defence fund. They had taken the opinion of counsel, which, however, seemed to be somewhat erratic, probably owing to wrong instructions. They wanted to try and get clauses introduced into the Bill which would make the position of Veterinary Inspector safe. They might be considered safe, but as they stood they might be made more of less subject to the whims and caprices of the County Counsellors that would be, and the Boards of Guardians as they are at present.

Mr Johnstone considered the remarks which were being gone into were outside the business of that meeting.

Mr Winter said he was desirous to know whether the gentlemen whose names were read as attending the extraordinary meeting were members of that Association, and if not, why were the minutes of that meeting read there at all?

The Chairman thought these gentlemen should fight their own battle.

Mr Clery did not think this was a subject for discussion at that meeting.

Mr Winter—I have not been allowed to explain exactly what I wanted to say. I ask the question, and I would like an answer, if these gentlemen who attended that extraordinary meeting are members of this Association, and if not, why not? I maintain that if these men want to share in the benefits of this Association they should become members of it.

Mr Coll said he would ask the meeting to overlook the slight irregularity which had taken place, because the objects of that meeting were practically a defence of the profession, and for its protection. He thought they had a very good discussion on the matter, and it might have very good results. It was their duty, and it should be the object of that society to put forward their claims, and to endeavour to have them recognised (hear, hear).

Mr Howard said that some members seemed to think that this defence association was a new association altogether. That was not so. There was a new fund, but there was no new association.

Mr Watson said that he was hopeful of bringing these men inside the ranks of that association, and they would see that it was one worthy of their support (hear, hear). He had invited them to join, and he had no doubt but in a very short time a great number of them would be members of that association. He thought the cause of calling that extraordinary meeting justified the means taken for doing so (hear, hear).

Mr Clery thought that Mr Watson was perfectly justified in his action, considering the limited time that there was for discussing a subject so important to the profession (hear, hear).

Mr Winter—How many men, who have subscribed to the defence association, are members of this association?

Mr Watson—It would take me some time to go into that question.

Mr Rea—How many have subscribed?

Mr Watson—Forty have responded to the circular?

Mr Coll considered that these were questions which need not be asked. He regarded it as the duty of that Association to encourage other members of the profession to join it, and there is no better way of showing that it deserved support than by defending the rights and supporting the claims of the profession (hear, hear).

Mr Christy agreed with Mr Winter that it would be right to insist, as far as they could, on those members who subscribed to the defence fund

seemed not to have been up to the average, and quality was not as largely represented as could have been desired. As usual, good animals found ready purchasers, and rough farmers' horses sold well, there being a good deal of purchasing for tram purposes, and also for the French Army, the prices varying from £20 to £35. Otherwise, the fair was, on the whole, a dull one owing to the inferiority of stock. There was a large attendance of buyers, but their shipments, as indicated above, were not very considerable.

The following amongst other sales took place at Dr Johnstone's Veterinary Establishment—Mr Murphy, Liskennett, sold a four year old colt to Mr Dwyer, Armagh, for £50; Mr O'Brien, Ballycalla, sold a grey huntress to Mr O'Grady, Thurles, for £47 10s; Mr Finucane, Rostemple, bought a brown harness horse from Mr McMahon for £40; Mr Armstrong, Fermoy, sold a chestnut filly to Mr Burns, Glasgow, for £35; Mr Bourke, Limerick Junction, sold a brown colt to Mr Johnson, Belfast, for £30; Rev A Ryan, Tipperary, bought a chestnut colt from Mr M'Inerney Clare Castle, for £45; Mr Bradley, Wexford, bought three harness horses from farmers at an average of £32 10s; Mr Hunt bought a grey hunter from Mr Baker, Ballingarry, for £80; Mr Bradshaw, Cork, bought a roan mare from Mr Buckley, Tralee, for £40; Mr James, Waterford, bought two harness horses from Mr Ryan, Limerick, for £70; Mr Keenan, Cork, bought a bay colt from Mr Minlivan, Ennis, for £37 10s; Mr Lonergan, Fermoy, bought two colts from Mr Brennan, Newmarket, for £63; Mr McInerney, Ennis, sold a bay horse to Mr Cusack, Tipperary, for £45; Mr Brally, Gort, sold a bay colt and a chestnut filly to Mr Cosgrave, Armagh, for £62 10s; Mr Humphries, Pallas, sold a brown huntress to Captain Bush, Cork, for £67 10s; Mr R Bourke, Broadford, sold a horse to Mr Dixon Reading, for £60.

Considerable purchases were also made at Mr E C Winter's Veterinary Establishment in Queen street, and Mr Coll's, Thomas street.

SUDDEN DEATH.

This afternoon Mr Coroner DeCourcey and a jury, of which Mr R Rice was foreman, held an inquest on the body of Maria Taylor, an inmate of Dr. Hall's Alms House, Nicholas Street, who was found dead in her room this morning. The evidence showed that deceased was 70 years of age, and was last seen alive by Mary Anne Bouchier, who occupies a room underneath the apartment in which the deceased had lived. This morning, about a quarter to ten o'clock, the caretaker was informed by his wife that Miss Taylor had not made her appearance, and on the door of her room being opened, she was found lying on the floor at the foot of her bed. The deceased had been ailing during the winter. Dr Mulcahy stated that he examined the deceased. There was an abrasion on the side of the head which was probably caused by the deceased having fallen against the bed. This, however, had nothing to do with the cause of death, which he believed was due to heart disease. The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

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