

Chairman—Let us decide whether we will accept the deputation or not.

Mr. Fitzgibbon said they had heard a lot about Kilmallock and all the rates that were laid there. Tipperary had come there and spoken in a spirit of friendship.

Canon Carty interposed, and it was then decided, after some discussion, to hear the deputations.

Mr. Flynn on behalf of the Tipperary Committee asked that they get the same grant as last year.

Mr. O'Connell of Kilmallock said he would be satisfied with £70.

Canon Lee proposed that the allocation be as follows:—£90 to Limerick, £80 to Kilmallock and £30 to Tipperary.

Mr. Bennett seconded.

Chairman—Any amendment.

There was no response and the Chairman declared the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fitzgibbon—Mr. Chairman is that passed?

Chairman—Yes.

Mr. M'Donagh—I was going to propose an amendment.

Chairman—May be I declared it passed too quickly. I asked if there was an amendment and then passed and I declared the motion passed.

The matter then dropped.

It was unanimously decided to accede to an application from Canon Duane P.P. that one of the centres for the cookery and laundry classes be at Murroe. The selection of another centre in East Limerick for the above classes was deferred.

It was decided that the members already appointed to attend shows of mares in connection with the committee's Horse Breeding scheme, 1914, be the same as last year.

The other business was routine.

Trades and Labour Council

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A meeting of the Limerick United Trades and Labour Council was held on Friday night last, Mr Patrick Walsh, B.C., President, presiding. The following delegates were present—Messrs C Murphy, N O'Donnell, W White, M Keys, E Ryan, J Christy, J Casey, T Lynch, D Griffin, B.C.; R P O'Connor, B.C.; T Glynn, P.P.; R M Conkey.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was read from the Secretary of the Gaelic League, and on the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Christy, the officers were appointed to attend the Gaelic League meeting to be held on the 1st of February.

The report and balance-sheet was read and adopted and ordered to be printed. The attendance of delegates was also read by secretary, who was instructed to get it printed and sent to the affiliated societies.

A resolution was unanimously passed congratulating the representatives of labour who were elected to the Municipal Council.

The election of officers then took place. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary were unanimously re-elected. Mr. E. P. Ryan was elected Treasurer. Mr. C. Murphy was elected representative on the Technical Committee. Mr. John Christy and Mr. J. Keyes were elected as representatives on the Free Library Committee. Mr. T. Gully, Mr. T. Lynch and Mr. John Vaughan were elected on the Housing Committee.

The officers returned thanks for their election and the meeting closed.

Major Bryan Edward Sheehy died at his residence, Cherry Grove, Croom, on Saturday morning at an advanced age. The deceased served in the County Limerick Regiment of Militia, now the 5th battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel several years back.

Mr. Power—Although you described in those proceedings O'Connell as The Liberator. Were you sober on this occasion? I was—why would not I?

Were you sober when this happened? I was—I have only two drinks in the day.

I suppose you had them taken—are you sober now?

Witness (ironically): No, but I am quite drunk.

The Clerk (Mr. Harris) Answer the question.

Witness—It is a silly question.

Clerk—Are you sober now? No.

The question was repeated, witness replying—I am, why would not I?

Mr. Power—How many drinks did you take today?—One at the time.

Mr. Power—I'll have that down in the deposition.

Witness—Three altogether.

Mr. St. George remonstrated with the witness, who said Mr. Power was only humbugging him.

Mr. Power—I am very serious.

Witness—I had three drinks to-day.

Mr. Power—He broke his pledge to-day. (To witness)—You described the third man as a pick up.

Witness—That is right, I only gave him a lift—a chap I knew myself.

Mr. St. George—Was he with the two prisoners? No, he was not in their company at all; I only gave him a lift.

Sergeant Quirke applied for a remand, which was granted, and Daniel O'Connell gave his address as Whitechurch, County Cork; he stated he had worked there.

Michael Denchy said he came from Derrygallon, a couple of miles from Kanturk.

Irish National Volunteers

The Provisional Committee of the above ask us to state that they are prepared to receive applications from persons qualified to teach drilling, and who wish to volunteer their services for that purpose. The Provisional Committee will be in attendance from 8.30 to 10 o'clock each evening at the temporary offices, No. 1, Hartstonge-street, to receive applications, and also for enrolments into the Volunteer movement.

CITY LADY'S DEATH

The death occurred on Monday night in St. John's Hospital of Mrs. Purcell, mother of Mr. Joseph Purcell, the popular and energetic secretary of the Thomond Feis. The deceased, who had reached a fine old age, had been ailing for some time past, but hopes were all along entertained of her recovery. Much sympathy is felt for her son and relatives in their bereavement. The remains were removed to St. Michael's Church last night, and the interment took place to-day in Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. There was a large attendance of the general public at the funeral, the long and representative cortege showing the esteem and respect in which the deceased and her respected family were held.

London Coal Strike

MEN RESUMING WORK

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

The London Coal Masters' Chairman has declared that the men are resuming work largely on the old terms. The transport workers in Glasgow are considering to-day the London strike, and the question of taking sympathetic action.

LATER.

A later message says:—The London coal porters' strike is practically over. Half of the men have already resumed work.

During the past week he had witnessed a very heartrending scene. A respectable citizen was evicted from his house for which he had been paying heavy rackrent for the past ten years. His wife and eight young children had been hung out on the side of the street by two bailiffs and five policemen. The man who was evicted had made a good offer to settle the case. Now the case was before the League, and he was sure they would fight it out. The farmers and labourers won by united action, and the town tenants could win by the same means. The weekly, monthly, and quarterly tenants must have some protection and the tenants should have some Court to go to in order to have their rents fairly adjusted. In conclusion he (the secretary) thought the farmers and labourers throughout the country should help the town tenants, financially and otherwise, in their fight for justice and fair play (applause).

The Chairman impressed on all those present to attend next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, at Mechanics' Institute, as important business was to be transacted.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE PIG INDUSTRY

Fortnightly Fairs in Limerick

LETTER FROM A PIG FEEDER

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK LEADER.

DEAR SIR—I have seen in your issue of the 26th inst. a notice from the Pig Buyers' Association of Dublin that they are to re-open the fortnightly pig fairs in Limerick on Tuesday next, 3rd February. I think this is a good move, because at present we are entirely in the hands of the merchants, who can treat us as they like. For instance, a few weeks ago, a neighbour of mine brought four pigs into one of the stores and got 66s. a cwt. A few hours later my man delivered pigs of mine at the same concern, and was told they were down 2s. a cwt. in this short interval, so I only got 64s. Surely this is not fair treatment. My pigs should be worth as much at 3 o'clock as they were at 12 o'clock. Again, one of mine weighed 1 cwt 3 qrs 2 lbs, and I was cut 4s a cwt. That meant a loss of 7s, in addition to a loss of 4s a cwt on the other five. Everybody knows you cannot have a lot of pigs even or up to the exact weight required. Neither can it be expected that we should bring in one pig to-day and one or two more in a few days' time, according as they are getting heavy, and I would like to know where the farmer is who can judge a pig to a pound or two? I would also like to know if a pig of 1 cwt 3 qrs 2 lbs is not as good for bacon as the one weighing 2 lbs less? Now, as buyers from Dublin, Cork, Waterford, and Tralee are to attend, they can do with every class, particularly the heavy pigs, and, of course, they won't come to Limerick if they are not able to pay more than the local merchants. In addition to having open competition we will have the advantage of weighing our pigs on the market scales in case we are not pleased with the buyers' prices, and in my opinion all pigs sold by live weight should be weighed on that scale before delivering them to the stores, for we have reason to know inaccuracies have occurred. I note the re-opening of these pig fairs has the approval of the Limerick and Clare Farmers' Club, but it should get better publication. Thanking you in anticipation,

A PIG FEEDER.

There was no case for hearing at the Limerick City Police Court either on Monday, yesterday or to-day.

Burglars, says a Central News message from Nice, in France, broke into a Jeweller's premises at Monaco and escaped in a motor car with jewels of the estimated value of £6,000.