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Joseph O'Malley, Assistant County Surveyor; Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald, Acting Co. Secretary. The Advisory Committee expressed themselves satisfied that the County Limerick is in immediate need of a much larger grant than that allocated for the year 1912, and gave much encouragement in that direction.

DROWNING FATALITY.

A man named Martin Sweeney, 30, married, and residing at Market Alley, was missing from his house since the 20th of last month, and his disappearance was duly notified to the authorities. On Thursday night a search party found the body of the missing man floating in the basin at the west side of Wellesley Bridge and had it removed to the Morgue, an inquest being held last evening before the City Coroner, Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P. Evidence was given by a brother of the deceased that Sweeney was idle for two months; that he left the house on the night of the 20th ult., in his usual good health, without saying where he was going; the deceased was a tin-smith. The medical evidence was that death resulted from drowning, Dr. Graham stating that he found no marks of violence on the body. The jury returned an open verdict, adding a strongly worded resolution as a rider with regard to the questionable condition in which the morgue is kept by the Corporation.

one other paragraph, which we should like to read from the report of the Commission on this scheme. It occurred at page 51 paragraph 235. It was "we have already pointed out the essential difference between the conditions prevailing in Ireland with those in England. We have shown how sparsely the districts are populated, how few are the industrial centres and how little traffic there is for conveyance between the inland districts and seaports. We have also shown that there is a great absence of minerals and of heavy traffic carried. We are, however, confronted by the fact that no definite and elaborated proposition was placed before us in evidence for new works of improvement on a considerable scale on any of the main lines of navigation. If, indeed, any such schemes had been proposed, we should have been compelled to report that the possibility of a greatly increased traffic in inland waterways in Ireland, even if they are improved, is so remote that there is not sufficient justification at the present time for any large new works involving great expenditure, such as those the commencement of which the Commission have suggested in their report on England, Wales, and Scotland." So, continued counsel, we have it here that the official conclusion which that Commission have come to was that there was no sufficient justification for them to report on an expenditure on new works on the inland waterways of this country. As far as Messrs McGuire's were concerned, they had got a claim, and some other gentlemen had got claims. They could be met by arbitration, but a suggestion had been made that the proposals put forward in the Harbour Commissioners Bill had been put forward by a clique—by people who owned property below the bridge, with the object of improving their own trade to the detriment of people owning property above the bridge. He could not too strongly condemn or deny that proposition on behalf of the promoters of the Bill. Everybody that knew the bridge knew that suggestions for replacing it were before the Harbour Board, and that they were going to deal with it. If the members of the Corporation did

It is now generally recognised that the prosperity of a country depends largely upon the excellence of its means of communication, and roads and road-making are subjects which interest or should interest every one of us.

At present we suffer under a serious disability in almost every public appointment that is made, and in many salaries or increases of salary that are voted, and for this reason. The success or non-success of a candidate depends, as a rule, more upon his ability as a canvasser, than upon his ability to fill with success the situation for which he applies. An increase of salary is sometimes voted out of sheer kindness of heart, a dislike of disobliging a neighbour, instead of, as a reward for hard work and competence.

The method I have suggested will, at least, have the merit of eliminating sentiment, and of substituting a genuine incentive to perseverance and efficiency.

With apologies for trespassing so largely upon your space,

I am, sir, yours truly,

R. S. DE VERE.

FUNERAL OF DR. W. J. O'MEARA.

The death of Dr. Wm. J. O'Meara, M.D., which occurred in London on Tuesday last is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends in the County of Limerick, with which he was intimately connected by family ties. Deceased, who was the youngest son of the late Mr. James O'Meara, Boher, spent many years of his professional life in South Tottenham, where he enjoyed a large practice, and was held in the highest esteem by a wide circle of friends. The funeral took place from Limerick terminus for Mount St. Laurence Cemetery on Thursday last, on the arrival of the 1.30 train from Dublin, by which the remains were conveyed. The cortege was very large and representative, so much so that it was found impossible to secure anything like a full list of those present.

The clergy present were—Very Rev. Father Duane, P.P., V.F.; Murroe; Rev. Father Russell, C.C., do; Rev. Father Godfrey, P.P., Cappamore; Rev. Father O'Dwyer, C.C., do; Rev. Father Hanly, P.P., Caherconlish; Rev. D. Humphreys, P.P., Killenale.

The chief mourners were—John O'Meara, Boher (brother), D. Heffernan, Dangan; Messrs. O'Meara, Caherelly; Messrs. O'Meara, Bruff; Messrs. O'Meara, Tipperary; John Finucane, M. P. O'Shaughnessy, J.P., Co. C.

Amongst the general public were—Dr. Ryan, Castleconnell; Dr. O'Callaghan, Pallas; Dr. Mulcahy, Limerick; Dr. McGrath, do; Dr. Moloney, Cappamore; Dr. Devane, Limerick; Messrs. John Ryan, solr., Jo.; P. Ryan, do; E. Winter, V.S.; T. Ryan, V.S.; M. J. O'Leary, V.S.; J. Waters, Caherconlish; S. Winter, do; P. Finucane, Carrigparson; J. Ryan, Irish Land Commission; J. Finucane, Boher; P. Ryan, do; P. Lane, D.C., Quinpool; P. Lane, junr., do; J. Cahill, Caherconlish; J. Costelloe, Wm. Waters, Cloughadromin; P. J. McGrath, D.C., Cahernorry; C. Devane, Limerick; K. O'Brien, P.L.G., do; T. Collopy, Patrick Hurley, Thomas Looney, Thomas Corboy, P. Fitzgerald, Roabrien; D. Fitzgerald, S. B. Quin, J.P.; M. Doyle (Limerick), Michael Bartley, P. Forrest, City High Constable T. Long, Todd & Co.

ST. SAVIOUR'S CHORAL SOCIETY.

St. Saviour's Choral Society are at present rehearsing some magnificent choruses for their forthcoming concert at the Theatre Royal on Friday night April 18th. The Committee have

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