Ellis never looked at the requisitions. He only looked at the invoices of the medicines, and he never had any of these requisitions which I sent in before him at all. I have not now departed from the custom which I have adopted for the past thirty seven years, and the other doctors do the same.

The application was granted.

RELIEVING OFFICERS' SALARIES.

The Local Government Board wrote declining, in view of the new Local Government Act, to sanction the proposed increase in the salaries of Relieving Officers M'Donnell and Casey.

The Chairman—They consider you are too well off.

Relieving Officer M'Donnell—We need not thank them for it.

The Board passed a resolution asking the Local Government Board to reconsider their decision, having regard to the increasing duties of these officers.

MR NAUGHTON'S APPOINTMENT SANCTIONED.

The following, addressed to the presiding Chairman of the Union, was read:—

SIR,—The Local Government Board for Ireland acknowledge the receipt of their replies to their inquiries respecting the appointment of Mr Thomas B Naughton, as clerk of the Union, and the board approve of the appointment on the terms specified, namely, a salary of £80 a year as clerk, £20 a year as executive sanitary officer, and £10 for duties in connection with the Labourers' Acts. I am to point out that the remuneration of the clerk for his services under the Parliamentary Voters' Act and Jurors' Acts is regulated by scale.

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS A MOONEY, Sec.

The Chairman said they would have to regulate the clerk's salary, so as to bring it up to £160.

Mr Madigan—That would be only right, and the salary is little enough.

It was decided to fix Mr Naughton's salary, as clerk to the local authority, at £25, and as clerk to the burial board at £15, which would bring it up to the salary previously arranged by the guardians.

COMPLAINT AGAINST A GUARDIAN.

The Local Government Board wrote enclosing the following communication which had been addressed to them—

"To the Honorable The Local Government Board,

Rathkeale, September 25th, 1898.

In reference to the complaint made by me against William O'Neill, junior, a member of the Board of Rathkeale Union, I beg to say I attended at the last board meeting with my solicitor for the purpose of explaining the grounds for the complaint. O'Neill, the man against whom the complaint is preferred, was in the chair (not being moved to it), but took it only for the purpose of hearing a charge against himself. He did not retire from the chair, but retained it while my solicitor was stating to the board my object in seeking an inquiry. O'Neill does not deny or seek to deny that his servants did the work supposed to be done by horses, nor did he deny that he accompanied the board's engineer to measure the work done, and furthermore when I was called before the board the chairman, O'Neill, called me to order, and would not allow me to give the explanation sought for by some of the guardians, especially Mr Hewson, and finally ruled the matter out of order, then left the chair on my departure and had Mr Lanford to propose an unmeaning resolution directed by the Engineer, &c. I therefore urge on your honourable Board to hold the inquiry and put an end to this jobbery and not heed the decision or recommendation of a man who had the impertinence to act in a charge against himself.

I am, &c,

JAMES LYNCH.

Mr O'Neill—That letter is all false, and it is a most insulting communication to this Board.

Mr Fitzgibbon—The contractor complains that Mr O'Neill had some connection with the contract for the sewerage work carried out at the Workhouse. I believe it was a man named Hayes who contracted for the work.

Mr O'Neill—Yes; he did the work for £4 15s, and this man's tender was for £15 4s. It is all a matter of spite.

Mr Hartigan said the pivot on which this complaint hung was because of Mr O'Neill having accompanied him when he went to inspect the work. He met Mr O'Neill on the occasion and requested that Mr O'Neill should go with him.

The Chairman—Mr Lynch wants to say that Mr O'Neill was implicated in the contract, and that it was carried out in another man's name.

Mr O'Neill—That is altogether wrong, and Mr Hayes, the contractor for the work, wrote to the board on the last day stating that he had contracted for and had carried out the work.

Lynch was called before the board and allowed to make a statement. He said that Hayes had stated that he knew nothing about the tender until he had got intimation that he had been declared contractor. He questioned Mr O'Neill as to whether it was not his men who had been engaged in the carrying out of the Dohile drainage.

Mr O'Neill denied that he had any personal interest in the contract. The statements were false.

Lynch said he could prove what he had stated to be true.

The Chairman—It would be well to have an explanation from Mr Hayes.

Lynch—It is useless, because what I have stated is perfectly true. I have no reason to make any complaint, except on the point of fair

The resolution was unanimously passed.

The Board adjourned.

FATAL CAR ACCIDENT NEAR THE CITY.

A PILOT KILLED.

On Tuesday evening Mr Frank Reynolds, a river pilot and proprietor of a public house in the Windmill, met his death under extremely sad circumstances. Mr Reynolds had been at Adare in company with his wife and some friends, the party driving on a side car. On reaching Ballinacurra on their return home, the horse shied, having taken fright at the lights on a steam roller, with the result that the occupants of the car were thrown off. Mrs Reynolds escaped with very slight injuries, but her husband received a most violent fall, being immediately rendered unconscious. He was at once removed to a neighbouring house, and medical assistance obtained, but the poor man died soon afterwards. He was very highly respected by very many friends, to whom his death has come as a great shock. The flags on the vessels in port are at half mast.

THE INQUEST.

To-day an inquest was held by Dr P J Clery, County Coroner, Kilmallock. The following jury was empanelled:—Michael Punch, foreman Cornelius Hayes, James Burns, James Mulcahy, Hugh Hughes, Michael Hayes, John Herbert, John Noonan, James Dundon, John O'Brien, John B Moloney, Joseph Sheridan.

Head Constable Feeney and Sergeant MacManus conducted the proceedings on behalf of the police.

Catherine Reynolds, wife of deceased, stated that on the evening of the occurrence they were driving in from Adare with two other friends. A little within a mile of the city they were thrown on the road. She did not exactly know what caused them to fall off the car. It was about eight o'clock at the time. She asked her husband if he was hurt and he gave no answer. Two boys came up and conveyed him to an adjoining house. The doctor was immediately brought, and the deceased died about three quarters of an hour after the accident.

In reply to the jurors, Mrs Reynolds stated there was a steam roller on the road. Her husband did not strike against it, but in the best of her opinion his head came close to the edge of the roller.

The Coroner—It is probably at that the horse took flight.

Sergeant MacManus—There is no evidence that the horse took flight at all.

The Coroner—It would be quite easy to give him a start.

William Strickland, driver of the engine of the steam roller, stated the roller was about five feet from the path. There were about twenty four feet from the outside wheel of the engine to the footpath.

The Coroner—It didn't occupy more than half of the road.

Sergeant MacManus—There was twenty feet of the road between. I measured it myself.

James Upton, the driver of the sidecar, stated there were lights on the engine, and there was no difficulty in passing, as there was lots of room.

The Coroner—You had more difficulty passing it than an ordinary car?

Witness—I had not; I passed that way going out; the horse was in the habit of shying slightly, and swerved a little on this occasion towards the side where the deceased was sitting just as they were coming towards the engine; he did not notice that anyone had fallen off the car, and drove on for twenty or thirty yards until he was told to stop by the other persons on the car

Dr Mulcahy deposed that he examined the deceased about twenty minutes to eight; he found him unconscious; there was a cut on the back of the head which was bleeding; blood was also coming from one of the ears; there was no other mark; in his opinion, death resulted from a fracture of the base of the skull.

A Juror asked whether the doctor could say if the wound was caused by striking against some sharp substance, such as a wheel, or by falling on the road.

Dr Mulcahy—I should say it was caused by falling on the road.

Sergeant McManus, in reply to the coroner, stated that the engine had been in the same place since Friday.

William Strickland, re-called at the request of Head Constable Feeney, stated the engine had broken down, and was laid up in this place for repairs; the precautions they had taken consisted in lighting lamps by night and keeping men to watch there; the lamps used were white, not red; at one side there was twenty-four feet from the engine to the water table; he was there at the time of the accident, but did not notice that anything happened; the car passed on as if no engine had been there.

The Coroner—As far as I see, nobody is to blame for the accident. It is an unfortunate occurrence.

The jury returned a verdict of death from fracture of the base of the skull caused by a fall from a sidecar; and they added that they deeply sympathised with Mrs Reynolds and the family of the deceased in their sad bereavement.

Party that there must be no weakening whatever In such a crisis there are no parties in this country, and Britons will follow the man who gives them the lead they want.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says—Lord Rosebery's speech should convince France that it cannot hope to profit by party divisions in this country. His lordship has spoken as a representative man for the whole empire, and every syllable has the full support of his fellow countrymen.

The *Globe* remarks that Lord Rosebery has made it clear to all whom it may concern that in the present crisis the people of Great Britain are united.

The *Westminster Gazette* says—Lord Rosebery's declarations are the timeliest warnings that could be given of the unanimity of public opinion of the continuity of our policy, and of the limits set by both parties to graceful concessions and polite withdrawals.

PLAYING WITH A LOADED GUN.

A lad named Henry Wilson was charged at Leicester yesterday with attempting to murder his employer's son, Thomas Spencer, by shooting him at Anstey a week ago. Spencer, whose face bore marks of gunshot wounds, stated that he and Wilson were larking at the time and that it was not known that the gun was loaded. The bench were of opinion that the affair was the result of an accident, and Wilson was discharged.

BANK RATE.

The bank rate of discount has been raised from three to four per cent.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

At the autumnal assembly of the Congregational Union to-day at Halifax, a resolution was adopted expressing satisfaction, and urging on the English Government to do their utmost to make the Conference a success. The mover of the resolution referred to Lord Rosebery's speech, and said the action of France was unfriendly, and she must retire from Fashoda. A further resolution was passed in favour of the creation of undenominational colleges under public control, and the reference committee were instructed to prepare a statement setting forth the Congregational view of the present ritualistic movement in the Established churches.

COLLIERS RESUME WORK AT NEW DUKINFIELD COAL PITS.

One thousand colliers at New Dukinfield Coal and Canal Company's Pits are to resume work at two and half per cent advance conceded by the Coal Owners Federation.

COURTMARTIAL AT PORTSMOUTH.

A courtmartial at Portsmouth to-day sentenced Henry Lambert, stoker of the Victory Depot, to eighteen months imprisonment for striking a ship's corporal.

BETTING ON LICENSED PREMISES.

At Cheltenham to-day Edward Hall, landlord of the Rais Hotel, and Edward Watkins, assistant, were remanded on bail on the charge of permitting betting in his house.

INSPECTION AT PORTSMOUTH.

The Lords of the Admiralty continued their inspection at Portsmouth to-day.

MARRIAGE OF MR H M W GOULD.

New York, Thursday.

Mr H M Ward Gould yesterday married Miss Katherine Clemmons, an actress.

SIR HENRY IRVING ILL.

Sir Henry Irving, who should have appeared at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, to-night, has been ordered by the doctor to keep in bed in consequence of a chill.

A WELL DESERVED PROMOTION.

Mr Frederic J Macauley, for forty years in the service of the Southampton Railway Company, the last nineteen as secretary, has been elected director in the place of Mr Arthur E Guest, deceased.

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