

still fed by the pens and lips of socialists, and, as long as a Government permits this state of affairs, no hope whatever can be seen for the social or moral elevation of our country. The word best describing the condition of this city, from a general point of view, for the past twelve months, is "stagnation." In a Parliamentary sense, it has long been obliterated from the map. From a Municipal point of view, it has sunk to a depth almost beyond recovery. The few manufacturers who remain to us, though they are struggling on their feet, are doing so almost in defiance of the opposition. The improvements on the part of the Corporation are developed at every available opportunity. The records of the past few years show a number of conspirators which notably have proved more numerous than to those of the past. During the continuance of the present Government, the slightest place in the city, so that it might be said the departed year has not done much to its history, any more than to add a single stone to the pile. But, though we are surrounded by stirring events in our midst, or the advent of distinguished visitors, it would have been imperative to have had a welcome and free-handed Government which long characterized this city, and which, we trust, has not been taken from us, we must not refer to the repeated unwelcome guest, which has been during the past year something unknown some of our most distinguished. Few years have desolated the streets and homes, and have left

**ALLEGED HOMICIDE.**

To day Mr Coroner Cleary, with a jury, held an inquest in the Board Room at the Workhouse, touching the death of a man named Patrick Cashman, which took place in the institution on yesterday. Head-constable Wall, William street station, conducted the prosecution on behalf of the Crown. The facts of the case would appear to be as follow:—On the 1st December Cashman, who was an army pensioner, was in the "Pensioners' Room" in Rutland street, where there were several members at the time, including a person named Patrick Leahy. A quarrel arose between the deceased and Leahy; but the cause of it does not appear to be known. At all events, quiet was restored after a short time, and the parties resumed their seats, the deceased being in one end of the room and Leahy in the other. The quarrel again commenced. Leahy left his chair, and, going round to the other side of the table where the deceased was, took up a lamp with a brass pedestal, which was lighting, and, it is alleged, threw it at Cashman, the lamp striking him on the head behind the ear, and, falling on the ground, was broken. The deceased, who received a wound an inch and a half in length, was removed to Barrington's Hospital, where he was attended by Dr Holmes, and remained there until the 15th December, when he was transferred to the workhouse hospital. The man, it seems, made no complaint against any one until the 21st ult, when the matter was reported to the police, and Head-constable Wall on that day took Leahy into custody on the charge of having committed the assault, and having brought him before the injured man, in the Workhouse Hospital, his depositions were taken before Alderman Counihan, JP, who remanded the accused. Since then erysipelas set in, followed by pneumonia, which resulted in Cashman's death on the day mentioned. After hearing the evidence of Doctors Russell and Butler and some other witnesses, the jury found that death was caused by erysipelas and pneumonia, produced by injuries inflicted on deceased by Patrick Leahy. The prisoner, it is probable, will be brought before the magistrates at Petty Sessions to-morrow.

**THE WATERFORD AND LIMERICK RAILWAY.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.  
DEAR SIR,—Now that the silver-fringe appears to that cloud which has hung over the Waterford and Limerick Railway Directorate for such a period, and as the shareholders are bound to benefit by the advent of Mr James Spaight to the Chairmanship of their company, I trust it is not inopportune for one of the travelling public

**LIMERICK**

**INSTALLATION**

A special meeting held to-day in the Court for the purpose of installing the Mayor-elect, into office. The presence of the general public, and of the National League, was very noticeable. Shortly after twelve o'clock the Mayor-elect, in his robes, and preceded by the Council, entered the Council Chamber. The proceedings were of a very harmonious character.

**The Mayor**

Other members present were: Mr J. P. Myles, J. F. Wallace, J. Counihan, JP. Town Mayor-elect; John Ryan, P. Rearden, J. Anglin, Dowling, S. O'Flanagan, M. Spain, D. F. McNamara, J. B. Synan, A. Hall, J. Egan, T. M. Cregan, JP, J. P. D. Synan, P. J. Mc

The Town Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting, which were signed by Mr Wallace and Mr Landers for the position of Abbey Ward in room

Mr Hall—Who gave legal opinion that he was legally qualified for the position.

Mr Wallace—I do not object.  
The Town Clerk—announced that Mr Stephen had been elected Mayor on the 1st inst, and signed the necessary documents, and is now entitled to the office.

The Mayor then addressed Mr O'Mara who handed him the wand.

The newly elected Mayor then addressed the members of the Town Council, and said his first duty is to thank you for the honor conferred on him, and to say a few words from me to you. I am full of thankfulness to the citizens of Limerick for the position of Chief Magistrate of this important city (cheerfully excuse me, I am sure, for this). I am truly and gratefully not say any more on