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IT is a very curious incident in the political history of the country that the principal topic discussed at last Saturday's meeting of the Cabinet is understood to have been the silver question. The Government would appear to have their hands full of complications in almost every part of the globe. The Eastern question, in so far as it relates to the arrangements for terms of peace between Turkey and Greece, is not yet at rest. The military operations on the North-West Frontier of India are sufficient in themselves to absorb the attention of the Cabinet, to the exclusion of minor matters. The fate of Crete is undecided. The Turkish troops are there still, and likely to remain there. No governor has been appointed, but the Sultan insists that the governor must be appointed by him, that the Turkish garrison be increased, and the inhabitants disarmed. A German paper has even suggested that the army of Edhem Pasha might be employed with advantage to pacify the island. At home, the Marquis of Londonderry thinks himself justified in attacking the policy of the Government, and endeavours to discredit Mr. Chamberlain. England in the meantime is calmly picking up territory here and there. The Egyptian Army is looking after the Mahdi's dominions, and we have just added a region called Nupi, a trifle of only five hundred thousand square miles, to our dominions, and probably two other empires in Africa are to be brought within the sphere of British influence. With all this business on hands, it is an extraordinary sign of the peaceful prospects attending British activity that when the Cabinet met for the first time since Parliament was adjourned, the principal subject to engage the attention of Ministers has reference to certain bi-metallist suggestions and the proposals of Senator Wolcott and his colleagues. It may therefore be taken as granted that the nation has confidence in the ability and firmness of the Prime Minister. He has kept the peace of Europe during a period of prolonged anxiety, when the war clouds seemed to be gathering in all directions. He has been successful in endeavouring to suppress savage rule on the Nile. The largest army that India has ever seen since the Mutiny is gathered on the North-West province to suppress a rising of clans inhabiting the mountainous region between Afghanistan and India. He has added an immense district to the British dominions, and England in his hands holds a higher place amongst the nations than she held under his predecessor. There appears to be no anxiety pressing upon the minds of Englishmen at present though the principal members of the Government have had no easy times of it since they entered upon office. Consequently the Silver Question is at present engaging the attention of the Cabinet. It is not exactly known what proposals Senator Wolcott has submitted to the Government, but it seems that the opening of the Indian mints was the concession most seriously pressed. The Press Association says:—"It is understood that the Cabinet on Saturday afternoon considered the Silver Question in pursuance of pledges given in their name by Mr. Balfour and the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons in March last year when a Parliamentary resolution on the subject was unanimously passed. The Chancellor of the Exchequer and his colleagues still maintain the position then taken up, to the effect that they cannot alter the gold standard of the United Kingdom; but they have in the interval consulted the Indian Government with regard to the promised reopening of the Indian mints to the coinage of silver. The reply received from the Executive in India is understood to be strongly adverse to that proposal. It may be added however, that the question is not finally settled. There is reason to believe that, owing to the difficulties raised in India, and to influential opposition from other quarters, the Cabinet feel unable to give an immediate undertaking for the reopening of the Indian mints; but they are apparently not indisposed to entertain further negotiations on the subject. It may therefore be expected that, as the

Mr Christopher O'Brien, Springfort, has sold his mare, Seabreeze, which ran for the Director's Plate at Limerick Races, for £60.

Surgeon Stamer O'Grady, an eminent Dublin surgeon, a native of Co. Limerick, and owner of considerable landed property in the South, died in Dublin last night.

Mr Richard Burke, M F H, is now almost entirely recovered from the injury to his knee occasioned a few days since, and which obliged that popular gentleman to postpone the opening meet of the season. It is now fixed to take place on to-morrow, at Fethard.

His Honor Judge Adams opened the Quarter Sessions at Newcastle West to-day. The entire entries number about 150, three of which are defended ejectments, and the remainder defended and undefended civil bills. The Quarter Sessions for the Rathkeale district will open on Friday. There are two criminal cases in the calendar of the ordinary kind.

THE KNIGHT OF GLIN'S APPROACHING MARRIAGE.—Our Glin correspondent writes:—The tenants of the Knight of Glin are about to make him a suitable present on the occasion of his approaching marriage with Lady Rachael Wyndham Quin. The gift, which is in the form of a splendid carriage, will, on its arrival in a few days, be formally presented.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.—From the War Office there issued on Saturday a "distribution notice" which intimates that the 11th Field Battery from Limerick and the 25th Field Battery from Fermoy will embark, the former for the Punjab (Ferozepor), and the latter for Madras (Bungalore), in the transport Dunera, at Queenstown, on the 28th inst. The Dunera is due at Bombay on November 12th.

RATHKEALE FAIR.—The fair of Rathkeale was held on Friday, when a large supply of stock was exhibited. There was also a good attendance of buyers, but a fall in prices for all kinds of cattle since last fair day. New milch cows, which realised from £8 to £10, were down by £2, and 1½ year old heifers were down 20s for the past six weeks. The same applies to two year olds. There was a good demand for mutton at 6½d per lb. Beef realised 42s per cwt; inferior, 38s; young pigs, or "bonhams," were from 14s to 20s.

CONSTABULARY PROMOTIONS.—Constable Rogan, John-street, has been promoted to the rank of Acting-Sergeant, to date from the 1st of the present month. The new Acting-Sergeant during his time in John-street district proved himself a most efficient officer. He was very popular with his comrades in the force and had made many friends amongst the outside public, who will be glad to hear of his success. Constable Scully, Mary-street, late of Castleconnell, has also been promoted to the rank of Acting-Sergeant.

"SHAMUS O'BRIEN" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

It is rarely such an enjoyable treat is placed within reach of Limerick playgoers as that experienced in the romantic Irish opera *Shamus O'Brien*, which was produced at the Theatre Royal last evening by Mr Ben Greet's Opera Company before a good house. The work, by Dr Villiers Stanford, and founded on Le Fanu's celebrated poem, has already been made familiar in Limerick by its performance here some two years ago, but it is a work one may hear again and again with renewed interest, and, in fact, the more one sees of it, the more are its beauty of construction and its rare melodies recognised. The representation last night was most powerful and finished to a degree, and each and every one of the leading artistes met with the heartiest reception. The vocalism and acting of the impersonators of the two chief characters were specially good. Mr Magrath, who was recognised in the most flattering manner, took his old *role* of "Shamus O'Brien," the daring outlaw, who, to the last, is filled with a spirit of defiance and passionate enthusiasm which the force of death cannot subdue. He sang his music with splendid effect, and his acting was none the less successful. In the song, "I've sharpened the sword for the sake of Ould Erin," he was most successful, and then when before the courtmartial, he does the mimic, and shows how he befooled the soldiers as the supposed Idiot Boy, he displayed great versatility and dramatic force. We must next mention Miss Birdie Conway, who, as "Kittie O'Toole," was a complete success in every way. She made quite a winsome colleen, and there was a sprightliness and vivacity in her acting—a complete absence of straining after effect—which invested the *role* with everything which could be said to be natural and realistic. She possesses a very fresh and tuneful voice, and sings with a tasteful taste, skill, and judgment. Of course, it need hardly be said that a great deal of the humour of the piece is supplied by "Kitty O'Toole," and in doing so Miss Conway never outstepped the bounds of moderation, but assumed a piquancy and grace of manner which could not have failed to be admired. She and the "Captain" played into each others hands with the happiest effect, and both were applauded again and again. "Well, he'd take me by the hand," and again "There's a cautious 'if'" brought down the house. Mr Henry Stockwell as "Captain Trevor," was very good, both as regards his "make up," his acting, and his singing. Love on the one hand, and stern duty on the other, place him in a most ludicrous position, but to refuse to accede to the formidable requests made in such endearing terms by the wily Kitty were not to be denied. His song, "My heart is thrall to Kitty's beauty, and honor points the path of duty," was very artistically sung and highly appreciated, and the dialogue with that estimable and innocent peasant who plays the part of the informer, created general laughter. Mr Edwin Rennie took the latter part, "Mike Murphy," in a very capable manner, and his well-known song, "Ochone, when I used to be young," was encored. A conspicuous figure in the opera is that of "Father O'Flynn," which was undertaken with great ability by Mr F B Ranalow, who displays dramatic talent of a very high order, and is gifted with a finely cultivated voice. It was evident that he has made a careful study of the part of the warm-hearted priest, and in avoiding anything like exaggeration, he succeeded in presenting a picture which brought out the characteristics of the *role* with a degree of naturalness and effectiveness which were a true test of judgment and talent. He raises the spirit of the "boys and girls" when he sings "Push the jug around, keep the cups a-brimmin'," and then there are the

FUNERAL OF THE LATE REV. W. CROOK, D.D.

The remains of the late Rev William Crook, D.D, one of the oldest members of the Methodist Church, arrived here yesterday from Galway, where the rev. gentleman passed away on the 13th instant. They lay over-night in the Wesley Chapel, George street, and this morning at nine o'clock a funeral service was held there previous to the departure of the *cortege* by the 10.15 train for Ballingrane, where the interment took place. There was a large attendance of the members of the congregations of Bedford Row (of which Dr Crook had been minister some years ago) and Wesley Chapel, and also representatives from the city churches. The blinds of the Protestant Young Men's Association were drawn as a mark of respect. Several clergymen of the Methodist Church were present from various parts of Ireland, to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of a valued and distinguished colleague. Amongst them were—The Rev James Robertson, Dublin, Vice-President of the Conference; Rev Dr Hollingsworth, Dublin, Principal of Wesley College; Rev W R Campbell, M A, Dublin; Rev S T Boyd, B A, Armagh; Rev J G Whitelaw, Clonjordan; Rev W S H Nesbitt, Borrisokane; Rev J E Green, Wesley Chapel; Rev W Mears, Bedford Row; Rev W McMullen, Ballinrobe; Rev C H Crookshank, Roscrea; Rev Dr McMullen, Dublin; Rev John O Parke, Cork; Rev John Woods Ballard, Baudon; Rev J C Waugh, Mallow; Rev W T Kerins, Stradbally; Rev George W Ray, Rathkeale; Rev N A Crawford, Adare.

The chief mourners were—Rev G V Crook, Messrs William Crook, Robert Crook, Richard Crook, and Alfred Crook, sons of the deceased. A Cath son, Mr John Crook, is at present in South Africa. Amongst the general public present at the service or at the funeral were—Mr E Hanna, the Messrs Hanna, Miss Hanna, Mr Wm Nelson, Mr and Mrs Metcalfe, Mr G F Hare, Mr J N Russell, Mr B Barrington, Mrs Palmer, Miss Barrington, Mr S E Lee, Mr Massy Hewson, Mr E H Poe Hosford, Miss Hosford, Mr Robinson, Edward street; Mr Gadd, Mr and the Misses Belcher, Mr Henderson, Mr W Thompson, Mr Elliott, Mrs and Miss Longbottom, Mr W Christy, Mr W Christy, junior; Mr E Christy, Mr W Barrington, C E; Rev T B Robertson, Mr Jackson *Jones, Mr Neasor, Mr and Mrs H L Stewart, Mr* J DeCourcey, Mr J J DeCourcey, Mr L Griffithe, Mr G Holliday, Mr Rusk, Mr C C Mercier, Mr D P Mercier, and Mr W Greenhill (Belfast), Mr McCarthy, Mr C Vance, Mr Waugh, Mrs Ellbourne, Miss Bassett, Mr Waterstone, Mr and Mrs Waterstone, Mr J DeGourcy, Mr J J DeCourcy, Mr R G Smith, Mr McDougall, Mr Bromell, Mr James Robinson, Mr Mathers, Moira, and numerous others. The coffin, which was placed near the Communion rails, was covered with beautiful wreaths and immortelles.

The service opened with the singing of part of *the 940th Hymn*, "Come let us join our friends above who have obtained the prize." After prayer was offered up by the Rev C H Crookshank; and the Rev Dr Hollingsworth read portion of the 4th Chap. of Thessalonians, and also 7th Chap. of Revelations.

The Vice-President of the Conference then delivered a very touching address, in which he briefly referred to the active ministerial career of the late Dr Crook. After some prefatory observations, the speaker said that this was no ordinary occasion to him. He found it very hard to command himself so as to be able to say, even in an unconnected way, two or three things which came to his mind, and had been with him since he got the telegram that told him of his dear friend's decease. He referred to his intimacy with the deceased, which went back to his (speaker's) boyhood, and alluded to a sermon Dr Crook had preached, taking as his text "Ye have not passed this way heretofore." That sermon, he said, bringing him face to face with the future development of his life, had a bigger effect on his mind than he had ever expressed in public until this morning, and a bigger effect than he (Dr Crook) ever knew of. He referred to the interest and the encouragement which Dr Crook had evinced in the speaker's ministerial career, and continued to say that all his relations to him—and he believed there was no brother amongst them who would not say the same—were those of a brother loyally devoted to his brethren, and immensely sympathetic and kind. He did not know any man in his ministerial life in whom he witnessed such a thorough and continued loyalty to the Methodist interest as he witnessed in Dr Crook. There was hardly an interest in connection with their body that he had not his hand to, and he did it with a manly effectiveness which was to be admired, and for which they ought to thank God to-day. He could not help mentioning his great interest in their literature, and in all their relations to the Press. He remembered, with what delight he (Dr Crook) held up the first copy of the *Irish Evangelist*; that did very good work, and it was afterwards followed by the Methodist *Christian Advocate*. Then there was his immense interest in the Wesley College, and in all their educational interests, but especially in the former. Again, they all knew that the Methodist Orphan Fund filled his heart. A father had by ever loved his child better than he loved that fund. These things specially connected with the Methodist Church stood out prominently in his career, but every thing in connection with Methodism was a matter of interest to him and his heart seemed to long for the prosperity of their church. With all that he did not think they could ever call to mind a man who was broader in his charity or more generous in his sympathy, than Dr Crook. He loved all good men, and everybody who knew him knew that he had not an unkind thought, an ungenerous criticism, or an unfriendly or unhappy relation with any of the other members of the Christian Church. So far as he knew he never knew anything about him that was not broad, generous, kindly, and sympathetic. The speaker referred to his fervour as a preacher, and the energy and zeal with which he discharged his ministerial duties while his health permitted. He spoke of his loss to the church, and at the close of an eloquent address prayed to God that abundant comfort might come to his family in their bereavement.

The 940th hymn, "Give me the wings of faith to rise," was next sung, and the service closed with prayer. The coffin was then tenderly borne down the church to the hearse in waiting, while the Dead March in Saul was being played on the organ. The *cortege* then proceeded to the Terminus *en route for Ballingrane*.

The remains were conveyed from the Ballingrane Station to the Methodist Church, where a short service was held. The church was crowded, and many could not get accommodation. The Rev D McMullen, Dublin, read the service, and Rev J Robertson Vice-President of the Conference, also took part. The Rev Wesley Guard delivered an able, eloquent, and appropriate address, in which he dwelt upon the many excellent qualities of the deceased clergyman.

EXTRAORDINARY ESCAPE OF A PRISONER.

BREAKS FROM THE COUNTY LIMERICK GAOL.

The rumour that a prisoner had made his escape from the County Limerick Gaol in the small hours of yesterday morning, created unusual excitement in the city, and many were in doubt that such a thing was at all possible now-a-days, when prison arrangements seem to have been brought to such a state of perfection. The escape of Andrew Hehir, however, from the County Limerick male prison yesterday gives a remarkable illustration of what anyone bent on mischief-making can accomplish when skill and perseverance are brought into operation. Hehir's career up to the present is an extraordinary one. Born in Corofin, Co. Clare, about thirty years ago, he at an early age, developed a mania for wrong-doing, and gave much trouble and annoyance to the people among whom he happened to live. He had undergone imprisonment for assaults and robberies, and had gained a notorious name in consequence; but one incident, of which he was the author, brought him into conspicuous notoriety. He was lodged in Ennis Bridewell, where he evidently felt discontented, and resolved to have his freedom. On one occasion when the warder came on his usual round of inspection, Hehir is alleged to have taken him by the collar of the coat, got possession of the keys without waiting to demand them, stretched the unfortunate warder on the floor, and while he made good his escape, the warder was imprisoned in the escaped prisoner's cell calling for help, which, fortunately for Hehir, did not come until he was in the sweet breath of freedom. Hehir was subsequently captured and put on trial. He was, however, defended by an able counsel, whose powerful appeal on the prisoner's behalf proved effectual, and Hehir was liberated on condition that he should leave the country. This he did, but returned in six months afterwards and renewed his acquaintance with Corofin, and relapsed into the old ways which he had for so short a period forsaken. He was arrested on a charge of having burglariously entered the house of a labourer, and, having been returned for trial on the charge, was committed to the Limerick County Prison. Of course the idea never struck any one that Hehir meditated his escape from within the massive walls of the Limerick Gaol. The warders paid the customary visits to his cell, which was on the ground floor, and up to one o'clock on yesterday morning Hehir seemed to be secure in the grasp of the law. An hour later, however, the night warder was more than surprised to find, on removing the slide which gave view into the cell, that the bird had flown. The alarm was at once given, and the cell which Hehir had vacated was searched up and down. It was an easy matter to discover a hole in the wall just large enough to permit Hehir to pass out. His coat and shoes were found in the cell, but it was discovered that portion of the bed clothing had been removed. It is presumed that Hehir made his escape in the following manner. One of the tips of his shoe was removed, and it is thought that Hehir utilised the protector for loosening the mortar in the wall in which he succeeded in making a large hole. He then tore his bed clothes into stripes, which he twisted into a rope, and when a favourable opportunity offered, crept through the hole into the passage. Once there, he got to the roof, off which he removed some slates, and bringing his improvised rope into work, he lowered himself to a balcony which runs around the walls of the building on the outside. The height of the wall here is twenty feet, and it must have been by an extraordinary effort that Hehir swung himself to the large bracket which supports the lamp on the inside of the gate. From this Hehir dropped to the ground, leaving the unmistakeable imprints of his feet on the soft turf. All day yesterday the police were on the alert, but up to the present no trace of the escaped prisoner has been discovered.

It is reported that a letter on which two pence had to be paid in the absence of a penny stamp, was received by the governor of the prison today from Hehir, in which the escaped prisoner is said to have informed the governor that he need not be a bit uneasy as he expected to be back in a short time.

A COUNTY LIMERICK ELOPEMENT.

FLIGHT OF LOTHARIO.

The *Wicklow Star* says—A romance in a small way has been happening in our county this week. Some time ago a young couple came on a visit to Rathdrum, and took up their residence in a house a couple of miles outside the town. The next thing heard was that inquiries were being made through the police about the young and apparently happy couple, and it transpired finally that the lady was the daughter of a large farmer in the county Limerick, and that the love-sick swain was a servant man, employed by the farmer aforesaid. They had eloped together, it seemed, and spent their honeymoon in their County Wicklow retreat. The parents of the girl did not at all welcome the idea of the servant as a son-in-law, and in order to have their daughter restored them put the law in motion, and had the girl arrested on a charge of taking away some money from the stocking in the paternal roof. As soon as the Romeo of the piece heard this intelligence he behaved in a very ungallant manner, and, probably from a wholesome dread of "the law," decamped, leaving the partner to escape from the toils as well as she might. The girl was taken back to county Limerick, and the gay Lothario has betaken himself to regions unknown. The affair created quite a sensation in the locality.

THE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

The usual meeting of the Committee of the Ratepayers' Association was held last night. Mr Robert Hickey presided. There were also present—Messrs Peter McGuire, James H Roche, T M'Grath, J Corbett, P Molloy, D Tucker, P Kavanagh, John O'Donnell, D Lynch, Thomas Bourke, M Cahill, James Wallace, and P T Dunne, Secretary. The Committee had under consideration the selection of a candidate for the Abbey Ward, and the matter was allowed to stand till next meeting. Arrangements were made to secure as large an attendance of the burgesses at the Market Ward at the polling on to-morrow (Wednesday) in favour of the candidature of Mr John O'Donnell, and sub-committees were appointed. The Secretary was directed to issue a circular to all the burgesses in the ward, intimating that as it had been found necessary for the Ratepayers' Asso-

LIMERICK FISHERY BOARD.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Board of Fishery Conservatives was held to-day at the County Courthouse. Mr R W C Reeves, D L, presided, and the other members present were—Messrs J A Place, A J Blood-Smith, solicitor, Colonel Spaight, F M Fitt, solicitor; Whately Ellis, J O'G Delmege, D L; Dr Cuniihan, J P; T McMahon-Cregan, J P; Charles Vansittart, J P; Michael McDonnell, T C; Alderman Hall, J P; Colonel O'Donnell, J P; and James Ross.

Mr E H Poe Hosford, and Mr F Hall, Inspector were in attendance.

Mr Hosford having read the requisition calling the meeting,

The Board proceeded with the election of officers for the ensuing term.

Mr R W C Reeves was unanimously appointed chairman.

Mr E H Poe Hosford was re-appointed Clerk to the Board, Mr Poole Gabbett was re-appointed license distributor, Mr Frederick Hall was re-appointed Inspector, and the National Bank was re-appointed Treasurer. It was decided to pay the over-draft due by the old Board.

It was also decided that in future the meeting should be held at half past two o'clock on the first Thursday of each month.

A letter was read from Mr W V C Burt, D L, with reference to the mackeral fishing at the mouth of the Shannon. The writer doubted if salmon were caught in the mackeral nets.

The Chairman said the size of the nets permitted of trout being caught, but not salmon. No doubt salmon got into the tail of the nets and were caught in that way.

Mr Hosford said the Inspectors had consented to hold an inquiry into the matter. A committee was appointed to inquire into it, but they were waiting to obtain some evidence before an inquiry would be held.

Mr Fitt said it would be a good thing if the Chief Officer of Coastguards and the Constabulary were asked to make inquiries into the matter.

Dr Cuniihan said that Mr Hall, the Inspector would be a good man to make inquiries.

Mr Ross—No doubt salmon were caught in these nets by the fishing fleet. A fisherman told him that there were 250 salmon caught in the nets in one night.

The Chairman—What boats caught these?

Mr Ross—They were caught by a fleet of fishing boats in the bay. I don't know to whom they belonged.

The Chairman thought they should have a boat at the mouth of the river to prevent poaching within the three mile limits.

The matter was referred to Mr Hall, Inspector and Dr Cuniihan, to make inquiries with a view to procuring evidence.

A communication was read from Mr F Dunne, enclosing the notice of motion, to be proposed at next meeting, to increase the grant to the Athlone Board from £300 to £500 for the prevention of illegal fishing, and the protection of spawning beds in the district.

Arising out of a discussion with regard to poaching in the rivers,

The Chairman suggested that the Constabulary inspector and officers of the Constabulary should be written to and and requested to give their assistance in preventing poaching.

Mr Place said they had already sent circulars *from time to time* to the various police barracks, and it would be a good thing if they sent them again as a reminder.

Alderman Hall thought if they increased the pay of the bailiffs they would be more energetic.

Mr Ellis said it was very hard for a bailiff to go out at night and surprise a *gang of poachers*.

Captain Garbside-Tipping said they would get any of the local bailiffs to venture on the thing.

Colonel Spaight said the only way to do it was to get the Constabulary to do it.

Mr Hosford said he had written to the Inspectors of sixteen counties, and also to the Fishery Office, and had got down three hundred copies of Sir Thomas Brady's laws and distributed them amongst the barracks. Besides this he had sent to each barrack a copy of the resolutions passed by the board deciding to give half the fine to the policeman in cases of successful prosecutions. He would write again to the officers on the subject.

THE LATE MR JAMES PEGUM.

The following resolution was unanimously passed, on the motion of Mr Place, seconded by Mr Charles Vansittart:—"That the Fishery Conservators wishes to place on record their deep regret at the death of Mr James Pegum, a member of this board, and beg to convey to Mr Stephen Pegum our sincere sympathy with him in his bereavement."

The Board afterwards adjourned.

CORPORATION COMMITTEES

CLEANSING.

The weekly meeting of the Cleansing Committee was held to-day. The Mayor presided. There were also present—Messrs T D Ryan, Wm O'Connell, David Begley, Alderman Hall, John Hickey, Michael Donnelly, R A Ryan, Michael McDonnell, P Franklin, with M Townsend, Clerk, and Mr Corbett, City Surveyor. A sweeper named Michael Kiely asked half pay, and enclosed a certificate from Dr Cuniihan that he was unable to resume work for a month.

Mr O'Connell thought they should dispense with the system of half pay altogether.

Mr Donnelly—Until you come to a better understanding on the matter you will have to continue it.

Mr. O'Connell—The majority of the men can get no half pay. It is true for Judge Adams they must pay rates and get less valuable wards.

The Mayor—Oh, no.

Mr O'Connell—It is too true.

Mr Donnellan—It is a fact.

The Mayor—There will be people always complaining.

Mr Gleeson said he did not see one of the cleansers in his locality for the past month.

The Mayor suggested that Kiely should get half pay for another fortnight.

Mr O'Connell—It ought to be stopped altogether at some definite time.

After some *further discussion* the request was granted for a week.

John Carroll, another employee, asked for half pay.

The Mayor—Unless a man gets injured in employment he should not be supported in any way.

Mr Begley—I think it is becoming much more frequent.

Mr Gleeson—This is a man we have *complaints of*.