

Patrick Bourke, B.C., made a statement at the meeting of the Vocational Education Committee this week which few will differ. His assertion we are purchasing goods in large quantities for our public institutions in Limerick and Cork that should be produced in this city. Quite so, but it is very naive if some of our manufacturers be shaken out of their torpor by the councillor's comment, thrice repeated. The great fault lies in the fact that the people who would give preference to home-made goods are not aware they are turned out here. It was stated the blame rested with the salesman; that is not so, as the trouble can be ascribed to the industrialists who never advertise.

ELECTED.

Alderman D. Bourke, T.D., was, as reported, unanimously re-elected Mayor of the City for another term at a special meeting of the Corporation to-day.

His preferment for a fourth successive year is without precedent in the history of the seven centuries old Charlemont.

Although seven members of the Bourke family had the distinction bestowed on them from time to time, none held it four successive years. Cordial congratulations are extended to Alderman D. Bourke, who has comported himself with a dignity in the performance of the duties, whether presiding over the deliberations of the Council, or at external ceremonial functions. Felicitations are also expressed to Mr. John McCormack for his being re-elected for the tenth successive year to the office of Chairman of the County Council—a well-merited tribute, indeed.

EXCURSIONS FROM LIMERICK.

A special excursion train from Limerick has been arranged for to-morrow (Sunday) to Cork, Youghal, and Fermoy. Afternoon trips have also been arranged to Lahinch, Galway, Adare and Foynes. On Thursday next, 29th June, there will be an afternoon trip to Cork. Full particulars will be found in advertisement on page 8.

that act of disobedience—the head and front of our offending—but what a premium would acquiescence in the proposal exact. The citizens have got over the worst of the hardships of the system of poor law foisted on them. At its inception it was intimated it was only in the nature of an experiment and would be countermanded if unsuccessful. It was soon noticeable that the ratepayers had caught a tartar, as expenditure in home help commenced to soar until it reached £400 weekly, and remained at that figure down virtually to the change in civic administration. A city of the population of Limerick, solely dependent for the maintenance of services on rates revenue, could not continue to meet that huge amount indefinitely on a single service. During the last four years we have got back to normal, but the position would be much more satisfactory if the pundits of the Local Government Department had kept their experiment in the archives of the Custom House.

DEATH.

HARTIGAN—June 23, 1939, at his residence, Dorris Villa, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, Thomas A., Secretary, Co. Limerick Agricultural Committee, and second son of the late Thomas and Lizzie Hartigan, Boher House, Bruff; to the great grief of his beloved wife, sisters and brothers.—R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church, Limerick, this (Saturday) evening at 8 o'clock (S.T.). Mass to-morrow (Sunday), 11 o'clock (S.T.). Funeral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, Limerick, 2 o'clock (S.T.).