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Limerick's new Mayor

BOURKE - OUT OF A HAT!

COUNCILLOR JACK BOURKE is the new Mayor of Limerick. In a tension-packed election at the County Courthouse to-day his name was drawn from a hat by schoolboy Dermot Morris after he and Ald. S. Coughlan (Lab.) had each received eight votes. Clr. J. Carew was not present due to illness.

The new Mayor is aged 36 and is a native of Dublin. He has been a member of Limerick City Council since June of last year. He was proposed by Clr. J. P. Liddy and seconded by Clr. P. Kiely. Ald. Coughlan, the only other candidate, was proposed by Ald. M. Lipper and seconded by Clr. F. Leddin.

The election at 12.35 ended a morning of uncertainty as each of the three political parties held last-minute meetings to determine their candidates. First man into the Council Chamber was Flanna Fail party leader, Clr. J. P. Liddy. The other members filed in minutes later and there was some delay before Clr. Bourke made his way into that he had a thorough grasp of rived at a minute to noon closely followed by a smiling Ald. Coughlan.

Tension

The tension built up as Ald. Russell made his valedictory address at the end of which he called for nominations for the post.

First on his feet was Ald. Mick Lipper, who proposed that Ald. Coughlan be elected. He spoke briefly of the great record of Ald. Coughlan to the people of Limerick for the past 20 years.

Ald. Lipper said that it was a great cause of regret to him that each year a Mayor had to be elected by ballot. He felt that the parties should come together and reach agreement as he felt that Mayoral Elections as they are at present could lead to bitterness amongst the members.

Concluding his remarks, Ald. Lipper said that "I propose that great character, Steve Coughlan, at a salary of £2,000." At this juncture there was loud applause from the gallery.

Clr. Frank Leddin formally seconded the proposition.

Newcomer

Clr. J. P. Liddy proposed Clr. Jack Bourke and said that though a comparative newcomer to public life Clr. Bourke had shown in the past twelve months that he had a thorough grasp of Local Government affairs. "It

will be said," said Clr. Liddy, "that Clr. Bourke is not a Limerick man but many other Mayors on both sides of the house in the past have not been born in Limerick." Since coming to Limerick 16 years ago, Clr. Bourke had proved himself a most successful businessman and anybody who can run his own business successfully must stand a good chance of running the affairs of the city. He went on to speak of Clr. Bourke's national background and of his work as a member of the Variety Club of Ireland.

Clr. P. Kiely said that he wished to formally second the proposition.

The voting resulted as follows:

For Bourke — Clrs. Bourke, Liddy, Bromell, Casey, Fielding, Kiely, Glasgow and Feecey (8).

For Coughlan—Ald. S. Coughlan, M. Lipper, Clrs. F. Leddin and M. Earls (Lab.), Ald. G. E. Russell, Ald. P. Kennedy and Clr. J. Carew (8).

Cheers

There was intense excitement as Law Advisor to Limerick Corporation, Mr. W. Dundon, read out the section of the Act which stated that a draw from the hat should follow a tie and that the name of the candidate taken from the hat be deemed to be the successful one.

A youth in the gallery, Dermot Morris, was called to the rostrum to draw the winning name and as Ald. Russell called "Bourke," there was loud cheering and clapping in the crowded gallery.

The new Mayor is aged 36 and a native of Dublin. His father, Mr. Lorcan Bourke, has many times been Acting Lord Mayor of Dublin. He is a grandson of

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Limerick's new Mayor, Councillor Jack Bourke.

Mayor Russell pays tribute

ALD. RUSSELL, the himself and Mrs. Russell during the year

Cement Ltd.
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walk out

So far no pickets have been placed on the factory of Cement Ltd., Castlemungret, Limerick, following an unofficial strike by

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