

COUNTY GAELIC BOARD

Annual Convention on Saturday

Proceedings in the Town Hall

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MR. HAYES'S POPULAR WIN

CHAIRMAN ON STATE OF ASSOCIATION

In the Town Hall on Saturday, the Annual Convention of the Limerick County Board of the G. A. A. was held under the presidency of Mr. John Kelly, N.T., the outgoing chairman. There was an extremely large attendance of delegates.

At the outset applications were made by members of several clubs, who stated that they had received no admission cards, for permission to take part in the proceedings and vote in the elections.

The Chairman ruled that where clubs had paid a double affiliation fee they were entitled to six votes.

Application was made by Mr. Byrnes, Secretary Young Ireland Hurling Club, to have six votes allowed the club, by reason of their having two affiliated teams.

The Chairman refused the application, giving as a reason that owing to leaving the field in a contest on a recent occasion without the referee's permission the team became automatically suspended, and only one team was entitled to representation.

The meeting was then called to order, and the Chairman, who was received with applause, rose to address the delegates.

He reviewed the work of the past year, dealing with the successes and reverses of the county hurling and football teams on the Gaelic field, and from thence went on to deal with the present position of the Association, which, he said, was never in a more flourishing condition in the county (applause). There are, he went on, 57 genuine clubs affiliated to our Board, and from far off Abbeyfeale to Kilmone, of Championship fame, and from Shannon's shore to the confines of Cork, the clash of camans and sound of the football is to be heard (renewed applause). Having paid a well-deserved tribute to the work done for the Board by the late secretary, Mr. Bourke, the chairman went on to speak of the change for the better which had set in amongst the members in the transaction of the Board's business. In conclusion he appealed to them to support the National Language Revival. In the great Language Movement, he continued, a most devoted and unselfish body of men are engaged in an uphill fight and where should we turn to with more certainty of meeting with a cheering response than to the Gaels of Ireland. Already some prominent County Boards have given promises of support of a practical and substantial kind. Limerick men were always in the van when assistance was required in any great national cause, and I feel sure that the men I see before me here to-day will not be behind hand. Their cause is ours, for until the deliberations of our Gaels be carried out in Gaelic and the discordant English jargon now heard on our playing fields, gives way to the dulcet tones of our native tongue—those tones that harmonise so sweetly with the music of the caman—our games cannot be truly called national (loud applause).

Mr. John Bourke, late secretary, read the report, and gave figures showing the present financial position of the Association in Limerick County. He stated that the board was actually £29 on the wrong side, a deficit which one good match would wipe away. He referred to the sports meeting held in August, and added that a vote of congratulation was due to O'Grady, of Cahercoblish, for bringing the World's Championship to the county. Referring to the game of handball, Mr. Bourke said it was rather inconsistent for them to pride themselves on having the Championship of Ireland while they did nothing to encourage the game. Referring to his resigna-

RECENT FATAL FIRE

AGED LADY'S DEATH

EVIDENCE AT INQUEST

STORY OF RESCUE EFFORTS

As we briefly announced in a recent issue, Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., City Coroner, held an inquest at Barrington's Hospital, touching the death of Miss Herriott Norman, an aged lady, whose death occurred as the result of the fire which broke out overhead Mr. Halvey's cycle depot in Patrick-street some nights ago.

A jury having been sworn, evidence was given.

Miss May 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 ways, not allowing scarcely anyone to visit her; witness said the fire occurred about 9 o'clock; she and others burst into the room, after being apprised of the fire by a constable about 9 o'clock; witness identified the body; the deceased was about 74 years of age.

Constable Keelaghan, William-street Barracks, deposed—While on beat duty with Constable Corbett in Patrick-street on Tuesday I saw smoke issuing from a window in a room occupied by the deceased at about 9 p.m.; I entered the premises and ran up stairs to warn the inmates; I was informed by Miss McDonnell that the deceased was in the room; I went to the door, which I found locked from the inside; I at once forced the door and found the room full of smoke and some things burning on the floor; I went on my hands and feet into the room searching for the deceased, but I got overpowered by the smoke and had to come out on the landing; I was assisted to a window by, I think, John Enright, Leverette and Frye, and Michael Kelly, St. Francis Abbey; when I recovered I entered the room again, but, owing to the smoke, I found it was impossible to find her at that time; I then called on civilians for assistance, and police and civilians carried water in buckets which was thrown on the fire with good effect; after some time the Fire Brigade arrived and the hose was laid on; in a short time Captain Sheehan entered the room by the front window and, owing to the smoke, he, too, had to be assisted to a window for air; in a short time the fire was quenched; I was present in the room where the deceased was found; the fire was quenched and the smoke considerably diminished when she was found, and several police and civilians were searching for her at the time; amongst the civilians who gave valuable assistance were—John Enright, Leverette and Frye, Michael Kelly, St. Francis Abbey; Wm. Russell, Carey's Road; Augustine Clancy, Carey's Road; Patrick Tucker, Curry-lane; Patrick Began, Flag-lane, and Patrick Donoghue, Boherbuoy.

Patrick Sheehan, Captain of the Fire Brigade, stated that the Fire Brigade arrived at the place shortly after nine o'clock; witness described the action he took as already detailed in our columns to bring out Miss Norman, whom he eventually found seated in a corner near the fire.

The Coroner—Was she dead, Captain? Witness—In my belief she was—witness added that he had the woman removed to Barrington's Hospital, where on her arrival she was found dead by Dr. Holmes.

Dr. Holmes deposed that the woman was dead on arrival at the hospital; there were slight bruises on the left hand of deceased, but in witness's opinion the cause of death was suffocation.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

The Coroner and the jury expressed themselves approvingly of the services of the Fire Brigade under Captain Sheehan.

SPORTING NEWS

(SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.)

NOTTINGHAM MEETING—This

The Trent Selling Hurdle Race Plate—M. Felix, 1; Gloom, 2; Fealbert, 3. Betting—6 to 4 on Gloom, 6 to 4 Mount Felix, 2 to 1 Fealbert.

The Annesley Maiden Hurdle Race—Simon, 1; Masindi, 2; Cyril, 3. Eight Betting—11 to 8 Eager Simon, 7 to 4 Masindi, 10 to 1 Cyril.

The Newark Selling Handicap Steeple Plate—Tusculum, 1; Stoke Boy, 2; Super 3. Six ran. Betting—7 to 4 Stoke Boy, 1 each Tusculum and Super Tax.

The Harrington Handicap Hurdle Race—Mint Tower, 1; Mintlaw, 2; Cannonk 3. Four ran. Betting—7 to 4 Cannonk, 3 to 1 Mintlaw, 4 to 1 Mint Tower.

The Mansfield Handicap steeplechase—Symons, 1; Ballymadun, 2; Byzlar, 3. Three ran. Betting—11 to 10 Ballymadun, 9 to 1 Jack Symons, 5 to 1 Byzlar.

The Wallaton SleepleCHASE Plate—Wallace, 1; Startaway, 2; Copper Hill, 3. Three ran. Betting—11 to 10 on Wallace, 5 to 1 Startaway and Copper Hill.

Killaloe Railway Fatal

Resumed Inquest on Victim

PROCEEDINGS AT TO-DAY'S INQUEST

THE VERDICT

At Barrington's Hospital, at 12 o'clock to-day, Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., City Coroner, and a jury resumed the inquest touching the death of James Conlon, a fireman in the employ of the G. S. and W. Railway who died in Barrington's Hospital on Thursday last, as the result of injuries received in an accident which took place on that day between Birdhill and Killaloe to the engine on which he was engaged. Mr. Dale, D.L., Newport Head-Constable Healy, John-street, Limerick, represented the police authorities. Mr. O'B. Moran, solicitor, appeared for the Amalgamated Society of Amalgamated Engineers Firemen, Mr. B. Barrington, solicitor, appeared for the Railway Company. Dr. John Holmes, Resident Medical Superintendent Barrington's Hospital, who, in conjunction with Dr. John Holmes, senior, a post mortem examination on the deceased described the injuries from which he suffered, on his admission to the hospital, and stated that death was due to those injuries. The injuries, such as could be caused in a railway accident.

James Carroll, 11, Wolfe Lane street, Limerick, driver of the ill-fated engine, stated on the journey between Birdhill and Killaloe he was driving at from 20 to 22 miles an hour, the deceased made a shout and immediately witness shut off steam and applied brakes; a few seconds subsequently engine toppled over and witness was underneath it; witness could throw no light on the occurrence.

Answering Mr. Moran the witness said distance was 3 1/2 miles and he did it in 3 minutes that would work out at 24 miles an hour.

Guard Courtney also gave evidence, and was followed by Timothy Griffin, a constable in the R.I.C. stationed at Carrigaline, Co. Cork, who was a passenger in the train that day and who spoke of the accident in which the engine and composite carriage left the rails.

The jury found a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

Value of Irish Land

Despite labour and political troubles the value of Irish land continues to increase.