

MEMBERS SURCHARGED BY AUDITOR
(FROM OUR REPORTER.)

Mr. John Coleman, J.P., Co.C. (Chairman), presided at the adjourned half-yearly meeting of the Croom District Council on yesterday. The other members present were—Mrs. Dr. Hartigan, Messrs. D. Murphy, D. Ryan, John White, James Butler, C. F. Hartigan, M. O'Grady, Patrick O'Leary, Michael Field, M. Kelly, John Lane.

Tenders for new works were considered, after which the meeting adjourned and became the ordinary District Council meeting.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board drawing attention to the provisions of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, governing the action of local authorities in giving contracts which involve employment in certain trades, was read by the clerk, and the following endorsement was made—"This letter will be complied with."

The Local Government Board wrote calling attention to their letter of the 23rd August, 1913, asking for a copy of the report which the Council instructed their engineer to furnish in regard to the repairing of the 28 existing cottages acquired by the Council, and requesting that the report in question may be forwarded to them without further delay.

The Clerk said he had written to Mr. Sheehy, C.E., for a copy of his report and had not got it.

The Chairman said they should get shut of this business and do something with the houses. He suggested that a committee visit the houses, draw up a report on what was required to be done, and afterwards have a specification prepared and forwarded to the Local Government Board. When that was done they could apply for a loan to do the work. He thought £200 would cover the cost.

It was decided that the Chairman, Messrs C. F. Hartigan, M. O'Grady and James Butler compose the committee.

The Engineer was directed to furnish the required report.

With reference to an application by the Council for extension of time for the payment of the account of Ellen M'Donnell for goods supplied in November and December, 1912, in connection with the repair and completion of labourers' cottages, the Local Government Board wrote stating that they had extended the time within which the Council may pay a sum of £1 16s 8d to a date not later than the 30th April, 1914.

The Clerk said the account had been paid.

The Local Government Board wrote forwarding the following report from the Auditor, Mr. Cyril E. Browne, Castleconnell, consequent on his recent audit of the Council's accounts—I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Rural District Council of Croom for the half year ended 30th September, 1913, and beg to forward, herewith, three certified copies of the abstract. I have been obliged to disallow a sum of £24 5s paid to the Engineer in excess of the fees to which he was entitled by law.

In reply to a member, the Clerk said the members who had signed for the payment of the amount to Mr. Sheehy were Messrs John Coleman, Chairman; James Naughton and Maurice Collins, both of whom had been surcharged.

It was decided to ask the Local Government Board to remit the surcharge.

On the motion of Mr. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. M. O'Grady, it was unanimously decided to grant Patrick Kearney, gate porter, an increase of £5 in his salary.

A meeting of the Board of Guardians was held subsequently, Mr. C. F. Hartigan, presiding. The business, being mainly routine, was of no public interest.

Irish Horses for Foreign Governments

Mr. T. W. Russell, replying to a question by Mr. Lardner in the House of Commons, said that during the year 1913 two stallions, 3,847 mares, and 2,175 geldings, a total of 6,024 horses, had been shipped from Ireland on behalf of foreign Governments. The total number of horses shipped in 1912 was 5,315, and in 1911, 3,750.

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District Council Meeting

A meeting of the District Council was then held, Mr. Daniel O'Brien, J.P. (chairman), presiding.

FINANCE.

The Clerk reported a credit balance of £050 17s 6d.

Mr. Hannon—That is not much.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Local Government Board forwarded the report of the auditor on his audit of the accounts for the half-year ended 30th September. One paragraph stated that according to an account printed and paid for, £54 7s 8d, it seemed to have been the practice of the late engineer to order cement, tubes, etc., verbally. On enquiry it seemed that the items were received and used, but he had to inform the Council that unless all goods were ordered on the official form and delivered, accompanied by the official invoice, properly vouched, he would hold the rates personally liable for the payments.

It was decided to comply with this regulation in future.

The Auditor further stated that the Council were at present employing an engineer without sanction.

The Clerk said they were paying him nothing and were awaiting his sanction.

The report also stated that re the supplemental loan of £2,000, dated November 22nd, 1912, to be borrowed from the Provincial Bank, the advance of £1,000 was sanctioned, but the members of the Council had sanctioned payments of £202 in excess of this under the scheme. This excess was due by them to their treasurer. He trusted that the Council realised the irregularity of this, and their own liability as members, and that the matter would be remedied with the least possible delay.

It was decided to inform the L. G. Board that the Council was awaiting the issue of further instalments.

ADJOURNED.

The consideration of the question of repairing several labourers' cottages was adjourned pending the permanent appointment of an Engineer.

Patriot Irishman's Death

SYMPATAY FROM CROOM COUNCIL

(FROM OUR REPORTER.)

At yesterday's meeting of the Croom District Council, Mr. John Coleman, J.P., Co.C., presiding, Mr. C. F. Hartigan proposed the following resolution—"That we desire to give expression to the regret we feel at the death of Mr. T. D. Sullivan, one of the most gifted Irishmen of his time, the author of our National Anthem, 'God Save Ireland,' and to place on record our appreciation of his work for Irish Nationality, and that we tender to his family our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Press and to Mr. Sullivan's family."

The Chairman, in seconding the resolution, said there was no doubt the country owed a lot to the Sullivan family—Mr. A. M. Sullivan and Mr. T. D. Sullivan. When it was not fashionable to be on the National ticket, the Sullivans advocated nationality. He (chairman) remembered reading when a boy *The Weekly News*, the readers of which were far in advance of the Land League, which came afterwards. Although they might differ with Mr. Sullivan as to methods, still they agreed with his National sentiments. He declared the resolution passed unanimously.

Presentation to Creamery Manager

A purse of sovereigns has been presented to Mr. John Bridges, manager of Messrs Hill and Son's Creamery, Tarbert, on the occasion of his leaving the district. Rev. Dean Beatty handed over the purse at a meeting of parishioners and other friends. The Creamery has been purchased by the farmers of the district to be worked on the co-operative principle.

WINTER SUITINGS IN VARIETY,
Newest Shades, Hand-made.
At O'CALLAGHAN'S, THOMAS ST.

Mr. T. F. Ryan was loudly cheered on rising to respond. He said that he never before knew that he was a sort of John Ward (laughter), and it made him think that he must have been unconsciously treading on some people's corns (laughter). He was most grateful for the kind remarks that Dr. Hogan had made about his father; but that had its advantages and disadvantages, the chief of the latter being that so much was expected of him (hear, hear, and laughter). He could only say that if he was able to do half as well as his father he would get on all right, even in Ireland (applause). He could not help saying that since he came to the East of London he had met some of the best Irishmen, some of the most sterling and kindest friends that he could ever hope to meet, and he was heartily sorry to have to leave them (applause).

Mr. C. E. Grisley, described by the chairman as the only Englishman that the Irish Party in Ilford ever invited to be amongst them, said that he thought they all ought to congratulate themselves on the possession of their new leader, Mr. Bonar Law (loud and prolonged laughter), for that gentleman, by his inept handling of the bungle made by the Government at the beginning of the week, had fought their cause so well that he had made the cause of Home Rule the cause of the liberties and freedom of the British democracy (loud applause).

Mr. Glynn gave the toast of the chairman, the vice-chairman, and the guest, and in so doing desired to associate himself with all that had been said about the magnificent qualities of the guest of the evening (applause). The selection of the chairman could not be better (applause)—a thoroughly capable man of sterling ability, he was a proud, honest and unbending Irishman (loud applause).

Suitable responses were made. Letters of apology were read by the secretary (Mr. D. M'Sweeney) from Messrs P. J. Larkin, M. O'Donnell, and M. H. Ryan.

A handsome illuminated address was presented to Mr. Ryan, worded in most eloquent and complimentary language. Irish songs were sung with much enthusiasm, and Mr. T. F. Ryan went away with the hearty cheers of his expatriated brethren ringing in his ears.

A large number of Mr. Ryan's friends were present at Paddington on Monday evening. Seldom in the history of this great London terminus were such scenes of enthusiasm witnessed. Two Irish warpipers paraded the platform, playing many familiar jigs and reels, and when the train steamed out at 8.45 cheers were raised—cheers that must still be ringing in Mr. Ryan's ears. Amongst those on the platform were—Dr. D. Butler-Hogan, Councillor Owen Waters, T. M'Donnell, R. T. Greene, J. J. Glynn, J. T. M'Auliffe, D. M'Sweeney, William J. Fitzgerald, etc.

Prevention of Consumption

LECTURES IN WEST LIMERICK

On Monday evening a lecture was delivered by Mrs. Foran, V.C., P.L.G., Listowel, at the Workmen's Club in Foynes, by kind permission of Lord Monteaigle, on the subject of "The National Health and Prevention of Consumption." Mrs. Leahy presided. On Tuesday lectures were also given in the National Schools of Foynes, Borrogane and Shanagolden, and on Tuesday evening at 6.30 in the Carnegie Hall in Shanagolden, Rev. Father O'Shea, C.C., presiding. The Rev. Chairman, in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer in the latter place, said that the valuable suggestions just given would be carried out. He dwelt on the simplicity of their achievement. Fresh air and clean homes were within the reach of everybody. The habit of indiscriminate spitting would, he trusted, be no longer indulged in amongst them after they had heard of its great danger. Though tuberculosis was not very prevalent in the parish, yet the sensible and instructive lecture they had listened to with such encouraging attention would, he felt sure, bear fruit in the manner most acceptable to the lecturer, who had come such a distance to speak to them.

Mr. Lunham seconded the vote of thanks to Mrs. Foran, which was passed with very pronounced enthusiasm.

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