

## APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN.

### LOCAL INQUIRY.

This afternoon an inquiry directed by the Local Government Board was held by Mr. A. D. Price, Engineering Inspector, with reference to an application by the Borough Council for a supplemental loan of £7,000 for the purpose of completing and extending the Electric Lighting Scheme in the city. When the project of Electric works for the city was first mooted some years ago much speculation was indulged in and after frequent discussion and searching investigation by a special committee of the Corporation, it was finally decided to promote a scheme which was intended to serve for lighting as well as power purposes. It will be remembered that the Corporation, some years back, went to considerable expense in getting expert opinion as to the advisability of introducing electricity into the city, and valuable information was supplied by Professor Kennedy. The subject, however, fell into abeyance until the Shannon Water and Electric Power Company introduced their project, and in order to preserve their rights the Corporation wisely decided to seek a Provisional Order on their own behalf, which was extended by the Board of Trade. Eventually, the Order was put in force. Mr. Enright, himself, a Co. Limerick man, was selected as engineer, and having submitted his plans and estimates, which were approved of, the Local Government Board were applied to for a loan of £22,000. As worn inquiry was held, and the loan sanctioned, repayable on the usual terms. The works were duly commenced, and within the last few weeks, the citizens had the satisfaction of seeing their principal street lighted up with this splendid illuminant. The scheme was kept well within the estimated expenditure, but it was considered advisable to schedule additional areas, and for this purpose a supplemental loan of £7,000 was found to be necessary.

There were present—The Mayor (Mr. M. Donnelly), Messrs Wm. M. Nolan, Town Clerk; John Dundou, Law Agent, J. J. Peacocke, City Surveyor; Alfred Baker, Secretary Gas Department; Michael Woulfe, City Treasurer; T. Donnellan, B.C.

Mr. W. A. Brennan, B.A., Division Office, Limerick, was present on behalf of the War Department.

The Inspector having read his letter of instructions, said the inquiry had been duly advertised, and he had not received any objection, nor had the Town Clerk.

Mr. Dundou stated that the necessary formalities had been gone through with regard to the application for the loan, and it would only be necessary to give formal evidence as to the financial condition of the Borough Council.

Mr. Woulfe, City Treasurer, was then examined, and gave the figures showing the rateable value of the city, the amount of the outstanding loans for sanitary and other purposes. The present margin of their borrowing powers was £26,282 0s. 6d., and if this loan were granted, their margin would be reduced to something over £19,000. The rate for the year 1903 was 11s. 6d., and for the present half year 5s. 9d.

The Inspector asked if that had been found sufficient to carry them through.

Mr. Woulfe—Yes, with the exception of a sum of £42, which is to be included in the next estimate.

The Town Clerk gave evidence as to the proceedings in Committee and the Council deciding to transfer the management of the electric works to the Gas Committee.

Professor Enright was examined, and gave figures in connection with the expenditure already made. An additional £7,000 was necessary for the extension of cables and arc lamps. He had also decided to sink a well at the power station, so that they would not have to pay for water. He then described the system in some detail, and added that so far the works had gone on most satisfactorily, and everything was up to date and neatly carried out. A switch-board had been erected by the Allgemeine Company, and was a splendid piece of machinery. In fact, everything was done in a most complete fashion, and the tests had given the greatest satisfaction and pleasure. He felt that the undertaking could be a great success.

Mr. Peacocke, City Surveyor, was examined as to probable future expenditure on works for sanitary purposes. There would be about £2,000 required for sewers on the Ennis-road, and a like amount for similar works at Thomondgate. They had also applied for £3,000 for building working class dwellings, but that had not yet been mentioned.

The Town Clerk said the amount had been sanctioned by the Local Government Board, but the Board of Works had deferred issuing the money.

Mr. Peacocke, replying to further questions by the Inspector, said the question of providing an infirmary hospital had been discussed, but nothing definite was done. This, however, was largely a matter for the Board of Guardians, who were the Sanitary Authority. With regard to the future expenditure on the water works, about £10,000 would be necessary for that purpose. The water from Charleville was filtered, but the sewage supply was not. The expenditure mentioned would be for the necessary works for taking the

## SAD RAILWAY FATALITY.

### PLATFORM INSPECTOR KILLED.

Stephen Noone, 35, a platform inspector in the service of the Great Southern and Western Railway Co., met his death at Limerick Railway Station on Sunday evening under very sad circumstances. There was an excursion from Dublin, about 700 visitors arriving in the city, and they were during the day at some Gaelic sports in the Markets Field. The special train was timed to leave Limerick at 8.15 p.m., and to prevent a crush on the departing excursionists the railway authorities decided on admitting no persons to the railway platform that had not tickets, and several officials, Noone among the number, were placed at the barriers to see this direction carried out. Shortly after seven, however, crowds of people began to collect to see the visitors off, until something like three thousand people were gathered, and these forced the barrier and rushed on to the platform. Noone was knocked down in the rush and when picked up in a few minutes he was found to be unconscious, dying before medical aid arrived. Drs. Graham and Laird were summoned speedily, but when they reached the station Noone was dead. A superficial examination of the body disclosed no external injuries. Noone was married, and leaves a family to mourn his sad end. He was an excellent official and highly respected.

### THE INQUEST.

At 1.25 o'clock yesterday, Mr. Coroner Decourcey held an inquest on the body of the deceased.

Head Constable Moore conducted the inquest on behalf of the police and Mr. Barrington, solr., appeared on behalf of the Railway Company.

Although the inquest was fixed for one o'clock the last of the jurors did not put in an appearance until 1.25 o'clock.

The Coroner said that much inconvenience was caused by reason of some of the jurors not attending at the hour fixed. He didn't like to impose fines but would have to do so in future.

Mr. Shanahan, Stationmaster, deposed that the deceased was in the employment of the Railway Company as Platform Inspector for eight years, and was a steady, well-conducted man, and a man who was highly thought of by his employers. He was married and aged about thirty-five years. Witness last saw him alive about 7.18 o'clock on the previous evening at the gate leading into the platform where he was on duty. The gate was shut when witness saw him. About two or three minutes afterwards witness saw the deceased on his back on the platform. There was a large crowd of people outside the gate at the time. These were people seeing the excursionists off. There was no trouble with the excursionists. The gates were opened by the rush of the people. The railway officials opened one side of the gate to let the excursionists pass through, and the people then shoved in the other side. Witness did not see any person using violence towards the deceased. Witness, after seeing the deceased lying down, immediately telephoned for Drs. Laird and Graham, and a priest.

By Mr. Barrington—He could not say positively that the deceased was knocked down by the rush of people there, but he believed he was. There were hundreds on the platform beside the passengers.

To a juror—There were thirteen men on duty; he thought that was sufficient. He could not say if the accident would have occurred if the people had been checked at the outer gate.

Dr. Laird deposed that he was called on the evening in question to see the deceased. He found no marks on the body. He had no idea as to the cause of death, nor could he form any with-out a post mortem examination.

The inquest was adjourned until 6 o'clock for the purpose of having a post mortem examination. The inquest was resumed yesterday evening shortly after six o'clock.

Drs. Laird and Graham who had made a post mortem examination in the interval, deposed as follows:—"On superficial examination we found a small bruise in the back and front of the elbow, no other external mark of injury or violence. We found all the abdominal viscera healthy and uninjured. The heart and lungs were healthy. The cause of death we believe to be shock to the nervous system, probably due to some injury."

Head Constable Moore—Had the bruise on the elbow any connection with the cause of death?

Dr. Laird—I don't think so. Of course it would be sufficient to cause death. Witness added that deceased when down might possibly have got trampled upon on the abdomen without leaving any marks.

Dr. Graham stated that a very severe shock would be sufficient to cause death. That was the only way in which they could account for death.

A Juror (Mr. Birney)—Were there any marks on the back of the head, as he appears to have fallen backwards?

Dr. Laird—None whatever.

Constable Thomas Finuigan deposed that he was on duty at the Terminus about 7.30 on Sunday evening.

Mr. Barrington—Did you see the deceased?

Witness—Yes, I saw him being carried off the platform.

Mr. Barrington—Did you see any other persons on the platform?

Witness—Yes, I saw a large number of people.

Mr. Barrington—Did you see any other persons on the platform?

## KILRUSH BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Mr. Patrick Lillis, vice-chairman, and subsequently the chairman, Mr. A. McNamara, presided at the weekly meeting of above Board. The other guardians present were—Messrs Thos. Talty, J.P., Dan Casey, M. McInerney, Pat Lillis (Brisla), James Conyers, Edmund Murphy, Michael Kett, P. O'Brien, John Talty, James Griffin, M. J. Carmody, M. Brennan, John Mungovan, P. C. McAuliffe, P. McNamara, John Corry, George Pilkington, Patrick McCarthy, John Campbell, P. Bourke, John Crotty, C. Killeen, J. O'Dwyer, M. Murphy, P. Healy, C. Killeen, Michael Corry.

### FINANCE.

Paying orders amounting to £987 15s. 11d. were ordered to issue after the examination of the quarterly and montly accounts.

### RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

Dr. J. K. Healy, Mullaugh, wrote in grateful terms thanking the Board for the resolution of condolence unanimously voted on the death of his brother.

### LEAVE.

Mr. Haugh, schoolmaster, applied for, and was granted three weeks leave of absence.

### MEDICAL FEES.

Dr. Faris, Ennis, forwarded a series of resolutions adopted by the Irish Medical Association announcing the scale of fees which will only be accepted by the faculty in future in case of work-house appointments.

Mr. Thomas Talty—Throw the resolutions into the waste paper basket.

Mr. Carmody—That is a touch of the iron heel from the doctors, and I propose to mark their resolutions "read."

Mr. O'Brien—Do, but burn them up.

Mr. MacAuliffe—We should mark our disapproval altogether.

Mr. T. Talty—We do that by simply marking the communication as "read."

Mr. Carmody—The doctors propose, but it is for the people to dispose, and it is for us to put our back up against this thing.

Mr. Griffin—They will want us next to supply them with carriages and horses, and then we will be asked to pay a coachman (laughter).

The resolutions were marked "read."

### BOUNDARY WALL.

The proposal to raise and protect the boundary wall with a view to the prevention of trafficking between inmates and the public was rejected on a poll of 19 to 11. The amendment proposed to refer the matter to a committee.

The Master said serious reports were made to him and if anything occurred he would throw the responsibility over on the Board as he had done his duty by bringing it under their notice.

### TRAINED NURSE.

Two applications were received for the position of fever nurse, Mrs. Catherine Byrne and Miss Fitzgerald. The former was elected on a poll subject to the approval of the medical officer.

### NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. M. Kett moved a notice of motion that the salary of Mr Michael Hanrahan, Hospital Official, be increased by £5 a year.

Mr. E. Murphy seconded the motion. Mr. Michael Corry strongly opposed the motion and proposed its rejection.

Mr. Brennan seconded the amendment. Mr. Kett withdrew his resolution, and the subject dropped.

### CONDOLENCE.

A resolution was adopted expressing regret at the death of Mr. Michael Kett, uncle of Mr. J. Kett, D.C., and cousin of Mr. Michael Kett, D.C.

### DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Thomas Talty (Chairman) presided at the Rural District Council held on Saturday. There was a full attendance of members.

### KILKEE SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

A report was read from Dr. Hickey recommending some immediate repairs in parts of Kilkee sewerage system.

It was decided not to undertake only minor alterations in that town during the summer tourist season.

### SHRAGH WATER.

Mr. Campbell moved that a pump be erected in the townland of Shragh.

Mr. Mescal seconded the proposal, and said the water supply was a grave necessity.

On a poll it was decided to erect a pump by 14 votes to 10.

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