

LIMERICK BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Election of Nurse.

Mr. Emly presided at the meeting of the Limerick Board of Guardians yesterday. The names of the other members present are appended.

The officials in attendance were:—Messrs. H. Guinane, Clerk; E. Dandon, Master; and Dr. Donnell, R.M.O.

STATE OF THE HOUSE.

Number remaining on the 10th ult., 968; number remaining on the 17th, 945; decrease week, 20, and increase on year, 15. Total thy, 380, and sick 568. Cost of provisions and stimulants consumed during the week, 62s. 11d., as compared with £173 19s. 1d. for same period of last year. General average weekly cost, 4s 0½d. Number on relief, 1,249, at a cost of £69 2s 6d, as against 1,106, at a cost of 1s., for the same week last year.

TUBERCULOSIS WARD.

Mr. R. Frost handed in the following:—"I propose on this day two weeks that the Committee's recommendation to expend the sum of £10 for verandah, day-room, and sanitary appliances for tuberculosis ward be carried out, and that we approve of the plans and specifications submitted by the Engineer, and that any resolution to the contrary be rescinded."

Mr. G. Frost—Was not this matter discussed a day week?

Mr. Emly—It will come up again.

Mr. G. Frost—Of course it can, to obstruct the business of the Board.

Mr. P. Bourke contended that the form in which the notice was worded was not in accordance with procedure.

Mr. Kelly asked that the notice be received, and it could be discussed at the proper time.

The Clerk said the Chairman was bound to give a notice of motion. That question had been settled by the Local Government Board. The notice of motion was then received.

SANCTIONED.

A letter was read from the Local Government and sanctioning remuneration at the rate of 10 guineas a week to Dr. Moloney, Murroe, for acting as substitute for Dr. Corboy, medical officer, Cahereonlish.

QUARTER ACRE DISQUALIFICATION.

The Clerk intimated that he had received replies from Sir Edward Carson, Mr. Wm. O'Brien, and Mr. John E. Redmond, in reference to the resolution passed by the Board relative to the quarter-acre disqualification clause in the Poor Law Act.

The replies were ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

PROMOTION OF NURSES.

Pursuant to notice of motion, Miss Barrington proposed that the salary of Miss Ryan, fever hospital nurse, be increased to £40 a year, and that Miss Quilty, at present nurse in the general hospital, be promoted to Miss Ryan's position, at a salary of £35 a year, and that the Board advertise for a nurse in the general hospital at a salary of £30 a year. She said Miss Ryan had been in the fever hospital four and a-half years. Her qualifications were the very highest, and she had given general satisfaction to every one connected with the hospital. It would be well to raise her salary to £40 a year, and Miss Quilty, who was in the general hospital, could be promoted to her place. That was the best

CITY FATALITY.

Postman's Tragic Death.

The death took place under tragic circumstances on Tuesday evening of James Deere, a city postman. Some time about six o'clock Deere was cycling to the General Post Office, through Roche's Street to take up duty, and when at Catherine Street corner, he collided with a hackney car coming in the opposite direction driven by Robert Herbert. The unfortunate man was struck by the shaft of the car at the base of the skull and was rendered unconscious. The ambulance was telephoned for and he was taken to Barrington's Hospital where he died twenty minutes after the accident without recovering consciousness. Deere who was only married about twelve months was a native of Kilcommon, Co. Tipperary, and among his colleagues in the Post Office, his death under such very melancholy circumstances has caused the most sincere regret.

The Inquest.

Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., City Coroner, held an inquest at Barrington's Hospital at noon yesterday into the circumstances connected with the death of James Deere, who died in the institution on Tuesday evening.

Head Constable McKernan was present on behalf of the authorities.

The following jury were sworn—Thos. Beecher, Ml. O'Mahony, Joseph Good, Peter O'Shaughnessy, James Mulally, Patrick Franklin, Michael Kiely, Wm. Quinn, Lewis Griffiths, Michael O'Loughlin, John McCrudden, Joseph Wallace, Jas. J. Ryan.

Mrs. Johanna Deere, widow of deceased, was the first witness examined. She stated that her husband was 29 years of age, and was a postman. On Tuesday he was going on duty to the Post Office, and left his own house at ten minutes to six in order to reach the Post Office at six o'clock. He was then in good health and was perfectly sober. She next saw deceased at Barrington's Hospital. He was not dead at the time, but he was unconscious, and witness stayed with him till he died at 7 o'clock. Witness then gave evidence of identification, and further stated that it was her bicycle her husband took when leaving his home on Tuesday afternoon.

The next witness examined was Robert Herbert, Sandmill. He deposed that he was a hackney car driver, and on Tuesday evening he was driving his car up Roche's street at about ten minutes to six, trotting slowly in the usual way at the left hand side of the street. Witness's attention was attracted by seeing a cyclist knocked down in front of him. Witness pulled up at once, and the horse he was driving got entangled in the bicycle and fell to its knees. Witness next went to the man's assistance, and found him lying unconscious in the street. Mr. Thompson came to his assistance, and removed the injured man to the side of the street. The ambulance was then sent for, and witness remained with deceased till the ambulance arrived.

Head Constable McKernan—You are sure you couldn't say whether it was your car knocked him or whether the bicycle slipped?

Witness—I could not say.

Head Constable McKernan—At the time the accident occurred were you perfectly sober?

Witness—I was, sir.

And you didn't see the cyclist at any time before the accident?—No, sir.

Foreman of jury—Was it at the corner of Catherine Street the accident occurred?

Witness—In Roche's Street, not far from Catherine Street.

CANCER MICROBE

French Doctor's Claim Vaccine.

Dr. Odin, who is a major-biologist of considerable repute, claims, according to the

to have found an isolated microbe of which has long been a vexed question with scientists as to whether cancer resulted from the action of a parasite in the blood. Dr. Odin claims that cancer is a microbic disease, and of his faith and his long years of experience, he claims, been amply justified.

In his laboratory, too, Dr. Odin has not only to isolate, but also to cultivate a microbe of cancer. He claims to have vaccine, or virus, which will kill a cancer microbe as surely as the serum of Roux, of the Pasteur Institute, kills diphtheria.

The result of Dr. Odin's researches have been submitted to the critical judgment of the Academy of Medicine, but the Paris correspondent, says the *Da* Paris correspondent, that he has succeeded so many of his eminent brethren have failed.

Cancer in the human body, Dr. Odin due to the presence in the blood of amibe—that is to say, a class of animalcules which changes its form without ceasing. In its stage it exists in the shape of a spherical mass, with a central kernel, or root. The outer covering of the mass are torn or jagged.

Under the microscope the growth resembles a five-petalled flower, at the base like the hilt of a miniature sword a capital "H." The parasite grows under "favourable" conditions, and assumes a tumour-like shape, with a skin pinched exterior. The root, or kernel, separates from the surrounding protoplasmic mass. The whole breaks out, forming fresh amibes, and these latter grow and reproduce with surprising quickness.

The outer covering of the cancer microbe, Dr. Odin found to be capable of great resistance to conditions favourable to its growth in the blood of the affected patient, and the parasite continues its work on the nitrogenous substance of the blood.

Dr. Odin now says he can infallibly detect the presence of the amibes in the human body in the case of otherwise healthy-look people who show none of the customary symptoms of cancer.

At the present time, he points out to the surgeon, when examining a morbid growth on any part of the human body, is given to decide whether it is cancerous or not, by a future examination of the patient's blood. The detection therein of the deadly microbe will settle the question at once.

DUMB FRIENDS' LEAGUE

The detailed report of "Our Dumb Friends' League" for the year 1911, which has just been issued, shows gratifying progress, and the benefits conferred upon animals by practical work during the year in progress.

2,384 injured, sick or disabled human beings were removed from the London streets by horse ambulances. 18,481 animals were treated at the Animals' Hospital at 1, Hugh St. road, Victoria. 882 aged or invalid persons were granted dog licenses to enable them to be kept. Thirteen persons