

Chamber Of Commerce: Hearings Before Public Meeting

would be reached as to the use of a bi-lingual title in this connection.

TRADE DISPUTES

There was read to the meeting correspondence which had passed between this Chamber and the Association of the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland after the submission of our memorandum to that body dealing with the question of lighting and unofficial strikes, and it was the decision of the meeting that a further letter should be addressed to the Association requesting that the proposals contained in our memorandum should be pressed forward.

COMPANY LAW REFORM.

The members were informed that the Sub-Committee which had been set up at our September meeting to deal with this matter had already met and were at present active in the preparation of a reply expressing the views of this Chamber under various headings on the need for revising the present Company Law. In due course, our submissions on this matter would be placed before the general meeting of the members for approval before being sent forward to the Committee which had been appointed by the Government to deal with this subject.

LIMERICK/MUNGRET ROAD.

In reply to the representations which had been made by this Chamber, there was read a letter from the County Engineer stating that the work of improving the condition of this important road between Ballykeefe and Mungret was now in hand.

Arising out of the discussion which took place, reference was made to the use of this roadway by C.I.E. buses and petrol tank waggon travelling between Foynes and Limerick instead of the more direct route by the Dock Road from Mungret village. It was mentioned that a possible reason for this was due to the unsafe condition of the bridge situated on the latter road, which bridge now forms a boundary between the City and County administrations.

After a full debate, it was eventually decided that letters should be addressed to the City and County Managers requesting their views in connection with the improvement of this bridge to make it safe for heavy traffic.

TRADE ENQUIRIES.

Letters received in this regard are placed on the Board in the Chamber's Reading Room for attention of interested members.

THE SITE OF STATUE OF LIBERTY



HARBOUR BOARD AND CLARE CO. COUNCIL

MR. M. W. McGUIRE, Chairman, presided at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board to day. The other members present were: Senator M. O'Dwyer, Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.; Ald. J. Carew, Ald. J. Reddy, T.D.; Ald. G. E. Russell, Messrs. S. J. K. Roycroft, M. J. Keyes, T.D.; James O'Keeffe, P. E. O'Malley, P. Whelan, T. Walsh, A. E. Goodwin.

Mr. D. O'Brien, Manager; Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E., Harbour Engineer, and Captain C. J. Hanrahan, Harbour Master, were the officials in attendance.

The Secretary of the Clare County Council submitted the minutes of the last meeting of that Body, at which it was decided, by a majority vote, to act as one of the guarantors for the Limerick Harbour Commissioners in the raising of a loan of £100,000, part of the cost of the proposed port development scheme.

VERY GLAD

Chairman—We are very glad that Clare has decided to act as one of the guarantors with the Limerick Corporation, the Limerick County Council and the County Council of North Tipperary. It was a rather long fight to get Clare to come in and we are all very glad—indeed grateful—that Clare has come in. The Manager will convey to the Clare County Council our very best thanks.

The Manager said that a notice of motion had been handed in for consideration at the next meeting of the Clare County Council to rescind the resolution by which the Council decided to act as one of the guarantors.

Chairman—Whatever about the rescinding motion, we are very grateful to Clare for having decided to act as a guarantor.

PURCHASE OF A NEW DREDGER

The Manager read a letter from Ald. Bourke stating that he had communicated with the Minister for Industry and Commerce pressing for a grant for the purchase of a new dredger. In his reply, the Minister had promised to give the application his most careful consideration.

Chairman—Thank you, Alderman, very much for your good offices. I hope your intervention will have the desired effect.

DOCKS "COFFEY BAR"

Arising out of a recommendation of the Manager to have a new tenant appointed for the docks "coffeey bar."

Ald. Reddy suggested that the "coffeey bar" shed, which was now closed, should be opened during the mid-day meal in order to provide a shelter for men who were unable to go home for dinner.

Chairman—That is an admirable suggestion.

Engineer—I will have it opened from 1 o'clock to 3 each day.

Ald. Reddy—The workers will need a shelter from this on.

Engineer—I will see to it that they will have shelter in which to have the mid-day meal.

THE DOCK POLICE

Ald. Reddy asked if the dock police were obliged to give protection to merchandise along the quays.

Manager—No. They are only obliged to afford protection to Harbour property.

Ald. Reddy—Don't you think they might call the Guards if there was any interference with property?

Chairman—I should think they would. While our police have no direct responsibility for merchandise along the quays I'm sure they would not allow any interference with it.

NO POWER TO ARREST

Manager—They co-operate with the Guards. Our police have no power of arrest.

PERSONALITIES OF THE SIEGE No. 6—Colonel Pierce De Lacy

COLONEL PIERCE DE LACY, last of the renowned Anglo-Irish family to achieve fame in his own country, was born in the first quarter of the 17th century. As a young man he defended Limerick against the attacks of Cromwell and Ireton; as a middle-aged man he fought for the Jacobite cause on the Continent, and in his old age he returned to Ireland and lost his life defending the city against William of Orange.

During the first siege, De Lacy, who was a Lieutenant-Colonel in Sir John Hamilton's Regiment, was totally opposed to surrender, and yet, when the city yielded, he was one of the emissaries sent out to discuss terms with Ireton. In the final terms he was one of the few denied pardon by name, but the death sentence was later remitted to exile for life. With 1,000 others he was sent by sea to Spain, but when the boat was on the high seas the exiles mutinied, took control of the ship, and landed in France. Here they joined up with the exiled King Charles of England, Charles II.

On the restoration of King Charles, Pierce de Lacy returned to Ireland, married the widow of Nicholas Comyn, Mayor of Limerick, in 1648, and recovered part of his own and his wife's estates. For a time he lived at Curragh Chase, later the home of the De Vere family, as a lessee of the Duke of York, who became James II. In 1682, he was implicated in a supposed plot to annex Ireland to France, but his reputation and service as a Royalist withstood the accusation and saved him.

When the Jacobite Wars began in Ireland, the old soldier again took up arms, and although then nearing 70, distinguished himself by putting Colonel Odell to flight near Athlaca. He commanded a battalion inside the city during the Siege of 1691 and was involved in the disastrous affair of Thomond Bridge. About 600 Irishmen, led by de Lacy, were returning from a skirmish into Clare, hotly pursued by the Williamites, when the French Governor of the city lifted the drawbridge before the Irish could get into the city. Whether this was done by accident, design or crass stupidity was never determined, but the result was that nearly all the 600 Irish soldiers were either drowned trying to get into the city or slaughtered on the bridge. Pierce de Lacy died with the rest, the true death of a soldier and a peculiarly fitting one for the last member of a family which had already achieved such fame in Ireland, and were yet to gain an even more famous name on the different battlefields of Europe.

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Death Of Mr. S. F. Nicholas

WITH very sincere regret we chronicle the demise of Mr. Stephen F. Nicholas, a highly esteemed citizen, who passed away at his residence, "Verona," O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, last evening.

The late Mr. Nicholas was a most successful business man. For many years he carried on in Roche's Street an extensive wholesale trade in tobacco, groceries, jams, fruit and other goods. By his integrity and honesty of purpose he had built up a big clientele over North Munster. Of a retiring disposition, he did not obtrude himself in the public eye, yet he was one of the best known men in the city. He was a generous benefactor of charities, especially of what might be termed private charities, and his death will be mourned by many who had in him a

TOWN TOPICS

RUMOUR BUSY.

LIMERICK is noted for its rumourmongers. It is not an enviable reputation, but as most people in Limerick, as it would seem, like to indulge in idle gossip there is little hope of eradicating the evil. During recent weeks tongues are busy and ears are red. The topic this time is the supposed sale of certain properties. Of course, there is no foundation whatever for all this blather on the part of the know-alls. Quite recently the tongue-waggers had dismissed a prominent gentleman from his position. There can be little doubt that malice and jealousy were behind this particular rumour. What of our sense of justice, not to speak of charity?



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

The annual re-union of the various Councils of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the diocese of Limerick will be held in Cruise's Hotel on Sunday afternoon, 21st inst. This function is always patronised by his Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, who takes a great interest in the charitable activities of this wonderful organisation. In the city and, indeed, throughout the diocese, the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society work quietly, unostentatiously, in relieving destitution. They bring to the homes of the needy not only material aid, but, what is far more important, spiritual consolation.



REGIONAL HOSPITAL.

Dr. James Ryan, Minister for Health, is coming to Limerick on Wednesday, 17th inst., to lay the foundation stone of the Regional Hospital. This colossal building project is now far advanced and it is a little surprising that the foundation stone ceremony was not carried out long before now. The various buildings that will ultimately constitute the Regional Hospital may now be seen in outline; as a matter of fact, the chapel is almost completed. If the present rate of progress is maintained the contractors, Messrs. Murphy Bros., Cork, should be bidding adieu to Dooradoyle in two years time. In connection with the laying of the foundation stone approximately one hundred people will be entertained at luncheon in Cruise's Hotel at 2 p.m.



HALLOWE'EN.

The Past Students' Union of St. Munchin's College are determined to keep alive and perpetuate the traditions associated with Hallowe'en. On that night, 31st inst., they are holding their first annual ball in the Stella and for the now modest charge of £1 per head persons are assured of a first-class