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## FIRE AT JONES'S ROAD DURING PROGRESS OF FETE

A fire, which but for the prompt action of some civilians and the immediate attendance of the fire brigade would have caused considerable loss of life and property, broke out at the grand stand in Jones's road athletic grounds last night shortly after nine o'clock. The burning, which is understood to have been caused by a carelessly thrown match, was confined to a small dressing room situated on the ground floor, and in use as a lamp and oil room in connection with the St. Enda Fete during the past week, the concluding night of which was in full progress at the time of the outbreak. The upper portion of the stand, consisting of tea rooms, dancing hall, and balcony, was thronged with people. Their natural impulse would be to rush from the danger zone down the stairway, had matters been otherwise;

but the serious consequences attendant upon such an action were happily averted by the promptness of some of the officials of the fete, police, and others, who kept the flames confined to the dressing room, and hastily assured the almost panic-stricken people of their safety. The fire brigade was quickly on the scene. A large barrel of oil was taken from the burning room, and in a very short time the fire was completely extinguished. The room in which the fire occurred is situated at the Canal side of the stand, and immediately behind the stairway leading to the upper portion. Mr. F. Dineen, the proprietor of the grounds, was quickly summoned. He estimates damage done, roughly, to the extent of £5.