

Dr O'Connell said they were overcrowded but not appallingly so and not to the extent that it had become a major administrative problem. They had 945 patients when the ideal figure would be 830.

HUGE CITY AUCTION OF 2,000 LOTS

AT noon today the firm of AJ Sexton and Son, auctioneers and valuers, opened a three-day sale of the entire furnishings and fittings of the Royal George Hotel, O'Connell Street.

About 2,000 lots will come under the hammer and it is thought to be the first time that a huge Grade A hotel was sold out. When it is cleared, the contractors will get to work in knocking it to the ground and rebuilding it to five storeys.

The articles on sale were viewed yesterday by over 1,000 people. Today the auction opened with 400 lots, comprising a choice collection of the high-class furniture of about 40 bedrooms. Tomorrow 600 lots will be put up for auction. These comprise carpets, banqueting furnishings, tables, blankets, pillows, sheets and so on. On Friday, all the ware, kitchen utensils, cutlery and glasses will be sold.

Elaborate preparations were made for the sale and a public address system was installed.

The fittings and furnishings of the Afrique lounge bar were not put up for sale as the complete room is being transferred to the Glentworth Hotel.

A Dublin firm, Messers McIlvenna, secured the contract for the complete reconstruction of the hotel at a cost of £175,000. The plans were drawn up by Mr JC Thompson, architect and engineer, O'Connell Street, Limerick.

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