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WATERFORD COUNTY BOARD CONVENTION.

The above was held in Dungarvan on Sunday last. Mr. D. Fraher, chairman, presided. Delegates from all the clubs in the County were present. Mr. P. Whelan, Secretary, was also in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary reported as follows on the working of the Board for the past year—Fifty-seven teams entered for the championships, not including minor teams—an increase of eight on the previous year, viz.—Eight senior football teams, eight senior hurling, twenty-two junior football, and nineteen junior hurling teams. The senior football championship was won by Erin's Own, the junior football by Brickey Rangers, and the junior hurling by Dungarvan. The junior hurling, like the senior football, cannot be considered satisfactory, as it was necessary, owing to Eastern Championship not being finished, to nominate a team to contest the final against Dungarvan. A repetition of this should be avoided, the nominating teams being bound to give rise to dissatisfaction, and the powers of East Divisional Committee in this respect should be defined. Minor championships in hurling and football were added to the Board's programme. The hurling was won by Emurghins and the football competition is not yet finished as it is difficult to get young players to travel during the winter months. It is hoped to have the remaining rounds decided early this year. The Board may, however, consider those competitions a success, and they undoubtedly serve the purpose for which they were started. In the inter-county ties our teams were not as successful as I would wish them to be. At the same time they acquitted themselves fairly creditably, and were fit for a breakdown in conveying our junior hurling and senior football teams to Ennis, we might have done much better. It is to be hoped that we will profit by this failure and be guided in future when making arrangements for the travelling of teams. As a result of this breakdown we were forced to give a "walk-over" to Clare in junior hurling, and our senior football team was also considerably weakened. In spite of this they gave a good display of football, but were beaten after a hard game. In the senior hurling our team gave a first-rate display, being beaten only in the last few minutes of a first-class game. The subsequent close matches given by Clare in the Munster finals against Kerry in football and Cork in hurling should encourage our teams in the coming year's championships. In junior football we were beaten in a replay after a very even game. The system of selection of inter-county teams adopted during the year was, in the whole, I think, successful. Whatever system is adopted will be fruitless if the cooperation of all clubs and players is not given, being, in my experience that outside the club directly interested, the others do not show the enthusiasm or give the help necessary for the fielding of a team fit to compete with other counties. As will be seen from balance sheet, we have reduced last year's debit balance by £2 11s. 3d., which is very satisfactory considering the bad weather that prevailed during the past season. The following table will be of interest to delegates and helpful when considering our resources and expenses:

Table with columns for 1926 and 1927, listing Gross receipts, Gross expenditure, Gate receipts, Referees' expenses, Expenses, Munster Council meetings, Matches played, Clubs, Teams, and Grants to Clubs.

The amount paid in injury claims during the year may appear high, but I would point out that eleven claims amounting to £21 14s. were from last year's workings. Grants to clubs are also more than previous year. There is, however, a big saving on expenses paid to our Munster Council representatives and on several other items. I had expected that the number of sets of medals due would be reduced to four and thereby bring our liabilities on this item up to date this year. Unfortunately those four sets, though in order, are not yet delivered, but I expect to be able to present them to the teams entitled at an early date. The Board can then proceed with the procuring of the other sets due. Before concluding I would respectfully make the following suggestions to the committee:

- 1.—That the championships be started earlier than usual in order to help the selectors of inter-county teams and to avoid playing finals too late in the year.
2.—That a small fee be charged for permits and transfers.
3.—That all clubs, before selecting colours and purchasing jerseys, communicate with Secretary of Board giving the colours of club, so as to avoid getting colours already registered by another club.
In conclusion, I may say that the committee can look back on a most successful year. I congratulate the winners of the different championships and hope they will be successful in putting forward worthy representatives in the coming inter-county ties. I beg to thank all the clubs for the manner in which they co-operated with me in my endeavour to administer the

affairs of the Board. At the same time I know we can do better, and it is the duty of club officers to see that their clubs are properly organized, and above all illegalities, as when we have good clubs we will have a better Board, worthy of being part of the Gaelic Athletic Association.

BALANCE SHEET. The Eastern Board's balance sheet was first considered and after the Secretary of that Board had explained a few items, the balance sheet was adopted.

The County Board Balance Sheet was then put before the meeting and a short discussion took place. The Secretary's Report and the Balance Sheet was then adopted. The sum of £2 11s. 3d. was the credit balance for the year and this was considered satisfactory by the Convention.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Mr. D. Fraher was re-elected unopposed as Chairman of the Board. Mr. P. Whelan was also returned unopposed as Secretary. For the treasurership, Messrs. F. Drohan, M. Creagh and L. Condon were nominated.

A letter was read from Mr. L. Condon stating that he was not going forward. A vote was then taken on the remaining two. The vote resulted in the re-election of Mr. Drohan by 37 votes to 31.

The parties elected thanked the delegates for the honour they had given them. Messrs. P. Whelan and Wm. Walsh were appointed as representatives on the Munster Council. Messrs. E. Spratt, M. Connors, J. Murphy and A. Madders were appointed as delegates to the All-Ireland Congress.

It was decided to nominate the outgoing officers of the Central Council for the positions again. They were—Messrs. F. McGrath, Sean Murphy and D. Fitzgerald.

Messrs. P. O'Donnell, J. Ross, M. Creagh and Phil O'Neill were elected as delegates on the Munster Convention to be held at Killarney.

HANDBALL. Mr. J. Flavin, Waterford, and Mr. Kelly, Kilmogin, attended the meeting in connection with the furtherance of handball in the County. Mr. Flavin, during a statement, said that in all inter-county games Waterford and Kilmogin met to see which side would represent the county. This year Waterford had the representation and considering the circumstances which they laboured under in this county, they had done splendid work. He asked the Board to put the game on a solid basis in the county.

Chairman—I would suggest that the County Board be formed by those interested in the East and another by those interested in the West, then the divisional championships could be played and the winners of each division meet in the final.

Mr. O'Neill—Handball has been a great source of trouble for some time. In Waterford there are some excellent handballers, but they do not recognise the G.A.A. If they were interested in the G.A.A. why didn't they attend the meetings?

Mr. Hearne—They were not invited. Mr. O'Neill—Handball Clubs should be under the G.A.A., and unless they are willing to come under that heading they should be ignored. They should be affiliated to the County Board.

Mr. Flavin—What about a Handball County Board? Mr. O'Neill—Yes if it is part of the G.A.A. One handballer in Waterford plays Soccer and that is not right.

Mr. Flavin—He has been re-instated by the Munster Handball Association some two years ago. Mr. O'Neill—They were acting illegally in doing so.

Mr. Walsh—This discussion is out of order. We are not discussing the illegality of handball players. Chairman—Handball is an old Irish game and we should do all in our power to help it, but of course it must be under the G.A.A. Rules. My suggestion of forming County Boards would do a great deal towards promoting the game.

Mr. O'Neill—I propose that each handball club pay an affiliation fee of 5s. to the County Board, G.A.A. Mr. Madders—How the Munster Council re-instated the Waterford player who was playing soccer, I do not know, or is that Association a humbug. Mr. Gleeson, who is Secretary of the Association is an old hurler and why he should reinstate a man without permission from this County Board I do not know.

Secretary—The whole trouble is that the handballers and the County Board are not in touch with one another. Mr. Creagh—If the handballers wish to go ahead they should be invited to the meetings of the County Board, and then we could see if they were willing to keep in touch with the G.A.A. After further discussion a committee of three were formed to meet representatives from the handball clubs with a view to coming to a working arrangement.

The following motions from the Ferrybank Club were considered, viz.— (1) That County Finals be finished by the second Sunday in October. Passed unanimously. (2) That there be no division in Senior Hurling Ties for the County. Mr. Heffernan in support of this motion said that the present arrangement of a division did not give the teams a chance of knowing one another, and this was a drawback to the selection of an inter-county team.

Mr. Ormond (Lismore) stated that if there was no division it would mean more expense on the clubs and they could not afford that. A show of hands was taken on the matter and the motion was defeated.

The next motion which was dependent on the passing of No. 2, was withdrawn. (4) That divisional matches be promoted throughout the County for the coming year, and

that those matches take place before the Munster Championship. Mr. Heffernan said that if this motion was passed it would help the selection of an inter-county team very much.

The Secretary said it was an excellent idea, but involved a lot of expense. They had experience of that arrangement before and found that it only put the County Board in debt. It would be all right if the public would support such matches. This motion was also defeated and as the next motion dealt with where these matches should be played it was withdrawn.

(6) We would ask the County Board to define the boundary line of County Waterford as it applies to G.A.A. purposes, as this matter strictly affects Ferrybank. The delegates to the Munster Convention were instructed to raise this question at that meeting.

(7) That in order to facilitate Minor Teams that have played in 1927 championships, that the age limit for 1928 championships be raised from 17 to 18 years.

This was also referred to the Munster Convention as the Secretary stated that according to the circular he received from the Munster Council the age limit was 17 years.

Two motions standing in the name of the Dungarvan Club asking that the County Register have the full signature of each club member and that the Captain of any team could demand the signature of any player on rejoining side during a cessation of play were defeated.

The motion standing in the name of Craobh Ruidh Hurling Club asking that the Eastern Division Board be granted the power to nominate teams in the championship finals to represent East Waterford when the Divisional Championship was not completed, was passed.

INJURY. A very pressing case from the Fenor Club was heard in connection with an injury a player had sustained during a match was heard. The Fenor delegate stated that as a result of the injury the player, who has a family, was laid up for a considerable time, and that the circumstances demanded instant relief.

It was decided to make a levy on each club in the county of 10s., the County Board to provide a sum of £5 to be paid immediately.

GRANT. A sum of £5 was granted to the Rathgormack Club as a result of an application of the Club, which stated that the Rathgormack Club received no travelling expenses during the last few years.

The Chairman remarked that the Rathgormack Club were deserving of a grant for they had carried on under great difficulty.

SOCIAL RE-UNION. On Wednesday night, January 17th, a social reunion of the Children of Mary was held at the Presentation Convent, Dungarvan. In the presence of the Reverend Mother and community, the Director of the Sodality, Rev. L. Egan, and a number of local clergy, the members of the Sodality produced a very enjoyable and highly artistic programme, and judging from the hearty applause and repeated encores which the performers received, one can safely say that all present were well satisfied with the entertainment. Gathered there in the old school-room (which will ever be dear to us when we recall "memories of the past") were old and young, and in all one found the same spirit of enjoyment and happiness, each willing and eager to make the re-union a success, and a success it was. Each item was a treat in itself, but the chief attraction of the programme was the fancy dress parade by some of the members of the Sodality.

"The more we are together, The merrier we will be."

On they came to the tinkling notes of the piano, a multi-coloured, laughter-provoking crowd, marching along in the "Big Parade."

First came a "China man" (not from Shanghai) but from the Main street (that's not far away); An Eastern lady "on the look out"; Stepping beside him, casting smiles about. Gracious Old Santa to give him his due) 'Tho' from a Main street was generous too. Two jolly clowns in colours so gay. An M.A. as intelligents in cap and gown. A Pipsy (trayed in a costume so bright. Beside her Red Riding Hood stepping it light. A poor little "flower girl" fragile and pale. With her basket of blossoms, crying "Flowers for sale."

A gent in a dress suit, top-hat and cane. Leading his lady, who "sport's a train." A sweet "Irish Colleen" in costume of green. Captured a Page, who'd give joy to a Queen. Then came "Danger Signals" with warnings to all. And a maid labelled "Fragile" for "great care" did call. In the midst of the rush "Young America" came. And there was the "Queen of Clubs" seeking a game. "Three o'clock in the morning" still wanted more. And with uncertain steps marched round the floor.

On came the "Wren Boys" with "a holly tree." Doing their rounds for the price of "a speech." A "newsboy" with "Echoes" did a great trade. And was the "Star Turn" of our "Big Parade." Good luck to them all and a last word I say: Success to the Old School for aye and aye. "KIT"

Tallow District Court.

Before Mr. G. P. Farrell D.J. DRUNK. Sergt. Mullany charged Pat. Hiza, of no fixed abode, with drunkenness. Justice—Do you know anything about him? Complainant said the man was of a respectable family, but addicted to drink, as a result of which he was hunted from home. Fined 5s.

UNBURIED DONKEY. Guard Brophy charged Mr. Higgins, Clonmel, with allowing the unburied carcass of a donkey on his lands. Complainant said the carcass was left lying in a field 100 yards from the public road by the side of a stream and close to a well from which the people drew water. Defendant said he had been laid up at the time and believed that a workman, who had since left him, had buried the animal. Fined 5s. and costs.

NO LIGHT. The same complainant charged Mr. Morrison, Carrignagown, with using an unlighted vehicle on a road on which there was a good deal of motor traffic. He had two miles to go. Fined 2s. 6d.

Guard Hanrahan charged Jim O'Keefe, Ballyrahin, with a like offence. Fined 5s. John Mackey, Moorehill, labourer, charged by Guard Mulooly, Kilmegagh, with a similar offence, was fined 2s.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Guard O'Leary, Tallow, charged Moe. Ronayne with the absence of his child 8 days out of 14 school days. Mrs. Ronayne said the child didn't go to school since the last summons. Guard—The child was present six days. The mother handed in a certificate from Dr. White, which had been produced at last court, showing that the child had been suffering from scarlatina. Justice—Have you any certificate to show how the child is now? Mrs. Ronayne—No sir. Guard O'Leary—The child was present six days. Mrs. Ronayne, sworn, deposed, in reply to the Justice, that the return was wrong. The child had not been at school. After further hearing the Justice said he should dismiss the case on the woman's evidence. She said the child was not there at all.

Guard Hanrahan, Ballynoe, charged Ed. Walsh, Currageass, with a like offence, the child being absent 14 days. Mrs. Walsh said her boy would be 14 years in April. He was the eldest of nine. Having only 23s. weekly to keep her family, she had to go out to work herself, and therefore she had to keep him at home now and again. Justice—Do the best you can to send him. I will let you off this time. Guard Murphy, Kilmegagh, charged James Crofty, Crossary, with having his daughter Mary 4 days absent from 16th December, and Margaret 5 days. Complainant said defendant was a labourer and used to be away at work. They didn't seem inclined to send the children to school. He was fined 6d. last day. He was more or less anxious to have them away altogether. Justice—To an Industrial School. Yes, sir. There were five in all. Margaret was 8 years old and there was one younger. Defendant was fined 2s. 6d. in each case.

LICENSE CASE. Margaret Sheehan, Barrack street, was charged with a breach of the Licensing Act, and Pk. Baldwin, Jack Harty, M. Drake, Ed. Cronin and Pat Geary were charged with being on the premises. Sept. O'Connor, Cappoquin, prosecuted, and Mr. Wm. R. Hodnett, solr., deposed, that on Sunday, 8th inst., he entered the premises and found the five men named in the kitchen. There were four glasses containing stout on the table. Some of them—Geary and Baldwin—were travellers, but it was after 9 p.m. The publican gave no explanation of their presence. Mr. Hodnett said the premises consisted really of two houses, which were still separately rated. The men were not found in that portion of the premises containing the bar. Cross-examined, witness said the door between the bar and the other portion of the premises might have been locked for all he knew. The defendant bought the premises about 12 years ago, and got married 7 or 8 weeks ago. That 4 miles away. He might be a particular friend of the defendant's husband. If Drake, who was a horse trader, stayed with Baldwin the previous night, he would have been a traveller also. The Justice said that Baldwin and Geary would have been travellers, and Drake, if he had stayed at Baldwin's the previous night. That reduces it to Harty and Cronin. Cross-examination resumed—Harty delivered messages for that house, but he never saw him do so on Sunday. Cronin lived half a mile from the town. After some legal arguments, Mr. Ed. Walsh, husband of the publican, deposed he was sure the door between the two portions of the premises was locked on the occasion. None of the men found there by the sergeant had paid for any drink after 7 o'clock. As regards the drink that was on the table, he told his wife to give the boys a treat as they were neighbours of his. He didn't tell the sergeant that because he was not asked. He only asked for his name. Cross-examined by the Superintendent—Baldwin and Drake came in after 6 and Geary soon after. He didn't see Harty come in at all. Cronin came in early as he had invited him. He stood the first drink about 7.30. Cronin was there from about 4 o'clock and had his dinner.

Justice—Why didn't you tell the sergeant this? He didn't ask me. Do you mean to say it didn't dawn on you to tell the sergeant that all these men were your guests? He didn't ask me. What do you think the sergeant was doing there at all? I could not tell you. Mr. Hodnett pointed out that the publican's maiden name was in the summons. Mrs. Margaret Walsh nee Sheehan then gave evidence corroborating her husband's. None of the men paid for drink after 7 o'clock. Her husband stood two drinks. She was not sure about a third. Cross-examined by the Superintendent—Harty came in a few minutes before 9. He got no drink. He got no drink. He called for orders for the following morning. The door between the bar and the kitchen was locked. Baldwin, Geary, Drake and Harty having given evidence. Mrs. Walsh was re-called, and, in reply to the Justice, said that Baldwin paid for the drinks before 7. The others paid for none. Cronin came in early, having been asked in by her husband. Geary entered about 6 o'clock and paid for a drink for himself. She sanctioned her husband standing the drinks to the men as they were neighbours of his. She didn't explain to the sergeant because she was confused. She had no previous experience of a public-house. She had been a nurse in the European war and her husband had been a farmer. After a further lengthened hearing, the Justice said he was satisfied that the messenger hadn't a drink, although he might have come to get one. There were five men and but four drinks on the table. He might be acting too harshly if he disregarded the whole body of the evidence merely because they didn't tell the sergeant on the spot. He was therefore going to accept their version of the affair. He need hardly say it was a perfectly proper case to have brought up, because the sergeant was left no option by those people who had given no explanation. The sergeant had acted very properly. He would not be prepared to accept a similar excuse on a second occasion if it arose. All the cases were accordingly dismissed. Sergt. Courtney charged Mr. Jack O'Gorman, Mitchelstown, with driving a Citroen car on the 13/8 through Main street, Tallow, in a reckless manner dangerous to the public. Mr. Hodnett defended. Complainant said defendant drove at 28 to 30 miles per hour. There were 20 carts on the street at the time and 9 or 10 moving. The street was 60ft. wide. If 2 carts on either side turned out at the same time something would happen. As it was there was about room for two motors to pass. Witness had a full view but had not time to signal to defendant to stop. He didn't hear any horn sounded. Cross-examined by Mr. Hodnett, witness said he was not sure if he knew of any town around possessing a wider street. To make a case you have to report a state of things not alone hypothetical, but unlikely? But it might happen. There was a clear roadway between the carts for two cars? Yes. Do you call the stationary carts traffic? They were moving now and again. But we have to deal with the particular facts at that time. Justice—At that time it was static traffic. Mr. Hodnett—That is the point I am making. Guard Griffin corroborated. Mr. Hodnett said Mr. O'Gorman was a skilled driver with 14 1/2 years' experience during which he had never had an accident. On the occasion in question he was driving a Citroen car 11 h.p. He knew that street well, having been through it hundreds of times, and he had sounded his horn approaching the cross. He had a clear view of the street and had the car in perfect control. Mr. O'Gorman gave evidence supporting Mr. Hodnett's statement. He had a powerful Claxon horn, which he sounded. The brakes were in perfect order and he had a clear view and full control. He was going at a reasonable pace. Justice—What is a reasonable pace? Witness—About 20 miles an hour—15 to 25 through a wide street. He saw the Guards and he could have pulled up in twice the length of himself if called on. Superintendent—If a youngster ran across you would you have time to pull up? Yes, unless he crossed directly in front of me. To the Court—When he saw the Guards he didn't see any cars moving. Three motors could have passed quite easily. He didn't consider he was driving recklessly. He could see the pavement as well as the road. The Justice said the sergeant was quite right from his point of view, but from all the facts he didn't think there was ground for a conviction, and he dismissed the case. A LIVELY LADY. Thos. Donoghue, farmer, Dunmoon, charged Pat. Kelly and Margaret Kelly with abusive and threatening language. Complainant deposed he had a right of way passage from Mr. Murray, but defendants put up wire entanglements against him (laughter). Justice—What happened on the 3/9? Witness said Kelly came out on a fighting attitude on the second occasion also, and he had a knife in one hand. Witness didn't see the knife (laughter). Justice—How do you know he had a knife? Witness said a man told him (laughter). On the 4th, which was Sunday, hostilities were resumed, but Kelly worked at the wire entanglements in place of going to Mass (laughter). He didn't know that the man was in the army. On Monday that lady came out with a 3-lb. stone and a 4-spring fork to attack him. Justice—Are the wire entanglements still there? They are. Are those people farmers? They are not. It is well there are not many of their class in the district. In a way they are worse than pagans; the poor pagans don't know better (laughter). Margaret Kelly said that was the first time that man came the way. He was not long in that part of the country. She and her brother had no land, but a little hut belonging to Mr. Murray. Replying to the Justice, complainant said he got a right of way from Mr. Murray, but he had no documents. He didn't know if it was conveyed to those people. The right of way was a short cut to his fields. He wanted an order to have the wire entanglements down. They were dangerous Christians (laughter). Mr. Murray wanted to get them out of the place. They were a regular destruction to him. Margaret Kelly said she was bred, born and reared there. It was only a hut and she was only paying the rates. Donoghue was breaking down her fence, and her goats would go into Mr. Murray's lands. The female defendant was charged by Guard O'Leary with assault. Complainant deposed he went to defendant's on 29/10 to execute a distress warrant. She would not pay and he proceeded to seize a jacket. She attacked him and tore his tunic. Finally he had to catch her by the hair. She struck him with a stick and hit him on the head with a bit of a plough, and followed him with stones along the road. Witness took the jacket about three miles, but lost her on the mountain. Defendant was a desperate woman (laughter). She also attacked a little girl who stopped the jacket on the road. Defendant—He wanted to bring me away with him (laughter). Margaret Kelly deposed they lived in a tenantry place and kept a couple of dogs for protection. They had only a few shillings outdoor relief to keep them. The Guard said she had £100 in bank and wanted to make her pay. Her brother was in delicate health. Justice—It is that fact prevents you from being sent to jail. (To the Guard)—Have those people any means? I don't know. They have a little slack. They have a jacket for which they refused £10. Defendant—No, nor 14 ha'pence (laughter). Justice—How was the fine paid? Guard—I got it reduced. Justice—And that was your thanks (laughter). I am allowing you off too lightly. You will be fined 10s. for the assault on the Guard and bound to the peace in your own recognizance. Your brother will be bound similarly.

CARRICK-ON-SUIR DISTRICT COURT.

Before Mr. McCabe, D.J. In a case in which an application was made by Mr. Binchy to commit to prison Thomas Whelan, farmer, for non-payment of a debt to Mrs. Cleary, Carrick-on-Suir. Mr. J. A. Power, solr., examined defendant, with a view to showing he had no means. Defendant said he had a 24 acre farm. The rent is £40 10s. and the rates £4 15s. The farm is administered for defendant by Messrs. Sizer and Howe, auctioneers, who let the grazing and pay the rent and rates. They gave defendant and his sister sums of money from time to time, but it goes for food. All defendant has on the farm is a goat. He had already been in jail for non-payment of a debt. The Justice said he was satisfied defendant had no means and he refused to commit him to prison.

In a case in which Thomas Whelan, a knacker, was prosecuted by the County Board of Health for causing a nuisance, Mr. R. Murphy, solr., Clonmel, appeared for the Board of Health, and Mr. J. A. Power for the defendant. Mr. Power raised an interesting point re the rights of manufacture where offensive smells are caused. Defendant stated he clears away skins, flesh and blood of the animals within 48 hours of their arrival. Mr. Power said that satisfied the requirements of the Act, which holds that if manufacturers do not allow things that cause an offensive smell to remain unduly long on the premises they are not committing an offence. That applied to all the manufacturing towns in England. The case was adjourned to give the defendant an opportunity to satisfy the medical officer of health that the nuisance had ceased. Dr. Fogarty gave evidence of the offensive smell caused. David Flavin, labourer, Portlaoise, was charged with having stolen from a motor car two undershirts, 2lbs. of sausages, and a tin of biscuits, the property of Mrs. McGrath. Defendant admitted the offence and said he was drunk. The Justice said owing to the good character he had got of the defendant he would let him off, but he would deal severely in future with these mean larcenies.

FATHER AND SON CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

At Carrick-on-Suir on Monday afternoon Mr. F. J. McCabe adjourned to Waterford Court charges against Richard Burke (senr.) and Richard Burke (junr.), father and son, on a charge of having criminally assaulted a girl, aged 14 1/2 years, from Portlaoise. The girl is a niece of Richard Burke (senr.) Capt. Keenan prosecuted, and Mr. P. R. Buggy, solr., Waterford, defended.

RELIEF FOR BRITISH EX-SERVICEMEN.

Rev. Mr. Cooke, Rector, Carrick-on-Suir, and Mrs. Cooke have done very praiseworthy work in disbursing sums of money received from England for relief of destitute British ex-servicemen and their families in Carrick-on-Suir. They have also distributed a large quantity of children's and adults clothes.



Waterford County Council.

ROADS ESTIMATE FOR YEAR.

An adjourned meeting of the County Council was held in the Courthouse, Dungarvan, on Monday last to consider the roads estimate for the coming year and to deal with the roads to be kept in repair and the roads to be left out of repair, and generally to do the best for the ratepayers while trying to keep down the rates.

Mr. John Kiersey, chairman, presided. Also present—Sir John Keane, Messrs. R. Tobin, M. Brennock, J. Kirwan, M. Walsh, M. McGrath, W. C. Coughlan, W. O'Donnell, P. O'Gorman, T. E. O'Shea, D. Heskin, D. Conway, Michael O'Regan, G. J. Greene, J. O'Donnell, J. Goulding, T.D.; W. Stack, P. J. Power, D. Coughlan, P. Mulcahy, T. Hartly.

Messrs. J. H. O'Sullivan, secretary; J. Bowen, B.E., county surveyor; Messrs. Jephson, O'Riordan, Doyle and Ormonde assistant surveyors, were in attendance.

The County Surveyor's estimate for roads for the coming year was £87,786, and at last week's meeting that was reduced by £4,000.

Mr. Bowen now wrote:—At our meeting on 10th inst. you decided to reduce the expenditure on roads and works to the same figure as last year, viz.—£48,616, which sum is to include, in addition to road works, the repayment of loans for road works, repayment of loans for Waterford Bridge, repairs of courthouses and public buildings, upkeep of piers, harbours, ferry and various other works.

This sum is entirely inadequate and will not permit of proper maintenance of many important roads. Practically all steam-rolling and tarring work on important roads will have to be eliminated, and the maintenance of many of the county roads will have to be omitted for the coming year.

It will be impossible to carry out the rolling of the main road from Waterford to Dunmore estimated to cost £15,000, which is much over, as it is seventeen years since this heavily trafficked road was last rolled. Any money spent in surface patching of this road is pure waste.

If the council cannot see their way to provide more money they should seriously consider the abandonment of a large number of bye-roads under Section 26 of the Act of 1925 so that the mileage of roads be reduced to one mile per £300 poor law valuation instead of one mile to £190 valuation as at present.

Mr. J. O'Donnell suggested that of the £48,000 they apportion £20,000 to the main roads and £24,000 to county roads, the balance being for contingencies, repayment of loans, etc.

Mr. Goulding—How does that compare with the allocation last year? Mr. Bowen—I can't tell you right off. I don't think you could allocate it without going through the book.

Mr. P. J. Power—If the Dunmore road is not granted £15,000 for rolling it will be in a terrible way as it is very bad.

Mr. Bowen said in the case of link roads 30 per cent. of maintenance was got back. As to the Dunmore road, the only quarry they had was at one end, and they should cart the stones the whole eight miles for the rolling as they should begin at the end furthest from the quarry.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Bowen said he feared the amount of grants this year would be very small. The grant last year was part of the £2,000,000 and that is finished now.

Mr. O'Donnell—How much was expended on the main roads last year?

Mr. Bowen—That year is still running and we are working away until 1st April. There is a lot of works left out of this book waiting over for the grants, and that is I am afraid more than we will get.

Sir John Keane—The County Surveyor says he has allocated items for grants, but surely the allocation of grants is our duty and responsibility.

Mr. Bowen—What I wish to convey is that certain roads are not included here that should be tarred and rolled in the coming year, and I assume we will get grants, and when they come the whole matter will come before the council.

Mr. O'Gorman—The majority of the people disapprove of tarring the roads, as in place of a benefit it is only a danger to them, and we are wasting a lot of money on tarring which would do other useful works for the people who have no roads at all, but boreans full of ruts. There are certain roads that the people cannot bring two dozen eggs over into town but they would be all boxed up (laughter). The people paying for the roads say they are getting no value and they have to do the work themselves. If we do away with the tarring and give the money for other useful purposes we would then be doing what the people want us to do.

Mr. Greene—Tarring benefits certain people, but others are injured by it, and the money that could be devoted to doing a large section of roads is by being spent on tarring spent on a small section, while the rest of the roads deteriorate.

The Chairman said there was a part of the road near Waterford which was not tarred and it was quickly destroyed. Unless the road was tarred the steam-rolling would go for nothing. In the case he referred to the tarred section held and the untarred section was being destroyed until it was tarred.

Mr. Bowen—You cannot avoid tarring. It is absolutely necessary.

Mr. McGrath—What is the average cost? Mr. Bowen—It is in proportion to the width of the road and a number of other things.

Mr. Tobin—Are all engineers of the same opinion as to tarring?

Mr. Bowen—Everyone agrees nowadays that tarring is necessary.

Mr. Tobin—I saw where an engineer in England preferred to spend the same amount of money on stone and not on tar.

Mr. Bowen—He has been hiding his light under a bushel all this time as no one has heard about him.

Mr. M. Walsh—It would be better to tar a patch along the middle of the road.

Mr. J. O'Donnell—People are complaining about the tarring from ditch to ditch.

Mr. Bowen—If they were not complaining they would not be there at all.

As to the Dunmore road which it was said was rolled 17 years ago, Mr. Bowen said if the traffic were put back to what it was 17 years ago it would last a long time yet.

Chairman—What is your estimate for the Dunmore road?

Mr. Bowen said £15,000, as anything they did unless they gave it a new grouted surface

was no good. It was one of the heaviest traffic roads in the country.

Mr. Goulding said a road like that should get some of the money paid in motor taxation as it would be only fair.

Mr. Bowen—This is a link road, and the chief grants so far have been for trunk roads. You have plenty trunk roads crying out for all the grants they can get.

Mr. Goulding—We have had very good roads up to this, and we should now be satisfied with less.

Mr. Bowen—The trunk roads have been largely fed by grants in the last few years, and any money you put into the trunk roads you get half of it back the following year, and the motorist people are paying quite a useful amount to your roads.

Mr. Goulding—We should be satisfied with keeping the roads in good condition without having them perfect, and as we get a considerable amount of taxation from the motorists we should give them the best road we can. The ratepayers in the mountain areas have a very decided grievance and are suffering from bad roads.

Mr. Bowen—In the mountain areas every man wants a road made up to his back door, but these people use the main roads also.

Chairman—You have decided to allocate £48,000 for the roads of the county this year and you cannot exceed that.

Mr. Brennock—There were several deputations here the last day, and it will be necessary to do temporary repairs to the roads that are out of contract. Many men find it impossible to market their produce owing to the bad state of their roads, and these people, who are contributing to the rates, deserve consideration.

Chairman—These deputations that came here in connection with these roads are out of court. Mr. Brennock—Some of them are, but others are in order.

Mr. Bowen—The deputations were under the impression that we were a wealthier body than we are.

Mr. Brennock—There is no use in feeding a dog with a bit of his own tail.

Mr. Goulding—Their main grievance is that we are spending too much on the main roads and neglecting their roads.

Mr. Brennock—They deserve at least a free passage to the main roads.

Mr. Bowen said in 1914 you spent £36,000 on the roads, and last year and this year your expenditure will be £45,000 a year. In the meantime four times the amount of work has to be done to cope with traffic, and the wages are 2½ times as much.

Sir John Keane referred to the comparative position of the farmer in 1914 and 1928.

Mr. O'Gorman—They could better afford money than.

Mr. Tobin—I propose that £28,000 be given to the county roads and the balance to the main roads.

The council then proceeded to deal with all the roads and works in the county surveyor's estimate for the year and examined each carefully and minutely.

TARRING ROADS.

The proposal to expend £600 to tar the road from Knockaraha Bridge to Bearys Cross was struck off.

To tar the road between Pitovon Cross and Clashmore at £500 was struck off on the motion of Mr. Conway as the road was good.

Mr. Bowen—I would like to keep it good. If a strip of 12 to 14 feet were tarred it would make the road last a good while.

Mr. Tobin—What about the roads that are impassable?

Mr. Bowen—Make them passable. That is the best thing to do with them.

To tar the road between Carrick and Darrigal Cross at £1,075, Mr. Bowen said there was exceptionally heavy traffic on that road. It was rolled out of the grants and it should certainly be tarred. There was very heavy traffic on it.

Mr. Fitzgerald—The better that road is the more we bring people over it.

Mr. Bowen said all the Tramore traffic went over that road. There were two miles of a straight run on it over which motorists race.

The proposal was passed at £1,000.

To tar the road between Whitestown Cross and Clonea at £430, Mr. Bowen said it was rolled a few years ago, and if tarred now it would last a long time, while if not tarred it would not be able to keep it in good condition. It was a most unfortunate road as it was stuck down under a hill, which made it very hard to keep.

Chairman—In roads like that where the amount is small, if you tarred half of it it would show people who think tarring is a mistake that they are wrong.

Mr. Bowen—No one minds them.

Mr. Greene—The majority of the people using that road don't approve of tarring at all.

Mr. O'Donnell—The road is in good order.

Mr. Bowen—And I want to keep it in good order. It will not require anything for a number of years.

Mr. Fitzgerald—I think that road will hold very good for the present.

The proposal was rejected.

Mr. Bowen said if they took the agricultural traffic off the roads there would be very little traffic on them. Farmers use lorries in connection with the creameries, getting coal, manure, meal, etc., to their doors, bringing their produce to markets, gathering their eggs, fowl, etc. The tourists only use a few roads.

The council also rejected a proposal to tar the road from Rahonutragh Bridge and Kilnagrange Bridge at £280.

Mr. D. Coughlan—Where is Rahonutragh Bridge?

Mr. Bowen—You have a very bad knowledge of local geography. This bridge is only 1½ miles from the main road at Kilmacathomas.

To tar the road from Lismore Bridge to Ballyduff at a cost of £900, Mr. Heskin said the roads made by the grants should be rolled out of the grants.

Mr. Bowen—This is one of the most important roads in the county.

Mr. Greene thought if this proposal were struck off they could apply the money to improve the bad roads in need of repair.

Mr. Goulding said on that road except at the Ballyduff end there were no farms living on it.

Mr. Heskin—But they have to come down to it and use it.

Mr. Goulding—The majority only use the road at the end.

Mr. Bowen—If it is one of the most important roads not only in the county, but in the country.

Mr. Greene—Would the men who represent

that district be prepared to allow large cuts on the second class roads of the district to compensate for this.

Mr. Goulding—I would not for one as the people living on the mountain roads above this road are suffering, and when they come to the Ballyduff road they find a beautiful surfaced road, and they use only a small bit of it once a week coming to town. I propose that it be not tarred.

Mr. Heskin—It was not fair to be asking the ratepayers to tar it.

Mr. O'Gorman proposed they reject it this year and let the roads that want repair be put on.

Mr. Bowen—If you don't tar this road this year you cannot do it.

The proposal was rejected.

Mr. O'Gorman—There are several other roads people want repaired and they can get them now.

There was a proposal to tar the road from Ballinacult to Killogher at £1,226.

Mr. Bowen said this was 7 or 8 miles of a very important road, which could not be kept without tarring. It is in a hollow lying by the edge of the river.

Mr. Greene—Could we utilise that large sum to better advantage than in tarring this road?

Mr. Bowen—If you don't keep this road in repair it will cost £20,000 to reconstruct.

Mr. Goulding—Could we keep it in repair without spending this sum on it?

Mr. Bowen—I think it should be tarred. It is a road carrying exceptionally heavy lorry traffic.

Mr. Greene—Take the opinion of the council on it.

Mr. Bowen—The majority of the council never saw the road.

Mr. McGrath—It was practically impassable before it was rolled a few years ago.

The proposal was passed at £1,000.

The council rejected the proposal to tar the road between Blenheim Cross and the streets of Passage East at £780, as also the tarring of the road from Tramore to the Sweep.

STEAM-ROLLING.

The proposal to steamroll the road from Carrick to Ballyheath at a cost of £5,330 was rejected.

To steamroll the road from Roberts' Cross to Helvick at £2,320.

Mr. Conway proposed that the work be struck off. The road was in very good order, and there was no heavy traffic on it.

Mr. Harty—I leads to the Irish College, Ring.

The proposal was struck off.

The council passed the proposal to steamroll the road from Lismore to Tallow road at a cost of £2,000.

Messrs. Goulding and O'Shea said the road was in a very bad state.

To steamroll the road between Ballycraddock and the Cross at Kill for £3,600, Mr. Bowen said there were some very famous contractors on that road in the past, and they got more stone off it each year than did them as stock for the following year. It was tarred.

Mr. Fitzgerald proposed they pass it at £3,600. It was a road that carried a lot of traffic.

Chairman—This road was never rolled.

Mr. Stack £3,000 is enough for it.

It was agreed on a show of hands to pass the proposal at £3,000. This was later reduced to £2,000.

DUNMORE ROAD.

To steamroll the road from Blenheim Cross to the Convent at Dunmore East at a cost of £15,000, Mr. Bowen said the road was 8 miles long, and the only quarry was at one end, which made it very troublesome.

Mr. Power—It is 17 years since this road was rolled, and it was in very bad repair.

Mr. Greene moved that the steamrolling be deferred for a year in view of the shortness of their finances and the need for economy. Mr. Tobin seconded.

Mr. Goulding asked could they patch-roll it, and Mr. Bowen replied the road was worn out and any patch-rolling on it would be a waste of money. He suggested to the council to pass part of the money and try and get more off the grants.

Mr. Goulding—It is hardly fair to put it on the county.

In answer to Sir John Keane, Mr. Bowen said their share of the grants were between 2 and 3 per cent. of the whole.

Sir John Keane—How is that percentage arrived at?

Mr. Bowen—By a process of calculation known only to the Department themselves. I have taken the matter up with them as I hold the figure allowed was too small.

Sir John Keane—It does not look as if we were getting our fair proportion.

Mr. Bowen—I think we should get our 3 per cent.

Mr. Conway said this was an important road, and if the council decided to roll half of it then they could do the other half out of the first grant available.

Mr. Power—Something must be done.

Mr. Bowen—The only course would be for the council to pass £6,000 or £7,000 and let the rest be taken from the grants.

£7,000 was passed, but this was later reduced to £5,000, so that the council could keep within its limits of the estimate.

STREETS OF TALLOW.

There was a proposal to steamroll the streets of Tallow at £2,000.

Mr. Goulding thought it would hardly be advisable to tackle the streets until the sewage scheme was dealt with.

Mr. Heskin said nothing was done to the streets lately and they carried a very big lot of traffic. Tallow had a big number of merchants and traffic was very heavy.

Mr. Bowen said when he came to the county he was told the streets were deferred until the main drains were laid, and they were doing the same ever since, and the streets were in a bad condition. This rolling would be a job for life, and something must be done, but the sewers must be put down first.

Mr. Goulding—The pipes must be taken up from the reservoir to the town as there is no water there.

Mr. Bowen—I had a deputation here saying the water went into their beds, so they had too much water.

Mr. Heskin—If you postpone the rolling until the sewers are made the rolling won't be done at all.

Chairman—The sewers and the water pipes must be improved, and that cannot be done within 12 months, so there is no great hardship

in postponing it this time.

Mr. Heskin—The roads are very weak.

Chairman—We are in a weaker position with our purse.

The proposal was rejected.

A number of improvement works were also rejected.

COUNTY ROADS.

The council next proceeded to allocate the amount required for the county roads.

The Chairman said last year they spent £25,000 on the county roads, and seeing their position now, would they be able to spend more or then this year. He thought they could not spend as much.

Mr. Bowen—The council should give a few thousand pounds more. Their mileage was very large.

Mr. Goulding—In place of putting stones on a lot of roads they should only keep the water off them. It was the water that did the damage.

Mr. Tobin approved of that, and said if some of the roads got stuck every five years it would do them.

The Chairman said he did not think any stock was put on the road from Kilmacathomas to Lawlor's Cross for a long time.

Mr. Bowen—Stock is going on it every week for the last month.

Mr. O'Donnell—The road from the Temperance Hall to the main road is very bad.

Chairman—Both of them are bad.

About keeping the water off the roads, Mr. Bowen said a lot of police work was required to prevent the farmers closing the gullies after they were opened. He was sick of people complaining of roads being destroyed by floods when farmers wantonly block up the outlets.

If he were to bring all the people into court who deserve to be brought there he would want all the Civic Guards in the country. If there was an outlet in existence they could compel the owner of the land to keep it open, but farmers block the outlets when the floods are coming and turn the water on to the road.

Mr. Greene—We should make an example of them.

Mr. Walsh—What is a man to do if the water runs into a ploughed field?

CLONEA STRAND.

Mr. Stack had a proposal to steamroll the road from Ballinacult School to Clonea Strand at £855. He said there was a lot of traffic over that road five months in the year. Mr. Stephens had built a great place out there at big expense, and any amount of people were going there. No one knew more about the place than the County Surveyor.

Mr. Bowen—The road is very important and all that, but it is L. S. D. with the council.

Mr. Brennock—I understand all that is necessary is to take up the sod at the sides.

Mr. Bowen—What I understood was to steamroll it and make a lasting job of it.

Mr. Brennock—What is wanted is to make the road safe for traffic.

Mr. Greene said there was a grass selvidge there and there was a good surface underneath.

Mr. Brennock suggested that a sharp turn of the road be also improved.

Mr. Bowen said they could do that out of maintenance.

In connection with the proposal to roll the streets of Villierstown at £300, Mr. Bowen said the streets were in a very bad way. To steamroll the streets would make them some way respectable.

Mr. Brennock drew attention to the necessity for making the road connecting the streets of Villierstown with the quay. If that road were rolled it could be a great advantage.

Mr. Bowen said it should be treated as a new work.

Mr. Brennock—It is a short piece and if it could be done it would be slightly appreciated.

Mr. Bowen—If you give the necessary notice it can be put on next time.

Chairman—If you do it for Villierstown they will have a grievance in Stradally.

Mr. Greene said they could not do one and leave out the other.

Mr. Bowen—Very little has been done for the people in those villages.

Mr. Brennock said Villierstown and Aglish were places from which they got a lot of rates.

Mr. Stack proposed, and Mr. Tobin seconded, that the streets of Villierstown and Aglish be rolled.

Mr. Harty proposed that the streets of Ardmore be rolled at £1,050.

Mr. Conway said it was not fair to put out Ardmore.

Chairman—I will propose that the streets of Stradally be rolled at £600.

Mr. O'Donnell proposed, and Mr. Greene seconded, that all these proposals be rejected.

On a show of hands the proposals were rejected.

A motion by Mr. Stack to make 240 perches of new road from Ballylonean Cross to the three roads at Ballinacourt for £215 was rejected.

Mr. Stack said that was an old road and was repaired some years ago. It was used by the County Surveyor for drawing stones, and it was time to do something with it.

Mr. Bowen said he never used that road. The council had no title to the place and so could do nothing.

Chairman—That means it is not a public road.

Mr. Bowen—And you have the Railway Co. to deal with also.

CLONEA SLIP.

In connection with the proposal of Mr. Stack to make a slip to Clonea Strand at Tallacolemore at £1,000 he said he was surprised to see £1,000 put down for the work. All he wanted was to have £15 spent on the place. To make 100 yards of a passage into the Strand would do.

Mr. Bowen—You cannot improve what is there, as one tide makes it good-looking and the other makes it bad-looking.

Mr. Stack—Clonea is doing very well, and if this slip were made it would do better.

Mr. Conway proposed, and Mr. Power seconded, that all applications for new works be rejected.

Mr. O'Gorman proposed his motion to make a new road of 575 perches from Ballyrafter Cross to Ballygalane Upper. He said it was very necessary and was defeated here by only 2 votes three years ago. It was a very important road to the farmers, and they are waiting for it for years to have it repaired. They want a year's contract if possible put on it. £900 had been cut off the Ballyduff road for tarring, so they should do this one. As all the people who use that road paid rates, it would be treating them badly if something were not done to the roads. In fair play they should pass that road.

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THE BEST AGE FOR MARRIAGE.

IS IT IS FOR GIRLS.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor's dictum that if he were dictator every girl should be married at 18 and every man at 21, if it necessary by compulsion, was discussed lately by authorities on social problems.

Marriage is for adults—not children boys and girls should wait until they meet the right person.

At 18 and 21 personality is not sufficiently developed. It was urged in favour of early marriages that—

They have a good influence on social morality. Give young people a sense of responsibility. Keep them steady.

Mrs. Seaton-Trevelyan, Hon. Sec. of the British Divorce Law Reform Union, said: "We have to realise that marriage is for adults and not for children—that is an important point to remember, especially when we are considering the future of the race."

From the biological point of view it is better for the girl to be from 21 to 25 and the young man from 25 to 30. At 18 the girl is only just maturing. From my own experience I should say it is much sounder for them both to be of adult age.

Rabbi Israel I. Mattuck said: "Early marriages have a value for social morality. The charm of an early marriage is its impulsiveness. Its promise of permanence lies in the force behind the impulse. If the love in an early marriage expresses the whole personality, then it is more than safe—it is holy."

At 18 and 21, however, personality is not sufficiently developed to trust itself, and at 20 or 21 for the woman and 25 or 26 for the man a decision for life should be better. If the young people love hard enough to make the economic sacrifices which most early marriages involve.

Dr. Alice Huthinson, the psychologist, said: "In the main I would not agree with Mr. O'Connor. It is ridiculous to say that he would make every girl of 18 and boy of 21 marry. The great majority of boys and girls of this age are not ready for marriage."

"Not only that—it is essential that the young should wait until they meet the right person."

Rev. S. G. Tinley, Victoria Docks, stated: "A great many girls do get married at 18. Marriages in the East End are very haphazard, and young people are often wed even when the man is out of work. In these cases the girl generally goes on working at the factory."

"Girls usually marry earlier than men, but then they grow up much quicker in this part of the world than elsewhere. I think, perhaps, that early marriages are a good thing. They give young people a certain responsibility and keep them steady."

Lismore District Court.

(Before Mr. G. P. Farrell, B. L., D.J.).

LARCENY.

Supt. O'Connor, Cappoquin, charged Anastasia Long, Deerpark, with the larceny of a packet of candles (Finlay's 80) the property of Mr. Michael Casey, Victualler, Main Street, Lismore, and value at 1s. 6d. John Lawless of same address was summoned for being in possession of the candles on the same occasion.

Mr. Michael Casey in evidence stated that on the 19th November, he missed a packet of candles from out of a case which was outside the counter. He told the Guards about it. The candles were value for 1s. 6d., and the two defendants were the last people to leave the premises. It was after that he missed the candles.

To the Justice witness said—This case was outside the counter and contained two dozen packets of 3lbs. each Mrs. Long had been sitting on the case.

The defendant, Mrs. Long, when asked by the Justice if she had any questions to ask the witness said, "I know nothing at all about them. I neither ordered or paid for candles."

Justice—Ask questions. You can be sworn later if you wish, if you want to say anything. But simply ask questions of the witness now if you want to.

The defendant did not cross-examine.

Guard Stratford stated, acting on a complaint made by Mr. Casey at 9.5 p.m., on 19th November, and accompanied by Guard O'Rourke he proceeded to the house of John Lawless where Mrs. Long resided and found her there. When questioned about the missing candles she replied: "she knew nothing about them," and denied all knowledge of them.

Witness found the packet of candles subsequently in Lowless' cart on the roadway, and it was on this cart Mrs. Long had travelled from town. When witness showed her the candles she had nothing to say.

Superintendent O'Connor—In fairness to defendants I would like to ask the Guard one question.

The Justice acquiesced and the Supt. asked Guard Stratford—What condition were these people in that night when you found them?

Guard Stratford—They all appeared to have drunk taken.

Later the Justice questioned Mr. Casey on the point, but the latter stated they were sober leaving his premises at 9 p.m.

The Justice said he assumed that the licensing laws were observed in Lismore and the Guard had stated they had drunk taken and where then could they have got it after 9 o'clock. He (Justice) had no doubt but the licensing laws were observed here. Continuing he Justice said there was no case against Lawless as far as he could see and he could stand back.

The other defendant, Mrs. Long, was questioned by the Justice and handed up two "discharges" (as herself called them), letters of previous character.

The Justice having pointed in the legal manner that she could if she wished go for trial before Judge and Jury, or he could deal with the case if she so desired.

Mrs. Long (defl.) agreed with the latter course and became somewhat voluble and when the Justice got an opportunity to again speak announced that taking all circumstances into consideration, her previous discharges, as she called them, and the fact that the candles are to be restored to the owner he allowed the accused out under the protection of Offender's Act. In the case against Lawless he also made a like ruling.

EXAMINATION ORDER.

Mr. E. Carroll, Solicitor, applied for an order against Mrs. Kate Walsh, Vintner, Bogla, Cappoquin. Mr. Carroll said the second next Court would do him and the order was granted accordingly. The same Solicitor also obtained a warrant in respect of a decree for possession. Case heard at a previous Court in which Lismore Estates Company were plaintiffs.

TRESPASS.

Bartholomew Murray, Dunmoo, Tallow, sued John McGrath of same district for the alleged trespass of goats on his land on divers daes in 1927.

Mr. Hodnett, Solicitor for plaintiff, and Mr. E. Carroll Solicitor, defended. Evidence was given by plaintiff in support of the prosecution and of handing over the goats on four occasions. All he wanted was to have the goats kept off the land.

Mr. Carroll said they had a set off. After hearing further evidence the Justice allowed 20s. damages to Murray.

Mrs. Michael Nugent Ballygalane, Lismore, made application to have William O'Keefe, Middlequarter, Cappoquin, bound to the peace.

Mr. J. W. O'Gorman, Solicitor, for the complainant, and Mr. Carroll for defendant.

After hearing further evidence the Justice, in refusing the application, said the defendant would be well advised not to say or do anything to this woman or her family as if he came before him again he would deal most drastically with him. This alleged offence, continued the Justice, took place on the 11th of November, and the summonses was not taken out until 29th December, and the peace was not broken in the meantime. "His duty was merely preventive to see that the defendant was not doing harm, and

he did not think it necessary to warn him (defendant) further. If anything was done to him by these parties he had his remedy by summonses—but it was not by interfering with this woman—by seizing a pony by the head.

Guard O'Leary, Ballyduff, had Dan Clancy, fined 5s. for being drunk. The witness stated defendant was asleep under the horse and car on which was a load of hay, and had five miles to travel.

The Irish Land Commission obtained decrees against a number of defaulting annuitants. More cases by same plaintiffs were adjourned.

Mr. O'Gorman, Solicitor (for Mr. Ryan, State Solicitor), for the Land Commission.

The Justice pointed out that in some cases the certificates of the I.L.C. showed arrears of over £90, and a decree for £10 was all that was asked. He said it was ridiculous and absurd.

GIRL OF 15 YEARS SENT TO REFORMATORY.

Ellen Wrenn, Glencairn S.O., aged 14 years, was sent for three years to St. Joseph's Reformatory at Limerick. Supt. O'Connor, Cappoquin, prosecuted, and Sergt. Moran of Ballyduff Station, in the absence of the Supt., conducted the case.

The defendant was charged with placing stones on the railway track near Tallow Road so as to endanger the lives of the travelling public.

The defendant was not professionally represented, and after hearing the evidence of John Wrenn (father) and Bartholomew Wrenn (brother), the Justice made the above order. It was stated that the girl's mother was dead. The father agreed to pay 3s. weekly while defendant was at St. Joseph's, Limerick.

Waterford County Board of Health.

The monthly meeting of the above was held in the Courthouse, Dungarvan, on Saturday last. Mr. P. O'Gorman, chairman, presided. The other members present were: Messrs. John Kiersey, John O'Donnell, William Stack, D. Heskin, D. Ward, P. J. McAuliffe, John Butler.

SANITARY SUB-OFFICER.

Owing to the death of Mr. Delahunty late Sanitary Sub-Officer of Waterford No. 1 District, an application was received from Miss Delahunty and from Mr. McGrath, Assistant Officer, who was acting as substitute. Mr. McGrath was appointed.

ESTIMATE FOR 1928-'29.

The Secretary's estimate of expenditure for the year 1928-'29 was £9,730, a reduction of £1,436 on last year's estimate. The estimate was unanimously adopted.

BOARD'S INSURANCE.

Tenders for the Board's insurance were received from the following:—Irish Public Bodies' Insurance Co., Irish National Insurance Company, Hibernian Insurance Company. The Irish Public Bodies' tender being slightly under the others, it was proposed by Mr. Kiersey and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell that the tender be accepted. This was passed.

TALLOW WATER SUPPLY.

A deputation from the above district appeared before the Board regarding the stream running at the back of the town.

Mr. Heskin introduced the deputation and said the stream was causing damage by flooding at the West end portion of the town, and was causing misery and much inconvenience to the residents.

The spokesman of the deputation then read a long statement on the condition of the place which showed how the residents had been flooded in many cases to a depth of 2 feet; how desolation had been brought to the village and terrible suffering and hardships endured by all. He asked that steps be taken at once to remedy this deplorable state of affairs and so prevent a recurrence of the disaster.

Mr. Heskin said there was not any exaggeration in the statement.

Mr. Kiersey said this was a scheme where a grant could be got.

Chairman—The first step should be to ask our Engineer to visit and report.

Mr. Heskin—Is it a Board of Health work or County Council work?

Mr. Kiersey—That is what I would like to know.

It was decided to put the matter in hands immediately and see who is to do the work and have the place repaired at once.

Mr. Quinn, caretaker of Ardmore graveyard wrote resigning his position as caretaker of the above. His son was appointed to the position.

COTTAGE TRANSFERRED.

A cottage in the Kilmac area in the occupation of Patrick Coleman was transferred to Patrick Corbett.

CREDIT BALANCE FROM 1927.

The Secretary reported that there was a balance to credit to the Board from the half-year ended 31st December, 1917, of £3,594 4s. 7d.

LISMORE SEWER.

On the suggestion of Mr. O'Gorman the Secretary was directed to write to Mrs. O'Donnell to employ a man to ascertain if the sewer leading from the Fever Hospital was blocked.

A letter was read from Mr. Spreadboro, Engineer to the Board, stating that he was unwell and would require to lay up for a few days.

Kilmacthomas News

THE LATE MR. PATRICK POWER, GRAIGUERUSH.

The late Mr. Power was father of Sister M. Brendan, Mercy Convent, Carrick-on-Suir; Miss Rita Power, attached to the teaching staff at the Mercy Convent Schools Carrick, and of Miss Phyllis Power, who recently entered the cloistered life at the Mercy Convent, Wexford.

The sorrowing widow and family have been made the recipients of numerous telegrams and letters of sympathy in their sad bereavement.

LATE MRS. CURRAN, BALLYADAM FENOR.

Amidst every manifestation of profound regret, and accompanied by a remarkably large cortege of people, the remains of the above-named lady were interred at Stradbally parish cemetery on a recent date. The deceased lady belonged to a very widely connected and highly-esteemed family whose associations with Waterford county date back for many, many years. She was the last surviving member of the Morrissey family of Ballykerogue, Kilsossant and was relict of the late Mr. Martin Curran, Ballydwan, Stradbally. She was also sister of the late Rev. John Morrissey, C.C., who died at Cloheen, and of Mr. James Morrissey, who was a well-known figure in the community, and who emigrated to America many years ago.

She was also sister of Mrs. Curran, Durrow; Mrs. Tobin, Ballyvoile, and Mrs. Power, Clonea, Rathormack. Her father was the late Mr. Laurence Morrissey, Ballykerogue, a member of a family which upheld the best traditions of the farming fraternity throughout these parts, and which was probably the most characteristic Gaelic family this side of the country.

It is of interest to record that deceased's late father, Laurence Morrissey, was a particular friend and professor of the famous Delaney and others who were on the run for the shooting of a Tipperary landlord many years ago.—R.I.P.

WHIST.

A whist drive, under the auspices and in aid of the local Beagle Club, was held at Mr. E. Hill's Stores on last Sunday night, and was appreciably supported and thoroughly enjoyed by all participating. The prizes went to a quartette of town residents.

WE WONDER.

If love is idle chatter? If the "gradh" that is platonic is a good deal like the gun we didn't know was loaded? If marriage is only a lottery after all? If no system has yet been found which will enable the gambler to win? If "his really" only a step from "Kil-arney to Heaven"?

If the journey from a courting scene to a scene in Court is also not more or less than a single step (short)?

If women were as hard to please before marriage as after how many "soft" men would be bachelors?

If a mausoleum in which to store one's rejected writings may not be dubbed a manuscript?

If the lady whose cook has worked for nearly every family in the neighbourhood may not be regarded as the best informed hostess in the community?

If the reason why one man did not find his marriage as elevating as he thought it would be, was simply because it failed to lift him out of the dips of debt?

If the forthcoming annual meeting, under the auspices of the Stradbally Coursing Club, is not the topic of the moment amongst all coursing fans in these parts?

If it is not generally known that the worthy promoters of above fixture are promised better sport than ever this year?

If a splendidly suitable and convenient venue has not been already acquired by the Club?

Please Note.—Full particulars of this popular meet will be published probably in the next issue of "Observer".

ARDMORE WATER SUPPLY.

A letter was read from the L.G.B. regarding the application for a grant for the improvements to the above supply. The letter pointed out that no money would be allocated until the amount of unemployment in the County could be ascertained.

The Secretary said the matter was very urgent.

The matter was adjourned pending the Engineer's report.

OFFICERS APPOINTED.

The L.G.B. wrote sanctioning the permanent appointment of Mr. R. Moloney, Waterford, and Mr. Keogh, Tramore, as officers under the Board of Health.

BLIND PENSION.

Daniel Carey, Old Parish, wrote to the Board applying for relief under the Blind Pension Act. The letter was referred to the L.G.B.

CLASHMORE PUMP.

Mr. Ward called attention to the delay by the contractor of the Clashmore Pump in getting the work done. The Secretary was asked to write to the contractor.

REPAIRS TO AGLISH WATER SUPPLY.

Only one tender was received for repairs to the above supply for the sum of £274 10s. The Engineer's estimate being only £159. The tender was rejected.

COUNTY WATERFORD COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

PREMIUMS TO BULLS, 1928.

The County Waterford Committee of Agriculture invite applications from persons intending to compete for Premiums to Bulls under the Conditions set forth in the Department's Live Stock Schemes, 1928, and who are prepared to Purchase or Exhibit such Animals at any of the following Spring Shows or Sales approved by the Department:—

February, 22nd and 23rd—Cork—Munster Agricultural Society's Show.

February, 28th and 29th—Dublin—Royal Dublin Society's Bull Sale.

March 21st—Cork—Messrs Marsh and Sons' Sale.

March 29th—Waterford—Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society's Sale.

March 28th—Kilkenny—County Kilkenny Agricultural Society's Sale.

April 5th—Tralee—Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society (Kerry Branch).

April 18th—Mallow—Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society (North Cork Branch).

May 4th—Limerick—Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society (Limerick Branch).

The Breeds of Bulls eligible for Premiums and the Values of such Premiums will be as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Breed and Value. Rows include Pure-bred Registered Dairy Bulls (Class A) £22, Pure-bred Registered Dairy Bulls (Class B) £20, Half-bred Registered Dairy Bulls £15, Pure bred Shorthorn, Aberdeen Angus and Hereford Bulls £15.

N.B.—Any Premiums not allocated to Shorthorn and Registered Dairy Bulls at the County Committee's Meeting to be held on the 18th February, 1928, may be awarded to Aberdeen Angus and Hereford Bulls.

Applications on Forms, which may be had from the undersigned, will be considered at meetings of the Committee to be held on the 21st January and the 18th February, 1928.

J. O'DWYER, Secretary to Committee. Offices—Courthouse, Dungarvan.

Early Seed Potatoes

For 1928.

We have just received our first consignment for the season of Early Seed Potatoes. All this consignment has been specially selected and certified by the Department of Agriculture and the Potatoes are all absolutely true to name. The following varieties are stocked—Early Puritans, Sharpes' Express, Duke of York, May Queen, Sutton's Abundance, British Queens, Great Scot. Put up in 1 cwt. Bags at special prices. No better samples can be offered.

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Special Value in Teas, Jams, Biscuits, Sundries, &c.

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147 Pairs Unbleached Twill Sheets, Hommed, ready for use, will wear well. Full Single Bed Size, 63 x 86, each 2s 11d. Per Pair 5s 11d.

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During this month we have marked down all our stocks at such prices as will effect a speedy clearance.

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The following are only a few of the many Bargains to be had—

- FOR MEN—** Overcoats, 19s. 6d., 27s. 6d., 39s. 6d. Irish Tweed Suits, 29s. 6d., 37s. 6d., 49s. 6d. Trench Coats, 15s. 6d., 22s. 6d., 32s. 6d. Strong Tweed Pants, 6s 11d., 9s 11d., 12s 6d. Undershirts and Pants, 2s 6d., 3s 11d., 5s. 6d. Fancy Shirts, 3s 6d., 4s 11d., 5s 11d. Felt Hats, 4s 11d., 6s. 6d., 9s. 11d. Socks, 9d., 1s. 3d., 1s. 11d. Cardigans, 7s. 11d., 9s. 11d., 15s. 6d. Boys' Suits, 7s. 11d., 11s. 6d., 17s. 6d. Boys' Jerseys, 2s 11d., 3s 11d., 4s 11d. Wool Shirts, 2s., 2s. 6d., 2s. 11d. Wool Blankets, 18s. 11d., 22s. 11d., 39s. 11d. per pair. Quilts, Towels, Sheets, Flannels, Rugs and Curtains at specially low prices. Bargains in Children's Coats, Dresses, Overalls and Hats.
- FOR LADIES—** New Hats, 3s. 11d., 6s. 11d. 12s. 11d. Stylish Costumes, 22s. 6d., 29s. 6d., 39s. 6d. Warm Coats, 24s. 6d., 29s. 6d., 39s. 6d. Dainty Blouses, 1s 11d., 2s 11d., 4s 11d. New Robes, 16s. 6d., 22s. 6d., 27s. 6d. Dance Frocks, 18s. 6d., 27s. 6d., 39s. 6d. Cardigans, 6s. 11d., 9s. 11d., 15s. 6d. Jumpers, 4s. 11d., 7s. 11d., 13s. 6d. Combinations, 4s 11d., 7s 11d., 12s 6d. Corsets, 1s 11d., 3s 11d., 7s 11d. Aprons and Overalls, 2s 9d., 3s 11d., 4s. 11d. Wool and Silk Scarves, 1s 11d., 2s 11d., 4s. 11d. Vests and Bodices, 1s., 1s. 11d., 3s 11d. Undershirts, 2s 6d., 4s 11d., 6s 11d. Bargains in Ladies' Furs, Gloves and Hosiery. Piles of Calicoes, Flannelette and Prints, 8d., 11d. and 1s. 3d. per yd.

Bargains in Ladies' Costume Lengths. 8s. 11d., 12s. 6d., 17s. 6d. Big stock of Gent's New Suitings, locally made, quality. Gent's Suits Tailored to perfection, £4 10s., £5 10s., £7 10s. Ladies' Costumes Made to Order, 42s., 63s., 79s.

LYNCH BROS., 52 Michael Street, WATERFORD.

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The Pharmacy, Ltd. Chemists, Bridge St., Dungarvan.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE.

### COUNTY WATERFORD COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

#### NOMINATIONS OF MARES, 1928.

The County Committee have decided to offer Nominations to Farmers' Mares to be served by Thoroughbred Irish Draught or Half-bred Stallions on the Register or Selected List of the Department of Lands and Agriculture, under the Conditions set forth in the Department's Scheme for encouraging Improvement in the Breeds of Horses, 1928.

The following Table shows the Centres and the days and hours at which Mares will be judged in each district—

- Dungarvan—Shandon—7th February, 11 a.m.
- Youghal No. 2—Clashmore—7th February, 2 p.m.
- Clonmel No. 2—Ballymacarbery—8th February, 11 p.m.
- Lisimore—Lisimore Show Field—8th February, 2 p.m.
- Carrick-on-Suir No. 2—Clones (Power)—9th February, 11 a.m.
- Kilmacthomas—Kilmacthomas—9th February, 2 p.m.
- Waterford No. 1—Ballybricken—10th February, 11 a.m.

The Value of Nominations to Thoroughbred and Irish Draught Stallions shall be £2; to Half-bred Stallions, £1 10s. Preference will be given to the best Young Mares under Six Years of Age. Each Mare must be the property of a Farmer, the Tenement Valuation of whose Holding or Holdings wherever situated, and for which he is rated, does not exceed £200.

As far as possible, two-thirds of the Nominations shall be reserved for Farmers valued at £50 or under. The term "Farmer" is to be understood to mean a person who derives his means of living mainly from Farming. Special attention is directed to the following Regulations:—

- 1—Only such Farmers as are rated for Holdings within the County are eligible to exhibit Mares. N.B.—(This Regulation does not apply to Herds).
- 2—Each Qualified Rated Farmer is entitled to compete for a Nomination for One Mare only, but the Committee may award a Second Nomination to Owners of Mares on the Reserved List.
- 3—Special Notice—Any person found (a) exhibiting a Mare not his bona fide property, (b) attempting to obtain more than One Nomination through any misrepresentation as to Ownership of his Mares, or (c) sending for Service a Mare other than the one in respect of which the Nomination was awarded, is guilty of a Criminal Offence and will be prosecuted.

Further particulars regarding these Awards, Copies of the Department's Live Stock Schemes, 1928, and Entry Forms, which must be filled and returned not later than Saturday, 28th January, 1928, may be had from JOHN O'DWYER, Secretary, Co. Waterford Committee of Agriculture, Courthouse, Dungarvan, 31st Dec., 1927.

N.B.—No Entries will be received on days of Shows, nor will Mares be allowed to compete for Nominations whose Entries do not reach me at least on Saturday, January 28th.

### GRAMOPHONES.

ALL THE LATEST INSTRUMENTS—THE NEW H. M. V. AND ALL OTHER MAKES IN STOCK.

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WINNING PAIR RUNNERS-UP ... £6 Each ... £2 Each

The First Round can be played anywhere. Final Rounds to be played in Ballinamela School on a date to be named later. Winners of First Round to make application for Admission Tickets for Second Round to any one of the undersigned.

NICHOLAS MORRISSEY, Cappoquin. PATRICK GONDON, N.T., Ballinamela. JAMES McGRATH, Ballinamela. HON. SECS.

ADMISSION ... 2/6.

YOUGHAL DENTISTRY. R. F. TWOMEY, B.D.S.I., SURGEON DENTIST, will Attend at MISS MADGE GONDON'S, North Main Street, on Saturdays and Fair Days.

WEST WATERFORD HUNT ANNUAL DANCE Will be Held at HOTEL MONATREA, ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1928.

HIGH-CLASS MUSIC AND CATERING. DANCING AT 9.30 p.m. TICKETS—GENTS, 12s. 6d.; LADIES, 10s.

J. S. WALSH, M. FITZGERALD, HON. SECS.

WOULD the person who took a gentleman's hat and overcoat from the Rosthouse, Cappoquin, on the night of 26th ult., please return same to the Civic Guards Barracks, Cappoquin, at earliest convenience? Incidental expenses will be gladly defrayed by Owner.

## Waterford County Board of Public Assistance.

The monthly meeting of the above was held in the Courthouse, Dungarvan, on Wednesday last. Mrs. White, vice-chairman, and subsequently Mr. D. Conway, chairman, presided. Also present were—Messrs. J. Kiersey, J. O'Donnell, T. Dunne, T. Tracey, J. Drea, T. Cosgrave, T. D. Connolly, P. J. McAuliffe, Wm. Stack, R. Delaney and J. Butler.

### EXPENDITURE.

The Secretary reported that the expenditure under all heads for the month was £4,475 14s. 3d.

### ESTIMATE FOR YEAR 1928-29. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I beg to submit my report and estimate of the expenditure to be provided for in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1929, the total amount being £58,706, as against £58,110 last year, or an increase of £596. In the estimate previously submitted by me I had made provision for a sum of £21,524 for Home Assistance, but this was reduced by the board to the extent of £2,000. The actual expenditure will, however, reach close on £22,000, so that you would have a very heavy debit balance at the end of the current financial year were it not for the saving effected by the fact that the Lisimore General District Hospital had not been opened during the year as anticipated. You may consider yourselves fortunate, therefore, in having a debit balance of only £1,182 of the 31st March next as against £2,876 at the corresponding period last year. The amount included in the estimate for Home Assistance for the coming year, which is based on the current year's expenditure, is £1,582 or about 40 per cent. of the entire amount required for the services of the year. There is no appreciable change in any of the other items of expenditure with the exception of an increase in the cost of maintenance of patients in extern institutions, due practically to the sending of unmarried mothers to the Bessboro Home, while receipts from the repayment of assistance have increased as a result of the payment by the Board of Public Health for the maintenance of county tuberculosis cases under treatment in the hospitals under control of the board.

Mr. Drea said he was not in favour of cutting down estimate prepared by their Secretary, especially as if you have money left over it will be to your credit, whereas if you have to go and borrow money before the end of the financial year you will have to pay big interest on it. Mrs. White—Is it not usual to propose the adoption of the estimate first? Mr. McAuliffe—Yes; I propose that the estimate be adopted. Mr. Drea—I will second that. I notice here a sum of £300 for the farm. I suggest a farm book should be kept. Secretary—There is a farm book kept. This is only an official form in which the profits are not shown. That form only shows the estimated expenditure. Mr. Dunne said they should deal with the estimate first.

Mr. Kiersey asked the Secretary if any money which is given for the relief of unemployment would be refunded afterwards to the Board of Assistance? Secretary—No. Mr. Dunne—Mr. Kiersey means that when a man is unemployed and gets relief will he pay back that relief when he gets employment?

Secretary—I saw a discussion at some Board of Assistance meeting in the paper about that. Mr. Dunne said the man getting a few shilling relief would have plenty bills to pay back when he got employment. Mr. Kiersey then called attention to the case of a man who was drawing relief. He now has a job worth 50s. a week. Mr. Connolly—He, too, will have bills to pay back.

The Chairman said during his connection with public boards he could hear a good many large ratepayers complaining of the administration, especially of the administration of Home Assistance. He went and got a list of names of large ratepayers and put them on the committee, but when they got the opportunity they did not come to the meetings. Mr. Stack said it was very difficult to get a quorum. They often had to go out looking for a man before they could commence. There were three of them who attended regularly, but one of them would pay more rates than the three of them together.

Mr. O'Donnell—We should begin at the first item on the sheet (maintenance and clothing, £12,188). Could not we take off the £188? Secretary—I kept it as low as I could. Mr. Dunne—We can take it off if right, but we can also have an overdraft. Chairman—Suppose we adopt last year's estimate?

The estimate was then adopted less £686 to be taken off by the Secretary, which will bring the estimate to last year's figure.

### HOME ASSISTANCE FOR MONTH.

The Superintendent Assistance Officer reported that the amount of Home Assistance paid during the month was £2,206, a decrease of £68 over the corresponding period last year.

### TRAMORE DISPENSARY.

Mr. Jephson reported that there was a leak in the roof of the above dispensary. He suggested that a small job be done on it for the present or if the board preferred, a good job would be done for about £22.

Secretary—That is a house which was built last year. Mr. Stack—Who was the contractor? Secretary—I don't know. You only bought the house when it was built. The matter was referred to Mr. Jephson.

### LOCUM TENENS.

Dr. J. J. Moloney was appointed locum tenens in place of Dr. Casey, Whitechurch, who at the last meeting was granted nine months' leave. OUT OF PLUMB. Mr. Jephson, engineer, reported that the wall at the gate of Peter street dispensary was out of plumb and required immediate attention. Mr. Jephson was directed to get tenders for the work.

### OBJECTION.

A letter was read from Mr. Colbert stating that the solicitors engaged at the courthouse objected to the giving out of Home Assistance at the courthouse on court days. Mr. Connolly proposed a resolution that the Corporation be asked to approve of giving the Board of Assistance the use of the room on two days weekly (not court-days). Mr. Drea proposed an amendment that it be given out at the dispensary as heretofore.

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Chairman—I hold that as the courthouse is maintained by the public, we have as much right to it as others, even solicitors. After all the giving out of relief was one of the works of mercy. Mr. Connolly's motion was then put and passed by 6 votes to 3.

### TEMPORARY NURSE.

Nurse B. M. Walsh was appointed as temporary nurse at Lisimore Fever Hospital subject to sanction.

### SESKINANE DISPENSARY.

There was no tender received for carrying out of repairs to the above dispensary. The Secretary was directed to advertise again for contractors.

### TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

The following tenders were accepted for supplies to the hospital at Lisimore—Bread—10d. per 4lb. loaf, J. D. Daly, Lisimore. Beef—9d. per lb.; mutton, 11d. per lb.; John Brennock, Lisimore.

### COMMISSION ON THE RELIEF OF SICK AND DESTITUTE POOR.

The correspondence regarding the report of the Poor Law Commission on the relief of the sick and destitute poor, including the final report of the Committee on Health Insurance and Medical Services, was, on the proposition of Mrs. White, seconded by Mr. Connolly, adjourned, and a special meeting to deal with the matter will be held on Tuesday next, 24th inst., at the Town Hall, Waterford, at 2.30 p.m.

## Cappoquin Notes.

### THE SALMON FISHING INDUSTRY.

Those engaged in the salmon fishing industry on the River Blackwater will be glad to learn that the Blackwater Valley Co-operative Society, Cappoquin, has now made arrangements for the purchase of salmon during the coming season, commencing on February 1st. Under present arrangements this Society will be prepared to take the largest quantities available, each day for direct shipment to the principal English markets where the highest possible prices can always be guaranteed. Cappoquin being most conveniently situated as an ideal transport centre, all fish will be forwarded direct to the principal cross-Channel markets the same day as received, so that the salmon will be on sale in its freshest and best condition the following day, which will ensure the best possible return for the fishermen along both sides of the Blackwater.

The fish will be collected at convenient centres each day by motor lorry, so this arrangement should save the fishermen considerable trouble and expense as well as proving a great convenience to all concerned.—See advertisement in this issue.

### CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS BALL.

Derrinheen House, the residence of Dr. and Mrs. White, was the scene of a gay and effective gathering of juveniles recently, when Mrs. White gave her annual Fancy Dress Ball for the children of the town and district. The arrangements on this occasion were, if anything, more elaborate than previously, as the large dining-room had been transformed into a gaily decorated and brightly festooned ballroom and presented a brilliant and artistic appearance when the neatly-dressed children of both sexes had assembled. There were about 80 children present, and the display of fancy dresses worn revealed a wonderful conception of originality and boldness of design. There were Pierrots and Pierrettes, Fairy Queens and May Queens, Queens of Diamonds and Queens of Hearts, Cowboys and Brigadier Chiefs, and a host of other characters too numerous to mention.

The funny hat, the well-known cane, the No. 12 Boots worn by the famous screen comedian, and every other detail had been carefully attended to, while in addition the comic antics of this youthful "Charlie" kept the entire party in peals of laughter from start to finish. A sumptuous supper having been served for all, dancing was indulged in with great gusto by the youngsters. Excellent music being provided on the piano by Mrs. Lena Ryan, Mrs. B. Regan, Miss Greta Walsh, Miss Martha Meade and Mr. M. Flavin which added greatly to

### COMHUALLACHT PHUIRT LAIRGE.

(Corporation of Waterford.)

### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY UNDERTAKING.

The Corporation of the County Borough of Waterford invite Tenders for—Three 120 KVA. 3-phase Transformers (Indoor Type). Five 60 KVA. 3-phase Transformers (Outdoor Type).

Specification, General Conditions and Forms of Tender, may be obtained from the UNDERSIGNED, Consulting Engineers to the Corporation, on payment of a deposit of £2 2s which will be returnable to Tenders who submit bona fide Tenders and return all drawings and documents.

Tenders endorsed "Tender for Transformers" are to be delivered to the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Waterford, not later than noon on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th. The Corporation of Waterford is not bound to accept the lowest nor any Tender.

MacENTEE AND O'KELLY, Consulting Engineers, 23 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin.

### WOODBINE COTTAGE.

GARRAVOONE, CARRICK-ON-SUIR.

### CLEARANCE SALE OF DAIRE YOWNS, YOUNG STOCK, FARMING IMPLEMENTS, GRAZING, TILLAGE GROUND, ETC.

By instructions from Mrs. Walsh and the Executors of the late Mr. Edmund Walsh, I will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON ABOVE LANDS, ON WEDNESDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1928, At 12 o'clock, 14 Excellent Young Dairy Cows, 11 One and a half year old Bulls and Heifers, 4 Yearlings Calves, 9 Weanling Calves, 2 Horses accustomed to all work, Reaper and Binder, Mowing Machine, Chaff Cutter, Turnip Pulper, Hay Trolley, Horse's Cart, Horse's Dray with Creel, Chill Plough, Spring Harrow, Chain Harrow, Scuffler, two Sets Horse's Tackling, 2 Creamery Churns, also other Farming Implements and Dairy Utensils. 60 Acres Superior Grazing in suitable Lots, all well fenced, sheltered and watered. 3 Acres Manned Tillage Ground. 4 Acres Bawn Scabbles. Order of Sale—Cattle, Farming Implements, and lastly, Grazing and Tillage Ground. Terms—Cash with 5 per cent. Commission. R. DALTON, M.E.A.A., Auctioneer, Carrick-on-Suir.





DEATH.

MEAGHER—January 19th, 1928 at 9 Square Dungarvan, Mrs. John Meagher, deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral to Ballinacoola from St. Mary's Church after High Mass on Saturday.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

FOLEY—Third Anniversary of my dear husband, Maurice Foley, who died January 16th, 1925, at 3 Emmet Terrace, Dungarvan. In the shadow of thy Sacred Heart, Sweet Jesus, let him rest.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. Power and family, Craigrush, desire to return sincere thanks to the many kind friends who sympathized with them in their recent sad bereavement.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Engaged.—The engagement is announced of Miss Nesta Villiers Stuart, daughter of the late Major Villiers Stuart, Dromana, and sister of Mr. Ion H. F. Villiers, Stuart, and Lieut. Desmond Fitzgerald Norfolk Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Framingham House, Norfolk. The marriage will take place on February 14th at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, London.

Death of Mr. Denis F. Fuge, Rathgar, Dublin.—We regret to announce the death of Mr. Denis F. Fuge, Manager Munster and Leinster Bank, Rathgar, Dublin, which occurred at his residence on Thursday morning following a brief illness, which developed into pneumonia. The late Mr. Fuge was a well-known Dungarvan man, being son of the late Mr. James Fuge and of Mrs. Fuge, Mary street; brother of Mr. J. F. Fuge, County Offices, and of Mrs. T. Casey and Misses Fuge Mary street. Sprung from a most respected and esteemed family, he was a general favourite wherever he went, and in the various branches of the bank in which he served, he was always a most genial, social and loyal comrade, a capable and shrewd man of business, and an all-round sportsman. He served a number of years in the Head Office of the Bank in Cork, where he won the admiration of his Directors and the complete confidence of the commercial community. Some years ago he was appointed Manager of the Bank at Rathgar, Dublin, and in that capacity he further enhanced his reputation as a financial expert, while in addition he was the guide and adviser of the bank's clients. In social life he was prominently identified with every form of sport, and was, taken for all in all, a charming personality and a true friend. It is very sad that in the prime of life he should be called away, and in their sorrow sincere sympathy is extended to his bereaved widow, mother, brother and sisters. R.I.P.

Death of Mrs. Meagher, Square, Dungarvan.—We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Meagher, wife of Mr. John Meagher, Square, Dungarvan, which occurred on Thursday morning at her residence. She had been in failing health for some time past, but despite the best medical skill she passed peacefully away fortified by the rites of Holy Church. The late Mrs. Meagher was sister of Mr. D. Landers, Knocknauan, and was for a number of years closely associated with the millinery and drapery business on the Square where she carried on a most successful establishment. She was immensely popular with all classes, and was of a most amiable disposition, kindhearted and charitable. By her death the town loses one of its most respected and beloved citizens, and the members of her family deeply sympathize. R.I.P. The remains will be removed this (Friday) evening to the Parish Church, and on Saturday after High Mass for the repose of her soul the funeral will take place to the family burial ground at Ballinacoola.

Cored by a Bull.—Last week while walking through his fields, Mr. John Stephenson, Kilminden, was attacked by a 4-year-old bull. Mr. Stephenson was knocked down but caught hold of a rope attached to a ring in the bull's nose, and by this means prevented the bull from goring him. A Civic Guard passing by the road saw Mr. Stephenson's predicament and running to the bull's head, returned at once with another Guard and beat off the bull with axes. Mr. Stephenson was much injured, and but for the timely arrival of the Guards would have probably lost his life.

Law's Great Clearance Sale will be continued for the next 10 days. Come and secure the bargains.

Dungarvan Fair on Wednesday last was fairly well stocked with cattle, and buyers were plenty. Good-conditioned cattle were in demand, but there was no inquiry for inferior animals. Best 3-year-olds made £18 to £20; 2nd class, £15 to £18; 1st class 2-year-olds, £14 to £16 10s.; 2nd class, £12 to £14; 1½-year-olds, £11 to £12 10s.; 2nd class, £7 to £10; weanlings made from £6 to £8 10s. according to quality; inferior beasts made £5 to £6; fat cows £6 to 70s. per cwt. dead weight; mutton, 10d. to 1s. 1d. per lb. according to quality; hoggets, 45s. to 60s. each; pigs were in big supply but except for good stores prices were poor; stores, 40s. to £3; others, 20s. to 35s.; sows and sters, £8 to £12 each. On the horse fair few transactions took place.

Tallow Floods.—The deputation from Tallow which appeared before the County Board of Health on Saturday last in connection with the recent flooding of houses in the town and the consequent hardship and suffering inflicted on the residents, many of whom had their apartments flooded to a depth of 2 feet, is more made a very good case, and showed how urgent is the necessity for preventing a recurrence of such a disaster. As there is no great engineering feat necessary to be performed to prevent a recurrence of such flooding, and as the river and its tributaries could be kept within bounds, we are sure the responsible authority will at once see that such a disaster will not occur again and that the good people of Tallow will have no further cause for complaint in such a matter. In the hands of the Board of Health their interests will be duly safeguarded.

A Disclaimer.—Our Cappoquin Correspondent writes that he did not write the letter signed "Dark Blue" in last issue. That is correct.

The Event of the Year.—The Civic Guards Concert in Dungarvan on February 7th promises to be the greatest ever held. See the list of artists elsewhere and you will agree.

IRISH DAIRY SHORTHORN BREEDERS' SOCIETY. (WATERFORD BRANCH).

FIFTH ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE OF REGISTERED DAIRY BULLS (PEDIGREE AND NON-PEDIGREE), AND REGISTERED DAIRY HEIFERS; ALSO ABERDEEN ANGUS AND HEREFORD BULLS.

To be Held at the SALE YARD, PARNELL STREET, WATERFORD, ON THURSDAY, 29th MARCH, 1928.

The Department of Agriculture have approved of this Show for the selection of Bulls for Premiums under their Scheme for improving the Breeds of Cattle, 1928.

BULLS WILL BE INSPECTED FOR LICENSING AT THIS SHOW.

Entries close FINALLY on FEBRUARY 25th.

Entry Forms and all particulars can be had on application to J. KENNEDY, Hon. Sec., Storehouse, Kilmeehan Waterford; or to JOHN D. PALMER, M.I.A.A., Auctioneer, Catherine St., Waterford.

DUNGARVAN CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERY, LTD.

XXX SUPERPHOSPHATE 35/37 per cent. WATER SOLUBLE. GUARANTEED ANALYSIS.

The S.S. "OVERTON" is now on passage to us with 500 TONS HIGH-GRADE SUPERPHOSPHATE, and unless prevented by unforeseen circumstances will start discharging in Dungarvan on Wednesday next, 25th inst. Subject to safe arrival we are offering the above at an exceptionally LOW and ATTRACTIVE PRICE, and there will be the usual specially REDUCED PRICE to those who are prepared to avail of the ex-ship delivery. Book Your Orders now and make sure of getting early delivery. Prices on Application. S. FITZPATRICK, MANAGER

AT STUD. CAMPFIRE. (Black 60lbs.)

Sire—Cheerful Challenge by Harmonicon (Winner Waterloo) ex Cheerful Chick (best bitch in Ireland). Winner of several Stakes and dam of numerous winners. Dam—Sleeping Waters by Big Boy ex Ma Little Topsy, both well-known winners.

Campfire is Winner of several Stakes in best of company, leading and beating such well-known performers as Ballygranna, Trent and fastest greyhound in U.S.A., best Lochee, Third Tipp, Cara-Ma-Chree and other well-known performers. He is little brother to Lacy Tepsman, winner of several Stakes.

Fee—£3 3s. Bitches at Owners' risk. Apply JOHN KEATING, Cappoquin.

A GRAND WHIST DRIVE WILL BE HELD AT 84 O'CONNELL STREET, ON SUNDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 22nd, AT 8.15 SHARP. BIG CASH PRIZES.

TICKETS ... .. 2s.

SALMON! SALMON! SALMON!

The Blackwater Valley Co-operative Society, Ltd., Cappoquin, will be prepared to purchase 1,000 SALMON DAILY

From the opening of the coming Season commencing February 1st.

All Fish will be collected at convenient Centres along both banks of the river Blackwater each day and shipped direct to the English Markets, where the highest possible prices will be always available.

Further details can be obtained from the SECRETARY, Co-operative Society, Cappoquin.

HIGH-CLASS CONCERT AND INSTRUMENTAL ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CINEMA, DUNGARVAN, ON TUESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY COMMENCING AT 8.30 p.m. (Under the Auspices of the Civic Guard).

ENTERTAINMENT FOR EVERYONE GUARANTEED.

VOCAL, INSTRUMENTAL & HUMOURIST CELEBRITIES INCLUDE—

MISS CHRISTIE MANNING, R.I.A.M., Soprano, Cork.

MR. W. WATT, Feis Ceol, Gold Medalist, Tenor, Waterford.

MR. BEN BIRMINGHAM, Gold Medalist, Baritone, Waterford.

MISS M. MALONEY, L.R.A.M., Accompanist.

THE WATERFORD MALE SINGERS (SIX VOICES), WATERFORD.

MR. EDDIE PHELAN, Gold Medalist Baritone, Dungarvan.

Messrs. DAN HOBBS, JACK MURPHY, CORK, and MR. PADDY MAHONY, WATERFORD, Humourists.

HERR BOTZ, Conservatoire of Music, Cologne.

SEATS BOOKED AT CROTTY'S, MAIN STREET, DUNGARVAN.

Prices—Reserved Seats and Circle, 3/6; Front Seats, 2/6; Back Seats, 1s. 3d.

CONCERT FOLLOWED BY DANCE AT TOWN HALL, DUNGARVAN.

POPULAR PRICES.

MUSIC SUPPLIED BY THE PIERROT

FIRST QUALITY TRIAL WILL CONVINC YOU. ASK OUR VANS TO CALL. Absolutely Pure Confectionery. Wedding Cakes a Speciality. ALL ORDERS AT SHORTEST NOTICE. POWER'S HIGH-CLASS BAKERS AND CONFECTIONERS, 18 O'Connell Street, Dungarvan.

ABBEYSIDE, DUNGARVAN. ATTRACTIVE FURNITURE AUCTION.

The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. Robert Craig, Shears Street, Abbeyside, TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, AT HIS RESIDENCE, ON THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1928, At 12 o'clock (noon).

The entire Furniture and Effects comprising: Typewriting Machine, Dining Table, Bevel Glass Overmantle, Inlaid Japanese Cabinet, Mahogany Cabinet, Bookcase, Writing Desk, 14-day Clock, Coal Scuttle, Brass Fenders and Irons, Fire Screens, 3 Double Brass-mounted Beds, Spring Hair and Fibre Mattresses, Towel Racks, Wash Stands, Dressing Tables, Toilet Sets, Night Chairs, Looking Glasses, Bedroom Chairs, Kitchen Utensils, Tables, Chairs, Pots, Pans, Breakfast Set, Delphi, Singer Sewing Machine (hand), Gramophone Records, Carpets, Rugs, Livable, Curtains, Poles, Blinds, Pictures, Ornaments, Shrubs, etc., etc.

Admission to Sale by Ticket 1s., which will be returned to Purchasers. Terms—Cash. 5 per cent. Commission. For further particulars apply to JOHN BUTLER, Auctioneer and Valuer, Dungarvan.

NOTICE.

Tenders required by the Stradbally and Comeragh Valley Co-operative Society for the reconstruction of their Building at Mahon Bridge as an Auxiliary Creamery according to plan and specification, which can be seen on application to the Manager at his Office—Co-operative Society, Durrow, Stradbally.

NOTICE.

Persons depositing Rubbish, etc., at Cooney's Lough end of New Chapel Street are hereby cautioned that all such matter must be dumped over "Tip Head" and not thrown indiscriminately over the place or on the public road.

Any person acting in contravention of this Notice will be prosecuted.

By Order of Council, WILLIAM O'MEARA, Town Clerk, Urban District Council Office, Town Hall Dungarvan.

COUNTY OF WATERFORD. BISHOPSCOURT, BALLYGUNNER.

AUCTION OF EXCELLENT DAIRY AND TILLAGE FARM, HELD IN FEE-SIMPLE. COWS, HORSE, CART, FARM IMPLEMENTS, SEPARATOR, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE LANDS, ON THURSDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1928, At 12 o'clock.

By instructions of Mr. Robert Kelly (who is retiring from farming).

The excellent Dairy and Tillage Farm, BISHOPSCOURT, Parish of Ballygunner, Barony of Gashler and Co. of Waterford, containing 61 acres 3 rods, Statute Measure of thereabouts. Held in fee-simple subject to an annual payment by way of interest to Irish Land Commission of £25 5s. 10d. Poor Law valuation £50. Together with part of the lands of BALLYGUNNER, containing 2s. 3r., like measure, formerly held on Yearly Tenancy at yearly rent of £2, but now subject to the provisions of the Land Act, 1923. The annual payment in lieu of rent being £1 10s. Poor Law valuation £1.

The Lands are of prime quality and border 2 roads, well fenced, sheltered and watered. About 4 acres are after root crop, 1½ acres stubble, 4½ acres under 2nd crop, and the balance in grazing. The holding is situated about 2½ miles from City of Waterford and close to Church and Schools.

For further particulars apply to JAMES MCCOY, Solicitor, Colbeck Street, Waterford; or to JOHN D. PALMER, M.I.A.A., Auctioneer, Catherine Street and Parnell St., Waterford.

NOTICE.

Newly-built Business Premises situate at North Abbey, Youghal, held in Fee-simple, best business thoroughfare, comprising 3 rooms, kitchen with large shop and 3 counters, 1 acre of ground to the back, 4 of same tilled as vegetable garden, 3 large out-offices, yard suitable for coal or timber or garage, surrounded by wall 8 feet high. Apply to Thomas Curran, North Abbey, Youghal.

WEST WATERFORD HOUNDS. MEETS FOR JANUARY.

Monday, 23rd—Aglisli.

Thursday, 26th—Millstreet.

Monday, 30th—Tallow.

At 11 o'clock.

JOHN BUTLER, AUCTIONEER VALUER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

VALUER FOR PROBATE, ETC. ALL BUSINESS ENTRUSTED TO ME WILL RECEIVE PROMPT AND CAREFUL ATTENTION.

Address: St. Thomas's Terrace, Dungarvan.

MOTOR FOR HIRE. CHRYSLER SALOON.

1927 MODEL. THE LAST WORD IN COMFORT.

CHARGES MODERATE. APPLY J. BUTLER, 15 ST. THOMAS'S TERRACE.

NOTICE TO BEET GROWERS—FINAL DELIVERIES.

The IRISH SUGAR MANUFACTURING CO. notifies all Beet Growers that manufacture will cease this Season early in February. Dates of final loading at respective Stations will be as follows:—

BY RAIL—On Saturday, 4th February, 1928.

BY ROAD—On Tuesday, 7th February, 1928.

BY CANAL—On Tuesday, 31st January, 1928.

Growers who have not completed the deliveries yet are advised to make application at once for Delivery Orders either personally to their Loading Agents or by post to the Factory. It is essential that the instructions of the Loading Agents be complied with, both as to tonnage and dates of delivery, in order that the supply received daily may be equal to the capacity of the Factory. Growers are requested not to exceed the tonnage allotted to them, nor on the other hand, to withhold deliveries.

No beet will be accepted after deliveries have been completed, and the IRISH SUGAR MANUFACTURING CO. cannot accept responsibility for beet then remaining on hand with any grower.

The IRISH SUGAR MANUFACTURING CO., Ltd.

TALLOW MONTHLY CATTLE, SHEEP AND PIG FAIR.

ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 26th.

FAIRS ARE HELD ON FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

T. J. KENIRY, J. O'BRIEN, Hon. Secs.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.

A desirable Residence in one of Dungarvan's prettiest situations. It contains 4 bedrooms, sitting-room, kitchen, scullery and w.c. with yard and back entrance. House is electrically lighted, fee-simple, and possession can be had immediately. Further particulars can be had from HAYES AND SONS, Auctioneers, Lurgan.

A GRAND WHIST DRIVE WILL BE HELD AT EGAN'S HOTEL, DUNGARVAN, ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25th, At 8.15 p.m. sharp.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. DANCE TO FOLLOW.

MONSTER 45 DRIVE

The Draw for the Final Rounds of the 45 Drive in aid of the Brickey Rangers' Football Club will take place in the Boys' Club, Emmet Street, Dungarvan, on Friday, 27th January, at 8.30 p.m. Rev. L. Egan, C.C., will preside at the draw. The remaining rounds will be played at the Town Hall, Dungarvan, on Sunday, 29th January, at 3 p.m. sharp.

COUNTY OF WATERFORD. LANDS OF CLASHMORE.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.

Private Offers will be received by the undersigned for the Lands of Clashmore containing 10 or about 7 acres 3 rods and 15 perches, forming part of the Estate of the Earl of Huntington and known as the Plantation.

There is a considerable quantity of Scrub and Brushwood on the Lands, which are held in Fee-simple, Free of Rent for ever. Poor Law Valuation, £2.

For further particulars apply to J. F. WILLIAMS AND SON, Solicitors, Dungarvan.

Great Annual January Stock-taking Clean-up SALE in China, Glass, and Haberdashery Departments Now On. Owing to the rebuilding and remodelling of two Warehouses in two of the largest Potteries in Staffordshire, our Buyer has secured 12 casks of assorted high-class decorated, and also useful China and semi Porcelain at a clearance price per ton less than one-fourth regular cost prices. Those casks shall be opened and cleared out during this Sale. Our customers shall receive the full benefit of this great Bargain Purchase. An entirely fresh range of Bargains shall be shown in our windows each day during Sale. All tossed Toys, Dolls, etc., will be cleared out at any price to make room for New Goods. SEE WINDOWS EACH DAY FOR FRESH BARGAINS. Hearne & Co. Ltd. WATERFORD.

REDUCTIONS in every Department to make room for NEW GOODS. WALSH'S, SQUARE, DUNGARVAN.

GLENBEG, DUNGARVAN. LETTING OF LAND.

HAYES AND SONS WILL LET BY PUBLIC AUCTION, AT GLENBEG, ON MONDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1928, At One o'clock.

For Mr. E. Delaney.

The Grazing for 11 months of about 8 acres of good Land just laid out to pasture, well watered and fenced, with house shelter when necessary.

Terms at Sale, 5 per cent. Commission. HAYES AND SONS, Auctioneers, Dungarvan.

FOR SALE—Mare, nearly 15 hands, grey, stylish trapper, trained to jump and hunt; also Dog Cart, well built and sprung, and Set of Black Harness. All form an exceptionally good turn-out. Apply to Mr. B. G. Ussher, Cappagh; or Hayes and Sons, Auctioneers, Dungarvan.

WOULD the person who took Overcoat Scarf and Cap in mistake from Half-way Dance on Sunday night, 15th January, return same to Civic Guards at Ballinacarbry or Ballinamult.

FOR SALE—Hunter 14½ hands, well trained; Pony, 14½ hands, fast trapper. Apply B. G. Ussher, Cappagh.

SHOOTING to Let at Ballylemon Wood, near Dungarvan. Apply B. O'Keefe, Touraine, Lismore.

TO BE LET good-sized Yard with small house therein with gateway entrance from Fair-lane. For further particulars apply to John R. Dower.

KNOCKENPOWER, RING—To be Let on the 11 months' system 30 acres of prime Grazing Land, well sheltered and watered. Apply Mr. M. J. O'Brien, Knockenpower Ring.

THE Lands of Kilustarna, in my possession, are preserved. Trespassers will be prosecuted.—John Ronayne.

NEW BOHEMIAN DANCE CLUB. A DANCE (Under the Auspices of the above Club), Will be Held in the TOWN HALL, DUNGARVAN, ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 20th, FROM 8 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

ORCHESTRAL MUSIC. ADMISSION 1s.

Dungarvan Markets.—Meal (special), 26s. 6d.; middle-cut, 26s.; flour, 24s. 6d. per 10st.; bran and pollard, 12s. per cwt.; butter, 1s. 7½d. and 1s. 8½d. per lb.; coal, £2 per ton; eggs 1s. 6d. per dozen; black oats, 12s. 6d. per barrel; white oats, 14s. per barrel.

Good News for Ratepayers.—The estimates of the County Board of Public Health and County Surveyor are the same as last year, while the estimate of the Asylum and Board of Health show a reduction of £2,000 in all. The general rate in the county should be down 1s. in the £ this year.

FOR SALE—One Acre of good Land situated at west end of the town. Apply P. this Office.

FOR SALE—A Donkey and Cart. Apply F. L. this Office.

PORKING Pigs put on flesh rapidly given Karswood Pig Powders. Twelve 1s.—W. J. Nolan, Ltd., Pharmacy, 43 Main St., Dungarvan.

NOTICE TO FARMERS—Registered Boar is now at Stud at Patrick Vane's Ballyneeta, Dungarvan.

NOTICE TO PIG BREEDERS—A Pure-Bred Boar, registered by the Department of Agriculture can now be availed of at Mr. Wm. Tobin's, Eike, Garrabane, Dungarvan.

FOR SALE—Hornby Baby Reaper and Binder in perfect working order. Apply K. this Office.

NOTICE TO PIG BREEDERS—Three Pure-Bred Boars registered by the Department of Agriculture to be Let for Service.—James McCarthy, Ballyduff, Dungarvan.

PEDIGREE Poultry for Sale—Cockereels, Rhodes (Barron's and Abbot's), Wyandottes (Strong's) White Leghorns (Snowden and Daily Mail), Drakes, White Runners (Taylor and other Strains); also a Pen of Abbot Woods' Aylesbury Ducks.—Sheil-Walshe, Cappoquin.

THE LANDS of Drumroe, Bleanahource and Townparks, Lismore, in my possession, will be laid with poison.—Michl. McGrath.

WANTED—Young Lads to join the Dungarvan Band.

TO BE LET FOR 11 MONTHS from 1st February, 1928, about 30 acres of the lands of Knocky, Ballinamult, the property of James Butler. Applications will be received by Philip O'Meara, Knocky.

FOR SALE—5 Acres of Furze in Lots to suit Purchasers. Apply J. Traynor, Clonkerdin, Cappoquin.

GRATEFUL thanksgiving to Sacred Heart, B.V.M., St. Anthony, St. Declan, St. Teresa, St. Joseph, for two safe confinements and happy bee and good husband and several other favours too numerous to mention, especially one granted to me about 9 years ago. I also ask the prayers of your readers for another favour, which I badly need. Publication promised, but delayed. From a Consecrated Home.—N.O.D.

NO LET in central position in Dungarvan furnished bedrooms, suitable for business ladies; Terms Moderate. Apply 296.

RESTITUTION—Mrs. M. Gough Dower begs to acknowledge the sum of 26s. restitution received on January 18th, 1928.

LOST between Old Parish and Grange Parish Church, Spare Wheel of Ford Motor Car. Finder will be rewarded on bringing same to "Observer" Office.

STYRIAN from Dungarvan Fair, 2-year-old Heifer, colour red, small star on forehead and half of tail white; value about £10. Information will be thankfully received by Thos. Phean, Ballyneety, or the Civic Guards.

FOR SALE—Cob, 15 hands, guaranteed to all work, 15 years old. Apply "Observer" Office.

NOTICE—The Lands of Ballinacoola, in my possession, are poisoned, and any dogs found thereon will be destroyed owing to the killing of lambs.—J. J. Morrissey.

TO BE LET for 11 months from this date 65 acres in Lots, well fenced and watered. Apply Mrs. Hickey, Vicarstown.

SETTINGS—Rhodes from Pen-headed by Abbot's Cockerels; White Leghorns from Pen-headed by Snowden Daily Mail Cockerels; First Cross Settings also for Sale, 6d. 6d., 2s. 6d.—Sheil-Walshe, Cappoquin.

WANTED—General Farm Hand; must be prepared to rough it when required; wife would be required to milk; Cottage Free; wife would be required to milk; Cottage Free; state wages. Copy of references from last employer to "Open," "Observer" Office.





WATERFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

NO SALARY INCREASE.

At the meeting of the council on Tuesday week, Mr. O'Gorman presiding. The Finance Committee recommended that the salary of Mr. Fitzgerald, clerk in the secretary's office be increased by £26 per annum.

Mr. O'Sullivan—When did he get the last increase? Secretary—I cannot tell you. It is a few years ago.

Mr. O'Shea—I propose he gets the £26. Mr. Delaney—Did the Finance Committee give any reason for recommending the increase? Secretary—No, except that his salary was too small.

Answering Mr. Gouling, the Secretary said Fitzgerald's original salary was to increase by increments, but the bonus came along and it changed it.

Mr. Tobin—What salary has he? Secretary—£156.

Mr. Tobin—I think any man with £156 a year is well off.

In reply to Mr. Ward, the Secretary said he regarded £156 as a very small salary.

Mr. Ward—But this man does not live in town and has no expenses. £150 a year is a very nice salary.

Mr. Conway—There are many large ratepayers and they have not that income.

Mr. Greene said in this time of distress if people could maintain the same position as in previous years they would be very well off, and the majority of ratepayers are in a bad financial position, and they would be very proud if they could maintain the same position this year.

Mr. O'Halloran proposed they adhere to their original proposition and appoint Mr. Michael Foley. Mr. O'Shea seconded.

The voting was as follows:—For Mr. Foley—Messrs. Halloran, Hart, Conway, Ward, Tobin, Stack, McGrath, O'Gorman, O'Shea, Gouling, McCalliffe—12.

For Mr. O'Dwyer—Messrs. Greene, Fitzgerald, O'Donnell, Delaney, Heskin, O'Riordan and Sir John Keane—7.

Mr. Foley was appointed subject to sanction.

CAPPOQUIN PAROCHIAL DEBT.

DRAWING OF PRIZES AND MONSTER WHIST DRIVE IN AID.

A grand drawing of prizes and monster Whist Drive in aid of the above was held in the C.Y.M.S. Hall, Cappoquin, on January 4th, and proved a remarkable success in every respect.

When some months ago the Very Rev. Canon Whelan, P., D.D., very generously paid up the balance of the debt due on the Parochial House out of his own pocket in order to save the parishioners from paying further interest on it, his action was greatly appreciated by all, and it was then felt that some practical steps should be taken without delay to repay him for his kind and generous action.

The C.Y.M.S. then took the matter in hand and decided on holding a grand drawing of prizes and a monster Whist Drive on January 4th towards this end, and the hon. sec. in charge of the arrangements—Messrs. J. E. Crowe, Thomas F. Olden and M. J. Sargent—lost no time in collecting the necessary prizes for such a worthy object.

Thanks mainly to their energetic efforts, as well as their great personal popularity they received prompt and generous response from practically all quarters applied to, and in this respect it is a matter of great satisfaction to be able to state that prizes were presented not only by the Catholic parishioners, but also by several persons of other denominations, which showed a grand spirit of tolerance and generosity, which reflects great credit on the generous donors.

Tickets were sold in great numbers everywhere, and the promoters were able to offer no less than 14 valuable prizes for the event. Prizes for the Whist Drive also poured in from all parts with the result that in addition to a fat sheep offered as first prize for the highest score, 32 other prizes were offered, which constituted a record for any Whist Drive held in these parts for many years.

The C.Y.M.S. Hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and there was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen present from Talow, Lismore, Camphire, Aglish, Villierstown and other parts, in addition to the townspeople, which proved the widespread popularity of the appeal. The proceedings were formally opened by Canon Whelan, who, in the course of a brief, but graceful address, warmly thanked all those who had assisted in wiping off the parochial debt, and he was proud to be able to say that all denominations had joined in the work, and he was particularly grateful to them for their great kindness and generosity.

He said he was very pleased to see such a fine gathering there that night, and he hoped they would all enjoy themselves fully, because, in the words of the song: "The more we are together, The merrier we will be."

(Laughter and applause.) The drawing of prizes was first proceeded with, all the tickets being placed in a revolving barrel so as to ensure absolute fair play for all. Canon Whelan drew each ticket, and the 14 prizes offered were won as under:—1st prize, a ham, won by Mrs. Fraher, Monaster, 2nd, a reading lamp, Mr. E. McCarthy, Ballinville, Lismore; 3rd, a bag of potatoes, Mrs. Barry Carrigan; 4th, a camera, Mr. Lar Kiehy, Irish teacher, Cappoquin; 5th, a bag of flour, Mr. J. Kent, Talow; 6th a travelling rug, Rev. P. Meskel, C.C., Clonmel; 7th, 1 cwt. sugar, Miss Biddy Doyle, Cook; 8th, a lady's umbrella, Rev. Fr. Power, C.C., Ardmore; 9th, bag of potatoes, Mrs. Loneragan, Mellary; 10th, a ham, Mrs. Griffin, Bawnmore, Lismore; 11th, a clock, Mrs. Ivy Crove, Cappoquin; 12th, a gent's pullover, Miss McGrath, Ardmore; 13th, 4 bottles of port wine, Mrs. A. J. Sargent, Cappoquin; 14th, 4lbs. of tea, Rev. Henry Synnot, C.C., Newcastle, Clonmel.

There was great competition in the Whist Drive, for which there were 44 players, or 41 tables, and owing to the number of prizes to be distributed (32 in all) it was decided to award three prizes to ladies and three to gentlemen at the end of each section of six games, the prizes going to the highest and lowest scores for each sex, with a "hard luck" prize in each case. Canon Whelan and Father Crotty, C.C., remained throughout the Whist Drive and took a keen interest in its progress, the duties of M.C. being very efficiently performed by Mr. B. J. Collender, N.T., President of the C.Y.M.S. The checkers were Messrs. J. E. Crowe, Thos. F. Olden, M. F. Sargent, John Regan, J. Singleton, Patk. Cahill and Jas. Curran, all of whom performed their work so accurately and expeditiously that the entire proceedings were conducted without the slightest hitch of any kind.

The result was as follows:—1st Section (6 games)—Ladies' Class Highest score, Mrs. Spillane, Cappoquin; lowest, Miss Lawless, do.; 2nd, Mrs. M. J. Sargent, do.; Gents' Class—P. Power, Cappoquin; J. J. O'Donnell, Lismore, and D. Brohan, do.; 2nd Section (12 games)—Ladies—Miss M. Kerfoot, Cappoquin; Miss J. McGrath, Lismore; Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell, do.; Gents—James Ryan, Lismore; M. Kenny, Cappoquin; Mr. Lee, C.I.D., do.; 3rd Section (18 games)—Ladies—Mrs. J. Lineen, Cappoquin; Mrs. S. Kingston, do.; Mrs. O'Keefe, Villierstown; Gents—Wm. Baldwin, Camphire; Thos. Wall, Keenan; Paul Coffey, Cappoquin; 4th Section (24 games)—Only two prizes each. Ladies—Lowest, Miss Power (o/o Fr. Crotty), Cappoquin. Hard Luck—Mrs. A. J. Sargent, Cappoquin. Gents—Lowest, T. Egan, Cappoquin; hard luck, W. Canning, Monastir, Lismore. Final Game—Ladies—Highest, Mrs. Fogarty, Lismore (cake dish); 2nd, Miss M. Kerfoot, Cappoquin (epagne); 3rd, Miss J. Lineen, do. (maigre set); Gents—Highest, M. Hickey, Cappoquin (leg of mutton); 2nd, P. Power, do. (a fat goose); 3rd, Jas. Browne, Lismore (a silver watch). Highest total prize for lady or gent (a fat sheep), won by Jas. Ryan, Lismore. Travellers—Ladies—Miss O'Donnell, Killahealy, and Miss Ryan, Talow; Gents—Wm. Cahill, Cappoquin, and Vin O'Donoghue, B.E., do.

All the prizes were then presented to the winners by Fr. Crotty, C.C., amidst great applause, which concluded a most successful and enjoyable evening for all.

YOUGHAL FREEMEN'S ROLL.

Dr. Charles Ronayne, Medaille Militaire, Custodian of the Freeman's Roll, held a Revision at his residence, South Abbey, to examine and determine the claims for enrolment in the Roll and the Freedom thereto of four applicants, including the following—Messrs. Brooke Wellington Brazier, Robert G. Torrens and Rowland Chambre Holroyd Smyth.

Dr. Ronayne said the usual place for holding the Freeman's Court or Sitting was the Borough Council Chamber. Hitherto he had always held it there, but at present he was not well able to do so. However, he had ascertained that some of his predecessors had held the court by their private houses. He was therefore now ready to hear and decide any claims for enrolment and admission to the Freedom. He had taken particular care to satisfy himself that in sitting there he was strictly and legally correct. In the Statute governing the Freeman's procedure there was no mention of the place, only that the Revisor and Custodian should hold a sitting to hear and determine any claims. He was doing that for their protection and his own. If he were acting illegally in the matter he might be subjected to another action-at-law. Some of them might remember the case some years ago in which Mr. Crofts, solicitor, Cork, questioned the admission of some freemen. It was tried at Youghal, before the late Mr. Hamilton, Recorder of Cork, a very careful Judge. There were counsel on both sides. After a detailed hearing the Recorder said the point was very peculiar and difficult, but he agreed with Dr. Ronayne's reading of it and gave his decision accordingly. He was also particular for their sakes, so that they might possess and transmit the right of enrolment and the freedom—whatever they were worth now. The first on the list was Mr. Brooke W. Brazier, who claimed as eldest son of the late Mr. Brooke Brazier. The claim having been proved, he admitted him on the Roll. For a like reason he also admitted Mr. Rowland Chambre Holroyd Smyth, eldest son of Capt. Rowland Holroyd Smyth, of Ballynatray, and Mr. Robert G. Torrens, eldest son of Mr. J. M. Torrens, Youghal.

The successful claimants having signed the Roll, Dr. Ronayne said—Now, gentlemen, you must consider it an honour to have your names inscribed on the same Roll with many very distinguished names, including Dukes, Earls, Lords Lieutenant, etc. Among those names are the Duke of Wellington, who had been stationed at Youghal with the 33rd Regiment; that gallant patriot, Lord Edward Fitzgerald; Sir Robert Ball, Astronomer Royal (a native of Youghal), and this son, and numerous others.

Mr. Brazier said—Mr. President, on behalf of my brother Freeman and myself, I thank you for the privilege you have just conferred on us in placing our names on the Freeman's Roll of the Ancient Borough of Youghal. This is all the more appreciated when the privilege is conferred by one whose ancient name have been universally respected in this ancient old town.

Dr. Ronayne having suitably acknowledged Mr. Brazier's remarks, the proceedings terminated.

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WEED KILLERS AND THEIR MODE OF ACTION.

WHEN FERTILISERS ACT AS PLANT POISONS.

Before one can properly appreciate the way in which chemical substances act as weed killers, it is necessary to have some idea of the structure of plants. All plants are composed of varying numbers of units, known as cells on account of the resemblance of certain of them to the cells in honeycomb. Each cell is surrounded by a wall, which in the case of plants that live for only one or two years is made of a softish substance called cellulose. This wall is lined with a jelly-like substance called protoplasm, which appears to be the seat of life. At any rate, if protoplasm is seriously injured, the cell dies. The centre of the cell is occupied by a solution of various substances known as cell sap. In a normal, healthy cell the sap exerts a considerable pressure in all directions upon the inside of the cell wall, trying to force it outwards.

HOW THE PLANT GETS ITS RIGIDITY.

We may get a very fair idea of a living cell by comparing it to a football. The leather case represents the wall of the cell, the rubber bladder takes the place of the protoplasmic lining, whilst the air under pressure is the equivalent of the cell sap under pressure. We can now understand why soft-bodied plants like lettuce, young cabbages, etc., can be so rigid and strong. The leather case of a football has in itself no rigidity, but when the ball is inflated the leather wall becomes hard, rigid, and unyielding, and capable of dealing a very painful blow. So it is in the case of the cell. The cell becomes "blown out" with sap, and its walls become firm and rigid. The neighbouring cells are likewise distended, so that the whole plant becomes firm and strong.

PHYSICAL PHENOMENON AND THE DESTRUCTION OF WEEDS.

Now, it is a well-known scientific fact that if two solutions, one more concentrated than the other, are separated by a membrane such as parchment or pig's bladder, the weaker solution will be attracted into the stronger through the membrane. This physical phenomenon is made use of in the destruction of weeds. Gardeners, stablemen, and others are in the habit of throwing down handfuls of salt round patches of grass and weeds, which too often creep up on paths, between cobblestones, and in other awkward places where they are difficult to remove. In dry weather the salt quite efficiently kills the weeds, and it is interesting and instructive to find out how it does so.

The roots of plants are composed of hundreds of tiny cells, constructed as already described. Those cells on the very outside of the root, instead of remaining more or less square, or rather cubical, are drawn out into long narrow tubes to form the well-known root hairs. Each hair has a cellulose wall, enclosing the cell sap, i.e., a solution of a low concentration. When salt is thrown down on the surface of the soil it gradually dissolves into a highly concentrated solution which comes to surround the root hairs. We thus have a state of affairs in which a membrane (the wall of the hair) is separating a weak solution from a strong solution, the cell sap from the salt liquid. The consequence is that water is rapidly taken out of the root hairs and neighbouring cells; so rapidly that the protoplasm never recovers from the shock, and dies. With the death of the protoplasm the cell contents escape more readily still, and so much liquid is withdrawn from the cells that the whole plant loses its internal pressure, wilts, and eventually dies.

Thus we see that a plant can wilt even though surrounded by liquid. In rainy weather, of course, the salt solution gets so diluted that it is no longer more concentrated than the cell sap, and is, therefore, harmless.

FERTILISERS AS PLANT KILLERS.

The important practical point emerges, however, that even those substances generally regarded as fertilisers may act as plant killers under certain circumstances. If, for example, we were to throw down a handful of nitrate of soda, instead of salt, the result would be just the same. The plant would be killed. Any chemical substance capable of dissolving in water will act in the same way as the salt solution, provided it is concentrated sufficiently. Consequently we must beware of applying too heavy dressings of such readily soluble artificial manures like sulphate of ammonia, sulphate of potash, nitrate of soda, etc., or they may seriously retard the crop to which they are applied. Generally speaking, of course, there is little likelihood of so much of these expensive fertilisers being applied as to constitute a danger to the crop. But cases of failures amongst such heavily manured plants as mangolds have been traced to this cause. Bare patches in an otherwise good field of "seeds" are sometimes due to the uneven distribution of artificial fertilisers, clovers and grasses being "killed by kindness," so to speak.

THE ACTION OF LAWN "SANDS."

This property which a concentrated solution has of attracting moisture to itself through a membrane is made use of in yet another way. It is the principle which underlies the action of so-called lawn "sands." Everyone is familiar with the claims made for this article: it kills weeds and yet encourages the grasses to better growth. This apparent contradiction has led many people to think that lawn sand can intelligently distinguish a weed from a cultivated plant! Such, however, is not the case, for the substance acts strictly according to physical and chemical laws. Lawn sands consist of very finely ground sulphate of ammonia and fine sea sand. The better class brands contain much sulphate of ammonia, the inferior qualities have a higher proportion of the less expensive sand. In applying the mixture an attempt is made so to spread it that approximately 2 ounces of sulphate of ammonia are scattered over each square yard of lawn.

The mixture does not stick on to the narrow, more or less upright, grass leaves, but falls to the ground. In the case of broad-leaved weeds, however, like plantains and daisies, the crystals of the chemical remain on the broad leaf surface. Eventually they dissolve to form a very concentrated solution of ammonium sulphate, which at once begins to attract water out

HUGBY AT CARRICK-ON-SUIV.

Carrick-on-Suiv were easily victorious in a Rugby match played on the home grounds against a team from Kilmacshomus and Kilmacshomus Clubs. Carrick's score was 16 points to nil for the other side. A large crowd witnessed the match.

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MOTHER DROWNED.

THE HUSBAND, SON AND FATHER ESCAPE.

On Sunday last, a very tragic accident occurred at the Quay, Clonmel, when Mrs. Richard Morrissey, Powers-town, lost her life. Mrs. Morrissey was niece of the late Father O'Connor, P.P., Stradbally, and prior to that C.C. of Dungarvan, and was a sister-in-law of Rev. D. Morrissey, C.C., Ballypooreen.

Mr. O'Keefe, farmer, and his daughter, her husband, Mr. Richard Morrissey, and their young son, got into their trap to drive home after attending Mass. The horse became restive and backed to the quayside.

Mr. O'Keefe jumped out to catch the horse, but the animal backed further and the trap and its three occupants toppled into the river.

Mr. Morrissey managed to save himself and his son.

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Mrs. Morrissey clung to the trap for a while, and then drifted with the quick current, calling for help.

When the accident happened there were only a few persons on the quay, but soon a crowd collected.

Mrs. Morrissey drifted down about 50 yards, and Mr. Cotter entered the river and went to her rescue, but just as he was near her he caught a cramp, and had to return to the bank.

Lambe, aged about 17, then jumped into the river to her aid, and made several vain efforts to rescue the drowning woman. He got close to her and the struggling woman kicked him in the face. He could not get ground, and had to give up. When he got out of the water he collapsed.

Mrs. Morrissey was borne swiftly along, and was seen to throw up her hands and disappear opposite Anglesea Street.

Dragging operations for the recovery of the body were carried out by Civic Guards and civilians. Mrs. Morrissey's prayer book was found in the river below the Gas House bridge.

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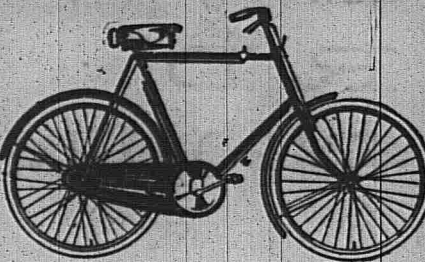
of the cells lying just under the surface layer, or outside, of the leaf. The leaf wilts, the protoplasm dies in many of the cells, and the whole leaf may consequently perish. If enough of the leaves are thus "scorched" the whole plant may succumb. Usually one application of lawn sand is not enough to ensure the death of plantains and daisies, but another application after a month's interval is generally sufficient to clear the lawn of many of the weeds. When the weeds have been killed, the grasses stimulated by the fertilizer, grow more vigorously. And, as has been demonstrated in some recent American experiments sulphate of ammonia has a very marked effect in encouraging the finest type of lawn grasses.—R. H. D.





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Dungarvan District Court.

(Before Mr. Troy, D.J., last week)

EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT. Sergt. Kehoe, Cappagh, prosecuted the following with exceeding the speed limit over a furlong of the road at Kilishal. Maurice Ryan, steam lorry with trailer, 14 m.p.h., speed allowed, 5m.p.h. Defendant said there must be some mistake as a steam lorry could not possibly do 14 miles per hour. Fined 5s. and costs.

Wm. Flynn, Ballinamult, Lorry 18 m.p.h., speed allowed 12 m.p.h. Fined 5s. and costs.

Tod Flynn, Ballinamult, Lorry 18 1/2 miles per hour, speed allowed 12 miles per hour. Defendant said Ballinamult was only 15 miles from Dungarvan and he could not do the distance in less than 1 1/2 hours. Where the trap was set he was going down hill. Fined 5s. and costs.

Michael Cunningham, Drumroe, Cappoquin, motor cycle 33 1/2 miles per hour. 2s. 6d. and costs.

Thos. Lincoln, Cappoquin, 31 miles per hour. He was also charged with driving to the public danger as he did not slow down when passing two boys with restive horses. Fined 10s. and costs.

Joseph Richardson, Rosduff, Waterford, motor car 34 miles per hour. 2s. 6d. and costs.

John Howard, John Street, Waterford, 32 miles per hour. 2s. 6d. and costs.

L. Boyle, 37 1/2 miles per hour. 2s 6d and costs.

LARCENY.

Superintendent Carbery charged a youth named Lewis, 14 years old, with breaking and entering the house of Mrs. Ahearne, O'Connell St., Dungarvan, and stealing a sum of money. A youth named Woods, 17 years old, was charged with aiding and abetting and with receiving knowing same to have been stolen.

Both youths reside in Blackpool. Mr. Spears, solr. appeared for Lewis. Mr. Williams, solr., appeared for Woods.

Mrs. Ahearne deposed that on New Year's Day when she returned from the Chapel, she went to attend a customer, she missed a 10s. note and some silver from the till. She then went to the room where she had some more money and she found some of that gone also. She could not say how much was taken. She did not wish to harm the boys. She knew the boys' parents who were most respectable.

To Mr. Spears. If the boys wanted they could have taken a lot more money.

Mr. Williams addressed his Worship on behalf of Woods and asked not to have him sent to jail which would leave a brand on him for the rest of his life. He asked to have him dealt with under the probation of Offenders' Act.

Mr. Spears, for Lewis, stated that Lewis was a good quiet boy who attended school regularly. His father was killed in the late war. His mother was prepared to refund his portion of the money.

The Superintendent said from a perusal of the statements made by both, he was inclined to think that Woods was the chief instigator. He had made inquiries about having the boys placed in institutions and he said Lewis would be taken at St. Joseph's, Clonmel, and Woods would probably be taken at an institution in Cork.

The Justice said that Woods was probably the prime mover being the elder boy. The lady is not very clear on the amount of money taken. He thought it would be a good idea to send those boys to an institution where they would be well cared for.

However, he would allow them out this time. Each of them to pay back 10s. to Mrs. Ahearne.

A GREYHOUND PUP.

Superintendent Carbery charged a man named John Kiely, Dungarvan, with the larceny of a greyhound pup from John Power, Nicholas Street, Dungarvan.

Mr. Williams, solicitor, defended. John Power in answer to the Superintendent, said on the 6th December he was the owner of a litter of greyhound pups—5 male and one female—about 2 p.m. on the 6th, he missed the female pup, she was a fawn colour. He next identified the dog at the barracks.

To Mr. Williams. He kept the pups in the back yard of his house. John Kiely deposed that on December 6th he went up to the labour exchange at about 11 o'clock, and when going up he called at Power's door. He was often in Power's house 50 times in the day. When witness was after signing he was coming down with a man named Cosigan. They met a tall fair man who had something under his coat. The man came across and asked him to buy a pup as he was sick and wanted a drink. Witness had 1s. which he gave for the pup.

By the Superintendent. He bought the pup for his child to play with. He was fond of dogs. He did not know it was a greyhound pup. He had a greyhound himself down at his mother's house. The Justice said it was quite obvious that Kiely went to Power's house for the pup. He would sentence him to 14 days imprisonment the warrant not to issue if there was no further charge against him for six months.

Dungarvan Urban Council.

The weekly meeting of the above was held on Friday last. Mr. M. Brennock, Chairman, presiding. Also present Messrs J. Curran, M. Keane, T. McCarthy, J. Hackett, P. McGrath.

PAY SHEET.

The week's pay sheet amounted to £13 4s. 1d. Payment was passed.

Mr. Byrne, Veterinary Inspector, reported that he had made an inspection of milk shops, cow sheds and dairies. The milk shops were kept in good condition, but he had warned several owners of cow sheds that if they failed to have the places in better order when he next inspected them he would hand over the matter to the Council to take action.

Mr. Keane—That is an important report, and a great deal depends on cleanliness at the source, especially as milk is an important item of diet.

Mr. McGrath—I agree with Mr. Keane. We must help Mr. Byrne as far as possible.

Mr. Curran—The report is good and very fair.

The report was approved of.

Letter from the L.G.B. was before the meeting reading the Council what time they intended paying back the instalments due to the Board of Works and how much they were prepared to pay by March 31. They also asked if the bank had given any reason for refusing the loan to pay off the instalments.

Mr. McGrath—Did they get this information?

Clerk—It all went on in the minutes I told them that the Bank had not assigned any reason for refusing the loan.

Mr. Curran—How much is due to the Bank?

Clerk—There is £8,852 due to the Bank and £272 and £86 due to Board of Works on Harbour.

Chairman—Against that we have 72 new houses.

Mr. Hackett—They are good value for the money.

Chairman—Yes.

Mr. Curran—I do not see the good of mortgaging the rates, they are always liable.

Chairman—The position is if we get a loan to pay off the debt to the Board of Works we can get another loan on a much longer term and this applied to a Government grant would be a great relief to unemployment and it would improve the town.

The following resolution proposed by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Keane and passed.

"That we, the Dungarvan U.D.C., again draw the attention of the L.G.B. to the urgency of making a grant of money towards the relief of unemployment and especially for the construction of sewerage, and would point out that legal proceedings are immediately pending against the Council owing to the sewerage North of O'Connell St. Our application and request of our deputation has been turned down by our Treasurers without comment on reason, assigned for loan to cover arrears to Board of Works, as we are powerless to execute the work so urgently needed. We also ask the Minister's direction as to what should be done under such circumstances.

Chairman—They ask us what portion of the instalments we are prepared to pay before March 31st. We are prepared to pay the full amount, but it is contingent on getting a loan.

Mr. Keane—We struck a rate to pay off portion of that debt and it is our intention to pay that amount which is roughly £400. He could tell the Local Government Board that we will strike a similar rate for the next three years and then the arrears would be paid off.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

A letter thanking the Council for their resolution in favour of holding the Eucharistic Congress, 1932, in Dublin, was received from the Editor of the "Irish Messenger."

ROADS.

Chairman—The question of a committee of this Council meeting a committee of the County Council regarding the main roads in the Urban area was referred to Mr. Bowen. Mr. Bowen said that all he had to say had already been said through his office.

Mr. Curran—That is not right. Mr. Bowen has not done the footpath at Behr's corner yet. That path is broken for years.

Mr. Keane—That is partly our fault, we did nothing there ourselves.

Mr. McCarthy—A woman fell in O'Connell Street and broke her hip.

Mr. Keane—We should fall back on our old suggestion, and ask Mr. Bowen to come here and talk the matter over. Then we will know our positions.

Mr. McGrath—The public should know that we are not responsible for the footpath at Mitchel Street.

Chairman—The public know that as well as you. The place belongs to the County Council and we have no power to force them to do anything.

Mr. Curran—If the County Surveyor is delaying this work until the agreement is signed he is doing a wrong thing.

Mr. Keane—How will we get the footpath done?

Chairman—It is a question between the residents and Mr. Bowen, as far as we are concerned the path might as well be in Tallow.

Mr. McGrath—The woman who broke her hip is, in my opinion, entitled to compensation and I hope she will go to the right quarter.

Lismore Notes.

WHO'S WHO, ON THE LISMORE RACE COMMITTEE?

The writer has, time and again, been inundated with the above query. Visitors coming to Lismore are loud in their praise of the progressive and up-to-date methods employed in all our undertakings. They talk of our annual hunt meeting, our agricultural show, our hockey tournament, tennis club, etc., etc., in a manner so pleasing that the importance of those events are much more appreciated by the strangers than by ourselves. The "locals" could easily answer that every-day question, but to enlighten the anxious and enquiring visitors who look for and delight in seeing everything staged in up-to-date fashion a brief reference to the pioneers who look after and control such affairs may be of interest.

Mr. W. Hamilton is Chairman of the Lismore Race Committee, one of the leading authorities on agriculture in the South of Ireland, and is acting in that capacity for the Lismore Estates Co. He is Vice-President of the Lismore Hockey Club, an ex-Chairman of the local Farmers' Union, etc., etc.

Mr. R. McMullen Bolster, one of the stewards of the Hunt Meeting, President of the Hockey Club, and the generous donor of the "Bolster Cup" to the local club, is engaged in almost every form of sport, an excellent shot and angler, he ranks in the first flight of amateur painters, a leading authority on dogs, and his services as judge at the leading dog shows is eagerly sought after, is a man of many parts and is universally sought after.

Mr. J. C. Heelan is the capable and courteous Hon. Secretary of the Lismore Hunt Meeting, full of initiative and energy, and a master of detail. He might be described as the "driving force" of every movement in which he takes part. He is Hon. Sec. of the Tennis Club, pioneer and leading player in the Hockey and Cricket Clubs, a local T.C., whose capabilities in every position he has filled is much appreciated by his colleagues.

Mr. C. P. Hynes, V.S., is the starter at the local Hunt Meeting and one of its stewards, a crack shot, a keen fisherman, a distinguished musician, and a man of enterprise, etc., a great favourite amongst his colleagues and friends.

Mr. D. Noonan, Merchant, Auctioneer and Valuer, is one of the Hon. Treasurers of the Hunt Meeting, a keen sportsman and swimmer, played several times in the "Bolster Cup" Competition, an amateur actor of ability, a charming society entertainer a local T.C., etc.

Mr. A. Hickey, Merchant, and one of our local Peace Commissioners, and a leading member of the race committee, a local T.C., engaged in many enterprises, motors, etc., and takes a deep interest in all forms of sport.

Mr. E. Murphy, Merchant, and a local Peace Commissioner and F.C., a keen fisherman, and a great lover of dogs, coursing being one of his hobbies, etc.

Mr. J. W. O'Gorman, Solicitor, and a steward of the local Hunt Meeting, a versatile performer on the piano and violin, a member of the Hockey, Tennis and other sporting clubs.

Mr. O. W. Madden, Merchant, and joint Hon. Treasurer with Mr. D. Noonan of the local Hunt Meeting, Hon. Sec. of the Lismore Club, a member of the Hockey and Golf Clubs, etc.

Mr. Foley, Merchant, and leading member of the Race Committee, represented Lismore many times on the football field, keenly interested in all classes of sport.

Mr. J. Foley, Merchant, and leading member of Race Committee, chiefly interested in coursing, but enjoys all forms of sport.

Mr. Joseph Geery, Merchant, and Shipping Agent, is also a member of Race Committee, for years acted as Hon. Sec. of the Famous Lismore Ramblers' Football Club. He played for Lismore Hockey Club in the Munster League Competition some years ago, is a musician of merit, and interests himself in all classes of sport.

Messrs. Michael and Daniel McCarthy, Merchants, are members of the Race Committee and all the sporting clubs.

Mr. Frank O'Brien, one of the best known and popular members of the Lismore Race Committee, and enjoys the reputation of being one of the best amateur riders in the South of Ireland having steered many winners to victory. He has ridden several times over the famous Punctostown course with success. His victory on Popahed (trained by Mrs. Holroyd Smyth) in the Cunningham Cup, stamps him as one of our leading amateur riders, he is of a modest and retiring disposition, and very popular with all classes.

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ORDER AGAINST WATERFORD PAPER.

QUESTION OF A LOCAL APPOINTMENT.

COMMISSIONERS' CASE.

Mr. Justice Sullivan and Mr. Justice O'Byrne granted an order making absolute a conditional order that an information be exhibited against David Culbert Boyd for certain misdemeanours in printing and publishing at the "Waterford Standard," certain scandalous libels contained in an article.

The prosecutors were Diarmuid O'Hegarty, Chairman of the Local Appointments Commission, Seosamh O'Neill and Henry Boland, Commissioners under the Local Authorities and Employers Act; and respondent David Culbert Boyd, publisher and editor of the "Waterford Standard."

The publication complained of was contained in the issue of the "Waterford Standard," dated Nov. 5th, 1927, and had reference to an appointment of a borough surveyor for Waterford.

CASE FOR PROSECUTORS. The Attorney-General, for prosecutors, said the "Waterford Standard" published a letter from Mr. W. P. Andrews, one of the candidates for the position of Borough Surveyor. In it Mr. Andrews stated:—

"There were ten of us up for the interview, and there was no result until Sheedy's name was given to the Corporation for the appointment."

"I have now heard from two different members of the Selection Committee that I was unanimously recommended to the Appointments Board, but they have, through the Ministry, sent forward Sheedy's name."

"I have no hope of the job now, but as the Public Appointments Board was established to do away with canvassing and corruption, it is only right that the trickery should be exposed. The Selection Board consisted of the chairman (Murphy), ex-Town Clerk of Dublin), the Secretary, and two engineers, Quigley, T. H. McCarthy, and P. J. Byrne, and an electrical man, and I hear they are amazed at their recommendation being turned down."

NEWSPAPER PARAGRAPH. Commenting on this letter, said the Attorney-General, the "Waterford Standard" wrote:—

"As will be seen from the full report which we publish in another column, the Department of Local Government and Public Health has given Waterford Corporation 14 days' notice to make the appointment of Borough Surveyor, otherwise proceedings by way of mandamus will be taken, and the Councilors who oppose the appointment of Mr. Sheedy, the nominee of the Local Appointments Board, will be made liable for the costs. If the information contained in Mr. Andrews' letter is true it reveals a scandalous condition of affairs, and for the sake of establishing public confidence in the action of the Appointments Board in recommending only the name of Mr. Sheedy for the position of Borough Surveyor in Waterford we believe it essential for the Local Appointments Commissioners, before a writ of mandamus is issued, to either refute or justify the allegations contained in this letter of Mr. Andrews, the original of which were permitted to see."

The affidavit of Mr. Diarmuid O'Hegarty, upon which the application was grounded, set out they appointed a Selection Board, of which Mr. J. Murphy, ex-Town Clerk, Dublin, was chairman, to report to them on the qualifications of applicants for the position of Borough Surveyor.

Twenty-one applied for the position, including Mr. William P. Andrews. Acting on the report of the Selection Board they recommended to the Waterford Corporation David Sheedy for Borough Surveyor.

"THE OBVIOUS MEANING." Referring to the publication in the "Waterford Standard," the affidavit stated the obvious meaning of the article was that the Local Appointments Commission in discharge of their official duties acted corruptly and were guilty of misconduct, and through some improper motive favoured David Sheedy, to the exclusion of a person or persons better fitted for the position. Deponent said his colleagues and himself in recommending Sheedy acted honestly in the discharge of their duties, prompted solely by the desire the person best qualified and suited to the position should be accepted.

The Selection Board, ran the affidavit would not unanimously recommend Mr. Andrews as the best qualified candidate. Though reluctant to disclose the report of the Selection Board, deponent did so, because the slander assailed the integrity of the administration by the Local Appointments Commission of duties essentially of a nature that could not be discharged without retaining the confidence of the public.

The facts were, that of six candidates whose names were reported to the Commission, with their qualifications, Mr. Andrews was lowest placed and David Sheedy was recommended as the first and best qualified of all the candidates who applied for the position.

THE DEFENCE.

The Attorney-General then read an affidavit made by Mr. Boyd, respondent. It stated the publication complained of was a letter with a comment made by him as a journalist on a matter of intense local public interest for the citizens of Waterford, amongst whom his paper was circulated, and was made by him, as was clear from the contents of the article itself, with the object not only of calling public attention to the matter referred to therein, but also to put the complaints therein in possession of the statements and comments that were made upon the appointments made by them as to the filling of the position.

The only reservation, ran the affidavit, he had ever entertained about the functions of the Commissioners was to the wisdom of the procedure recently adopted by them in submitting the name for appointment of only one qualified candidate to the local authority. He considered that where a number of candidates were found to possess the necessary qualifications that at least three names should be submitted to the local authority. This reservation, in his mind related only to the wisdom of the procedure, and did not arise out of any disbelief in the impartiality and integrity of the Commissioners. His whole thought was to increase public confidence in a new Government system, which he believed to be in the best interests of the people of this country.

"STORM OF CRITICISM." The action of the Commissioners, ran the affidavit, in submitting only the name of Mr. Sheedy, of Cork, created a storm of criticism in Waterford. The Corporation of Waterford refused to appoint Mr. Sheedy, but, ultimately, after the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had threatened to take proceedings by way of Mandamus, made the appointment. Respondent stated he mentioned these matters to indicate the state of public opinion in Waterford and in order to show that the matter created intense local interest and controversy. It was in order to restore public confidence in the Local Appointments Commissioners he decided to publish the letter, the cause of the present proceedings. He did it in order to give the Commissioners a definite indication of what was going on and to enable them to dissipate public and private suspicions.

The letter made a certain definite allegation against the Local Appointments Commissioners, and as the matter was of extreme public interest and of vital public importance, he deemed it his duty as a journalist to bring the matter before these Commissioners. In doing so, he was actuated by no sense of malice towards the Commissioners and without any desire to impute wrong or improper motives to them. He sincerely believed that he was performing a public duty in bringing to the surface the undercurrent of innuendoes, suspicions, allegations and accusations that prevailed in a widespread manner in Waterford at the time, which were destroying public confidence in the Local Appointments Commissioners. He made no suggestion that the allegations in Mr. Andrews' letter was well founded or accurate. He did not say they were true. He merely published the letter in the public interest without any malice, prejudice, bias, or any indirect motive whatever.

He was informed Mr. Andrews was a Bachelor of Engineering of University College, Cork, and an Associate Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, London. He held a responsible position, and respondent had reasonable grounds to believe he was a man of substance and worth, with a sense of responsibility, who would not be likely to write what was not accurate and true. Finally, the respondent pleaded there was nothing in the article complained of that exceeded the grounds of fair comment upon a matter which he claimed to be a matter of public interest.

"EXTRAORDINARY IDEA." The Attorney-General said if there was any justification necessary for the action taken by the Commissioners Mr. Boyd's affidavit justified it more than anything else. It showed an extraordinary idea of what his legal position and rights were. He put forward two defences, which boiled down to one of fair comment. The claim was put forward that a newspaper could publish a libel without taking the trouble to find out whether it was true or false. If it was for no other purpose than to make known to newspaper owners and editors what their position was, the present case would have served a good purpose. The letter contained a serious libel on the three Commissioners, and the present action was the only way they could justify themselves. A civil action would be absurd.

The damage was not the personal integrity of O'Hegarty, Mr. O'Neill, or Mr. Boland, which was above reproach, but damage to the State, because such libel undermined the entire system set up by the Dail. The only defence he could see in the affidavit put forward showing cause, was one of fair comment and that the matter was one in the public interest. The respondent thought he was discharging a public duty. That was no defence whatever. The repetition of a libel was in itself a libel. Here they had a repetition of a libel and the respondent went on to suggest that he was entitled to repeat the libel and to comment upon it. It was not the privilege of a newspaper to

take a libel and, and without making any inquiry as to the truth or otherwise of the accusations in that libel, to set it forth. Newspapers could only comment upon what was true, and not what was a libel. It was an injury to the State for a newspaper to broadcast a libel of this kind, and he accordingly asked that the rule should be made absolute.

Mr. Justice O'Byrne asked if the Court came to the conclusion the effect of the publication was to create such an atmosphere of suspicion as to render it impossible for the Commissioners to perform the public duties imposed on them by the Legislature, what view should the Court take of the application?

Mr. Lynch submitted the matter could not be interpreted by a jury in any other way that that which he was about to contend. Unless there was an immediate apprehension or suspicion of interference with the Commissioners in the exercise of their duties, he contended that this application should not be granted.

In dealing with the authorities on the question of how a matter of this sort should, in fairness to the accused, be considered, counsel referred to the trial for libel of John Reeves, who was prosecuted by the Attorney-General, Sir John Scott, the case being tried before Lord Kenyon. The libel was alleged to be contained in a pamphlet, and it was suggested that the pamphlet called attention to the fact that the Royal Family were hereditary Kings and Queens of Great Britain, that they were entitled to govern as such, and that, having regard to that tradition, the summoning frequently of Parliament was not necessary. The effect of the pamphlet was not to suggest that Parliament was not as absolutely valuable to the people as those who prided themselves on the British Constitution suggested that it was, and that this was a libel on the Lords and Commons. Certain passages were taken from the pamphlet which by themselves might bear that interpretation. The judge said that other parts of the pamphlet should be read for their effect on the passage referred to. The jury expressed their opinion on the whole pamphlet, and acquitted John Reeves.

THE JUDGMENT. Mr. Justice Sullivan, giving judgment, said that two arguments had been advanced in answer to the application, first, that this was not the class of case in which, according to the settled practice of the Court, relief of the kind was afforded; and, secondly, that even if it was a case of that class, having regard to the particular circumstances, the Court should in its discretion refuse the application.

Whatever doubt there might have been formerly as to the particular class of cases in which this relief could be asked, he did not think there was any substantial controversy as to the class of cases in which it was applicable now. It was not desirable to say anything which might effect what might ensue on the order they were about to make. This Court cannot try the question of the guilt or innocence of Mr. Boyd, but it has to be satisfied before making the order absolute that the statements in the article are fairly capable of a libellous meaning.

THE DEFAMATORY ISSUE. It had not been suggested that the article was not capable of a defamatory meaning. If it was so capable it might be held to be a libel on the prosecutors in the discharge of their duty under the Act. He was satisfied that it was the class of case in which leave to file an information of the sort should be granted, inasmuch as the prosecutors were not complaining of libel in their personal capacity, but of libel in the discharge of Statutory duties of an onerous nature cast on them by the Act of 1926.

He did not hesitate to say that in his mind it was a perfectly clear case for the granting of the application. It was a case in which the relief asked for ought to be granted and the conditional order should be made absolute.

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