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Limerick Clothing Factory, ward Street, has received a contract worth £30,000 for the supply of British Army uniforms. The order, it is expected, will be followed by others from British Army authorities. The present contract, which was some time ago, had been held up for the profit of certain items in connection with it. These have now been cleared, and a spokesman for the factory said yesterday: "It is a matter of fact that the statement in a newspaper that 'the factory came at a very good price for the things we were getting' is nothing more than a lie. Nothing could be further from the truth," he emphasised. "When this contract was let later on this year, it was to have a continuation of orders."

LINK REVIVED
The contract revives a link over 40 years ago in the supply of uniforms for the British Army. It was established in 1870 by Peter Tait, the father of the first in the world to produce army uniforms. The Limerick product was worn by British forces in the American Civil War and the First World War. The booming business had been prevailing in the town since the contract is most well

Mrs Mary Griffith, Musical Director (left), going over the score of "The Bohemian Girl," with (from right) Capt. R. B. Kealy, B.Mus., Conductor, and Miss Colette Cantillon, Chorus Mistress. The opera will be performed by the Choral Society in the City Theatre for the week commencing April 30th.

Resignation of Art Master accepted

THE final chapter in one of the most controversial topics in Limerick in recent years was brought to a close last night when the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee at its meeting unanimously accepted the resignation of Mr. P. J. McAvoy, Headmaster of the School of Art, at the Municipal Technical Institute.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. McAvoy asked the Committee to please accept his resignation as from June 1 to August 31. Mr. P. J. Donnellan, Chairman, said that was the first official intimation that they had of Mr. McAvoy's decision to resign. Great publicity had been given to the matter, but he would like to stress the fact that they had no animosity whatsoever towards Mr. McAvoy and they were sorry to lose his services. They were deeply appreciative of all he had done as Headmaster of the arts class and school.

"Personally," said Mr. Donnellan, "I think that Mr. McAvoy is deserving of every consideration that we can give him, but he is apparently determined to resign. I think that some persons were misguided in their efforts to throw some doubt in this matter from over-enthusiasm when it was rumoured that he was leaving. If Mr. McAvoy wishes to leave, then that is his own business. I regret very much that he has adopted this step, having known him so long but if he wishes to leave there is nothing we can do about it. I am sorry he is going and I hope he does well and will be happy and lucky in his new sphere." The Chairman said that he regretted the undue publicity and undue notice that was given this matter in the past few weeks or months. The Committee had no option but to accept his resignation and he did not think there would be any use in asking him to reconsider his decision.

WORK APPRECIATED.

Mr. J. Danagher said he endorsed what the Chairman had said. The Committee had repeatedly complimented Mr. McAvoy on the excellence of his work and no one had appreciated it more than the members of the Committee. Unfortunately, the Committee had been placed in the position that a hostile attitude had been created in the town by certain individuals

with the result that the Committee would now be possibly put up as scape goats. It would also probably be hinted that the Committee had hounded Mr. McAvoy and that was something which should be refuted. Unfortunately, the members of the Committee had felt the lash of public criticism over the past few weeks and he did not think that the people concerned should not be allowed to get away with such wild irresponsible statements. The facts had been made clear by the Committee. They did appreciate Mr. McAvoy and they hated to lose him but they were not going to abdicate their powers to any group who did not see eye to eye with the Committee.

Mr. Danagher said that the Committee had always been activated by the highest motives in advancing the educational, cultural and social advancement of the city and to hint or infer that the Committee was incompetent could only be described as scurrilous to say the least of it.

ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE

Dealing with the suggestion that an Advisory sub-Committee should be set up to help them solve problems, he at first disagreed with the idea but how he had changed his mind and thought it would be a good one. Any decisions come to by the Committee would be subject to review by the main body. If such a sub-Committee proved of benefit he would be in favour of it.

He deplored the publicity given to a certain group in town and he joined in the best wishes to Mr. McAvoy and expressed the hope that they would get as competent a man in the future.

The Chairman moved that the discussion be closed and that they accept Mr. McAvoy's resignation. The position would have to be advertised and the terms of appointment would come before the next meeting.

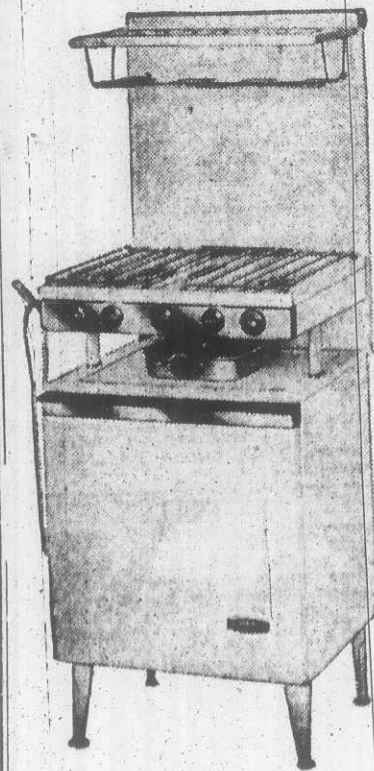
When Mrs. F. Condell raised the question of the sub-advisory committee, the Chairman ruled her out of order as no useful purpose could be served by further discussion. Enough had been said already.

Later when a letter was read from the special Committee set up at a recent public meeting to deal with the question of Mr. McAvoy's resignation and requesting an interview

with a view of finding ways and means of retaining the services of Mr. McAvoy, the Chairman said that no good cause could come from such a meeting and it would not serve any purpose.

Mr. P. Powell proposed that the letter be noted and Mr. P. O'Sullivan seconded and the discussion ended.

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