

## FATAL FIRE IN THE CITY.

Late on Tuesday night a fire broke out in the uppermost storey of the premises of Mr. J. F. Halvey, cycle manufacturer, Patrick-street, and resulted, unfortunately, in the death of Miss Harriet Norman, 74, a music teacher. Miss Norman occupied the two rooms on the top storey of the house, and shortly after nine o'clock smoke was seen to issue through the windows fronting the street. The alarm was speedily given, and the Corporation Fire Brigade communicated with by telephone from the William-street police station. Some people in the crowd that speedily gathered seemed to be aware that Miss Norman was in her rooms, and accordingly Mr Halvey, Constable McGrath and other volunteers proceeded up the flights of stairs leading to the lady's apartments, and finding the door looked forcibly entered. They could find no trace of her, and the smoke being thick in the room, they had to temporarily retire to the lobby. Here they placed clothes over their mouths, re-entered, but with no better success. In the meantime the Brigade arrived, having reached the scene of the fire four minutes after they received the call. Captain Sheehan, in charge of the Fire Brigade, mounted the escape, and entered Miss Norman's apartments through the windows, which he broke for the purpose. He was not successful in his first effort, but re-entering, he found the poor lady sitting in a chair near the fire and apparently unconscious. He had her removed down stairs promptly, and conveyed with all despatch to Barrington's Hospital, where it was found that life was extinct. The Brigade had a fine supply of water, and they got the fire under in a short time, confining it to the front room in which it broke out, and with but little damage. It is believed to have been accidentally caused through Miss Norman placing a lighted candle on the table which was found entirely burned in the centre of the room. Apparently she fell asleep on the chair near the table, the candle burned down, ignited the table and this in turn set fire to a large quantity of music sheets lying about the place. The smoke issuing from the burning debris about is believed to have suffocated her.

### The Inquest.

Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., City Coroner, held an inquest at Barrington's Hospital last evening touching the death of Miss Harriet Norman, whose death occurred as the result of the fire.

A jury having been sworn, evidence was given. Miss Mary McDonnell said she occupied the second and third storey of the premises, 37, Patrick-street. The top front room was let to the deceased, who lived alone. She was unmarried, an old-age pensioner, and a music teacher. Deceased was rather eccentric in her way, not allowing scarcely anyone to visit her. Witness said the fire occurred about nine o'clock. She and others burst into the room, after being apprised of the fire by a constable. Witness identified the body. The deceased was

## CROOM BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Mr. C. F. Hartigan, Co.C, presided at the meeting of the Croom Board of Guardians today. There were also present—Messrs P. O'Leary, J. Bennett, T. Naughton, J. D. O'Dwyer, P. Lane, D. Ryan, J. Coleman, J.P ; J. Butler, and James Naughton.

The officials in attendance were—Messrs J. Conway, Clerk ; P. Cauty, Assistant do, and E. O'Carroll, Master.

### APPOINTMENT SANCTIONED.

The Local Government Board wrote expressing their approval of the appointment of Dr. W. Hedderman as Medical Officer of the Workhouse, at a salary of £100 a year. They stated that an accurate inventory should be taken of the several articles in the surgery, exclusive of medicines and surgical instruments and appliances, and placed in Dr. Hedderman's charge.

### COST OF LIVING.

A letter was read from Miss A. M. Sheehy, and Miss A. Murphy, maternity nurses of the Ballingarry and Adare districts, applying in view of the increased cost of living for an increase of salary.

The Chairman—There is none of the Guardians of the divisions present.

The Clerk—No. It requires a notice of motion to increase salaries.

The Chairman—We will adjourn the application pending the receipt of a notice of motion.

### APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT.

Relative to the proposed appointment of John Fitzgerald as hall porter of the Workhouse, the Local Government Board wrote sanctioning the appointment at a salary of £14 a year with rations and uniform.

### EXPLANATION REQUIRED.

The Local Government Board wrote requesting the observations of the Guardians on the following entry in the Master's journal:—"That no yeast was procured during Christmas week, and he was obliged to purchase 200 lbs of bread in Croom." They also asked that the Master would furnish an explanation why he failed to obtain yeast on the occasion, and at the same time to state the name of the person from whom the bread was purchased.

The matter was referred to the Master for an explanation.

### OFFICIAL'S ILLNESS.

A report was read from Relieving Officer Liston to the effect that Miss Sheehy, maternity nurse of the Castletown district, was suffering from a sprained ankle, and was unable to discharge her duties since the 17th inst. He enclosed a certificate from Dr. Devane, Limerick, and added that the duties were at present carried out by Dr. Molony Medical Officer, Ballingarry Dispensary District.

The arrangements effected were considered satisfactory.

### NOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

Mr O'Dwyer proposed the following, which was seconded unanimously:—"That we, the members of the Croom Board of Guardians and District-Council, have heard with regret of the death of Mr P. Field, Adare, brother of our much-esteemed and popular colleague, Mr M. Field, and that we hereby tender to Mr Field and the other members

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## ABOUT.

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Sessions on Tuesday, John Falconer was little boy, and stealing a little fellow was on knocked him down boots and stockings. to three months imhis committal.

## SS FUND.

held this afternoon at object of arranging to w of obtaining a grant the Local Government to provide relief work yed in the concreting ets.

there were present—Orpen, Rev. D. R. P. O'Flynn, B.C ; John Kenny, J. M. M. Nolan, J.P., etc.