

FIRST HONOURS.

OUR NEW COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMEN.



**THOMAS B. MITCHELL, ESQ., J.P.,
CHAIRMAN.**

The Limerick County Council made an admirable selection in appointing Mr T B Mitchell, J.P., to the chairmanship of this important board. Mr Mitchell's candidature for the position had the cordial support of the Nationalist majority of the Council, and he polled more votes than Lord Dunraven and Lord Emly together. His conduct in the chair, and the exemplary manner in which the discussions are being conducted under his ruling, show that the confidence of the Council in his ability was not misplaced. Mr Mitchell is a representative of the Bruff Division of the County Council, to which position he was elected by a majority of two to one, the largest



ANTHONY MACKEY, ESQ., V.C.

Mr Anthony Mackey, of Castleconnell, is one of the best known men in Limerick. His National principles have been tried and found true on many an occasion, while the struggle he made on behalf of the Shannon fishermen stamped him as a man ready to defend the weak as against the oppressor. Mr Mackey came well out of a



**PATRICK O'SHAUGHNESSY, ESQ., J.P.,
PROVISIONAL CHAIRMAN.**

Mr Patrick O'Shaughnessy, J P, who, at the first meeting of the Limerick County Council, was unanimously elected temporary chairman, is the son of an old '57 man. His father took such a prominent part in the '67 movement, and came

Three new members of the newly formed Limerick County Council were profiled in the Leader on May 8, 1899. The Limerick County Council held its first meeting on April 22, 1899 in the Grand Jury rooms of the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay Limerick. It was attended by all thirty-three members of the newly elected council. Twenty-seven of these were supporters of home rule. It took the Limerick County Council two years to settle into a permanent home at 82 O'Connell Street. They would expand into the adjoining building over the following six decades. In 2003 the Limerick County Council moved to a purpose built base in Dooradoyle. Finally in 2014, the Limerick City and County Councils merged.