

assure is not contained. At the present time the price of pigs per cwt. does not justify the increase in the cost of foodstuffs since 1929. We should ask for a minimum price for foodstuffs as well as for the article produced.

Proceeding, Mr. Walsh said the farmer sold oats in the market for 10d. and 11d. and in a few months after he bought the same oats for 1/4 and 1/6 per stone.

The Chairman agreed that the cost of producing pigs was excessive, as the price of foodstuffs was entirely out of proportion to the return for the finished product. Foodstuffs should be based on a price that would enable farmers to make pig production an economic proposition.

Mr. Power—That is what we want to emphasise.

Mr. J. McCormack, Co.C., said that the farmers were asked to produce more pigs, but they had no say in the fixing of the price for pigs. They could not hope for any improvement until such time as the producers were given some voice in the fixing of prices. The fact that a short time ago the British Government bought a million pounds worth of pigs from Holland and Poland was a proof that there was no over-production in this country, and if the proper facili-

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Mr. McCormack said that there was an urgent need for an increase in the cow population, and in the production of milk, but that could not be achieved until the conditions were substantially better.

After a further discussion, the following recommendations were made to the Commission:—

(1). That the cost of foodstuffs be reduced; (2) the price of bacon be fixed for minimum periods of three months; (3) that producers be amply represented on the Boards for fixing prices; (4) that there be a reduction in the number of grades of pigs, and that (5) short term credit for farmers should be made available for first-class products.

In regard to the dairying industry, it was decided to recommend—(1) That a price of 9d. per gallon for milk delivered to the creamery be paid; (2) That credit facilities be made available on easy terms for re-stocking land; and (3) That in view of the higher labour costs the higher price for milk was necessary.

It was decided to have another meeting on April 29th next.

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Mr. Maguire—Supposing you had this factory in the open market, apart from the price of machinery, do you think you would get £150 a year for it?

Mr. Hoey—I am certain of it. I would get £350 a year.

Mr. Holden said that he had put down £1,000 for goodwill in respect of the factory. The industry had been in operation for forty years.

In his evidence relating to the land at Caledonia Square, Mr. Holden said that he had not valued the land as building ground.

Mr. Binchy—Would it be suitable for building purposes?

Mr. Holden—I was not impressed by the entrance to the site.

Mr. Binchy—Is it not a fact that the approaches to the fashionable parts of most large cities are through the slums?

In connection with the site owned by the railway company, Mr. Healy said that the property which they were not acquiring was valued at one-quarter the price of the land which they wanted.

Mr. Hoey said that the land referred to was potential building land.

Mr. Kelly said that the railway company had been approached by a building society, with a view to the acquisition of portion of the property. That was the last bit of open ground near the heart of the city.

Mr. Holden said that he had seen other open places within the city area.

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Mr. Hogan said that the motor was also mistaken in stating that the children entering their home cause it had since transpired that they were in hospital their foster parents had moved to a different house.

Senator Madden suggested that Board should first hold a full inquiry order to give Dr. O'Connor, who was an opportunity of explaining his point.

It was eventually decided, on the position of Mr. Hogan, to invite the department to send down an Inspector to hold an inquiry.

## BOARD OF HEALTH

### Newcastle West School

#### Application for Site

Mr. J. McCormack, Co.C., presided at a meeting of the Limerick County Board of Health yesterday.

Also present were:—Senator D. J. Holden, Messrs J. Hogan, J. Quaid, J. Canty and J. Mackey.

The officials present were:—Messrs King, Secretary, and P. J. Sheehy, Engineer.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Mackey, it was decided to raise a loan of £450 for the purchase of a new dispensary at Caherconlish.

The Board resumed consideration of the application of Rev. Canon Hannon, P.P., V.F., Newcastle West, for a site for a new National School to replace the existing building, which had been condemned by the Engineer of the Board of Education.

The Secretary said that Canon Hannon required a site of one acre, adjoining the farm of the County Home, which had been recently purchased.

The Engineer reported that it would be possible to give a site of one roperches without interfering with the amenities of the farm. That would give a frontage of 100 feet.

When Canon Hannon, who appeared before the Board, stated that the site suggested by the Engineer would be sufficient. It had to be sanctioned by the Board of Works Engineer, and were of opinion that one acre would be required to meet the needs of a new school.

The Engineer said that the site suggested would be sufficiently large for the extension of the old school property was possible.

After a further discussion it was decided on the proposition of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Quaid, to give the site recommended by the Engineer.

## PAPAL THANKS

### To Limerick Borough Council

At a meeting of Limerick Corporation held on Tuesday night, the Mayor (D. Bourke, T.D.) presiding.

The following letter was read from the Nuncio, Dublin:—

"The Nuncio Apostolic has been instructed by the Holy Father to acknowledge the message of felicitation sent you on behalf of the Corporation of citizens of Limerick to His Holiness his accession to the Chair of St. Peter."

"The Holy Father has received with testimonial of deferential homage deep satisfaction and pleasure. I have been graciously pleased to commend an expression of his thanks be conveyed to you, and he lovingly imparted the Apostolic Benediction."

It was decided to insert the letter in the minutes.

## BLOOD TRANSFUSION

### Action of Three Soldiers

#### Report to Board of Health

In the course of his report to Limerick Co. Board of Health, yesterday, Surgeon O'Connor, Croom Hospital, stated that on March 22nd a large quantity of blood was required for a poor patient in the hospital who had no relatives. The Officer Commanding the Sarsfield Barracks, Limerick, permitted three of his men to volunteer their services for the transfusion. Privates J. Brady, E. Canty, and Trooper J. Curtin gave the transfusion, and he suggested that the Board would award them 1 guinea each for their chivalrous action.

The Chairman said the Board greatly appreciated the three soldiers for their courageous action, and he was sure there would be no objection to adopting the suggestion of the Surgeon.

It was unanimously agreed to award the soldiers 1 guinea for their services.

#### BIRTH.

SMYTH—On Easter Sunday, April 9th, 1939, at Nurse Burrows' Nursing Home, 5 Lower Mallow Street, to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smyth, Killeely House, Thomondgate, Limerick—a daughter.

#### DEATH.

O'DONOVAN—April 15, 1939, at his residence, "Belmont," Woodview, Douglas Road, Cork, Daniel O'Donovan, late of Lansdowne Villas, Ennis Road, and 17 O'Connell Street, Limerick, to the inexpressible grief of sorrowing wife and family. Requiem Mass at St. Munchin's Church, Limerick, at 10 a.m. Monday. Funeral immediately afterwards to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.—R.I.P.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

DUGGAN—The brothers and sister of the late Tim Duggan wish to return thanks to all those who sympathised with them, sent telegrams, Mass cards and letters of condolence in their recent bereavement and trust this will be accepted by all in grateful acknowledgment.

## THE CRISIS

### News from Capitols

#### Italian Troops Concentrating on Asia Minor

Beyond the fact that Italian troops are concentrating about the Island of Dodecaneci, within easy reach of Asia Minor, there is no startling news with regard to the European situation.

Nevertheless the Greek Government has taken steps to safeguard the frontiers.

#### TROOP MOVEMENTS.

A number of regiments have been sent to Corfu, and a big number of troops has been sent to the Albania frontier.

It is stated, however, that these are merely precautionary measures.

The Jaanese Government to-day issued a statement pledging support to Germany and Italy in their efforts to create a new order in Eastern Europe.

#### IMPORTANT STATEMENT?

With Field Marshal Goering in Italy, the International limelight has been turned on Rome, and it is expected that Count Ciano will make an important statement at the meeting of the Italian Parliament to-morrow.

The Nazi Press to-day continue their outbursts against Poland, where, it is alleged, people have been beaten with wire whips because of speaking the German language.

#### GERMANY ISSUES WARNING.

An inspired statement from Berlin also warns Greece and Roumania against entering into any agreement with Britain and France.

#### RECENT WILL.

Dame Louisa Frederica Edith Augusta Lawson, of Hawks Lease, Lyndhurst, Hants, widow of Sir Arthur T. Lawson, of Westwood, Grange, Leeds, and daughter of the late John Stacpoole O'Brien, of Ennis, Co. Clare, and Tanderagee, Co. Armagh, died on January 20th last leaving £3,200 with net personalty nil. Probate has been granted to her daughter, Mrs. Olive Louise Wavell-Paxton, of the same address, and her son, Sir Digby Lawson, of 77 Albert Hall Mansions.

## DEATH OF MR. DANIEL O'DONOVAN

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Daniel O'Donovan, formerly of Lansdowne Villas Ennis Road, which took place at his residence, Belmont, Woodview, Douglas Road, Cork, after a somewhat brief illness. The deceased left Limerick last year to live in Cork, on retirement from the business of tobacconist, which he carried on at 17 O'Connell Street for nearly half a century. During that long period Mr. O'Donovan's dealings were characterised by methods which secured a very large measure of public patronage. Courteous and affable, he studied the interests of his customers, who showed their appreciation. He was held in the highest respect by the citizens, and his friends entertained for him warm hearted affection. In early life Mr. O'Donovan rowed for Limerick Boat Club, and retained membership when he relinquished the pastime. His death will be learned with sorrow by numerous friends, who will extend condolence to his widow, sons and daughters in their bereavement.

At the conclusion of Requiem Mass at 10 o'clock on Monday in St. Munchin's Church, the funeral will leave for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

#### CONDOLENCE.

At a meeting of the Corporation on Tuesday night,

On the proposition of Mr. Bourke, seconded by Mr. Casey, and spoken to by the Mayor and Ald. Reidy, a vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Mr. Timothy Duggan.

Celebrations worthy of an Emperor will mark Herr Hitler's fiftieth birthday on Thursday week, April 20th. Grand stands and elaborate decorations are going up in Berlin.