

LIMERICK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Weekly Bank Half-Holiday.

Mr. J. Ellis Goodbody, President, occupied the chair at a general meeting of the members of the Chamber of Commerce held to-day for the purpose of discussing the Railway Bill of the President of the Board of Trade, and the weekly bank half-holiday. The other members present were—The Mayor, Sir Alexander W. Shaw, J.P., Messrs S. O'Mara, W. W. Webb, J. P. Goodbody, R. Ray, J. H. Roche, J.P., H. Coyle, B. Bennett, A. Goodwin, W. Holliday, J.P., J. F. Egan, A. Murray, F. J. Cleeve, E. J. Long, S. McCarthy, M. O'Callaghan, B.C., J. Quin, J.P., M. D. Shaw, with Mr. J. F. Power, Secretary.

The minutes of the last general meeting having been read and confirmed, the following resolution was passed at a committee meeting on the 10th instant Resolved—"That in the opinion of this Chamber, Mr. Buxton's Railway Bill gives too great a liberty to the companies to advance rates and fares, and that it needs amendment in the direction of throwing the obligation on them to show cause for any such increase at an enquiry for the purpose to be held by the Board of Trade."

The Secretary explained that the Bill was brought in by the Government on the strength of a promise given at the time of the settlement of the railway strike. Certain propositions were made to the men and the companies, and the latter were informed that the Government would not be adverse to giving them power to get back what they gave in wages by increasing fares and rates. That understanding was doing away with the safeguards given in 1894.

The Chairman—That resolution you have read is a recommendation from a Committee of the Chamber?

The Secretary—Yes.

Mr. O'Mara proposed the adoption of the recommendation, which was seconded by Mr. Holliday, and adopted unanimously.

The Secretary said the next business was to take into consideration the question of the weekly bank half-holiday. He said that in 1909, when the city Banks decided to establish their half-holiday on Saturdays, a letter was read at a meeting of the Chamber from Mr. Archibald Murray, to the effect that it would cause great inconvenience to the traders. He thought the Bank Managers should be requested to reconsider their decision. With that view, Mr. A. J. Barnetts, on behalf of Messrs. J. McBirney and Co., acquiesced, and the Chamber, by resolution, proposed by the late Mr. W. L. Stokes, seconded by Mr. Webb, unanimately resolved that representation be made to the managers, in the interests of the traders, to change the half-holiday to some less inconvenient day in the week. A reply was read from the Manager of the Provincial Bank to the effect that he would be willing to represent to his directors to close on Thursdays if the other Banks fell into line. The Managers of the National Bank and Ulster Bank stated that having consulted their clients, they saw no objection to closing at one o'clock on Saturday. That was the history of the matter so far and then when the Statutory half-holiday came into operation at a meeting of the traders, it was decided to make Thursday the half-holiday for the city.

The Chairman remarked that that last resolution had been criticised as being ultra vires with regard to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce. Some of the Bank managers had

DROWNING ACCIDENT AT THE DOCKS.

The Inquest.

A very sad accident, which resulted fatally, occurred at the Docks on Sunday evening. It would appear that John Killeen, a youth aged 16, with some companions, was engaged rowing on a raft, when Killeen accidentally fell into the water and was drowned, despite the efforts made to rescue him. The body was shortly afterwards recovered by means of grappling hooks, but when brought to shore life was found to be extinct.

An inquest was held at noon yesterday on the remains of the deceased by Mr. J. F. Barry, City Coroner, at Mr. J. Donovan's licensed premises, Lower Glentworth Street. The following were sworn on the Jury:—James Gleeson (Foreman); J. Bourke, P. Hayes, G. V. Fogarty, C. O'Toole, J. Byrnes, A. Stanley, J. Browne, M. Nolan, D. Martin, A. Wyld, and S. Conway.

Sergeant Heffernan appeared for the police, and Mr. J. Dandon, solicitor, represented the Harbour Commissioners.

Michael Killeen, father of the deceased boy, identified the body. He stated that the deceased lived with him, and the last he saw of him was at 11 o'clock on Sunday. He was then in his usual good health. He did not then see him until six o'clock the same day, when he was dead.

A youth named Owen Nolan was next examined. He stated that he met the deceased on Sunday, when he was accompanied by another boy named Patrick Hogan, of Hunt's Lane. The three had intended to go for a walk to the Canal bank, when the deceased suggested that they would go to the Docks, and witness and the other boy acquiesced. After attempting to light a match behind the timber deposited on the Docks, the deceased went down the slip, and the next thing witness heard was a splash in the water, and Hogan and witness went to the slip and saw Killeen in the water. They called for help, and two gentlemen who were passing by, were asked to render aid, and they took no heed. Witness did not know these gentlemen, but he continued to call for help, and three others who were coming along rushed to the scene of the occurrence, and one man in endeavouring to reach the deceased fell off the raft, and the second took off his coat and dived in. He came up after a short time and said that Killeen was gone.

In reply to the father of the deceased, the witness said he did not know how the deceased fell into the water. He did not know whether or not he was tripped by a chain. There were chains there.

The Coroner—Did you see any chain trip the boy?

The Witness—No.

Patrick Hogan, who was with the last witness and deceased at the time of the fatality, gave corroborative evidence.

In reply to the Foreman, witness said he did not know the men that refused to give assistance.

Mr. Bourke—Do you know that they understood what they were called for?

The Witness—I don't know.

To another Juror—Killeen was not able to swim.

Dr. P. F. Graham deposed to examining the body of the deceased on Sunday evening at about twenty-five minutes past six. He found that efforts at artificial respiration were being carried on, and he continued them for some time, but without success. Death in his opinion was due to drowning.

SPORTING

Newmarket

Long Course Selling Plate—Montry, 2; Assayer, 3. Also Knight Bachelor, Patti, Melto, 11 to 10 Marco Fraser and Assayer.

Norfolk Two-Year-Old Plate—1; Final Shot, 2; The Nun, 3; Aralla, Gil Blas, Silent Knight, Lady Jean, Wax, Teste Answer. Betting—8 to 1 agst Final Shot, 6 to 5 The Nun.

Burwell Plate—St. Bruno, Alope, 5. Betting—3 to 1 agst on King William, 5 to 4 agst.

NEWMARKET HA

ALL GOLD PROTESTANT MUSTAPHA

Also ran—Dalmatian, Ha Lassie, Thalia, Cyrano, Ru Kost.

Betting—6 to 1 agst All Gold and Hair Trigger, 8 to 1 Dalmatian and Kost, 10 to Forest Lassie, 100 to 7 Ruspu

Protestant Boy showed way Thalia. All Gold, Piquet and Ruapuna whipping in for six Gold went on second in fro Trigger, Piquet and Mustapha the Bushes Hill All Gold wr Protestant, and making the running won by two and a ha

Sweepstakes—Chevalier va

Somerville Stakes—Rockfa 2; Roy Barker, 3. Also Windswept, and Bombshell. Rockfast and Windswept, 7 5 to 1 Chance Cure.

Visitors' (Apprentice) P Emperor Menelaos, 2; Cor Captain Symons, Oreposa, Fa Jorie, Blusterer; Wavelad, rn Betting—13 to 8 agst Cor 8 to 1 Emperor Menelaos.

HANDBAI

At Patrick street Ballo Meenaghan and G M'Swinye and W. Cole in a junior d which was closely fought out were—Meenaghan and M'rw 21; Airey and Cole, 18, 21, 1

CRICKE

St. Michael's 2nd v. C 2nd.

The cricket season at t Athletic Club grounds, Roat on Sunday with the above fi in a victory for the home X

C.I.A.C

J. Spain, 1 b w., b. Tweedle E. W. Clifford, c. Tweedle H. Ridd, c. Tweedle, b. Fir J. Sullivan, c. and b. Twee