## PROBLEM

CONTRACTORS who will start on Monday morning to reconstruct Patrick Street will have a problem. They will uncover for the first time in centuries the Poddle River.

The river runs underneath Patrick Street near the Cathedral and is too close to the surface of the road.

The reconstruction will demand that the whole base of the road should be dug up and carted away. This will lay bare at least part of the culvert. The reconstruction will cause the diversion of traffic and rerouting of buses.

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Mr. J. J. Doran, principal officer, Engineering Department, Dublin Corporation, said that in spite of all the precautions taken and the care with which the traffic problem had, in conjunction with Supt. Davis of the Traffic Control section of the Gardai, been studied, he feared there would be some hold up on the route to the south.