

TICE TO ADVERTISERS

In consequence of the earlier departure of the evening trains from Limerick, and curtailment of the hour for posting to L.M. at the General Post Office, it has been found necessary to issue the editions of the Chronicle at an earlier hour than hitherto.

LIMERICK CHRONICLE

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THE HOUSING QUESTION.

Anticipation of the introduction of the Housing Bill in the House of Commons the Local Government Board has issued an important circular letter to all Urban District Councils and Commissioners setting forth the terms of financial assistance to be given by the Government in connection with proposed schemes for the housing of the working class. It is declared that the full cost of the work, in the first instance, be met by a loan or loans raised by the local authority. While the Treasury are prepared to make loans from the Local Loans Commission here this is necessary, it is essential regard to the heavy claims on that behalf wherever possible, and in particular the case of large authorities, loans be raised by the authorities themselves in the open market. There thus remains the crux to which attention is drawn from the Irish Municipal Association the Chief Secretary's attention in February, and at that time pointed out the great difficulty of undertaking housing schemes if loans have to be raised in the open market. They made a very strong case for generous loans direct from the Treasury, but Mr Macpherson stated that his negotiations had gone on and the Treasury could not grant such loans. He, however, promised to again take up the subject, and it appears to be that the attitude of the Government is less liberal to-day than it was a couple of years ago. A great deal must, of course, depend on the significance attached to the phrase in the Government Board's circular, "wherever possible," in relation to the raising of loans by local authorities in the open market. Mr Macpherson, at the interview we have referred to, suggested that the question could be negotiated with the Treasury. The deputation were undoubtedly of that opinion, and their views are fully endorsed by the replies from the various Irish banks which have since been received by the Housing Committee of the Corporation, and published two weeks ago. Some of the banks say that they will not make loans for housing. Others refuse a definite answer until the Government proposals assume concrete form. If the proposals are pushed further, the obvious fact is that very large sums will be required from the banks in connection with the extension of trade and industry. A great deal must, therefore, be done by the Government, and the attitude of the Government, in a full and comprehensive statement, doubtless, be forthcoming in due time. It is evident that the Government have no burning desire to act on Mr Macpherson's suggestion. Be that as it may, it is to be asked to give effect to the suggestion as to a "reasonable rent." To the local authority is to be no loss incurred on an approved scheme within a maximum of £1 for £1 actually collected each year from the owners of the houses. The amount of the rent will be re-considered at the end of a year, when it will be open to the Government Board to reduce it if they consider that there is a possibility of the local authority increasing the rent. The circular adds that the local authority should be satisfied in these ways "will not be able to participate in the distribution of the Fund provided by the Government."

LIMERICK QUARTER SESSIONS

His Honor County Court Judge Law Smith concluded the business of the Limerick Quarter Sessions to day.

APPEAL FROM LICENCE DUTY. Michael Lewis appealed from a licence duty of 20s fixed by the Limerick Board of Fishery Conservators, at their January meeting, on long lines for eel-fishing in the Shannon district.

The Clerk of the Crown and Peace said that on the second day of the sessions the case was adjourned.

His Honor—On condition that the expenses of the witnesses be paid by the respondent. Is there any appearance for the Conservators?

Mr P Kelly (instructed by Mr P E O'Donnell), said there was not. Mr M Shannon, Solicitor for the Conservators, had written Mr O'Donnell to the effect that they did not intend appearing before his Honor, owing to the fact that there was already an appeal of a similar character pending before the Judge of Assize, and would be heard at the next Assize Commission.

His Honor—There being no appearance for the Fishery Conservators I will allow the appeal.

Mr Kelly asked for expenses. He had four witnesses, including Mr George Hurley, a Fishery Conservator, who received no notice of the meeting at which the licence duty was fixed.

His Honor allowed the appeal with £6 expenses. A PUBLICAN'S ACTION.

John Cregg, publican, Croom, brought an action against the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to recover £14 7s 6d damages for the pilage of stout consigned from Messrs Arthur Guinness and Sons, Dublin, in 1918 to the plaintiff.

Mr E Leahy, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr J Dodds, solicitor, for the defendants.

Mr Leahy said he had a list of the various dates upon which stout was short in the casks sent by Messrs Guinness and Sons to the plaintiff.

Mr Dodds—We admit that pilage was committed, and it is only a question of the loss sustained by the plaintiff.

The plaintiff, in his evidence, stated he was a publican, living in Croom, and for the past thirteen years he received his supplies of stout direct from Messrs Guinness and Sons, Dublin. From April of last year he considered it necessary to take the measurements of the contents of the casks of stout consigned to him. From the measurements taken he had calculated a loss of thirty-eight gallons and three pints since the 16th April, 1918, in the deliveries made to him.

Mr Leahy—What did you pay per kiln for the porter?

The Plaintiff—£2 11s 9d, delivered at Croom station.

Mr Leahy—And there are sixteen gallons in a kiln. It works out as a fraction under fivepence per pint.

His Honor—What is the retail price?

Mr Leahy (to the plaintiff)—Does that work out at a loss of £14 7s 6d, including the loss of time employed in taking these measurements?—Yes.

His Honor—How much do you claim for the loss of your time?—£1.

Mr Dodds—The first claim you made, on the 11th February, was for £12 10s?—Yes.

And in that you put down 2s 6d for loss of time in measuring the contents of each kiln?—In some cases.

You say that in July last you paid fifteen pence for measuring?—That is a mistake. It should be 5s.

You want to charge 2s 6d for every time you measure a cask of stout?—Not for every time.

Did you inform the Railway Company that twelve and a half gallons of stout cost you at the rate of 2s 11d a gallon, and twenty-five gallons at the rate of 3s 2d a gallon?—I could not tell you.

Will you show me your invoices?—No. What have they to do with the case?

His Honor—They have, because I must know what you paid.

The plaintiff—I paid at the rate of £2 11s 9d a kiln for it.

Mr Dodds—Was that in 1918?—Yes.

Do you know what £2 11s 9d a kiln works out at?—No.

Well at a little over 3s a gallon. What did the Railway Company offer you per gallon for the stout you lost?—I don't remember.

Did they offer you 4s?—Yes.

But you want 150 per cent profit?—Call it what you like.

You have heard of charges of profiteering?—Yes.

And is not this profiteering on your part?—The price of stout was nine pence and a shilling a pint at this time. I varied the price, but some publicans would not give a pint for a shilling. They charge sevenpence a medium and bottle, which works at 1s 2d per pint.

Mr Dodds—We offered the plaintiff 4s a gallon, which works out at a profit of 27 per cent, which we consider a reasonable profit, but he wants 150 per cent profit.

His Honor—This is not a case of profit. It is a case of larceny, and I will give a decree for £14 7s 6d, with 7s 6d expenses.

CREAMERY RULES.

Effect of House of Lords' Decision.

County Court Judge Drumgoole, at Tralee Quarter Sessions, gave his decision in the case of the Ballinasorens Co-operative Creamery, Ltd, against Michael Walsh, Clashmeeloon, Causeway, which had been standing over for some time. The claim was for £20 "part of a larger sum of £420 payable by defendant to the plaintiffs as liquidated damages, for that the defendant, being a member and shareholder in the plaintiffs' society or company, and the owner of the premises, had failed to comply with the rules of the society."

FUNERAL OF THE ARCH-DEACON OF LIMERICK

Yesterday the remains of the late Ven. Joseph Vance, M.A., Archdeacon of Limerick and Incumbent of the united Parishes of Newcastle, Athas, and Rathronan, whose death took place on Sunday night, were interred in Rathronan Cemetery. The deceased clergyman, whose ministerial career was entirely spent in West Limerick since his ordination in 1868, was highly popular with all creeds and classes. This was demonstrated at the funeral which was representative of the people of the district without distinction, and emphasized the esteem and respect in which the gentleman was held through life. It was more, it was a fitting tribute to one who was beloved by the people amongst whom he resided, and who were present to show their sympathy with his family in the bereavement they have suffered. At half-past one the coffin, which was covered with beautiful floral tributes, was removed from Rathronan Rectory to the church, a short distance away, on the shoulders of residents of the locality. Preceding the coffin walked the Bishop, Right Rev Dr Orpen, the Very Rev the Dean of Limerick, and Rev Canon McLean, Rathkeale, the officiating clergy. On arriving at the Church, the remains were taken into the sacred edifice, where an impressive service was held. Canon McLean opened the Service with the reading of the 19th Psalm, after which the Dean read the Lesson.

This concluded the service in the Church, and before the remains were removed the Bishop delivered a short address. His lordship said before they proceeded to the graveside he desired to say a few words regarding their dear departed brother. Perhaps there were few in the Church that had a better right to speak than he had of the late Archdeacon. He had, perhaps, known him longer than anyone present. When his lordship was in that parish something like fifty years ago he was immediately succeeded by Archdeacon Vance, who was in charge of it ever since. During all these years that had passed he had constantly come in contact with him, and knowing him as he did, he could scarcely trust himself to speak as to how he felt his loss. He was one that would be sorely missed by the people amongst whom he ministered for so many years. He was a kind-hearted and sympathetic man, and did everything he possibly could to help and assist those who needed him. By these he would be missed very much. He would also be missed from the councils of the Church and from the Committee of the Protestant Orphan Society, in which he took a deep interest, because he made the cause of the orphans his own, and tried to benefit them every way he could. In the Diocesan Synod he would also be missed; he was a wise counsellor, and did all that was possible for him to do for the glory of God and the Church. But by none would his presence be missed more than by his own family. Now was not the time nor that the place to draw the curtain aside and peer into the family circle, where his loss was mourned more than any other place. All they could do was to pray that God might strengthen his family in the hour of their trouble, bitter though it be, and help them to bow to the Divine will. Here on earth he was happy, but he was happier still in union with God, whose summons he was ever ready to obey.

The remains were then borne out from the church, and after the committal services, which were read by the Bishop, were deposited in the grave at the eastern side of the sacred edifice.

The chief mourners were:—Miss Vance, Miss B Vance, Miss A Vance, Mrs Andrews (daughters), and Mr P L K Dobbyn, County Surveyor, Clare (son-in-law).

Mr T R Griffin (son-in-law) regretted he was unable to attend the funeral; also Mr Dermot O'Brien, D.L., Cahermoyle.

The clergy present were—The Bishop (Right Rev Dr Orpen), the Very Rev the Dean of Limerick, Rev Chancellor Waller, Rev Canon McLean, Rathkeale; Rev Canon Swain, St Michael's, Limerick; Rev Canon Abbott, Askeaton; Rev H A H Orpen, Adare; Rev T Clarke, Killooran; Rev A E Hewetson, St Mary's, Limerick; Rev W de Massy, Broadford, and Rev F W Lite, Nan'enan.

The general public included—R Copley Langford, J.P.; R O Grady, Captain R Curling, J.P.; H Sullivan, J.P.; Carraghmore; R Cussen, solicitor, Newcastle; R K Sheehy, Dr J B Hayes, Rathkeale; J P Lavar, solicitor, Newcastle; M O'Shaughnessy, J.P., do; J McMahon, James Brouder, Lieutenant A Hayes, Maurice Curtin, R Nash-Griffin, Manager Provincial Bank, Newcastle; District Inspector O'Callaghan, Capt Wynne, R W F; P O'Donovan, P Condon, J.P.; G W Upton, C Hogan, J Mullins, M Golding, C O'Sullivan, D Drew, D C; M Hogan, T Mullins, J Barry, J Barrett, J Hogan, W Haugh, C Magner, W Nash, M Murphy, Newcastle; J Gleeson, J Riordan, J Flynn, J Moleahy, P Moleahy, R Miller, P Bridgeman, J Hogan, J Aherne, P Magner, Sergeant O'Sullivan, E Thompson, J Magner, M Murphy, J Daly, M Drew, J Fitzgerald, J Johnson, Rathkeale; D Mullins, etc.

The tolling of the bells was as follows:—"In loving memory, from Bess, Amy, and Apha"; "In loving memory, from Nannie and Hugh"; "With deepest sympathy, from Canon and Mrs McLean"; "With love and deep sympathy from his old friends at Rath-fredagh"; "With sincere sympathy, from Mrs T C Langford"; "With deep regret, from Mr and Mrs Dermot O'Brien"; "With deep sympathy, from Mr and Mrs J Gleeson and family, Athas"; "In sorrowing memory and deepest sympathy, from General and Mrs Lloyd, Beechmount, Rathkeale."

LIMERICK BOARD OF GUARDIANS

Election of Dispensary Doctor.

Mr Joseph Keane, chairman, presided at yesterday's meeting of Limerick Board of Guardians. The names of the Guardians present are in the division list.

DR KING'S CLAIM. A letter was read from the Local Government Board in reference to the claim of Dr H A King for remuneration while acting as temporary dispensary medical officer. The Board desired to call attention to the Guardians minute of the 4th December last fixing the remuneration of Dr King as temporary medical officer at four guineas per week, and to the Board's sanction of the matter.

Mr P Bourke said Dr King when called on to act was appointed at a salary of two guineas per day while acting as temporary medical officer and during the influenza epidemic. The Guardians did not ask for anything, as they had already appointed him at two guineas per day.

In answer to the Chairman, Mr Ryan, Clerk, said the claim by Dr King was for extra payment while acting as dispensary medical officer, at two guineas per day.

Mr P Bourke remarked that Dr King was specially brought over from Wales, and actually put into office by the Local Government Board Inspector as temporary medical officer, and he did not understand there was any resolution of the Guardians that he should be remunerated at the four guineas a week rate.

Mr Lynch said there was such a resolution. Eventually, after some discussion, it was decided that Mr P Bourke should draw up a resolution setting forth all the facts for the information of the Local Government Board.

INCREASE OF SALARY TO DISTRICT NURSES. On the proposition of Mr P Bourke, a resolution rescinding a resolution granting the district nurses an increase in their salaries was defeated by fifteen votes to nine.

STANDARD WAGES. On the motion of Mr J Molnerney, seconded by Mr J Canty, the Board unanimously agreed that members of the building trades employed at the union should be remunerated at standard wages rate.

ELECTION OF DISPENSARY MEDICAL OFFICER. The question of appointing a dispensary medical officer for Limerick No. 2 Urban District was next taken up.

The Clerk said there were two candidates for the position—Doctor Michael S McGrath, City Medical Officer of Health, and Doctor J G Holmes, Medical Officer, Barrington's Hospital.

Mr James Keane, seconded by Mr M O'Neill, proposed the election of Dr Holmes.

Mr D O'Brien proposed the appointment of Dr McGrath whom, he said, he proposed three years ago, and if elected would continue to do his duty to the ratepayers, and especially to the poor.

Mr T Humphries seconded the proposition. Mr Brennan said that on the last occasion he made a statement with regard to Dr McGrath of bringing Dr Irwin to the goal over the forcible feeding of a political prisoner. Did he still deny the charge?

Several Guardians expressed themselves to the effect that the question had nothing to say to the election.

The Chairman asked if Dr McGrath was present. Dr McGrath—I am, sir.

Mr Brennan—My reputation is at stake, and I ask the question.

The Chairman—Now, Dr McGrath.

Dr McGrath—Of course I knew about it. I was standing by.

Mr Brennan—Standing by. He would prove that he gagged the Clare prisoner's mouth, and held him there while Dr Irwin forcibly fed him.

Mr J Ledden said that two of the most eminent medical men in Ireland had given as their opinion that forcible feeding was dangerous to life, and Dr McGrath could have claimed his prerogative on that account. The Party with which he (Mr Ledden) was connected were looked on at first as freaks and madmen, but they stood for their position in the world's history, and now were out for their just rights to be free the same as other small nationalities. He could understand an Englishman or a man trained up in English ideals, to have consideration for them in such cases, but it was an intolerable state of things, being Irishmen, as they were, fighting to be a free nation, to have one of their people treated as stated.

At the request of Mr Brennan, the meeting decided to hear Mr J Connell, Kilmish, the prisoner alleged to have been forcibly fed.

Mr Connell then detailed how he was forcibly fed while he was in the Limerick prison for some days previous to his transfer to the County Infirmary. He was forcibly fed by Dr Irwin, and Dr McGrath used the gag on him.

Dr McGrath remarked that if they saw the operation of forcible feeding it would not at all produce any nervous effect.

The Chairman said the election would show what the effect was on the result.

After some further discussion the division was called, and there voted—

For Doctor Holmes—J P Lynch, J Reidy, J McInerney, P Bourke, J Ledden, J Canty, P O'Rielly, J Thompson, E Frost, J Moloney, P Walsh, M Hayes, J Laffan, M O'Neill, P Byrne, M Barry, G Gleeson, P Moleahy, J McNamara, Thos Dundon, Jas Keane, C Holmes, H Stevens, J O'Halloran, J Moroney, M Hanan, M Fitzgerald, M Egan, G Frost, Thos Hogan, A Brennan, M Collins, Jas Dundon, T Goonan, John Vane, John Kennedy, John McNamara, L Mean, M Crowe, C Hayes, Joseph Keane, P Mulready, etc.

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