

# Joint Hospital Scheme

## Reference to Department

### COMMITTEE DISCUSS FINANCES

M. Ryan, Co.C., Chairman, Limerick Health Board, presided at a meeting of the Limerick Regional Hospital Committee in Limerick on Friday. Other members present were: Mayor (Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.), Sena-J. Madden, Ald. J. Reidy, T.D.; J. McCormack, Chairman, County Council; M. F. Donnellan, Acting City Engineer; J. W. Canty, Co.C.; Sean Co.C.; Sean Quin, Co.C.; J. J. King, Secretary; P. J. M. Architect; M. F. Noonan, Legal Officer; and Surgeon J. F. O'Connor, were in attendance.

**SCHEDULE OF ACCOMMODATION.** A few minutes of the previous meeting stated that it was decided to appoint the Architect's schedule of accommodation which provided for a hospital of 250 beds, with facilities for further extension should the need arise. It was stated in the report also that Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D., advised from this decision on the basis that 250 beds would not be sufficient to meet the full hospital requirements of the city and county. The Secretary read a letter from the Architect recommending that immediate steps be taken to issue advertisements for the appointment of a consulting mechanical engineer to design and supervise installation of mechanical, electrical and kindred services, and also a quantity surveyor to prepare bills of materials.

In connection the Architect suggested forms of advertisement recommended that steps be taken to appoint a consulting mechanical engineer and quantity surveyor appointed at the meeting of the Committee on 10th inst. Reidy said that up to the present proposals were light, but if the Committee appointed a mechanical engineer and quantity surveyor to be paid a salary, or monthly, which might be substantial and that aspect should be considered before the Board committed themselves to any heavy expenditure. The question is: Where are the finances for the building and maintenance of the hospital to come from? Is it to come entirely from the funds? If not, how much is to be paid and how much is to fall on the local authorities? That has not so far been decided.

**QUESTION OF GRANT.** Mr. Madden—Arising out of Ald. Reidy's suggestion, I think this Joint Committee should apply to the Hospital Board for an initial grant, and put it in the hands of the Committee. Reidy said he did not think the Committee could apply to the Hospital Board for payment, and that

the application would have to be made by the parent bodies in the city and county.

Chairman—We can advertise, but we will not make the appointments until we are quite clear on how the scheme is to be financed.

The Secretary said that if they knew the approximate cost they would be able to find out from the Trust how much they would get.

Mr. McCormack—I propose that we request the Local Government Department and through them the Hospitals Trust to give us the sum of £5,000 for preliminary expenses.

The Architect said that there was no use in making such an application at this stage, as there was nothing to spend £5,000 on.

Chairman—How is the entire hospital scheme to be financed?

Mr. Canty—You will not know that until Mr. Sheahan's plans go up with the probable cost.

Chairman—I think we should know that before we commit ourselves to anything.

#### A ROUGH CALCULATION.

Ald. Reidy said that a figure of £300,000 had been referred to as being earmarked for the hospital, but he wished to know was there anything in writing to that effect.

The Engineer said it was a rough calculation, based on the number of beds.

The Chairman said the best thing that could be done was to ascertain from the Department if 100 per cent. of the amount was forthcoming.

Architect—Write to the Department and say that you have advertised for these two appointments for your meeting on 10th and that you would like to have it in writing that you are going to get 100 per cent. grant to finance the entire scheme.

Chairman—If they gave us only 50 or 60 per cent. of the grant it would be better for us to stay where we are.

#### QUESTION OF A MEDICAL ADVISER.

Senator Madden said that the Department had recommended the appointment of a quantity surveyor and a mechanical engineer, but it seemed strange that no medical officer had been appointed in an advisory capacity to act in consort with the engineer.

It was decided to have the matter placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

In answer to Ald. Reidy regarding the water supply for the hospital, the Engineer stated that it was not proposed to depend entirely on the city service.

Ald. Reidy suggested that the architect could get in touch with the City Manager on this subject.

It was decided to advertise for the positions of consulting mechanical engineer and quantity surveyor.

## Late Mrs. M. Brennan

### Huge Funeral Cortege

The death occurred on Sunday, at Meelick, Co. Clare, of Mrs. Mary Brennan, widow of Mr. Patrick Brennan and mother of Col. P. Brennan, Superintendent of the Oireachtas; Major-General M. Brennan, Chief of Staff; Colonel Austin Brennan, and Miss Margaret Brennan.

Mrs. Brennan was 76. She had been seriously ill for some time.

She had many exciting memories of the struggle for independence in East Clare during the Black and Tan period. Not the least of them was the arrival of a raiding party in 1920 to burn down the family homestead. Mrs. Brennan was escaping from the house in bare feet, an overcoat thrown around her shoulders, with her only daughter, Margaret, when she was seized by members of the Auxiliaries and forced to return so that she might see her home in flames.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Brennan took place to-day from Meelick Parish Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, Limerick.

Requiem High Mass was celebrated this morning by Rev. J. Halpin, C.C., Parteen; deacon, Rev. Fr. Adrian, O.F.M.; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Leonard, C.C., Dromin. Rev. J. Brazill, C.C., St. John's, was master of ceremonies.

In the choir were:—Rev. J. Kelly, Adm., St. John's; Rev. J. Moloney, P.P., Parteen; Rev. H. O'Neill, Army Chaplain, Cork; Rev. J. McGowan, Leitrim; Rev. J. Tarbett, C.C., Kilkishen; Rev. P. O'Connor, C.C., do.; Rev. J. Hamilton, C.C., Ennis; Rev. Father Hennessy, O.S.A.; Rev. Father Ambrose, O.F.M.; Rev. J. Casey, Army Chaplain, Dublin.

The funeral, which took place afterwards, was of huge proportions, representative of all classes of the community. People attended from all parts of the country, including Government representatives, the Army and Garda.

The chief mourners were:—Col. P. Brennan, Col. Austin Brennan and Major General M. Brennan (sons).

Amongst the general public were:—Mr. Frank Aiken, Minister for Defence (representing the Taoiseach), the Mayor of Limerick (Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.), Ald. J. Reidy, T.D. (representing Mr. Cosgrave, T.D.), Sean Moylan, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce; Col. Liam Hayes, Adjutant General; Col. O'Carroll, Quartermaster-General; Col. Costelloe, Col. O'Higgins, Col. McKenna, Col. McGuern, Col. McLoughlin, Major McGrath, Major O'Sullivan, Major Maher, Major Whelan, Major Mulcahy, Major Houlihan, Comdt. T. Crean O.C., Limerick; Comdt. P. Dinneen, O.C., Gaway; Capt. S. Clancy, Dublin; Capt. Harty, Capt. J. Hogan, Cork; P. O'Keefe, Gen. Sec. G.A.; D. Breen, T.D.; R. Ryan, T.D.; Miss Madge Daly, J. McCormack, Chairman Limerick County Council; S. Brady, Chairman Clare Co. Council; M. J. Carey, Sec., do.; Chief Supt. Murphy, G.S., Limerick; Chief Supt. Gilroy, G.S., Ennis; Supt. O'Sullivan, G.S., Killaloe; Major Devlin, Major O'Sullivan, Col. Dunne, Curragh; Major Egan, do.; Comdt. P. Quin, Baldonnell; Comdt. O'Dwyer, Capt. MacNamara, Spike Island; Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D.; Senator M. O'Dwyer, Senator T. J. Honan, Senator Professor Hayes, D. O'Connor, Scariff; Dr. J. Holmes, Dr. S. McDonagh, Austin Brennan, Dr. A. Humphreys, T. O'B. Kelly, solr.; P. J. Cleary, C.E.; P. Finnucane, P. J. Donnellan, B.C.; J. M. Casey, B.C.; J. P. Frost, J. Keane, T. Keane, P. McMahon, F. Dowling, Clare Co. Surveyor; J. J. Mulqueen, Liam O'Sullivan, W. Wall, S. O'Carroll, Castleconnell; P. A. Carroll, V.S.; B. Holmes, R. Holmes, M. Graham, G. Gleeson, Morgan McMahon, P. Lane, P. Dillon, Dr. P. Lane, etc.

Amongst the many messages of sympathy were those sent by Gen. Mulcahy, Mrs. T. Clarke, J. P. Walsh, Sec. Dept. of External Affairs; Mr. W. T. Cosgrave, T.D.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Blythe, Gen. O. Duffy, Mr. Frank Fahy, Ceann Comhairle; Staff Dail Eireann; Senator Professor Hayes.

### DEATH OF MR. JAS. RYAN.

We regret to record the death, which occurred to-day, at his residence, 17 Shannon Street, of Mr. James Ryan, tailor, after a brief illness. The deceased belonged to a well-known and highly respected Limerick family, who took an active part in the struggle for National Independence in recent years. His widow (formerly Miss Jane O'Brien) was also in the National movement. The deepest sympathy will be extended to her and the other members of the family including Rev. Nicholas Ryan, S.J., and Rev. James Ryan, S.J., nephews. The funeral will take place from St. Michael's Church on Thursday at 3 p.m.

## Effects on Citizens

### Serious Threat to Community

Serious forecasts as to the results of the proposed new Re-valuation Bill on the citizens were made at the Limerick Harbour Board yesterday, the Mayor (Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.) presiding.

A resolution was submitted for adoption from the Limerick Citizens and Ratepayers' Society making a general protest against the Bill, which, it stated, would increase rates and valuations and also electricity charges.

#### MAYOR'S OPINION.

The Mayor said that in his opinion the Re-valuation Bill was absolutely necessary and would have the effect of remedying many inequities appertaining at the present time. Many valuations were too low and others were too high. Complaints on that score had been made to him by several citizens.

Mr. Quinlan—I must entirely disagree, sir, because there can be no doubt that the object of the Bill is to raise more money for the Government. The cost of living has increased to a very alarming extent in recent years, and this increased revenue will be spent in a way that many do not desire. There is also another serious aspect, and that is the effects on the worker. Speculative house building will cease altogether, because builders will not run the risk of houses being left on their hands, owing to high valuations. As a result there will be a big drop in the workers engaged in the building industry.

In Belfast and Waterford the people have been taught a severe lesson as to the effects of re-valuation, and I must definitely protest against it being inflicted on the citizens.

#### NO JUSTIFICATION.

Mr. Morgan McMahon said if the object of the Bill was to bring old valuations into line with the new ones there would be some justification for it, but since it was quite obvious that that was not the object of the Bill he would have to protest also against its introduction.

Ald. J. Reidy, T.D., said that many years ago an attempt was made to secure a re-valuation of Limerick. It was successfully opposed by the Citizens and Ratepayers' Society, because it was realised that the immediate result would be to increase all existing valuations. He agreed that speculative building would be seriously hit, but there was another section that would suffer heavily. They were the people who had borrowed in order to build houses under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act. There was no doubt that the valuations of their buildings would be increased, and they would be heavily burdened. The Bill would mean an immediate increase in electricity charges, income tax on property, and licensed houses, and would hit every section of the community.

Mayor—As far as I can recollect, the Corporation did not decide against re-valuation, but only postponed the matter.

Mr. Donnellan—It was thrown out on a vote.

Mr. T. J. Loughrey said that when Belfast was re-valued the valuation went up by £1,000,000, and many traders were put out of business.

#### STILL REGRET IT.

Ald. Reidy—I can tell you that the people of Waterford regretted, and still regret that they had the city re-valued.

Mr. McMahon said that when the Limerick Corporation contemplated asking for a re-valuation of the city, they were advised by the then Minister for Local Government that it would not be in the interests of the city, having regard to what had happened in Waterford.

The resolution from the Citizens' and Ratepayers' Society was adopted, on the motion of Mr. E. Holliday, seconded by Mr. Quinlan.

The Mayor dissented. Mr. Quinlan asked if it was the intention of the Board to review the rents of its property, in view of a possible increase in the valuations.

Mr. O'Sullivan, Engineer, said the Board could review the rents at any time.

#### TO PROTECT ITSELF.

Mr. Quinlan—Since the valuations are likely to go up, it would be well that the Board would take steps to protect itself.

Engineer—According to the report of the Port and Harbour Authorities, our rents are generally low. It is up to the Board to revise them if it was considered expedient.

Ald. Reidy said that it would have to be remembered that one of the first effects of the Re-valuation Bill would be to increase the rates under the Unemployment Assistance Act. At the present time there was a levy of 1/6 in the £ on the present valuations, realising £8,000. Assuming that the valuation of the city is increased by 50 per cent., a conservative estimate the ratepayers would have to pay an additional £12,000.

## Preparing for Papa

### Sistine Chapel in B

With only a day to go before the opening of the Conclave, speculation is as to who will be the five names are mentioned. Cardinals Francesco Saverio Cardinali, Alfredo S. Dalla Costa, and Luigi Ma-

The movements of all the names are being closely watched. Italian papers contemplate the possibility of a non-Italian Pope. Cardinal Emmanuele Patriarch of Lisbon, and C. Villeneuve, Archbishop of C.

Wireless will be used for the first time to keep the world informed of the progress of the election. Twice each day of the Conclave a wireless station will report in the chief languages. For the first time, too, a cine camera will be used to take pictures of the sacred precincts to prepare for the Conclave, although shots were taken during the actual session.

#### MR DE VALEA TO A

It is announced that Mr. de Valera, Prime Minister, will head a delegation from Eire for the opening of the new Pope.

Ex-King Alfonso of Spain is expected to see the final results of the Conclave.

Thousands of Romans in vestments of the new Pope will be hanging in a tailor's shop in a small street near the Pantheon. The same firm has tailored the vestments of every Prelate for years. The vestments will be taken to the Vatican by car.

The new Fisherman's Ring will be ready by the goldsmiths of Rome, except for his name, which will take six hours to engrave.

#### FOUR BALLOTS A I

To-morrow thousands of Romans will be on a watch on the chimney of the Vatican, waiting for a colour which will be the first sign that a new Pope has been elected. The Cardinals and their entourage, nearly 300 people in all, will be in the Vatican Palace from 11 o'clock at nightfall, when the great Peter's sounds the "Ave Maria" and the guard will pass through the streets calling: "Extra omnes" ("Out of all not taking part in the election must leave. From that moment on the new Pope is elected; the Cardinals are cut off from the outside world by means of communication guarded pigeon hole in the roof of the Vatican.)

Voting takes place in the Sistine Chapel itself. There every Cardinal sits at a desk with a ballot box at which to record his vote. There are usually two ballot boxes, one for the morning and one for the evening. Voting is general from 11.30, and the Cardinals retire to their cells for lunch. After lunch there is a period of lobbying, when the votes are discussed. The new Pope is elected at 4.30 p.m.

After the recital of the Roman Mass is served at seven. Briefing of the Cardinals takes place at 9.30 p.m. A temporary altar has been erected in front of the High Altar, and the Cardinals will take an oath of fidelity to the new Pope. The canopy beneath which the new Pope is seated has been raised again, and the throne occupied by Cardinal Fossati, 75-year-old Bishop of Turin.

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### P.P. Condemns the Drink

Strong condemnation of the drink was made by Very Rev. Canon McHugh, P.P., V.F. Speaking at last Mass in the church on Sunday, Father McHugh said: "I do not object to any drink, but most emphatically and condemn its abuse. I am not saying that drink is on the increase in this country, and I think it is a scandal to see our young men in some cases, our young girls in others, indulging in it. It has been recommended to doctors, but, with all due respect to the medical profession, I say that they are not infallible. Remember, I am not a doctor. During this Lent," he concluded, "let us live soberly, justly and orderly."