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Mr. Hannan—What does floor polish cost per year?

Clerk—In or about £90.

Mr. Bourke—Is it all used in the Institution?

Clerk—Yes; it is used for lighting the fires.

Ald. Reidy—That is an extraordinary condition of things.

Dr. Irwin—There is central heating here. We have only a few open fires. I will investigate the matter with the responsible officers.

A STRONG FINISH

End of Financial Year

Limerick, speaking in pounds, shillings and pence—and money talks—finished the financial year very strongly. Out of a total warrant of £104,000 a sum of £86,676 was collected, representing a collection of 84 per cent. In addition, £14,157 of arrears were collected. Expenditure for the year totalled £166,685, as compared with £160,977 for the year 1937-'38. The increase is attributed to the fact that more money was expended on housing and relief works last year than previously. At the end of the financial year the Corporation had a credit balance of £15,621.

CO. LIMERICK WOMAN'S DEATH.

Clothing In Flames.

Five minutes after she had been seen outside her cottage, Margaret O'Regan a blind woman, on Tuesday was found with her clothing in flames in front of the kitchen fire at Ballingarry, Co. Limerick. She died soon afterwards. Miss O'Regan who was 75 years of age, lived alone. At the inquest a verdict of accidental death was returned.

loyed in the Corporation prior to the work being given out in contract, and it is to retain this arrangement that we have adopted this attitude.—J. J. Sheahan, Secretary."

The Manager said he had sent a reply to the effect that the present arrangement was far more economical than the direct system. He added that it was his intention to renew the contract system for a further period.

NEW FINANCIAL YEAR.

Britain's £10,000,000 Deficit in First Eight Days.

Britain's expenditure for the first eight days of the new financial year to last Saturday totalled £27,410,820 against £26,823,868 for the first nine days a year ago. Revenue was £17,560,222 compared with £18,770,696. So the "deficit" is nearly £10,000,000.

By far the largest item on the revenue side was income tax at £6,528,000. Customs came next with a total of £4,654,000. Other receipts were surtax, £1,840,000 (£1,860,000 at this point twelve months ago); death duties, £1,570,000 (£1,870,000); national defence contribution, £520,000 (£220,000); excise, £900,000 (£1,200,000).

KILBEHENNY C.Y.M.S.

Kilbehenny Branch of the C.Y.M.S. held their first annual general meeting at which the Spiritual Director, Rev. Father O'Grady, C.C., presided. A review was made of the Branch activities and expenditure during the past year and the financial position was considered satisfactory.