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LIMERICK'S FIRST CABINET MINISTER

Mr. Keyes To Be Welcomed This Evening

PUBLIC RECEPTION ARRANGED

Deputy M. J. Keyes, the newly-appointed Minister for Local Government, took up his duties yesterday morning at the Custom House, Dublin.

He was accompanied by the Taoiseach and Commandant Byrne A.D.C.

The Minister was welcomed on arrival by the Secretary of the Department, Mr. J. Garvin, and the Assistant Secretary, Mr. P. J. Daly.

Subsequently, the Taoiseach and the Minister made a tour of the Department offices, and Mr. Keyes was introduced to the principal officers.

ARRIVAL IN LIMERICK THIS EVENING

Mr. Keyes will arrive home in Limerick this evening. Travelling by car, he will reach the City Boundary at Pennywell at 7 o'clock. He will be met there by members of the Corporation and other local bodies and conveyed by a procession to Bank Place, where he will be formally welcomed and where he will address the gathering from a platform. Several bands will be in attendance.

TRADES COUNCIL TRIBUTES

The usual monthly meeting of Limerick Trades and Labour Council was held at the Mechanics' Institute, Pery Square, on Thursday, 12th inst., Mr. Synan O'Mahony (President) in the chair.

Opening the meeting, the chairman said his first pleasant duty was to congratulate Deputy Michael Keyes, Vice-President of the Council, on his appointment as Minister for Local Government. He paid a glowing tribute to Deputy Keyes for his work in the interest of Trades Unionism as a Deputy, City Councillor and Vice-President of the Trades Council.

BUILDING TRADES OPERATIVES.

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—At a meeting of Limerick Branch of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives held on the 11th inst., at the Mechanic's Institute, Mr. Patrick Walsh presiding, I was directed to extend the most cordial and heartfelt congratulations to our respected citizen, Mr. Michael Keyes, T.D., on his meritorious appointment as Minister for Local Government. As citizens we rejoice, for the occasion is unique, as the dignity is the first to be conferred on a Limerick T.D. I think we cannot do better than sum up our felicitations by wishing that his term of office be a long one, with all health and happiness and crowned with success.—Signed: D. Sheahan, Branch Secretary.

MECHANICS INSTITUTE.

At a meeting of the Delegate Board of the Mechanics Institute, held last night, Mr. J. McNamara, President, in the chair, a resolution was unanimously adopted congratulating Mr. Keyes on his appointment as Minister, and wishing him every success in his new office.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At a specially convened meeting of the Directors of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce to-day, a unanimous expression of congratulation was extended to Deputy Michael Keyes on his recent appointment as Minister for Local Government.

The President, Mr. G. E. Russell, was unavoidably absent, being out of town.

TRIBUTES AT HARBOUR BOARD

At a special meeting of the Harbour Board to-day tributes were paid to the new Minister for Local Government.

Mr. M. W. McGuire, B.C., Chairman, who presided, said that he had called the meeting at short notice to give the members an opportunity of extending congratulations to their colleague, Deputy Michael Keyes, on his appointment as Minister for Local Government. Mr. Keyes was, he said, an outstanding citizen, who always gave of his best to his native city. The people were delighted at his appointment, which was richly deserved. The long tradition of Limerick's exclusion from Ministerial rank was now broken happily in the elevation of their colleague who would, while exercising an over all view, ever keep the interests of his native city in the foreground. While Mr. Keyes represented Labour directly, he had given many proofs of his concern and anxiety to promote the public weal generally, and in him the country would have an excellent Minister for Local Government.

A WORTHY MINISTER OF STATE

Mr. T. J. Loughrey said that Mr. Keyes was a worthy citizen, and a worthy Minister of State.

Mr. J. C. Hickey said that he was associated with Mr. Keyes for 22 years in public life, and he had no doubt that the new Minister would fill his exalted office with dignity and ability.

Mr. P. E. O'Malley said that Mr. Keyes's appointment had given the greatest pleasure to all sections of the citizens.

Ald. J. Carew said that it was largely due to Deputy Keyes's sound judgment and wise leadership that they were enjoying industrial peace in the city.

Mr. P. Whelan, B.C., said that Deputy Keyes commanded the respect of all men because of his public spirit.

Mr. M. Sheahan said that Deputy Keyes was worthy of any tribute that could be paid him, not only for his great personal qualities but for his public services over many years.

Mr. A. O'Dwyer said that as school companion of Deputy Keyes at the Christian Brothers school...



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He said that the appointment of Deputy Keyes was a unique honour for the city and more especially for the Trades Council, and prayed God that he might be long spared as Minister to carry out his arduous duties.

Mr. Harry Carr, I.E.I.U., said that as an old Trades Unionist and colleague of Deputy Keyes, he also wished heartily to congratulate him on his appointment, but he was so overjoyed that words failed him.

SIGNAL HONOUR TO LIMERICK

Mr. Sean Walshe, Chairman, Limerick City Branch I.N.T.O., wished to join with the previous speakers in congratulating the Deputy. He said that Deputy Keyes had brought signal honour to Limerick City and County, but that it was an honour long over due, and he felt that the Deputy would fill his new position with distinction to himself and benefit to his country.

Mr. Coffey, I.L.G.O.W., concurred in the remarks of the previous speakers and on behalf of his Union, he assured Deputy Keyes of their fullest co-operation. Messrs. Flynn, S.E.D.U.; Sparling, M.W.U.; McMahon, I.V.G.W.T.U.; Key, R.C.A.; Mrs. Ryan-Burns, M., also wished to be associated with the tributes and votes of congratulation to Deputy Keyes.

Micheal O Maolcathaig, I.V.G.W.T.U., Secretary of the Trades Council, said that as a worker of the Deputy in the way, he felt it a special honour. He said that Deputy Keyes had elevated the Limerick Ministry.