

the meeting of the Corporation on today evening, Alderman O'Brien presiding, Dundon, Law Agent, intimated by letter he had waited on the Provincial Bank with a view to securing an overdraft of £5,000, but his representations were refused, having regard to the opinion received from counsel on the legality of the matter.

**THE CITY FINANCES.**

The Town Clerk then read a letter from the Government Board in which it was stated that the Board are not possessed of any statutory powers which would enable them to express their opinion on the proposed overdraft as suggested by the Provincial Bank, it having been repeatedly held down by the High Court of Justice that the overdraft was not a loan but a borrowing by way of overdraft on current account.

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However, the Corporation can make arrangements with the bank to afford them financial assistance without making any charge in respect of the overdraft, but it must be distinctly understood that such an arrangement cannot be made by the Corporation with the bank in this direction must be arrived at solely on their own responsibility, and not in pursuance of any supposed or assumed sanction of the Board. I am at the same time to point out that the difficulties of the Corporation would appear to be partly owing to want of due recognition of the true financial position of the Borough and the Board are of opinion that if the Corporation would avail themselves of regulations devised to secure a more efficient system of finance, the Board would find themselves in a better position to assist the Corporation in the present case to do so. From the information at the disposal of the Board it would appear that if the rate collectors had discharged their duties efficiently during the six months the present financial pressure would not be so acute.—(Signed), H. COURTNEY, Town Secretary.

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**Kerr—**What is the overdraft for? The Treasurer said at the present time he was paying forward cheques to the amount of £5,000. That evening they were passing cheques to the amount of £1,675 6s. 9d., and was an overdraft of £1,185 in the bank which brought the total up to £6,404. The Chairman asked for an explanation from Mr. O'Donnell.

**O'Donnell said** since last meeting of the Council he had lodged £3,984, £5,000 of which had been placed to the credit of the Improvement Fund. So instead of £1,185 being due to the Council, the lodgments brought it down to £7,000 to credit, and they are kicking up a row about £5,000.

**High Sheriff asked** if Mr. O'Donnell could point out any hope of liquidating the £20,000 overdraft in rates. That was altogether outside of Poor Rate. They should not place the blame on the bank, who were acting in legal procedure.

**Chairman said** the Council had more or less restricted Mr. O'Donnell by prohibiting re-counting defaulting ratepayers.

**Treasurer said—**You get 2 per cent. on the credit balances, which are about £7,000.

**reply to Mr. Kerr,** the Treasurer said the money had been in hand a few months, because the bank had refused to cash them.

**Kerr said** they were living in a fool's paradise. Was there any extra outlay.

**Treasurer—**No extra outlay, but at the same time the Bank had refused to do what had been doing all along, namely, to grant an overdraft of £5,000. They say that they have taken counsel's opinion on the legality of giving

**DELEGATES.** Mr. Peacocke and Alderman Donnelly were appointed as delegates to attend the Irish Industrial Conference on the 21st November. The Council adjourned at ten o'clock.

**LATE MR. W. H. HEATON-ARMSTRONG.**

**THE FUNERAL.**

The remains of the late Mr. William Henry Heaton-Armstrong whose demise at the early age of 43 years we recorded in our Tuesday issue, arrived in town at a quarter to eleven on Thursday morning by train from his late residence, Purteen House, Bird Hill, and were conveyed from the Terminus to St. Munchin's Church, where they were interred in the family vault. The funeral was large and representative, many friends of the deceased being present from city and country, to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of a popular gentleman, with whose family the deepest sympathy was felt in their keen sorrow. The business houses in George St. had their blinds drawn as the funeral passed.

The chief mourners were—Mr. C. R. B. Heaton-Armstrong, brother; and Colonel Milton Henn, B.A., brother-in-law of the deceased.

The clergy present included—Canon Bradley, Rector of Newport; Precentor Stanistreet, Killaloe; Rev. F. Morris, Diocesan Curate Killaloe; Rev. R. Ross-Lewin, Rev. T. B. Robertson, Precentor Archdall, Rev. J. T. Waller, Rev. R. H. Semple, Rev. C. V. Atkinson, Rev. M. Wylie, Castleconnell; Rev. Mr. Peyton, Killaloe; Rev. Mr. Baile.

Amongst the general public present were—F. St. C. Hobson, Montiford Westropp, Colonel Massey Westropp, Sir Thomas Cleave, F. J. Cleave, T. G. Kennedy, T. Pilkington, Ennis; Lancelot Bayly, Castleconnell; A. Hobson, J. E. Murphy, Robert Parker, Ballyvalley; W. McDonnell, junior, Captain d'Esterre, Major Mawe, H. L. Stewart, J. Stewart, J. P. Hall, W. Lloyd, J. W. Barry, R. Nash, Major Edwards, W. L. Hunt, B. Lucas, R. Hanna, John Boyd, T. H. Brett, Captain Verschoyle, F. A. Johnstone, M. G. Slade, C. Slade, B. Plummer, P. McCarthy, Captain Twiss (Birdhill), J. Enright (Castleconnell), — Fitzgerald (Ardeoloney), James Quin, J. P., L. O'B. Kelly, J. Lawlor, H. Blackall, W. Barrington, C. B., B. Barrington, E. Christy, P. R. Toppin, A. Nestor, S. E. Ebrill, J. Lee, T. Hassett, John Browne, Matthew Coffey, P. Coffey, John Ryan, James Ryan, J. Regan, W. Buckley, D. Ryan, P. Rodgers, J. Gleeson, J. Teefy, P. Teefy, C. Ryan, M. Teefy, C. O'Shaughnessy, J. Corey, J. Ryan, B. Regan, W. Hassett, Fergeant White.


Carriages were sent by Miss McMahon, Old Church; Mrs. O'Brien, South Hill; Sir Thomas Cleave, G. Goodbody, W. Barrington, John N. Russell, Archibald Murray, Sir Vincent Nash, F. Hobson, and others.

The coffin was drawn with beautiful wreaths of natural flowers sent by the deceased gentleman's wife, May Heaton-Armstrong; Charles and Ethel Heaton-Armstrong, Charlie and Jack Heaton-Armstrong, Milton and Lizzie Henn, George and Alice Heaton-Armstrong; his nieces Eleanor, Catherine, Beatrice, and Baby; Captain and Mrs. Twiss, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Dunan, Sir Thomas and Lady Cleave, Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, Captain and Mrs. Lealand, Canon and Mrs. Stanistreet, Canon Bradley, and Rev. T. B. Robertson officiated.

Messrs. P. McCarthy and Sons carried out the funeral arrangements.

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