

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL.

Mr B Laffan, Chairman, presided at an adjourned meeting of the Limerick County Council to-day. There were also present—Messrs P J Clery, J Tobin, A Mackey, D Naughton, T McCann, J D O'Dwyer, J Blackwell, W Wall, D O'K Nunan, M Cahill, J Clifford, J Soanlan, P Ryan, and D Hennessy.

The officials in attendance were—Messrs M Fitzgerald, Assistant Secretary; R Davison and T F Ryan, Co Surveyors, and P J O'Sullivan, Co Solicitor.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, CORK.

Pursuant to notice, the Chairman proposed that the Rev M Hayes, C.C, Newcastle West, be nominated for election by the Council as its representative on the Governing Body of the University College, Cork, under the provisions of the Charter of that College.

Mr Clifford seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

COUNTY PRINTING CONTRACT.

The Proposals Committee recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs McKern and Sons, for the stationery and printing contract for one year.

Messrs O'Connor and Co, Limerick, and A Thom and Co, Dublin, also tendered.

The Council adopted the recommendation of the Proposals Committee.

ELECTION OF RATE COLLECTOR.

Relative to the appointment of Mr M Cremin as rate collector for Kilmallock No 5 Collection Area, the Assistant Secretary said he had written to the Ministry for Local Government on the subject of withholding sanction to Mr Cremin's appointment, and was awaiting a reply to that letter.

It was stated that Mr Cremin had declined to accept the position, and no action was taken with a view to filling the vacancy, pending a reply from the Ministry of Local Government.

COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL.

On the proposition of Mr Tobin, seconded by Mr P Ryan, Mr M Ryan was unanimously re-appointed as the Council's representative on the County Councils General Council.

MUNSTER FAIRS.

A resolution was read from the County Limerick Farmers' Association asking the Council to increase the number of fairs at the Munster Fair Green to fortnightly instead of monthly fairs.

Mr Clifford considered that there was a necessity for fortnightly fairs, and he suggested that the resolution be adopted.

The Chairman thought the question should be adjourned until the Council had the opinion of the public generally on the feasibility or otherwise of increasing the number of fairs.

The Council fell in with the Chairman's suggestion, and the matter was adjourned to an indefinite date.

DIRECT LABOUR.

The Assistant Secretary read letters from the Granagh, Shanagolden, and Abbeyfeale branches of the Transport Workers' Union protesting against the scheme of direct labour formulated for the maintenance of the county roads.

THE CHURCH.

Sunday Services.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL—Sunday after Christmas—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Matins, 11 a.m.:—Holy Communion 12 15; Processional Hymn, 84; Benedictus, Barnby in D; Litany, Barnby; Kyrie, Credo, Tours in F; Carol XIII; Preacher, the Dean; Hymn No. 501; Evensong, 3.30:—Psalm 141, Hopkins (D), Psalm 150, Humphreys; Service, Garrett in D; Anthem, "From Thy love as a Father" (Gounod); Hymns, 30, 94; Preacher, the Dean. Out-Voluntary—1st Movement Concerto (Handel). Note:—There will be a Celebration of Holy Communion on Monday, 1st January, the Feast of the Circumcision, also on Saturday, 6th January, the Feast of the Epiphany, at 11 a.m.

St. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.—1st Sunday after Christmas.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR GEORGE CLANCY,

Mayor of Limerick.

A committee of his friends formed about a year ago to erect a memorial to the memory of Mr George Clancy, murdered in March, 1921, has just completed its labours. The memorial has taken the form of a very fine pulpit in stone and marble, in St. Marzolin's new church at Thomondgate, and a marble tablet.

The pulpit is an octagon of four large and four small sides. One of the four large sides forms the entrance, and is approached by five steps hewn out of one block of stone with balustrade on either side in form of arcades, with twelve polished Middleton red marble pillars and Sicilian marble handrails. The other three large sides contain groups:—(1) Columcille bidding farewell to Ireland—indicating love of country; (2) Christ with the children—suggesting love of children; (3) Bridget instructing her nuns—recalling the late Mayor's excellence as a teacher and his love of learning. The four smaller sides are furnished with statues of Saints Patrick, Ita, and Mudehin, and Blessed Oliver Plunkett. Each statue and group is framed by columns, jambs, and arches, the fourteen shafts being of polished green Galway marble, and the capitals, arches, etc., are carved in Celtic design. From the massive carved cornice to the platform are eight columns of polished red marble with moulded bases and richly carved capitals, one at each angle of the body. The platform is in one piece of stone beautifully moulded and carved, and is further enriched with seven panels of pure white marble with distinctive Irish interlaced designs, and the inscription:—

"Oráit ar Anamainn Seoirse mic Flannoda" (Pray for the Soul of George Clancy).

The platform rests on five pillars, of which the shafts are polished marble—that in the centre of Galway green, the other four of Middleton red—and the capitals are carved with suitable foliage.

The memorial tablet set in the nave near the pulpit measures 4ft 6in by 3ft, and is of two pieces—a wall plate of solid black marble and inscription block of finest statuary white marble. The inscription reads:—

"Oráit ar Anamainn Seoirse mic Flannoda, Méiré Catrao Luimnige, do d'ímarbuigead an seachtmá de Márta, 1921. Amais de corcúin Sasana do deain seall. Is le n-a feabsa d'Éirinn agus le báil le féin do cuir a cáirde an crannóg agus an leao so lais.

(Pray for the soul of George Clancy, Mayor of Limerick, who was foully assassinated on 7th March, 1921, by emissaries of the British Government. His friends have erected this pulpit and tablet as a mark of their affection, and to commemorate his deep love for Ireland).

The inscription is surrounded by panelling of Celtic interlacing which forms a cross at the top and an Irish design at three corners. In the fourth corner is placed the Arms of Limerick in proper colours worked in brass and real enamel. Pulpit and tablet are in keeping with the Romanesque style of the Church. The Celtic interlaced work and other designs blend with that style of architecture and already appear in other ornamental work in the Church.

A NEW ERA.

Baron Shaughnessy and Ireland.

The following report was issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Irish Free State yesterday:—

On Christmas Day the following message addressed to President Cosgrave by Baron Shaughnessy, Montreal, was received by the President:—

With Government now firmly established Heaven bless your efforts for peace and the consequent happiness and prosperity of the Free State in the New Year,

SHAUGHNESSY.

The following reply was sent by President

STOP PRESS NEWS

RAILWAYS SITUATION.

Strike Averted

Through Government Intervention

The Irish railway situation entered upon a phase yesterday.

All dangers of a strike on the lines about New Year have been averted by the Government says the "Freeman."

Yesterday afternoon it was announced that Government will not allow a strike. On the lines the Government would guarantee working expenses and the Companies would retain control but it was said that the G.S and W.Rail would come under the Government control to the heavy losses which the Company incurred in maintaining their traffic in face almost insuperable difficulties. The small radiating from Cork and in other areas will come under Government control. The Companies were also urged to devise grouping scheme for the transport service of the Free State, akin to those prevailing in England.

A cut of 2s instead of 3s 6d in wages has, stated, been rejected by the men's representatives.

TAKEN OUT AND SHOT.

Co Dublin Tragedy.

Francis Lalor, a young man of about 30 years of age, who resided at 3 Rugby Road, Ranelagh, Dublin, was found dead early yesterday morning in Lambert's lane, off Churotown road, a town, Co Dublin, with four bullets in his back. At what hour he was shot nobody in the district appears to know, but it is stated that last Thursday evening three armed men called at residence and took him away in a motor car.

TWO MORE EXECUTIONS.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The following official report was issued night from the National Army Headquarters Dublin:—

"John Phelan, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny and John Murphy, Bishopsclough, Co. Kilkenny, arrested on 13th December, 1922, at Bishopsclough Co. Kilkenny, were charged with being in possession, without proper authority, of arms and ammunition; and, further, with being concerned in a raid on Sheestown House, when property the value of £189 was taken.

"The accused were found guilty of being charged, and were sentenced to death.

"The executions were carried out this morning at 8 o'clock."

LORD CLARINA.