

LIMERICK UNION.

Lady Emily (Chairman) presided at the meeting of the Limerick Board of Guardians yesterday. The names of the other members present are appended.

The officials in attendance were:—Messrs. J. Guinane, Clerk; E. Dundon, Master; and R. C. McDonnell, R.M.O., with Mr. J. G. Sweeney, Local Government Board Inspector.

STATE OF THE HOUSE.

Number in the house on the 4th inst., 989; limited since, 133; born, 3; discharged, 145; died, 10; number remaining on the 11th 970; being a decrease of 19 in week, and 16 in year. Total healthy, 400, and sick, 561. Cost of provisions and stimulants for the week, £186 12s. 4d., as against £181 15s. 4d. for the corresponding period last year. General average weekly cost, 1s. 0 1/2d. Number on relief, 1,160, at a cost of 128 11s., as compared with 1,169, for the same week last year, at a cost of £121 11s. 10d.

APPLICATION FOR EXPENSES.

A letter was read from Mr. W. E. Counihan, solicitor, on behalf of the representatives of the late Patrick Meade, who died in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, recently. He pointed out that Meade was sent to Dublin at the expense of the Board of Guardians for special treatment; and died following on an operation performed on him. The Guardians declined to accede to the request of the relatives of the deceased to bring back the remains of the deceased to Limerick for interment, and consequently his relatives had to bear the expense of bringing back the remains at a cost of £9 1s. Mr. Counihan could not understand what objection the Board had to bear this expenditure, seeing that they paid for his removal to Dublin, and had he survived the operation they would be bound to bring him back. He contended that there was an obligation on the Board to pay for the removal of the remains to Limerick, and asking all the circumstances into consideration, he requested a cheque for the amount stated with 6d. costs, otherwise legal proceedings would be taken for its recovery.

Lady Emily inquired if it was legal to pay that demand.

The Clerk replied in the negative. He said the matter arose out of a notice of motion by Mr. Milligan to refund the expenses incurred by the relatives in taking the remains to Limerick. The question came before the Local Government Board, and they wrote stating that they had no such authority to authorise such an expenditure. Mr. O'Regan—What is the position of the relatives?

The Master—They are very poor.

The Clerk—Mr. P. Bourke knows a good deal about them.

Mr. P. Bourke—The father is down in the hospital at present.

Mr. Rahilly—We will ask the Local Government Board to reconsider their decision.

The Clerk—They won't reconsider it because it is an illegal payment.

Mr. Lalor—Refer it to our solicitor.

Mr. O'Regan—What is the good?

Mr. P. Bourke said the relatives of the deceased paid the expenses of his removal from Dublin on the strength of having the money refunded them by the Board of Guardians.

The Clerk—In face of the letter from the Local Government Board no Judge will decree the Guardians.

No action was taken on the letter.

THE PROPOSED SANATORIUM.

TITANIC INQUIRY.

Remarkable Evidence.

The Board of Trade inquiry into the Titanic disaster was resumed in London yesterday morning. The third officer of the California stated that on the night of the disaster he saw a large passenger steamer stopped. He signalled her, but got no answer. He called the Marconi operator, who said that the only ship he was in communication with was the Titanic. The next morning witness was told that the Titanic had sunk. The Carpathia was about five miles away, and the California approached and asked if she could be of assistance. The answer was "no." The Carpathia explained that the Titanic had struck an iceberg. If the Marconi operator had been awake he would have been bound to have received the Titanic's messages. Witness was convinced that the vessel he saw the previous evening which sent up the rockets was the Titanic. The California's chief officer admitted that the scrap log book on the morning of the disaster contained no record of rockets having been seen. The California's wireless operator said he called up the Titanic on the night of the disaster, and reported ice.

John Durrant, Marconi operator on the Mount Temple, said he had in his log for 12.11 midnight April 14th—"Titanic sending C.Q.D., answered him, sends his position, and says he struck iceberg." At 12.30 he said he overheard the Carpathia answering the Titanic's signal, and five minutes later the Titanic gave her position to the Frankfurt. The Frankfurt asked, "What is the matter with you?" and the Titanic replied, "Titanic struck iceberg and sinking." At 1.6 he heard the Titanic send to the Olympic, "Get your boats ready; going down fast by head." At 1.21 there was a message from the Titanic, "We are putting women off in boats." At 1.33 the Titanic acknowledged a message from the Olympic, and that was her last message. The inquiry was adjourned till to-day.

(By Telegraph).

Women Refuse to Leave their Husbands.

The Titanic inquiry was resumed at Westminster to-day. Third Class Steward Hart said some of the passengers refused lifebelts, saying the ship could not be injured. The witness said a number of first-class women were left on deck as they refused to leave their husbands. Some women were left in the third-class quarters. They refused to go on deck.

Evidence was given as to getting the women and children into the boats. Mr. Bruce Ismay assisted, and called out women and children first.

A COUNTY LIMERICK VICTIM.

Much regret was felt by the people of Bruff and Loughgar districts, when it was learned that Mr. Patrick Dooley, son of Mr. Edmond Dooley, of Patrickswell, was amongst the number who went down with the ill-fated vessel. Mr. Dooley was home on holidays from Chicago chiefly for the purpose of seeing his aged father, and left in good spirits.

THE DURATION OF SESSION.

CROOM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

(FROM OUR REPORTER.)

Mr. John Coleman, J.P. presided at the meeting of Croom District Council to-day.

The other members present were—Hartigan, Messrs. John Power, James Ben David Aherne, Cornelius F. Hartigan, C. Denis Murphy, Michael Nunan, Patrick Bue John White, Henry Costelloe, Patrick O'L Jas. Hickey, William Kennedy, Michael I Michael O'Grady, James Butler, John O'Dwyer, Peter McCarthy, Timothy McCa Jas. Naughton, Daniel Ryan.

The officials in attendance were—Messrs. Conway, Clerk; E. Carty, Assistant do.; B. F. Sheehy, and F. C. Hartigan, Engineers.

LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

Relative to the proposal of the Council to permit Mr. Costelloe, contractor, to build the offices for the labourers' cottages at Croom Richmond Villa in concrete, a letter was from the Local Government Board stating they would raise no objection to the proposal.

The Chairman—That is alright.

LABOURERS' ACT.

The Local Government Board forwarded the regulations, as confirmed, made by the Croom District Council under section 29 of the Labourers Act, 1906, and requested that they would be hung up in the Boardroom for the information of the Council.

The Clerk—That has been done.

BUSHY ISLAND FARM.

A letter was read from the Estates Commissioners in reference to the reinstatement of a representative of the late Denis Naughton on farm at Bushy Island. The Committee pointed out that as the eviction did not place within 25 years prior to the passing of the Irish Land Act, 1903, the representative of Naughton did not appear to come within the class of evicted tenants for whom the Commissioners had power to provide holdings.

The Chairman said the only chance for restoration of Mr. Naughton's representative if he could come to some arrangement with the landlord. In that way the legal technique might be overcome.

Mr. Power—It will have to appear as a tenancy.

The communication was marked "read."

SUB-POST OFFICE AT CREORA.

A letter was read from Comptroller Accountant General of the General Post Office, London, applying for payment of £3 1s. 7d., the amount guaranteed by the Council in respect of opening of a sub-office at Creora for telegraph purposes.

The Clerk—That is the last payment under guarantee.

The Chairman—It is no harm to get shut.

The Clerk was ordered to issue a cheque in respect of the amount.

THE LABOURERS' ACT.

The Clerk submitted the amount of purchase money in respect of Mrs. Guiry's plot at nakill, which was £28 5s.; fencing, £14 8s.; other expenses £4 7s. The total was £45, an annuity £2 1s. 7d. per annum. The monthly fixed was 1s. 8d. the tenant being John Molloy of Commons, Kilfinny.

The Chairman remarked that the Council led to believe that the tenant would have objection to pay the rent.

Mr. Carty said the bond was read signature, and a direction was given to the Clerk.

A requisition was sent in on behalf of