

What was the effect of bringing down the heats on the retorts?—If you had not heats you could not carbonise coal.

When you spoke to Mr. Thomas about uncarbonised coal coming out what did he say?—Don't the bottom men know what to do; if uncarbonised coal comes out to put it back again.

What did the bottom men tell you?—That they were told by the Engineer to put on extra teeth.

Had you any discussion with Mr. Thomas as to his reason for putting on the extra teeth?—Yes. That he wanted to make more gas. I said that there was no use in putting on extra teeth, as that only brought down uncarbonised coal and that we were worse off.

Do you remember a meeting that was called by the City Manager on 9th October, 1942?—Yes.

You did not go to the meeting?—No.

Were you sent for?—Yes.

When you arrived there did you see the City Manager, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Barry, chief clerk; Miss Moroney and others?—Yes.

When you arrived at the meeting did the Manager tell you something about what had happened at the meeting?—He did; he read it out.

Did he ask you if you could make more gas with the materials on hands?—Yes.

Mr. Ryan then read the report of this meeting, as prepared by Miss Moroney, and asked:—"Did you use more Durham gas coal than Mr. Thomas did while he was away, as he stated you did?—No. There was a conversation about the measurement of the coal, and I showed Mr. Barry that a four foot wall was taken into the measurement.

Did you say to the City Manager that after 22 years you should know how to work the plant?—Yes.

Did you say:—"Put the Engineer on distribution and I will make gas?—Yes.

WANTED TO PUT UP MIXTURES.

Why did you say that?—I wanted to put up mixtures and if the Engineer was in charge he would not allow me to have the mixtures that I wanted.

Do you mean that he would not allow you to mix them on the ground?—No.

Was it a question that he would not allow you to have the mixtures of coals that you wanted?—Yes.

Had you any other reason for getting a free hand?—I did not want him to interfere with the extraction as we were getting coal down instead of coke.

Had you any difference with him about vacuums?—No, not at that time.

Was there any other reason that you wanted a free hand?—No.

You would not have gone to that meeting only you were sent for?—No.

That meeting ended without a solution having been found?—Yes.

Do you remember that the Mayor, the present Mayor, and Mr. McGuire visiting the Gas Works?—Yes.

Were you sent for by the City Manager to come to the Engineer's office?—Yes. The Engineer was not present.

What did the Mayor (Alderman O'Malley) say to you?—He said: "What is this trouble about the gas down here? They say you can make the gas."

What did you say?—That I wanted a free hand.

Was there any talk about responsibility for making gas?—No.

When did you take over charge of the retort house?—I took it over straight away.

What was the first thing you did?—I changed the mixtures of coal.

Did you tell the Manager the mixtures you were going to use?—I did, but I cannot say if I told him on the day I took over.

The Inquiry then adjourned until this morning.

OBITUARY

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MR. P. CARR

The death took place after a brief illness on the 12th inst. in a Dublin hospital of Mr. Patrick Carr, late of 19 Mount Pleasant Avenue. Deceased was an old and esteemed member of the Irish Engineering Union, and brother of the late James Carr, the well-known Limerick labour leader. The remains arrived by train on Saturday, 14th inst., and the funeral which was large and representative, took place direct to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery for interment.

The Rev. Father Moran, C.C. officiated at the graveside.

The chief mourners were—Mrs. Carr (widow); Mary (daughter); Paddy and Jim (sons); Mrs. J. Carr (daughter-in-law); Lu Lu (granddaughter); Harry (brother); Mrs. Gaynor, Mrs. Bourke, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Hanks (sisters); Mrs. Jas. Carr, Mrs. H. Carr (sisters-in-law); Sean and Jas. Bourke, Paddy, James and Harry Carr (nephews); Nancy and Mary Bourke (nieces); Messrs. D., J., M., W. and C. Foley (relatives).

Wreaths and Mass cards were received from the following:—Mother, Mary and Jim; Paddy, Celia and Baby Lu; Harry and family; Josie and family; Esther and family; Mary Kate and family; Ann and family; Cleary family; McKern's (men's staff); McKern's (ladies' staff); Officers, N.C.O.s and Men, 7th Brigade; Army Rugby Football Team.

MR. P. MOLONEY.

It is with deep regret we learn of the death of Mr. P. Moloney, Rose Hill, O'Callaghan Strand, Limerick, and formerly of Woodstown, Lisnagry. In the latter place he farmed extensively until retiring some years ago. The deceased was a man of great natural charm, and possessed many admirable characteristics that had won him the confidence, respect and esteem of all who knew him. A staunch supporter of the Land League, he suffered arrest and imprisonment for his activities. In later days he was closely associated with the national movement. He acted as judge in the Sinn Fein Court days. His home was always at the disposal of the boys "on the run." A model father, kindly and charitable to a marked degree, he was in every respect a splendid type of Irishman. To the deceased's family and relatives we extend our very sincere sympathy.

EMERGENCY BONUS

The Minister for Local Government has sanctioned the proposal of the County Manager for Clare to grant, as from 1st July, 1943, an emergency bonus at the rate of 2/- a week, to the single members of the staff at the Clare Mental Hospital.

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manure. In connection with the farm which the Committee had leased at Lemonfield, he thought it would be necessary to borrow a little money to stock and equip it. As they would have the farm for four more years, he felt that the Committee would be justified in borrowing some money, and they should consider this matter carefully at the estimates meeting, which would be held on the second Wednesday in February.

There was no discussion on the Manager's statement.

Before the proceedings concluded, The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the Manager on his recent bereavement, and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Meghen returned thanks.

SUSPENSIONS

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SEQUEL TO UNRULY SCENES

The scenes following the playing of the County Limerick junior hurling final between Feenagh and Pallasgreen some months ago had a sequel at a special meeting of Limerick County G.A.A. Board on Saturday last, when the findings of the committee appointed to investigate what had occurred came before the Board for ratification.

Rev. E. Punch, P.P., chairman, who presided, said that the special committee, as a result of their investigation, had recommended that the Feenagh goal-keeper on the occasion be suspended for two years; that the Pallasgreen Club be suspended for a like period, and that the Feenagh Club be suspended for one year. The findings of the committee, Father Punch added, were unanimous, and it was the duty of the Board now to ratify them.

Mr. M. Fitzgibbon, treasurer, proposed, and Mr. M. Neville, Kilfinny, seconded, that the findings be ratified.

There being no counter proposition, the above motion was carried unanimously, and the teams and Feenagh goal-keeper were suspended for the periods stated.

The Chairman announced that the Annual Convention would be held at the Town Hall, Limerick, on Saturday, 29th inst., at 2 p.m., and not at 3 p.m., as previously stated.

There was no further business on the agenda for discussion and the meeting concluded.

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