

have been selected for their knowledge of police duties, acquired both before and after the Truce." They wore a brown leather belt, with green armlet, bearing the letters LCP. The force was to carry on duty for a period of ten weeks. Payment was voluntary, and was to be raised by way of cess. The headquarters of the force was at the Town Hall.

70 YEARS AGO

LIMERICK POLICE FORCE

For fourteen days there had not been one policeman in the city and a public meeting of the citizens was called to organise a police force. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr P.A. O'Brien, who presided, said that if the meeting approved of the formation of it, he would guarantee to get thirty men, including officers, who would constitute a full-time police force. The cost would be about £100 per week.

Mr O'Mara said the Corporation had the sanction of both armies to the scheme for forming a civic police force.

The meeting decided that between thirty and forty men, including officers, should form the force to be controlled and directed by the Mayor and Corporation. The following were appointed to give effect to the terms of the resolution - Messrs MD Shaw, S O'Mara, GE Goodbody, J O'Connell, JH Roche, GR Egan, and Dr WA Forarty.

The force would take up duty immediately.

The new force, numbering 33, was under the control of M Costelloe, as chief. The members were described as a "smart, alert body of young men, and

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