

LIMERICK UNION.

Chairman, J.P., presided of the Limerick Board of Guardians the names of the guardians in given below.

PURCHASE OF CLOTHES.
as read from the Local Government that they would raise no objection as to the value of £4 for a dandy, temporary lunatic attendant, nurse.

BARBER'S SUBSTITUTE.
Government Board wrote requesting to the amount of remuneration proposed to Mr. John Dinneen for his services substitute for Mr. James Keane, institution.

—£1 12s. a week. We will send on.

THE WATER SUPPLY.
the question of payment of £36 Board of Guardians to the Borough of water supplied to the Workmen was received from the Board asking the guardians to sign to specify the eight quarters for it was made.

was instructed to furnish the

IGNITION OF A WARDSMAID.
J. Dunne, Wardsmaid in the Prison, wrote resigning her position, and thanks to the board for past

—We will accept Miss Dunne's

—And advertise for a successor.

ington considered that the board for a trained nurse at a salary of instead of a wardsmaid at a salary of £6 could when the necessity arose do general hospital, an arrangement much more satisfactory.

concurred in the suggestion of Miss At the time of Miss Dunne's appointment Government Board asked the get a Protestant trained nurse, but of fall in with the idea.

man agreed with Miss Barrington, was ordered to use advertisements in Protestant wardsmaid at a salary of and first-class ratings.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S RESIDENCE.
notice of motion, Mr. Smith proposed resolution on the books to build a Dr. Humphreys, Dispensary Medical ridge town, be rescinded. He said a d been made that once the house to the Guardians would not have to their expense. That was not so, and action he would like to hear from at they were paying for the upkeep more Dispensary residence.

said the loan for the Caherconlish £1,219 19s. 6d., repayable in thirty-34 per cent. The annual outlay on £65 1s. 4d., and the doctor paid £23 5s. a year.

—We are losing £42 a year on that

ne said he was in a position to say Cappamore residence was built the were willing to give money at a

—Not at all.

—If you borrow £800 for the residence the annuity will be £40 a

said the reason he proposed that a not built at Bridgetown was that a consisting of the Guardians of the district investigated the subject and inst it. That report was in the hands of the Board. There was no a new building, inasmuch as there three houses in the place where the five.

seconded the proposition. He said a very lucrative position, and one he had to make a very hard fight. rd to that, and to the fact that he was an his predecessor, he thought the right to get a little breathing time was asked to pay £40 a year for a him. Mr. O'Regan had on a former ited the outlay on this new building which was also the estimate sent in for ore house, but now they knew that it 200. The same power that had created of things then was now present to do this case.

ENNIS URBAN COUNCIL.

Lively Meeting.

Chairman Retires from the Meeting.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
At the fortnightly meeting of the Ennis Urban Council on Tuesday, Mr. Michael Tierney, J.P., presided. There were also present—Messrs. P. R. Kenneally, F. Molony, M. J. Cahill, P. Cahir, P. J. Linnane, J.P., J. M. Malone, and J. Kerin.

M. J. Cahill, Clerk; M. Morony, Markets Inspector; and J. F. O'Connor, C.E. were present.

THE LATE MR. H. DE WILLIS.
The Clerk read a letter from Mr. G. de H. Willis acknowledging the receipt of the Council's resolution of condolence on the death of his brother, the late Mr. H. de Willis, J.P. The many kindly expressions of regard and regret had been very gratifying to him. The late Mr. Willis always felt a great and personal interest in doing what he could for the town.

An acknowledgment was also received from Mrs. Rose, London, sister of the deceased.

LATE MR. PAT BOLAND.
Mr. Cahill proposed a resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Patrick Boland, a conscientious and upright official of the Council for many years. Mr. Boland had, said Mr. Cahill been connected with the Town Commissioners and Urban Council since 1880 or 1881, and always did his work in an upright and painstaking manner. He was a good husband, a good father, a good citizen, and an excellent official of the Urban Council.

The Chairman said they all agreed with every word that Mr. Cahill had said about Mr. Boland. They were all very sorry for his death and they tendered to his family their sincere sympathy in their great bereavement.

The resolution was unanimously adopted in silence.

TOWN HALL CARETAKERSHIP.
Mr. Linnane said this would be a favourable opportunity for him to propose that Mr. Boland's widow be appointed caretaker of the Town Hall, at the same remuneration as her late husband, and Mr. Cahir, who had held the place previously. It was the best compliment they could pay Mr. Boland's widow and family.

Mr. Molony seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Chairman—What is the remuneration?
Clerk—£12 10s. a year.

MUNICIPAL OVERSEERSHIP.
The Clerk said as they were on the question they might as well see what they would do about the waterworks and the matter of the municipal overseer and sub-sanitary officer in the place of Mr. Boland.

Mr. Kenneally proposed that Mr. Boland's son, Mr. Nicholas Boland, be appointed.

The Chairman—Mr. Kenneally, you can't propose him. The position must be advertised.

Mr. Kenneally said they would appoint Mr. Nicholas Boland as far as the waterworks overseership went. He did not touch the sub-sanitary officership at all.

The Chairman said they should advertise the position as was done in every public board, and he believed they were bound to do so.

Mr. Kenneally (sharply)—I don't think so. There is no necessity.

Chairman (emphatically)—The position must be advertised.

Mr. Kenneally—Will you receive my motion and let the Council decide?

The Chairman—No, I will not receive any proposal.

Amid uproar, Mr. Kenneally declared that his motion should be put before the Council. He was not going into the question of the sub-sanitary officer at all.

Mr. Molony said the Inspector of the Markets was appointed without any advertisement. Why not do the same with Mr. Boland?

A scene of much confusion ensued, and in the din the Chairman said to Mr. Kenneally—In order to end the issue one way or another go on with your motion.

Mr. Kenneally said he would propose that Mr. Nicholas Boland be appointed to the position of waterworks overseer. He was sure that he would prove himself worthy of the position his father held for so many years. He had plenty of experience, and had worked with one of the best plumbers in Ireland, Mr. Costelloe, who said that in any special difficulty he could always call for his advice and assistance.

Mr. Kerin seconded the motion.

The Chairman asked was there any amendment, and, receiving no reply, said it would be inconsistent with his action all along if he did not protest against the appointment.

KILKEE FATALITY.

THE LATE MR. JOHN MEERS.

The Inquest.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
On Tuesday an inquest on the remains of the late Mr. John Meers, whose very sad death immediately after bathing took place on Monday evening, as reported in our last issue, was held in the Courthouse there at 12 o'clock by Mr. Coroner T. Lillis, J.P., and the following jury sworn:—Messrs. John Fitzgerald (foreman), Patrick Kelly, Timothy Haier, John Byrnes, Bartholomew Murphy, James O'Neill, Thomas Ryan, Joseph Curtin, Michael Allender, Daniel Clancy, Michael Curry, and Jeremiah Kepp.

Sergeant McEvoy conducted the proceedings on behalf of the police.

Martin Foley deposed he knew the deceased John Meers and saw him bathing on Monday about a quarter to four. He saw him undress and get into the water, and remain in between five and seven minutes. He didn't see him leaving the water, and next saw him stretched on the rocks and a few people trying to restore him. A man named O'Brien who was in the water with him shouted to him to run for a priest and doctor. He ran quickly and met Father Rice very near and he was on the scene at once. He then went for Dr. Hickey, who also came quickly, as also did Father Clancy.

Dr. Hickey, Medical Officer for the district, deposed he was called to see the deceased about half-past four o'clock. When he arrived he was apparently dead about twenty minutes or half an hour. From the appearance of the body he believed he died from heart failure. He never attended the deceased professionally, nor did he know him personally. He believed the fact of getting into the water accelerated his death.

George Collins deposed he remembered Monday evening. He was sitting on the bank over Burns' Hole, and saw Mr. Meers dive in from the eastern side, and cross to the western side. He dived in again from that side, and then swam a little out towards the open sea, and a man whose name he heard was Mr. O'Brien, from Limerick, was quite close to him. They had what is called a "kick off," and Mr. Meers backed towards the western rocks. In a second or two afterwards he saw him scrambling on the rocks after leaving the water, where the rocks are very much inclined. He took it that he was going to have another dive. He was looking for a moment at the people in the water when someone shouted out from the water that he was sick or fainting, or something to that effect. He then saw him lying face downwards on the rock with his head resting on his left forearm, and his right hand stretched out. He (witness) scrambled down the best way he could to the rocks to render assistance, and threw off his coat and cap, and helped the others to restore animation as best they could by rubbing his hands and feet. There was a Mr. O'Halloran from Limerick present who told him he had a conversation with the deceased that morning, who told him he suffered from hernia. He believed deceased was alive when Father Rice reached him. All their efforts failed to restore animation.

Mr. John Portley gave evidence of identification, and said deceased was about 32 years.

The Coroner in summing up referred in feeling and sympathetic terms to the sad occurrence which had cast a gloom over Kilkee. He understood the deceased was a general favourite, and an expert swimmer who was instrumental in saving life on more than one occasion, and expressed his deepest sympathy with the deceased's family and his fellow citizens.

A verdict in accordance with the medical testimony that the deceased died suddenly of heart failure on the rocks at Burns' Hole, Kilkee, was found.

The remains were afterwards removed to the railway station amidst manifestations of general regret, en route by the mid-day train for interment in Limerick.

The Funeral.

Yesterday, the remains of the late Mr. John Meers, whose death occurred under such tragic circumstances at Kilkee on Monday were interred in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. On Tuesday evening at half-past seven the body arrived from Kilkee, and was met at the Terminus by a large concourse of mourners. The sad procession then formed up and wended its way to St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, where the remains rested overnight, and yesterday morning Mass for the dead was celebrated. At three o'clock, the remains were taken out and were followed to the last resting place by an immense assemblage of people, who attended to pay a final tribute of respect to the deceased. In our obituary notice it was stated that the deceased gentleman had expired before a priest arrived. Such is not the fact, and it is a consolation to the family of the late Mr. Meers to know that he received the last rites of his Church before he passed away.

The chief mourners were—Mr. John Meers and Mr. Joseph Meers, sons; Mr. James Meers, brother; Mr. M. Harvey, brother-in-law.

The clergy present were—Rev. Fr. O'Connor, Adm. St. Michael's; Rev. Fr. O'Shea, C.C., do.; and Rev. Fr. Collins, C.S.S.R.

Amongst the general public were—Messrs. D. Tidmarsh, J. P. Bellens, Alderman D. McNeice, W. Gadd, Superintendent Locomotive Works, G.S. & W.R.; J. F. Miller, District Superintendent, G.S. & W.R.; T. Manigan, P. McCarthy, P. Madigan, G. Wilson, Goods Agent G.S. & W.R.; H. Powell, P. B. Malone, J. McGrath, J. Leddan, T. Taite, J. J. McMahon, T. Riordan, M. Moloney, A. McNeice, J. Shannon, P. Flynn, E. Harrold, J. Tompkins, J. Hanrahan, T. Deane, J. J. Walden, H. Levers, senr.; W. Levers, H. Levers, junr.; R. Evans, S. R. Lee, J.P.; R. Lee, J. Donovan, M. Hartigan, M. Mannix, M. Guerin, District Auditor, G.S. & W.R.; J. Dalton, B.C.; J. Downey, B.C.; T. McNamara, E. Baker, E. O'Toole, J. McNeice, A. Sexton, M. Leahy, B.C.; T. McNamara, A. Walshe, J. Higgins, S. Storan, J. Mannix, F. Quilty, J. Guerin.

Father O'Connor officiated at the graveside.

JULY WEATHER.

Weather report at Hurlerstown, Broadford, Co. Clare:—

The total rainfall for the month was 3.50 inches, being .44 inches above the July average here

LATE KING EDWARD.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

Views of the Government.

Letter from Premier to Lord Mayor.

The Prime Minister has addressed the following letter to the Lord Mayor:—

"10 Downing street,
July 28th, 1910.

"My Dear Lord Mayor.—His Majesty's Government have been considering the question as to the best method of commemorating the life and reign of King Edward VII. They have had before them various schemes with regard to the form the memorial should take, and as a result of their inquiries they are disposed to think that the object in view would best be secured by local, rather than by national, memorials. I believe in many parts of the country proposals have already been made to commemorate his late Majesty's reign, and my colleagues and I feel that the memory of a King who showed so keen a desire to become acquainted by his personal presence with all classes of his subjects in every part of the United Kingdom would more appropriately be honoured and preserved by each county or large city marking specially for itself, and in a manner most suitable to the local conditions, the love and veneration in which he was held. You will, I know, agree with me that London should be foremost in doing honour to our late Sovereign, and I am, therefore, writing to suggest for your consideration whether your lordship might not take the initiative in carrying out the project of a London memorial.—I am my dear Lord Mayor, yours very faithfully

"H. H. ASQUITH."

To the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London.

The Lord Mayor, in response to that invitation, has conveyed to the Prime Minister the gratification it will give him to inaugurate such a movement for a London memorial to the late King, as Mr. Asquith suggests, and he is now taking steps in the first place, to form an influential and representative Mansion House Committee to make preparations for collecting a fund and carrying out details of the scheme. He is seeking the aid of the City and Borough Mayors of London in making the project known and in raising donations in their respective districts. The Committee, when formed, will meet after the holidays. Meanwhile donations towards the King Edward Memorial may be forwarded either to the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House or to the Bank of England, where an account has been opened.

JULY'S, BLACK RECORD.

July has done its work, and done it very well (says the Daily Chronicle). Assuming that its many delinquencies were of deliberate intent, it acted so conscientiously, that the records of Greenwich time may be searched in vain for a parallel, although many years may be found with a much more copious rainfall. In the latter respect it appears, after giving more or less rain almost daily until the 8th, to have suffered certain qualms, for there were about seven days with scarcely a drop of rain in any part of the country. The clouds, however, refused to allow the sun fair play, and the hay farmers were consequently unable to reap the full benefit of the dry spell, while the thermometer over the country as a whole remained curiously inactive.

The highest shade temperature in London, in St. James's Park, was only 74deg., and that occurred in a flash in the pan sort of way on the 28th. There were four other days with maxima of 70deg., viz., the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 21st. The mean warmth of the afternoons was about 65deg., showing a loss of heat of about 8deg. daily. This figure of 65deg. is no higher than the average afternoon warmth at the end of May. On two days—the 9th and the 18th—the highest temperature was only 59deg.—an altogether abnormal figure—and on no fewer than twelve days the maximum was below 65deg. Since 1841, only 1888 has given such a low maximum.

Fortunately the temperature of the nights was not so much below the normal as the days. Had they been so, vegetation would be in a parlous state indeed. It may be taken for granted that a cold July is more favourable for health than a very hot one, and nobody, unless he has just arrived from a sojourn in the tropics, wishes to see the thermometer soar to the nineties. But without a hot, cloudless day thrown in occasionally it is difficult to realise that July is really summer at all.

Except during the dry week, when brilliant sunshine was very abundant in the north-western counties of Great Britain and Ireland, the sky was almost continuously cloudy, and often entirely over-cast. In London the month was so miserably of sunshine as to yield less than 100 hours, or about three hours per day. A very fine July like those of 1900 and 1904 would have lavished nearly nine hours per day on the metropolis. Only once since the automatic sunshine records began in 1881, has July been so dull in London. That was the July of 1888, when the total number of hours was only 92.

But what of August? There has been a tendency during the past few days for the barometer to become less jumpy, and for the temperature to rise, and it may well be that August this year is about to repeat its performance of last year, and send a fortnight or so of such weather as will help one to forget the sombre skies and chilling rains of July. According to the latest information the glass was rising over the Kingdom generally, and a depression which had arrived over the north and north-west of these islands seemed inclined to retrace its steps to the Atlantic. Very little rain fell on Saturday, although few parts of the country escaped a slight shower, and yesterday the general state of affairs was rather similar, while the absence of an anticyclone in neighbourhood of these islands renders it impossible to predict weather of the absolutely settled type, the outlook for the next few days is distinctly more hopeful than it has been for some time.

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

GREAT SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

The following is the report of the Directors to be submitted to the Proprietors at the One Hundred and Thirty-third Half-yearly General Meeting on Wednesday, the 10th August, 1910.

The Statement of Accounts for the half-year ended 30th June, 1910, which has been duly audited and verified, is herewith submitted for approval.

The Revenue Account shows the following results:—

	1910	1909
	£	£
Receipts from Traffic, Rents, &c., per Account No. 9	702,417	692,627
Less Expenditure on Working, per Account No. 9	426,830	418,219
Profit on Half-year's Working	275,587	274,414
Miscellaneous Receipts, per Account No. 10	8,998	9,052
	284,585	283,466
Less Interest on Debenture Stock, Dividends on Baronial Guaranteed Shares, Rents for Worked Lines, and other prior charges, per Account No. 10	107,497	106,857
	177,088	176,609
Balance from previous half-year	64,820	62,933
	241,908	239,542
Dividends on Guaranteed, Preference, and Geashill Extension Stocks	83,665	83,734
Balance available for Dividend on Ordinary Stock	158,243	155,808

Out of this balance of £158,243 the Directors recommend that a dividend at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum be declared on the Ordinary Consolidated Stock, amounting to £119,824, and that £5,000 be transferred to the Reserve Fund, leaving a balance of £33,419 to be carried forward to the next half-year's account.

The following table shows the receipts of the half-year from Traffic, Rents, &c., as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year:—

	1910.	1909.	Inc.	Dec.
	£	£	£	£
Passengers	245,669	241,838	3,831	—
Parcels, Horses, Carriages, &c.	61,127	57,224	3,903	—
Mails	28,608	28,601	7	—
Merchandise	248,216	252,566	—	4,350
Minerals	47,551	43,914	3,637	—
Live Stock	64,689	61,925	2,764	—
Rents, &c.	6,557	6,549	8	—
Total	702,417	692,627	14,140	4,350
Net increase			£9,790	

The Working Expenses show an increase of £8,617.

The action of the Cunard Company in omitting the call of their fast boats at Queenstown has aroused general dissatisfaction throughout the country. A committee of protest has been formed with the object of bringing the claims of Queenstown before the authorities, and others concerned, in England and the United States.

It is with profound regret your Board have to record a serious accident which occurred on the morning of the 19th of July on the Birr branch of the line. Though unattended by loss of life, the lamentable occurrence resulted in a number of people being injured.

The Vice-Regal Commission on Irish Railways appointed in 1906 to inquire into the working of Railways in Ireland have now issued their Fifth and Final Report.

The following Directors retire from office by rotation:—Sir William J. Goulding, Bart., Frederick C. Pilkington, and Nicholas J. Synnott, and they offer themselves for re-election.

WILLIAM J. GOULDING, Chairman.

Kingsbridge Terminus, Dublin, 28th July, 1910.

CRICKET.

Limerick Co. v. G.S. & W. Railway (Dublin).

This match came off on Monday on the County Grounds, and after a most enjoyable game resulted in a win for the home team by 48 runs on the 1st innings. Winning the toss the County batted first, and made 151, the chief contributors being McDonnell 39, McCullough 37, and Jones 28. To this the visitors replied with 103, Wallace 20, and Dwyer 18, doing best.

In the second knock the old veteran McMahon showed some of his old form, scoring 50 not out in as many minutes. The County "declared" with 108 for one wicket, and in the three quarter of an hour left for play the railway boys lost five wickets for 34.

A feature of the game was the bowling of Jones who in the visitors first innings got 7 wickets for 28 runs.

LIMERICK COUNTY.

1st Innings.

P. W. Jones c Comerford b Wallace	28
R. Keating b Wallace	6
W. F. McDonnell c Coughlan b Wallace	39
Captain Baillie Hamilton c Collier b Kerr	6
H. McCullough c Fraser b Wallace	16
J. McMahon c and b Fraser	6
W. Harris c and b Wallace	0
J. McCullough b Burgess	37
J. O.G. Delmege b Fraser	0
J. Roche-Kelly c Harvey b Fraser	3
M. O'B. White c Donegan b Burgess	4
J. Whelan not out	0
Extras	6
Total	151

2nd Innings.

W. F. McDonnell not out	35
J. McMahon not out	50
J. McCullough run out	9
Extras	14
Total (for one wicket)	108

G.S. & W. RAILWAY (DUBLIN).

1st Innings.