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HARBOUR BOARD

Money For Port Schemes

STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN

MR. M. W. McGUIRE, B.C., Chairman, presided at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board to-day.

The other members present were Senator M. O'Dwyer, Co.C.; the Mayor (Mr. G. B. Dillon); Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.; Messrs. S. J. K. Roycroft, James P. Frost, P. J. Donnellan, B.C.; P. E. O'Malley, Michael Sheahan, T. Walsh, P. Whelan, B.C.; A. O'Dwyer, J. P. Goodbody, T. J. Loughrey.

Mr. D. O'Brien, Manager; Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E., Harbour Engineer, and Capt. C. J. Hanrahan Harbour Master were in attendence.

The Commissioners of Irish Lights wrote, in reply to a request from the Board, that they would not be in a position to provide an automatic lighting system at Beal Bar in the Shannon for another year.

Ald. Bourke That is a very long time.

Chairman Yes, but we have no alternative.

Answering **Mr. Sheahan**, the Harbour Master said that there was a temporary lighting system at Beale Bar.

Chairman As we are asking something new from the Commissioners, we have only to wait their convenience.

The Engineer reported that the work in providing navigation lights on the North Channel was proceeding satisfactorily.

The Mayor asked what was the position with regard to the Port Development Scheme.

CAUSE OF DELAY.

The Chairman said that they were awaiting the outcome of the conference to be held between the Co. Councils of Limerick, North Tipperary, Clare and the Corporation of Limerick on the question of the guaranteeing of a loan of £100,000. This conference would have been held before now had the Clare Co. Council decided to co-operate. Up to the present that Co. Council had held aloof, but he believed that Clare would co-operate. The port of Limerick was a very good risk and up to now the port was able to meet all outgoings from revenue. Up to 1939 the port had provided £115,000 for developments from revenue. Since the war, bigger ships had come into existence and in order to accommodate these vessels it had been found necessary to undertake a comprehensive scheme of development. The port, for the time being, was not in a position to meet all the loan charges from revenue and, accordingly, it was decided to ask for the co-opertion of certain local authorities.

HELP NEEDED.

He had no doubt that in the course of time the revenue of the port would be sufficient to meet the full loan charges, but in the interregnum the Board wanted the help of the local authorities named. It may be that none of these bodies would be requested to pay anything, but it was necessary that each of them should act jointly as guarantors for a loan of £100,000.

The port of Limerick, the **Chairman** continued, was of vital importance to the trade and commerce of the adjoining counties, and he had no doubt whatever that the local authorities would give the co-operation asked.

Mayor When will this conference be held?

Chairman I hope within a month.

The matter was not further discussed.

NINE CREWS

BACK AFTER FORTY YEARS

Bishop Of Maitland In Limerick

FORMER DIRECTOR OF ARCH-CONFRATERNITY

THE Most Rev. Edmond Gleeson C.SS.R. Bishop of Maitland, Australia, arrived at Shannon Airport to-day on his way from Rome after making the Holy Year pilgrimage.

His Lordship, who was accompanied by Rev. G. Flatley (a Galway man), his Secretary, was met at the Airport by Very Rev. M. Curran, C.SS.R., Provincial, and Very Rev. Patrick Kelly, C.SS.R., Rector, Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick. The party then motored to the Redemptorist Monastery, Limerick, where Dr. Gleeson will remain for some days.

The Bishop of Maitland was born in Co. Tipperary 82 years ago. Having completed his secondary education, he entered the Redemptorist novitiate and was ordained in due course. From 1906 to 1911 he was Spiritual Director of the Limerick Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family. A splendid preacher, he delivered a most interesting series of lectures to the members on Irish history a short time before leaving for Australia. Shortly after his arrival at Maitland he was elected Vice-Provincial of the Australian Province of the Redemptorist Order. In 1929 he was appointed by the Holy See Bishop of Maitland, and on the occasion of his consecration the Arch-Confraternity sent him a special message of fealty.

Dr. Gleeson will address the three divisions of the Arch Confraternity on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, when the Redemptorist Church will, no doubt, be packed to capacity on each occasion as the members are most anxious to hear and see a former director who has shed so much lustre on the Confraternity and Church in general.

MOST REV. DR. GLEESON.

STILL THEY COME

American Tourists And The War

NO FOUNDATION FOR SCARE REPORTS

REPORTS stating that Americans, scared by the newspaper headlines of last week, were clamouring for airline space back to the U.S. at Shannon, are entirely inaccurate (writes our special correspondent at the airport). On the contrary, U.S. tourists continue to arrive in large numbers. 73 deplaned on Saturday and hoteliers and others interested in the tourist traffic can be assured that so far there is no indication that the war in the Far East is causing any change of plans.

People who sit in high places in America and who came to Europe recently, made no rush to get back, thereby setting a headline for the tourist who has come to Ireland for a short or extended holiday.

NO ANXIETY TO GET BACK

Mr. Maurice Tobin, U.S. Secretary of Labour, who attended the I.L.O. conference at Geneva, finished his European Tour with a few days in Dublin as guest of the President, and waited until an United States Air Force Skymaster came from the continent yesterday afternoon to collect him. Congressman Augustin Kelly, who also attended the same conference, actually got off the plane to spend a three weeks holiday in Ireland with his wife, and they motored to Killarney last evening. No sign of anxiety to get back as far as they were concerned. Mr. Kelly's parents emigrated from Co. Cork.

A leading traffic agent in New York is not only continuing to dispatch his clients daily but on Saturday also sent his two daughters over for a holiday in Dublin!

As was expected, Irish-American pilgrims to Rome are also breaking journey on the way back to spend a holiday here, and every westbound T.W.A. plane brings its quota.

AGED NUN AT SHANNON.

Among thirteen passengers who got off the Constellation at Shannon on Saturday was 73-years-old Sister Paul O'Connor, of Houston, Texas, a native of Waterford, who had been to Rome and Fatima. She was greeted on arrival by her 75-years-old brother, Mr. Peter O'Connor, who was one of Ireland's most famous athletes earlier in the century. He competed all over the world, holding the world's long jump record for 20 years, and the English title for six, while his Irish record is still standing since 1901. He was also a runner of note, and held the Irish 220 yards title for a year, as well as other championships at different times.

Sister Paul, who last visited Ireland for the Eucharistic Congress in 1932, will remain here for six weeks.

BIG EXAGGERATION

While incoming traffic to the airport continues to increase, there has been no change in the volume of westbound traffic from Shannon, which is usually small at this time of the year. The number of passengers stated to have left one day last week was three times that of the actual figure.

SEEKING JUSTICE

CLAIMS OF PENSIONED TEACHERS

At a recent meeting of the Limerick City and County Branch of the Pensioned Teachers' Association, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

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