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for just 10 Irish eggs. Receiving a reply in the affirmative, defendant made out a receipt for "10 Irish eggs, 1s." The second Inspector made the same request, and the same procedure followed. Subsequently Mr. Bowen-Colthurst visited the shop, and in the course of a conversation told the defendant he believed the eggs were not Irish, but Russian. Defendant admitted that he was wrong, explaining: "I am out of Irish eggs, and thought that these were as good," and adding: "you may as well let it pass this time. I got some eggs for a wholesaler, and keep no invoices." The eggs, concluded counsel, were examined by experts, whose opinion was that the eggs were certainly not Irish, but Russian.

Evidence was given by Mr. Bowen-Colthurst, an Assistant Inspector of Irish Produce, bearing out counsel's statement. Asked what he had to say, defendant replied, "It is very hard lines I should be brought here. We have worked for Ireland for over 41 years, and I find I have been at this shop ever since the year eleven (laughter). I am so used to having Irish eggs, and I let it slip. It is negligence on my side."

Mr. Barrington-Ward informed Mr. Bros (the magistrate) that on three previous occasions inspectors had made purchases of eggs at defendant's shop, and it was these which had led to the present proceedings. "You will understand sir," he added "that this is a serious matter, for a report of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland shows that whereas in 1904 the number of eggs exported to England from Ireland numbered 2,044,000, the number in 1912 has risen to nearly 3,000,000."

Mr. Bros said that the defendant had certainly applied a false trade description by the receipt given. "This is the first case of this sort I have had here," he added "and I hope after this there will be no more."

Mr. Barrington-Ward—The costs are very heavy, as there are a number of expert witnesses.

Mr. Bros—I shall then impose a small penalty of 10s, the defendant to pay also five guineas costs.

## The Late Dr. Counihan

### KILRUSH MAGISTRATES' SYMPATHY.

At the Kilrush Town Court held on Monday, Mr. Batt Culligan presided, and the other Justices present were—Mr. J. S. Dowling, Mr. P. Sarsfield Brady, R.M.; Mr. Wm. Carinody, and Mr. W. C. Doherty.

The Chairman said that since last court the death had taken place of Dr. Randal Counihan, son of Dr. J. F. Counihan, one of their respected brother magistrates. With a deep sense of regret he proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Dowling—"That we, the magistrates presiding at this court, desire to express our profound sorrow to our brother magistrate, Dr. John F. Counihan, J.P., on the premature demise of his beloved son, Dr. Randal Counihan, F.R.C.S.I., and we condole with him and the other members of his family in their sad bereavement."

Mr. Brady—I had not the pleasure of knowing the deceased gentleman, but from what I heard of him he had the kindest heart of any man I ever knew.

Mr. Carmody said he wished to be associated with the resolution.

Mr. Carroll, D.I., on behalf of the police and himself, desired to be associated with the resolution, as did also Mr. Murphy, Town Clerk, and Head-Constable Shelly.

Mr. Doherty—He is a great loss to the community at large.

At the Petty Sessions held subsequently the magistrates were Messrs P J Brady, R M (presiding); J S Dowling, W. Carmody, B Culligan, and W C O'Doherty.

The Chairman referred in feeling terms to the lamented death of Dr Randal Counihan. He had known the deceased only for a little time, but during the short acquaintance he found him a sincere friend and gentleman.

Mr O'Doherty said the death of Dr Counihan was a terrible loss to Clare.

District-Inspector Carroll, Head-Constable Shelly, and Mr Blackall, C P S, also joined in the expressions of regret.

the Commissioners for over seven months, and was therefore disqualified. Mr Leahy had declined to go forward for co-option.

Mr. Cregan said they were all sorry to lose the services of Mr Leahy.

Mr. Clifford proposed that Mr T M'Mahon be co-opted a member of the Council.

Mr. Cregan seconded.

Mr. Byrnes said although not objecting to Mr. M'Mahon, who he was sure would make an excellent Commissioner, he thought that the workmen of the town were ignored. The workmen did not run candidates at the annual elections, as they did not wish to burden the town with the cost of an election, and as there were so few workmen representatives in the Town Commissioners, he thought that fair representation should be given them, otherwise they would have to test their strength at the polls. He had no candidate to propose, and he did not object to Mr. M'Mahon's election, but he thought that the Commissioners would be fair-minded enough to give fair representation all round.

Mr. M'Mahon was elected unanimously.

## The Vandeleur Estate Question in Parliament

### STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY

Mr. Lynch asked the Chief Secretary in the House of Commons whether, in reference to the Vandeleur estate, West Clare, he was aware that as far back as November, 1912, Mr. Linehan, an Inspector under the Estates Commissioners, inspected the farm of James Keane, Menmore, and that of other tenants on the estate, but that these tenants had not yet been informed what valuation had been put on their farms, and that the tenants were still liable for the old rent; and whether the valuation would be made known to the tenants as soon as possible, that they might have the opportunity of signing their purchase agreements.

Mr. Birrell—This estate is the subject of proceedings for sale by the owner direct to the tenants under the Irish Land Act, 1903, and purchase agreements at prices agreed upon between the parties have been lodged with the Estates Commissioners. In accordance with the terms of their purchase agreements these purchasing tenants are paying interest in lieu of rent pending the vesting of the lands in them. The Commissioners have no power to fix a price in regard to the holding of James Keane, referred to in the question. He is a judicial tenant, and as he has not signed an agreement he is liable to pay his judicial rent.

## Limerick Man's Death Abroad

A New York journal to hand contains the following—"John Sullivan, who was born on March 16th, 1855, in the parish of Glin, County Limerick, Ireland, died at his home, 75, Adelphi-street, yesterday (14th Feb). He came to this country about forty-three years ago, making his home in Brooklyn, and was chief water tender for the United States Navy when he retired in February, 1911, after serving the Government for over thirty years. He was stationed on the Greely Arctic expedition under the late Admiral Schley. He also was a Spanish-American war veteran. He is survived by two brothers, Michael, of Australia, and Joseph, of Ireland; a nephew, Joseph Sullivan, of Brooklyn, and two nieces, Mrs M J Stack, of Hoboken, N.J., and Mrs F A Sheedy, of Flatbush. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Church of the Sacred Heart, of which he was a member, on Monday, at 9.20 a.m. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery under the direction of William Dunigan and Son, 261, Park Avenue.

## Public House Burnt Down

The licensed premises of Mr. Denis Murrhy, Lahinch, were destroyed by fire on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs Murrhy, who were sleeping in the house, were roused just in time to enable them to escape injury. The fire is supposed to have been accidental, and the loss is stated to be covered by insurance.

## Thomond Feis

Anyone who witnessed the splendid exhibitions of hurling in the Markets Field last year in connection with the Thomond Feis will not fail to be present at the Markets Field again on Sunday, 5th April, when the first ties for this year's competition will be played between Cork and Limerick, and Clare and Tipperary. It will be remembered that when Clare and Tipperary met in the same grounds last year, in the Munster Semi-Final Championship, the best contested game seen for years was played, and it was by mere good luck Tipperary emerged the victors. Clare afterwards was anxious to meet the famous Toomevara selection, but all attempts at a fixture between them failed, but at long last the Gaels will have the opportunity of seeing a match worth travelling any distance to witness. The Clare County Board is in earnest this year, and at the second last meeting of that body it was decided that funds be collected to put the county teams into training, and to bring the players into Ennis and keep them in practice at the Show Grounds for a few weeks. The match between Cork and Limerick will be equally interesting, and I hope that the Castleconnell Pick will again bring off the much-coveted Shield and the new medals.

## From Clare

After a series of postponements, the match between Ennis and Kilrush in the semi-final of the 1913 Senior Football Championship was brought off at Kilkee on Sunday last. Ennis were training hard for some time, and their followers were very hopeful. Kilrush, relying on their victories during the year, were also sanguine of success. In football, like in every other game, nothing can be certain. But when the game was over one thing was certain, and that was, that Kilrush had been badly beaten, and that Ennis came out the victors by a score of 5 goals and 1 point to 2 points for Kilrush.

## Tulla v. Newmarket

No match in Clare has caused more excitement or intense interest than that which is to be played at the Show Grounds, Ennis, on Sunday next, in the semi-final of the 1913 County Cup Competition. The teams have not played against each other for years, save on last Sunday week at Clarecastle in a friendly encounter, when Newmarket were victorious. On that occasion either teams had not its best players. All parts of Clare are sure to be represented at Ennis on Sunday next. Bodyke and Scariff, seniors, will also play in a tie for the 1913 Championship.

## Croom Hibernians

### Proposed Compliment to Dr. Hartigan

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Croom Division of the A. O. H. was held on Sunday, Bro. J. Butler, D.C., presiding. There was a large attendance.

Bro. P. Kearney, secretary, announced that he had £152 benefits received to date, which was considered most satisfactory, and he was highly complimented for the admirable manner in which he was doing his duty.

Bro. Denis Sheehan proposed the following resolution:—"That we take immediate steps to present Dr. Joseph Hartigan, our worthy vice-president, with a testimonial on his departure from amongst us, to show how we appreciate him as a brother, for he always took a deep interest in the working of our division, and was held in great esteem by every member of it."

Bro. Kearney said it afforded him great pleasure to second the resolution. It was unnecessary for him to define Dr. Joseph Hartigan's qualities to them, for they all knew him as well as he did, but they should take the opportunity to convey to him in some measure their sincere esteem and regard for him. It was a source of great pleasure to him, as it must have been to them, to look back on his usefulness to the society, as well as his consistent, earnest and self-sacrificing work in the cause of nationality. He went to the rescue of every distress, and was the leading star of the Croom Hibernians.

The President, in supporting the resolution, said he hoped every member of the Division would subscribe and make the testimonial worthy of the occasion, after which the reso-

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