

effort being made to promote the welfare of Limerick." Nearly every speaker insisted on telling us that Limerick is progressing by leaps and bounds. If that view is shared by the members of the Committee who organised the function, where was the need for giving the "commercial and professional community" an opportunity of considering the question of how "to promote the welfare of Limerick?" We do not for a moment hold the view that this city is decaying. We fully believe that it is not only holding its own but is on the upward grade. We are strongly of the opinion, at the same time, that its progress is not nearly so marked as it should be and as might reasonably be expected from its splendid situation and its many other potentialities. In view of that fact, we regret that last night's meeting, which was very representative, was let slip without some practical views being put forward as to how to make the most of the opportunities that are within our grasp. The only definite suggestion made was put forward by Alderman Joyce, M.P. who very properly and aptly suggested that the present was a very opportune time, when all classes were at peace, to form a Conciliation Board for the settlement of any disputes that may arise between capital and labour in the city. We have on several occasions put forward the view that some sort of Conciliation Committee should be set up in the city, and we trust the suggestion made by Alderman Joyce last night will be acted upon without unnecessary delay. Every sensible and practical view expressed by the speakers at the function was reiterated again and again by the local newspapers these years back, although the Limerick Press, in the opinions of some, at least, of those who organised last night's gathering, has not interested itself in the betterment of the city. At a meeting of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the function, the question of proposing the toast of the Press came up for consideration, and it was decided that no such toast be proposed as, forsooth, the Limerick Press had done nothing to promote the welfare of Limerick. We do not for a moment object to the toast of the Press being dropped out of the programme, for the Press has too long and too honourable a tradition behind it to need a toast from any men who dress themselves in "a little brief authority" for reasons or motives that are anything but apparent to the man in the street. But we strongly object to and indignantly repudiate the suggestion that the local Press has done nothing for the welfare of Limerick. Those who followed the Swivel Bridge controversy some time ago are well aware that to the Limerick Press is due the credit of keeping the Shannon at Sarsfield Bridge an open waterway. When the local Nationalist newspapers were fighting, against tremendous odds, to prevent the future development of

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Tramp Sent to Gaol

FOR CHARGE OF LARCENY

At today's Petty Sessions Thomas Keane of the tramp class pleaded guilty to the larceny of a set of harness, a life cover and comb and a brush valued at £2.17s, the property of Mr. M'Nanara, Dock Road, on the night of the 29th November. Evidence was given by Constable Conry (who was complimented by the magistrates for his conduct in the case), and Michael O'Connor, James Boland and James Colbert.

Sergeant Kelly said the accused was three times previously convicted of larceny; he was a regular thief and had also been convicted of being a rogue and a vagabond.

Mr. Eakins—A brilliant testimonial. The magistrates decided on sending the accused to gaol for six months with hard labour.

Clare County Board

IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

The annual Convention of the Clare County Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association will be held to-morrow at Ennis. The officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and several important motions are on for consideration.

Town Tenants' League

A general meeting of all the Ward Committees of the Town Tenants' League will be held next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Mechanics' Institute, Glentworth-street. It is requested that ward secretaries should see that their members should attend, as matters of very great importance will be discussed.

Licence Transfer Granted

On the application of Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan, solicitor, Mrs. Margaret Wickham was at today's City Petty Sessions granted a transfer of her licence recently held by Mr. Wickham at 1 Newenham-street.

There was no objection on the part of the police.

Death of Mr. John Finucane, Plassy

The death occurred at his residence, Drumroe, Plassy, on yesterday, of Mr. John Finucane, after a short illness. The deceased, who was brother of the late Mr. Commissioner Finucane, of the Irish Land Commission, and of Mr. James Finucane, Carrigparson, Caherconlish, was widely known and highly respected. Mr. Finucane, though not taking any active part in politics, was an ardent Home Ruler, and his sympathies were always with his fellow-countrymen in their desire for Home Rule. The interment will take place on to-morrow at Carrigparson, the family burial place.

A Novel Charge

A young fellow named Martin Costelloe was charged at the City Petty Sessions to-day with writing an improper word on the sill of a window in O'Connell-street.

Cavalry Sergeant Donovan, R I C, who proved the offence, was complimented by the magistrates, for his action and the father of the boy was fined 5s and costs.

WHY PAY MORE FOR A SWEATED MADE SHOWER PROOF COAT THAN AN IRISH ONE MADE PERFECTLY AT O'CALLAGHAN'S.

hope that the... quary success... approved by the Mayor... applauser.

The toast was then enthusiastically... oared, the company singing "For He's a Good Fellow."

The Mayor upon rising to reply, rec... a great ovation. He said he could not... quately express what he felt. He assured... company that he was extremely grateful... the great compliment they had paid him... evening. It was an honour to which he... not feel entitled, and was one which was... unique in the history of Limerick. There... was one of which every Limerick man sh... feel proud to hear, hear. He then went... dealt in detail with the schemes... gated by the Corporation for the better... of the city, and made a passing referen... the Swivel Bridge question. He was gl... see around him that evening men who... opposed to the Corporation in the Swivel B... scheme, and he and his fellow Council... noy that the fight was over, gladly... tended the hand of fellowship to t... gentlemen (applause). He trusted... the outcome of that great gathering wou... suit in a determined and earnest endeav... not a mere flash in the pan, to... lift their native city (hear, hear),... again thanked them one and all for... great honour they had that evening done... and he hoped that the year which they were... entering upon, a year which promised to... memorable one in the history of their cou... would be a happy and prosperous one for... all (loud applause).

At this stage Mr. John Cahill sang... much feeling. The Colleen Bawn... was much appreciated by the company. Joseph Pemen Bellens presided at the pi...

The Chairman then called upon Mr. J... Ellis Goodbody to propose the toast of... perity to Limerick.

Mr. Goodbody, who was received with... plause, proposed the toast in a happy spe... and said what they wanted to do was to c... vate a spirit of civic loyalty (hear, h... The Corporation was what they might c... labour body, the majority of the Council h... been elected by the labour vote and they... no right to object to the spirit of any... shown by the Corporation to serve the wor... man (hear, hear). The attitude taken by... the Corporation was a perfectly proper atti... to take up. But while the Corporation... representing the working classes they sh... not be inclined to run away with extreme... The labour men did damage to themselves... going too far. He had much pleasure in... posing the good health, prosperity and h... ness of Limerick (applause).

The toast was passed with acclamation.

Mr. Wm. Holliday, J.P., President of... Chamber of Commerce, was accorded a co... reception on rising to respond. He referre... detail to the prosperity which Limerick at... sent enjoys, and said that although the... gress and prosperity of the city appeared to b... perceptibly slow they were really forging a... (hear, hear). Having given statistics showin... increased trade at the port during the... year, and the increases of salary which... been granted to the Harbour Board, emph... he went on to say that it was regrettable... Limerick suffered considerably owing to... decline in tillage, which was a great indu... but one which did not receive sufficient... port. What they wanted was more confid... in one another and to avoid distrust. Let... citizens watchword be, he concluded, adv... Limerick, and let the old ship, the Cit... Limerick, go full steam ahead on the se... prosperity (loud applause).

Mr. Archibald Murray, who was rec... with applause, followed, and said prosp... could only be achieved by close attentio... business. The young men of Limerick... putting their shoulders to the wheel, an... hoped they would continue to do that... plause).

Alderman Joyce, M.P., who was rec... with applause, dealt shortly with the... done by the Corporation, in spite of se...