

the castle was offered by Sir Charles, who for some time past has, with his family, taken up his residence in England, as an official residence for the President of the Irish Free State. The offer, however, did not materialise.

The picturesque Clare Glens, which the castle overlooks, have, availing of Sir Charles's offer, been recently taken over by the North Tipperary County Council, in conjunction with the Limerick County Council, as a public park, and a scheme is on foot for re-planting this spot, so well known to visitors in former years.

TRAGEDY AT MEELICK.

Alleged Suicide.

A gruesome discovery was made at Brennan's Cross, Meelick, last evening, by a young lad named Gerald Doyle, when he entered the house occupied by Ellen Purtill. In the kitchen, suspended by the neck from a rope fixed to one of the rafters, he found Miss Purtill, who was then quite dead. Close by was a ladder, which was evidently used to attach the rope, and as the deceased lived alone, there was nobody in the house when the tragedy occurred. The boy at once notified the Civic Guards at Ardnacrusha, who arrived shortly on the scene and cut down the body. The deceased, who was sixty years of age, farmed about thirty acres of land, and had been, it is stated, rather strange in her demeanour for some time past.

At an inquest held this evening by Mr P. Culloo, Coroner, East Clare, the jury found that Ellen Purtill died from asphyxia caused by strangulation whilst temporarily insane.

SUDDEN DEATHS IN THE CITY.

Two cases of sudden death took place in the city on Tuesday night. Sometime before midnight Thomas McDonagh, aged 50, employed at Messrs A. Sutton & Sons, took ill in his house, Carey's Road, and after being spiritually and medically attended to, expired. A little later, in the same thoroughfare, Thomas Hanrahan, aged 70, collapsed, and died, after being attended to by a priest and Dr Roberts.

Death being due in both cases to natural causes, an inquest was not held.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

The city and county will be well represented at the Eucharistic Congress at Chicago next month. Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., District Justice, who travels on the President Roosevelt will speak at one of the Sessions as representative of the Irish Catholic Truth Society.

THE CITY CLEANSING.

The report of Mr. J. Kirwan, Inspector of Cleansing, Dublin Corporation, who visited the city in March and inspected the system of cleansing, was considered by the Public Health Committee at a meeting last night. The Committee were greatly impressed with the suggestions made by Mr Kirwan for a better and more expeditious method of cleansing, and appointed a sub-committee, consisting of a representative of each of the five electoral areas, to examine, with a view to having the recommendations carried out.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

The Improvement Committee of the Corporation has recommended that a loan of £2,700 be applied for to carry out im-

mittee yesterday. There were also present—Messrs M. Cahill, Co.C.; C. D. O'Sullivan, Co.C.; J. Quaid, Co.C.; M. Ryan, Co.C.; J. J. O'Donnell, Co.C.; J. Mackey, Co.C.; and D. J. Madden, Co.C., with T. A. Hartigan, Secretary, and J. Hackett, Inspector.

The Chairman called attention to the reduction of the grant for technical education in the county. He did not think the Committee deserved that treatment from the Department, and protested against it, as it was not fair. They had in the county a very capable manual instructor in Mr. Griffin, whose classes were becoming so popular that a second instructor was required. In the matter of a second domestic economy instructress they were not able to procure one, and that was due to the Department.

Mr Hackett said the position with regard to Limerick was that they had not spent all the money available for technical instruction, and that left an unexpended balance to the amount of £1,500 to credit. There were other counties who spent all the money granted for technical education, and it was the general impression that Limerick was not as energetic in technical instruction as other places. It had not been affected to any degree by the cutting down of the grant. There was a great need for a commercial instructor in Limerick, and a great desire on the part of the people for commercial classes.

The Chairman said the forthcoming scheme of technical instruction would involve £1,300, so that they would not have much to credit.

Mr Hackett pointed out that with a progressive policy the grant would be restored to the Committee.

The Secretary—Our balance is not so very great after twenty-five years' working.

The Secretary said the next business was to frame a technical instruction scheme for 1926-7. The receipts were—Unexpended balance, £1,500; produce of the County rate, £430; Department's grant, £200; with fees, £20, making a total of £2,150, in which he had not taken credit for the amount due by the Department.

The Chairman—I think you should take credit for that.

The Secretary—That would be about £375. On the expenditure side he had estimated for two manual instructors, £275; two domestic economy instructresses, £195; travelling and maintenance, £150; class expenses, £140; equipment, £100; administration, £200; commercial instructor, £150, and £50 his expenses, making a total of £1,260.

Mr Quade—You will not have much to spare in that estimate.

The Chairman—Is it your opinion that we should appoint a second manual instructor?

Mr Quaid—Yes. In my opinion you would require four.

Mr. Hackett—I was going to suggest that you appoint three.

Mr. Quaid said as far as his district was concerned very good work was done by Mr. Griffin. He had shown excellent results, and his work was greatly appreciated. There was a great demand for his services in the county.

Mr. Ryan concurred. In Knocklong, Knockaney and other centres Mr Griffin's classes were very successful and which showed the necessity for a second instructor.

The Chairman—In Bilboa Mr. Griffin was a great success, and we should have no hesitation in appointing a second instructor.

It was decided to appoint a second manual instructor, and a commercial instructor.

The scheme presented was then passed.

The Secretary said the next business was to frame a scheme for the teaching of the Irish language for the current year. The county rate had, he understood, been reduced from a penny to a halfpenny in the pound, still with the balance in hands they could

Year	£	£
1927	£40	£30
1928	£30	£25
1929	£25	£20

These amendments were adopted.

A further amendment exempts houses with a standard rent and rateable values exceeding £15 from the operation of the principal Act as they fall vacant. The exemption, however, does not apply to any part of a house that may be sub-let.

FUNERAL OF COLONEL WILLINGTON.

The remains of the late Colonel Theobald E. Willington were interred yesterday in the family burial place at Pallasgreen. The cortege was of representative proportions, and the service was conducted by the Rev. J. F. Lynch, Rector, Caherconlish.

The chief mourners were—Mr. R. H. Willington, brother, and Major R. de Ros Rose, cousin.

The general public included—Count De La Poer, representing the 4th Leinster Regiment, which deceased commanded; Mr E. D. Hunt, solr., Mr F. A. Johnston, Major S. O'Grady, Dr Moloney, Mr Fitzgerald-McMahon, Mr M. Quinlan, Co.C., etc.

THE SHANNON SCHEME.

The rapid progress that is being made with the work on the Shannon electrification scheme has been exemplified in the recent action of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, which has notified the lock-keepers on the Grand Canal from Limerick to Killaloe to give up possession of plots of land held by them along the waterway. It is stated that these plots are required for the scheme and must be surrendered within a month.

NIGHT MAIL SAILINGS.

Day Boats Discontinued.

The Free State Department of Posts and Telegraphs announces that, commencing to-day, the night mail packet service in each direction between Kingstown and Holyhead will be resumed daily.

The day mail service to and from Holyhead will be discontinued until further notice.

The English mails reached Belfast yesterday morning via Dublin. The outgoing mails in the afternoon were despatched by the Kingstown route.

BOY ATTACKED BY A DONKEY.

Anthony Twiney (10), of Lack, Turlough, has been admitted to Mayo County Infirmary suffering from terrible wounds to his legs following an attack by a stallion ass. The left leg is very much torn from the knee to the ankle. The child is progressing as favourably as can be expected, and the animal has been destroyed.

NENAGH PIG MARKET.

At Nenagh pig market on last Monday, prices showed an advance over previous market at 78s. per cwt. (live weight). Bonhams sold at £5 to £6 a pair. There was a large supply on offer.

SPORTING.

MANCHESTER MEETING.

GROVE PLATE.

King's Parade (Richards)	1
Bowood (Jix)	2
Ragout (R. Jones)	3

Also ran—Belgian Boy, Eastbridge, Balkan, Clear Dance, The Mahdi, Knight Bachelor, Tivoli Girl, Dandy Desmond.

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