

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for insertion in Saturday's "Chronicle," and these should be brief, are requested to let us have them on Fridays, where at all possible. Otherwise insertion in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to pressure of space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers will kindly send in all substitutes for standing advertisements on Friday mornings. We cannot guarantee to insert in Saturday's issue any advertisements received after 2 p.m. on that day.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

We are now within measurable distance of the Local Government elections. So far they do not appear to excite keen concern on the part of the "man in the street," but organisation work is being quietly and steadily carried on by the various interests in support of their respective nominees. The nominations for the City of Limerick will take place to-morrow, and Tuesday the 23d June is fixed for the polling in City and County. We may be assured that canvassing will be brisk in the interval, but until the secrets of the ballot boxes are unfolded it is impossible, of course, to predict how many of the old representatives on the Councils, City or County, will be returned, or to what extent "new blood" will be infused into them. Numerous farmers' candidates are being put forward, and so also with regard to Labour. In the city there are 40 vacancies to be filled in the Municipal Chamber for the five areas in which the Borough is divided. Several candidates are going forward as Progressives under the auspices of the Ratepayers' Association, and many others, including Labour, will have the support of Cumann na nGaedheal. There will also be Republican candidates. The Labour Party proper has made its own selection, including several of the outgoing members. So that the issue appears to be knit for the election day. The electors have thus a wide field from which to make their choice, and it is to be hoped that it will be made with wisdom and discrimination. It is, at all events, not too much to expect that the polling will result in a leavening of all interests in the Municipal Chamber. If so it will be to the material advantage of the city, for the representatives of all classes would then be in a position to work together for the common good, and the welfare of all sections of the community. The citizens are to-day burdened with the very heavy rate of 22s. 6d. in the pound, which is a handicap on trade and industry. High taxation hits everyone; it retards employment, enterprise and business activities, and the ratepayers should see to it that men are elected to civic life whose first care it will be to reduce the rate, and render civic administration less costly than it is. We hear a great deal

THE SHANNON BOATING FATALITY.

Body Recovered.

The body of Mr Patrick Foley, the young Munster and Leinster Bank official, who lost his life in the Shannon on the 29th May while training with two companions in a pair-oared rigged boat for the forthcoming regatta season, was recovered early yesterday morning opposite Tervoe by Denis Kenny, a fisherman, of Denmark street. At the time of the recovery the body was floating in mid-channel, the head being above the water. He had it taken to Barrington's Pier, where he put it ashore, and later communicated with the Civic Guard station at William-street. At seven o'clock the Corporation Fire Brigade ambulance removed the remains to Barrington's Hospital morgue.

The finding of the body has come as a great relief to the parents, family, and relatives of the deceased, as well as his colleagues in the Bank and the Committee of the Shannon Rowing Club, of which he was a member.

The Inquest.

An inquest was held in the board-room Barrington's Hospital yesterday by Mr J. S. McNeice, City Coroner, and a jury on the body of Patrick Foley, Kilmurry, Co. Cork, who was drowned in the Shannon by the capsizing of a rowing boat on the evening of the 29th ult. Up to the time of his death the deceased was an official in the Munster and Leinster Bank, Limerick, and a member of the Shannon Rowing Club.

John J. Quillinan, drapery assistant in the employment of Messrs W. Todd and Co., gave evidence of identification. He stated that on the 29th of last month he left the Shannon Rowing Club slip accompanied by the deceased and Vincent Hare in a pair-oared boat. They proceeded down the river as far as St Michael's Rowing Club premises, when they returned, as the water was getting rough. About twenty yards from the Limerick Boat Club pier the boat was struck by a squall, and filled with water, capsizing her. All three were thrown into the river, and witness did not see the deceased after that. Hare and himself clung to the up-turned boat and remained in that position until rescued ten minutes later. The deceased, Patrick Foley, was 23 years of age, and an official in the Munster and Leinster Bank.

Denis Kenny, Denmark-street, Limerick, stated he was fishing in the Shannon yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, when he poked up the body of the deceased floating in the water opposite Tervoe. He placed a rope round the remains and towed them to Barrington's Pier, where he placed them and then communicated with the Civic Guard station, William-street. They were later conveyed in the Fire Brigade ambulance to Barrington's Hospital morgue.

Dr W J Dundon, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, stated that the body of the deceased arrived at the hospital at 7.15 that morning. An examination showed that it contained no external marks of violence, and death was due to asphyxia following immersion.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony. They expressed sincere sympathy with the father and family of the deceased young man in their great loss, as well as with the Munster and Leinster Bank, and Committee of the Shannon Rowing Club.

The Funeral.

There was a large concourse of people at the removal of the remains from Barrington's Hospital to St Michael's Church last night. The circumstances under which the deceased lost his life were extremely poignant, and the sympathy felt for his parents and family was manifested in the large numbers that walked in the funeral procession. The remains were taken to the church via Bridge-street, Nicholas-street, and the Strand, and this morning at half-past eight a Requiem Mass was celebrated for the dead. There was a large congregation present, and at 10 o'clock the funeral took place, and was again large and representative. When the cortege reached Mulgrave street the coffin, which was covered with beautiful wreaths of natural flowers, was transferred from the hearse to a motor car, for Kilmurray, Co. Cork, where the interment is to take place.

The list of wreaths included one each from Shannon R.C., Limerick B.C., Athlunkard B.C., and St. Michael's R.C.

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

LIMERICK CIRCUIT COURT.

Compensation Claims.

Judge McElligott, K.O., resumed the hearing of compensation claims yesterday. Gerald Goodbody claimed in respect of the seizure of a motor bicycle and accessories, and waterproof coats, on the 28th November, 1921.

The applicant said on the date in question as he was approaching his residence he observed a party of armed men in a lorry coming to the house. He saw the motor bicycle in the lorry. The bicycle was purchased on the 7th June, 1919, for £85 14s.

Mr Power contended that as there was no Provisional Government established on that date, the case should not come before the court.

Mr Dedds argued on the section of the Act, which dealt with wrongful acts and which entitled his client to compensation.

An award for £60 for report was granted. Mr J Dodds, solicitor, appeared for applicant, and Mr J J Power, County State solicitor, for the Minister of Finance.

Henry Harty, Patrickswell, claimed in respect of the knocking of trees and walls in 1922.

The applicant stated that during the fighting in the city the trees on his lands were cut down across the roads, walls knocked, and a trench cut inside the wall. The five trees cut down were worth £25, and his total claim for damage was £225.

Mr Anderson, a Board of Works official, valued the trees at 15s each, and Mr Barrett, also an official of the Board of Works, estimated the damage done to the walls at £7 10s.

The Judge said he considered this an exaggerated claim, and would give an award for report for £12 10s.

Messrs Todd, Baras & Co were awarded £10 4s 6d for the destruction of drapery goods conveyed from Dublin to Charleville, and destroyed at Knocklong on the 22nd April, 1922.

Colonel Staapool, Croom, claimed in respect of the seizure of a Webley revolver, race glasses, and military equipment on the 18th March, 1922.

Mr E Leahy, solicitor, appeared for applicant, and Mr J J Power, County State Solicitor, for the State.

Applicant's case was that an armed man entered his house and said he was an officer of the I.R.A.; he also stated that a column under his charge was on guard at the gate. Two other armed men entered and took the above property away.

The Judge awarded £17 10s for report.

The Meenashilla Bridge Creamery Company, Newcastle West, were awarded £38 for the destruction of 56 gallons of cream at Barnagh on the occasion of the train being burned there on the 5th March, 1923.

The Earl of Devon claimed £30,000 for the burning of his mansion and contents at Newcastle West on the 7th August, 1922.

Mr Meagher, B.L. (instructed by Mr E Leahy, solicitor), appeared for the applicant, and Mr J J Power, County State Solicitor, for the Minister of Finance.

Robert Dore stated that on the morning of the 7th August, 1922, the irregulars were in possession of the mansion. At about 10 o'clock in the morning they retreated on the approach of the National troops and set fire to the residence. Witness heard firing in the vicinity about one o'clock the same day.

Captain Curling stated that in September, 1920, the British forces were in occupation, and later another party took over possession. There were 129 acres of land attached to this mansion. During the trouble between the National forces and Republicans the latter were in occupation, and burned the mansion on their retreat.

Robert Gelston, C.E. estimated the damage to the mansion and property at £20,853.

William B Fitt, Auctioneer, estimated the market valuation of the contents also at £4,600.

The case was adjourned for further hearing.

LIMERICK HARBOUR BOARD.

Senator J P Goodbody presided at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board yesterday. Also present—S J K Roycroft, F J Cleave, J H Roche, P Walshe (Alderman), D Griffin, B C, and G E Goodbody.

The officials in attendance were—Messrs J F Power, Secretary; H V Morony, Engineer; Capt O Hourahan, Harbour Master.

A letter was read from Mr T O'B Kelly, solicitor to the Board, stating that the action of the Commissioners against Messrs John Walls and Sons was heard before Judge McElligott on the 27th ult., and resulted in a verdict for the Commissioners for £150 and costs. He suggested that in future the terms of contract of the use of the crane, which was the cause of action, should be amended in order to safeguard the Board.