathy when our pockets are being searched. We have, mind you, been taunted for not crying when agricultural prices fall and taunted for not shouting when such prices soar. I would take leave to remind such deprecators that Teachers do not cry in that craven sense—they fight. Their traducers, however, have ever cried, cried even against the weather, so that to satisfy them is simply impossible. Hence, the tirade against the Teachers. What have the latter done to deserve this vituperation? They are simply striving to maintain their rights, and as trade-unionists, aim at building up rather than pulling down. The latter policy is that of the pessimist who has never been an acquisition in any progressive movement either national or domestic.

Those who prate in this strain; who advocate "cuts" discriminate or otherwise, know little indeed of their subject and fail to recognise the wood for the trees. What-ever, therefore, the persistent howlings, we are obliged to face up to the fact that education is the most essential of the social services and act accordingly. This being so, it is not easy to grasp the idea which at present appears to weigh so much with the Government. Its elected Head made and repeated to the Teachers a definite and deliberate promise, and then as deliberately broke it. Such action could hardly be described as playing the game.

Surely he knows that this country cannot be made free and independent, prosperous and happy, as his patriotic and laudable ambition, without the active and whole-hearted co-operation of the Teachers. Statesmanship, therefore, demands that those who train the future citizens of the State, if they are to fulfil their role to the desired end, should be treated not only considerately, but generously. In this respect I regret to say that the Government has failed, hopelessly failed, to

grasp the almost axiomatic facts that "a nation's greatness depends upon the education of its citizens" and that this State is far too poor to afford to economise on this its most essential service.

How can there possibly be education in its true and broad and best sense, from a body of discontented and disgruntled educators? And how can one conceive this body to be otherwise in face of the treatment shown by its inconsiderate masters. Insecurity does not make for contentment and neither does the unfair and unjust application of the financial axe. Still more galling is the unsavoury fact that the accredited representatives of the Teaching Body are refused an opportunity of putting their considered views in this unprecedented crisis and on a matter of such vital and national importance.

Then, again, does the Government alienate the sympathy, support and co-operation of the Teachers by its traitorous tactics in queering the pitch against them, in the issue by the Minister of Finance of a fallacious document, for the deliberate purpose of alienating public sympathy and support. I cannot help characterising such low, mean, down-in-the-mire, methods as unworthy of any decent Government. Such a policy will, no doubt, gain "its pound of flesh," but at what a price!

What does it matter that the Teachers smart under a definite and material grievance inflicted on them in the crudest and most painful manner possible? What does it matter that the children suffer accordingly? It would appear as if An lam laidir was the only available policy.

Even the hereditary enemy of all things Irish conceded, though belatedly, a fair living wage to the Teachers of this country. But what a sad, eloquent and anomalous commentary in this, the "Island of Saints and Scholars," that no sooner had a native Government got into power than it proceeded to lay about it with its pruning shears on the barely sufficient remuneration awarded by the alien master.

Not content with a 10 per cent. "cut," this same wise Government comes along again and coolly nips another 2 to 3 per cent. because, forsooth, a T.D. of the time deemed it witty to dub the Teachers, the new aristocracy and for the sole reason that when a mere sufficiency was ours we spent it as far as it was possible to do so, on the products of Irish brains and Irish hands, which is the policy, and the proper one, too, boosted from the very houseposts to-day.

We have at present the privilege of serving under another native Government, but we find it is only a fig and diabolical go to an "economiser," again, no, mar adair sean-Focal eile, "is Fear na diabol at air na an diabol na Fuil." Under this newer regime another snip is to be snipped, and that without the exercising of the most elementary notion of common courtesy, namely, that of hearing the considered views or suggestions of our representatives—a cut refusal only being vouchsafed them.

The I.N.T.O. then can expect nothing but kicks and rebuffs from its political masters, and so will have to determine ways and means of defending itself and enforcing respect even from the powers that be. They, like us, are the servants, not the masters, of the people, and therein lies the pill in all its bitterness. It will be our business to remove even the sugar therefrom should there be a coat of that very palatable commodity.

We, Teachers, were asked to man the front line trenches, and we responded with an alacrity beyond all praise, to save Roisin Dub, and though there have been many casualties, there is a very fruitful harvest of black ingratitudes.

In face, therefore, of the facts I have endeavoured to place before you it behoves us to be more practical in future and to turn to good account the many bitter experiences which have been ours. I trust that the obvious lessons of the past, galling as they have been, will not now be lost, and that, henceforth, we shall spend our spare time more profitably than in watching how the political acrobats jump, for God helps those who help themselves.

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POINTERS AND SETTERS.  
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By "PHILOKON."

SETTERS and their close connections, the spaniels, are the oldest breeds used in this country for taking game. Before the invention of firearms they were worked in conjunction with hawks, and later on it was customary to drive partridges into nets with the aid of crouching or setting spaniels, from which, no doubt, came setters. Pointers appeared later, the date of their introduction being in the early years of the eighteenth century. Since then they have been worked in the same way as setters, their duty being to range until they find the game, when they come to the point. The rigid attitude that they assume is one of the curiosities of canine life. Presumably men took advantage of the instinct shown by many dogs to pause on scenting their prey, and then to approach cautiously.

Setters, pointers and spaniels sufficed for the needs of shooting men until well into the last century, when it was thought to be of advantage to relieve them of the task of retrieving as well as finding game, and a special breed was invented to pick up birds, hares or rabbits that had been shot. Pointers and setters were of paramount importance when the first dog show was held in 1859, as that was restricted to them, and on field trials being started six years later they were for these two breeds only. Trials for spaniels and retrievers had to wait until 1899, but now they are the more numerous, the practice of shooting over setters and pointers having largely fallen into desuetude. A few grouse moors in the north being unsuited by their conformation for driving, the old custom survives on them, but there are not many men who walk up the game with dogs in other parts of the country. Occasionally setters still retrieve, and on the continent is a special breed of pointers that perform both tasks.

The field trial season that opened a week or two ago will be concerned with pointers and setters until August, and the following month onwards retrievers and spaniels will be in the limelight. The Kennel Club Derby stake for pointer and setter-puppies is one of the most important of the earlier events. Probably by coincidence rather than for any other reason English setters have won more of the fifty-five stakes that have been decided than other breeds. There is no reason to suppose that they are superior to pointers or Irish or Gordon setters, but they have had wider opportunities, more of them having been run at these meetings.

Although pointers and setters are not used as much in the field, it is to be hoped that exhibitors at shows will keep these handsome breeds alive. At the moment the Red Irish setters are first favourites with the general public, but English setters are improving, and are fully deserving of any attention that may be lavished upon them. Of kindly nature and quiet dispositions, they are greatly blessed with good looks, coats and markings being very showy. I know of few dogs that please more by their appearance, and they are so sensible that they can be trained without difficulty. Irish setters are better organised, having a number of clubs to watch over their interests. Do not misunderstand me. They are charming dogs, deserving all the success that has come their way, but there is plenty of room for both to prosper.

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