

1860 or adapted for taking fish on the first Monday in October. If passed, the present Board will cease to hold office. The Board will be elected, and it is further provided that the Minister shall have power to alter fishery divisions. Whether this is an extension of some districts or the abolition of others, of course will be seen. The Bill is of far-reaching importance to the country, and its progress through the Dail and Senate will be watched with keen concern by the fishing industry, and all connected with it.

## GENERAL COMMENT.

### Registrar-General's Report.

The Registrar-General's report for the Dublin Area and for the eleven principal areas of Saorstát Éireann, with a population of over 1,000 of the population represented, which, for the purposes of these statistics, is estimated at 673,256, are given in the Registrar-General's report for the week ending 31st March. The births are recorded at 25.0 in the Dublin Registration Area; 22.4; Limerick, 13.5; Waterford, 12.4; four weeks February 28 - March 21, 1924, of enteric fever, two cases of typhoid and four of diphtheria were reported in the County Borough of Limerick. The number of infectious diseases are reported from all causes ascertained in the undermentioned areas for last week and for the past four weeks, respectively:—  
 Dublin Registration Area, 22.4 and 18.3; Dublin Co Borough, 23.4 and 18.3; Waterford, 5.7 and 19.0. The deaths from principal epidemic diseases recorded in the Districts during last week were at a general rate of 0.8 per 1,000. One of the deaths from all causes for Sligo was from pneumonia.

### FISHING AT CASTLECONNELL.

The weather has brought some pools on the other hand has put others dry but cold. On Newgarden, a fisher killed one salmon, 26 lbs.; on one salmon, 20 lbs. On E.C. Hamilton, one salmon, 23 lbs.; on one salmon, 32 lbs.; the fishermen, on Doonass, Mr Storey, three

and that the service be continued as heretofore. Mr O'Brien seconded the proposition. Mr Bourke proposed, and Mr McNamara seconded, a direct negative, and on a show of hands being taken, the motion was defeated by six votes to five. The question of appointing a Governor to Barrington's Hospital in succession to the late Mr J.A. McInerney was deferred.

The brieve contained the following extract from the minutes of the Water Committee of the 18th instant:—"The City Surveyor reported that as a result of trouble arising again at the Clareville Waterworks between the engineer, Mr Walshe, and two labourers named Ryan (junior) and Moore, the Mayor and he investigated the matter, and he had come to the conclusion that there would be no satisfaction at the works until the engineer and two labourers were dismissed. The Surveyor's action, dismissing the men, was approved.

Mr O'Brien suggested that before drastic action was taken the Local Government Department be asked to hold an enquiry.

The Council adopted the recommendations of the Committee, Mr O'Brien dissenting.

The meeting then separated.

### DEATH OF MR OWEN TUOHY, ENNIS.

We record with very sincere regret the death of Mr Owen Tuohy, which took place early yesterday morning at his residence, O'Connell street, Ennis, after a lingering illness. Mr Tuohy was a well-known and most capable and energetic Provincial Pressman. He commenced his professional career in the office of the former "Clare Journal," and down to the time of his illness was Editor of the "Clare Record," which is published in the same office since its establishment many years ago. He was correspondent for the Dublin and Cork dailies and other newspapers, including the "Limerick Chronicle," and was held in universal esteem and regard in his native County of Clare, and by numerous friends far outside it. His bonhomie, frank, and genial manner were ever characteristic of the man, and his demise at a comparatively early age is deeply regretted, not alone by his brother Pressmen, to whom he was a true and steadfast friend, but by all classes and creeds throughout the County Clare, who likewise esteemed him for his excellent traits of character. Sincere sympathy is expressed with his widow and family in their bereavement. There will be Office and High Mass at Ennis Cathedral at ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and the remains will be interred at Dromoliffe Cemetery at 1 p.m.

### BADMINTON OPEN TOURNAMENT.

A very successful tournament in the P.Y.M.A. Hall was brought to a close on Saturday evening last. Towards the closing stages excitement was intense, mere points dividing the semi-finalists. The prize-winners were as follows:

#### LADIES DOUBLES.

1st—Mrs Harty and Miss Fitz, D.H.B.C.; 2nd—Miss Fitzell and Miss Myles, P.Y.M.B.C.

#### MIXED DOUBLES.

1st—Miss Myle & Mr Newenham, P.Y.M.B.C.; 2nd—Miss Fitzell and Mr Little.

#### MEN'S DOUBLES.

Mr Bradley and Mr Sullivan, P.Y.M.B.C. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr Newenham, assisted by a committee formed from all clubs entered.

The thanks of the Committee are heartily extended to the following who kindly presented prizes—The Right Rev. Dr. White, Ven. Archdeacon Waller, Mr Archibald Murray, Mr O'Donnell, Messrs Goodwin and Co. and Mr N.P.

exceeding two months.

Appointments of officers and servants, conservators, and their salaries, allowances, tenure of office, are subject to the Minister.

The Minister has power to dissolve conservators, to alter fishery districts, etc. Powers of making by-laws, regulations are, by Section 27, transferred to the Minister.

Section 29 prohibits the use of a fish for the capture of salmon, unless a certificate is granted under the Salmon Fishery (Ireland) Act, 1863, or the Fisheries (Ireland) Act, 1883, on the 31st December, 1923, and was subsequently revoked on that day. Persons guilty of this offence are liable to a penalty not exceeding £5, and a further penalty not exceeding £5 for every day during which such fish shall have been fished with, made or erected.

Section 30 gives the Minister power to issue certificates of exemptions for artificial fishery and scientific purposes.

The penalty for giving warning of the presence of a net for the purpose of catching fish illegally fishing is not exceeding £5.

### DUTIES.

The first schedule to the Bill gives the rates of licence duties per year as follows:  
 Single salmon rod ... ..  
 Single salmon rod (where the applicant already holds a like licence for another district) ... ..  
 Soap nets ... ..  
 Drift nets or seines ... ..  
 Drift nets not exceeding 400 yards in length ... ..  
 Drift nets exceeding 400 yards in length for the first 400 yards ... ..  
 For every additional 200 yards ... ..  
 Eye, gap, or basket in any weir for taking eels

### ATHLUNKARD BOAT CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the Athlunkard Boat Club, was held at premises on Sunday, and was well attended.

Mr J. Keane, President, who occupied the chair at the outset of the new club now in the course of construction. He stated that the funds on hand would not be sufficient to carry out the work, and appealed to the members to take steps to devise means to have the construction completed free of debt. It should be left undone in this direction they would be able to go into occupation without being fettered by financial difficulty.

The balance sheet was then presented and Mr Keane considered satisfactory.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mr J. Keane, President; Mr B. Costelloe, vice-President; Mr B. O'Connell, Captain; Mr H. Clancy, vice-Captain; Mr J. O'Mahony, Treasurer, and Mr J. O'Mahony, Secretary. The Committee will be in session for during the week.

### CUMANN NA nGAEDHEA

Annual Convention to be held in May.

The annual Convention of the Cumann na nGaedheal, which was postponed from last year owing to the urgency of the by-elections, will be held in the middle of May. The date has not yet been fixed by the Standing Committee. It is stated that the results of the