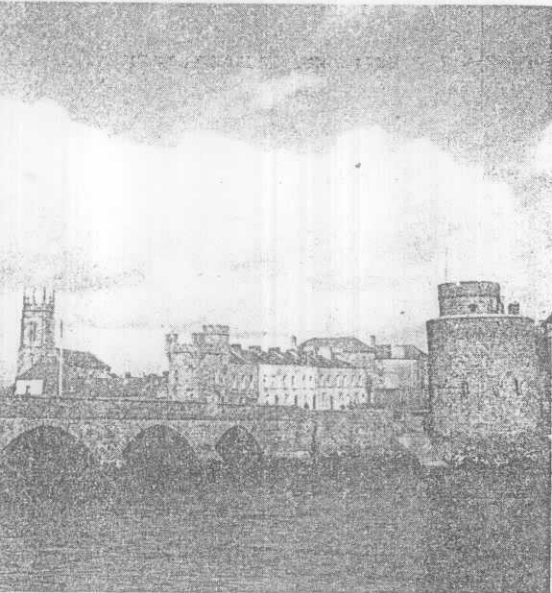


GAS WORKS

Undertaking is amongst the most important of the services of the Corporation for the benefit of the citizens. Extension and improvement have been carried out since the end of the war at a capital cost of £260,000. The demand for gas and electricity has increased substantially since the war and it is now definitely necessary to develop the Gas Undertaking can continue to make a substantial contribution to the efficient development of Limerick and the development of industries. The Gas Undertaking to Limerick may be assessed from the fact that providing a reasonably cheap and efficient service to the citizens, and at the same time for many local industries, that the expense incurred during the past decade has been justified and as a result, the Gas Undertaking is a proposition, paying its way.



Bridge and King John's Castle, Limerick.

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The Corporation is the rating authority for, and appoints the Vocational Education Committee which is responsible for the administration of Vocational Education in the City. The Corporation has contributed to the Committee amounting to £40,000 for the development of a school in Clancy Strand and £19,000 for the development of the City's Domestic School. Further schemes have been considered and in part approved by the Vocational Education Committee. Further schemes are at present under consideration.

FIRE BRIGADE

For a considerable time, the Fire Brigade has been put on a permanent basis. Within a matter of seconds from the receipt of a message the brigade is on its way to the scene of the fire.

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LIBRARY, ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM

The City Library is one of the City's most attractive amenities. A Reading Room is provided and special provision is made for research students. The Library contains a valuable collection of general works and rare works on the history of Limerick City and County. A recent acquisition has been a complete facsimile of the Book of Kells. The City Museum is also housed at the Library. Visitors will have no difficulty in appreciating its contents, as all objects are well documented. It would be well to mention here the work being done by the National Monuments Advisory Committee in locating and preserving objects and places of historical and archaeological interest, and to pay tribute to its members for their voluntary efforts. Attached to the Library is the City Gallery. This contains a good collection of works and some fine specimens of modern Irish paintings. Special exhibitions are held in the Gallery from time to time.

In conclusion, I would like to say that although much has been achieved in Limerick within the past 20 years, despite the fact that eight of these years were made barren of achievement by World War II, much still remains to be done. Of the various works yet to be undertaken, the re-development of the older parts of the city, such as the Abbey and Irishtown sections, is undoubtedly the most important. For this purpose, the services of a Town Planning Consultant and an Architect have been engaged and the next ten years should show most important changes in this ancient and historic city of ours.

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