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LIMERICK MAN IS NEW ART MASTER

A NEW Art Master for the Municipal School of Art has been appointed by the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee in succession to Mr. Patrick McAvooy, who filled the post for the past 10 years and tendered his resignation some months ago. The new headmaster is 28-year-old Mr. John Francis O'Donovan 36, Sullykeeffe, Mungret, Co. Limerick, who for the last six years has been honorary whole-time teacher of art in the committee's schools. He was appointed by 8 votes to 4. The defeated candidate was Mr. Yann Renard-Goulet (48), Herbert Road, Bray, who was an art teacher in the Bray Technical School.

The C.E.O. reported that seven candidates presented themselves for interview before a Board in Dublin, comprising: Mr. P. J. Donnellan, Chairman; Mr. M. Burke, Director, National College of Art; Mr. M. O'Flanagan, Chief Inspector, Department of Education; Mr. G. Bruen, Art Inspector, Department of Education, and himself.

At the completion of the interviews the Board considered that only two candidates merited serious consideration for the post. These were Renard Goulet and John O'Donovan, both of whom possessed the essential qualifications, personality and suitability for the post.

EXPERIENCE

The Board, the report stated, finally recommended Mr. Goulet for the post of headmaster. They were influenced in this decision by Mr. Goulet's wider experience and



MR. J. F. O'DONOVAN

maturity, his contacts with art and designer in industry and his prestige as a teacher, artist and sculptor.

The Chairman said that the interview took place on Tuesday last, and he presided. He did nothing but ask local questions.

Mr. Frank Leddin, B.C., asked if they were obliged to accept the

recommendations of the Interview Board.

Chairman—That is a matter for yourself and I will not influence you at all.

EXPERTS

Mr. J. Danagher, N.T., said that they went to a lot of trouble to try to get the best man and he thought they should accept the recommendations of the interview board. "We should be guided by the experts," he said, "and they point out that Mr. Goulet is the best man for the job."

He proposed that Mr. Goulet be appointed, and was seconded by Mr. J. Keane, B.C., who said: "I will second that because we gave power to this interview board to make the recommendation."

Mr. P. O'Sullivan, B.C.—But Mr. Goulet is not a native of this country.

Chairman—He is an Irish citizen; Mr. O'Sullivan—We have a man here, Mr. O'Donovan, who is qualified. He is a Limerick man and I propose that he be appointed.

Mr. P. Powell said that while he was inclined to accept what Mr. Danagher had said, there was very little between the two candidates. He would second Mr. O'Sullivan's proposal.

MARKS

Mr. Liddy—If there were marks made by the Board, I would like to see them.

Chairman—There were no marks by the Board, though one Inspector did do so in his own way.

C.E.O.—They made specific notes of the candidates.

Mr. Liddy said he was inclined to the view that Mr. O'Donovan should get the post, but he was hoping that they would get the marks allocated to them.

IMPRESSIVE

The Chairman said that Mr. O'Donovan was most impressive at the interview. He even said that to the Chief Inspector subsequently and he agreed that he was a fine chap. There was nothing very much between the two candidates.

Mr. O'Sullivan—He is a Limerick man and we should stand by him.

Mr. Powell—There is very little between them judging from the report.

Mr. Liddy—That is what I am going on.

Mr. Danagher said there was no one who would like a Limerickman to be appointed than he, but in a matter of art they wanted the most qualified man they could get.

Mr. O'Sullivan—But the Chairman is after explaining to us that there is very little between them. I think we should go all out for the Limerickman.

Chairman—I will have no elaboration on whether he is Irish, English or Scottish.

Mr. O'Donovan was appointed by 8 votes to 4, as follows:

For Goulet—Messrs. Danagher, Keane, Canon Lee, Mr. McCarthy (4).

For O'Donovan—Messrs. Donnellan, Glasgow, Leddin, Liddy, McQuane, Molloy, O'Sullivan and Powell (8).



Brilliant student

THIS week congratulations are extended to Miss Angela Lee, who received the B.A. degree at the recent conferring in U.C.C. Angela, who has had a brilliant academic career, is daughter of Mr. M. J. Lee, B.Comm., H.Dip. in Ed., Principal Commercial Department, Municipal Technical Institute, and Mrs. Lily Lee, B.A., H.Dip. in Ed., Violet Villas, O'Connell Ave., Limerick.

Angela is pictured above with her parents, after receiving her diploma.

Our Mayoral chain... and an idea

THE daily papers made great play about the various chains that adorned the shoulders of the Lord Mayors and Mayors of Ireland at the recent reception given by the President, Mr. de Valera, at Arus-an-Uachtairin last week, but the chain worn by our worthy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Frances Condell, was completely ignored for the simple reason that it could hardly be seen. It was merely the small gold chain the Mayor was wearing and not the official chain. It is quite understandable that such a chain cannot be worn at every type of reception in view of its weight and length, but surely there could be a secondary chain of a much more conspicuous character than the present small ornament—so small, in fact, that it cannot be seen at times. It is a matter that should receive the consideration of the Council at some future meeting. Or perhaps some civic-minded citizens might get together and present a chain suitable for social occasions when it is not necessary to wear the official chain.

While on the subject of municipal affairs, it should be mentioned that many of the citizens who attended this year's Mayoral Election were surprised to note that neither the Aldermen nor the Councillors wore their robes of office. This has been, apparently the practice for some

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