

LIMERICK BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A Member's Death.

Turnment of the Board.

Frost, B.C. (Chairman), presided at the meeting of the Limerick Board of Guardians on Friday. The other members present were—Mr. P. Bourke, D. O'Brien, T. Bourke, J. Keane, P. McNamara, J. Lalor, and T. Donnellan, B.C.

Officials in attendance were—Mr. H. J. O'Connell, Clerk; Mr. E. Dundon, Master; Dr. O'Connell, R.M.O.

A SOLDIER'S DEPENDENTS.

Relief books having been gone through, Mr. P. Bourke said he wished to refer to the case of Mrs. Hurley, Denmark-street, whose husband had gone to the front. It was the first case of hardship. As the Guardians were well acquainted with the case, a circular was forwarded to that Board, and every Board in Ireland, warning the Guardians, or at least advising them, that there was a necessity for contributing towards the relief of wives and families of the relatives of soldiers sent to the front. In this particular case all the necessary steps that were to be complied with, and he was in the habit of satisfying them that this woman's husband was out to the front, and for nine weeks she received a single solitary shilling separate maintenance money of any kind derivable from her husband. There was no doubt that in the first week that he left for the front some relief in the city contributed three shillings, the second week four shillings, the third week five shillings, and he believed it was one shilling a week since. This woman was entirely dependent on the earnings of her husband to maintain herself and family, but these were removed by the fact that her husband had gone to the front. By the circular the Guardians were assured that such dependents should be amply provided for from a sum that was available, and that maintenance or separation allowance would be granted. He now wished to ask the Board to grant a week relief, and could be afterwards deducted from the relief the military authorities would give the week.

All the documents necessary to obtain allowance had been complied with by Mrs. Hurley, and were directed through the proper authorities, yet herself and her family were absolutely destitute. If the Board would support him he would be personally responsible that the money would be paid back.

Coffey, R.O.—She has not gone the right way of getting the money.

P. Bourke—I beg your pardon. She has every known authority.

Coffey—Has she sent her marriage certificate to the proper authorities? If she did she would not be in trouble in getting the money.

P. Bourke said the marriage certificate had been forwarded, and if it had not reached the authorities it was not her fault. He had a great trouble about the matter, but Mr. O'Connell did not.

Coffey—I have inquired into all these cases. Donnellan—Grant the relief by way of loan.

Bourke—That is all I am asking for.

P. McNamara—In order to prevent a repetition of this, wouldn't it be well to have a copy of this resolution forwarded to all the public?

Coffey—My statement is that she made a mistake.

P. Bourke—She made no mistake. It was the authorities who made the mistake.

Donnellan—There is one thing we have to do and that is that where the authorities have knowledge on the part of these dependents, they are anxious to subscribe to maintenance.

Donnellan—That is so.

P. Bourke—Yes; one shilling a week, and three shillings a week was then granted.

RELIEVING OFFICER'S ILLNESS.

LATE REV. MOTHER DE PAZZI GUBBINS.

The demise of the Rev. Mother De M. Pazzi Gubbins, Superiora since its foundation of the Presentation Convent, Hospital, Co. Limerick, has occasioned deep regret. She evinced an active interest in the work of the Order, and received the heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the celebration of her golden jubilee in November, 1910. The deceased lady was held in loving regard not only in the Order but by a wide circle of friends in the outside world.

Requiem Mass was presided over by Archbishop Harty, the celebrant being Rev. Canon O'Scullery, P.P., V.F., Hospital; deacon, Rev. J. Connery, C.C., Emly; sub-deacon, Rev. W. Fitzgerald, C.C., Hospital; master of ceremonies, Rev. L. Ryan, C.C., Hospital; assistants at Archbishop's throne, Monsignor A. Ryan, Tipperary, and Monsignor O'Neill, Lattin. In the choir were the following clergymen—Right Rev. Dean Ryan, Cashel; Rev. Dr. Slattery, Thurles; Rev. Father Hourigan, P.P., Knockaney; Rev. F. W. O'Connor, P.P., Knocklong; Rev. M. Murphy, P.P., St. Patrick's, Limerick; Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald, Adm. St. John's, Limerick; Rev. Fr. Quane, P.P., Bulgaden; Rev. C. Mangan, Kilfinane; Rev. Fr. Moloney, C.C., do; Rev. Fr. Culhane, C.C., Bulgaden; Rev. D. O'Brien, Knockaney; Rev. P. Crowe, C.C., Thurles; Rev. E. Ryan, C.C., Lattin; Rev. J. Carroll, C.C., Killeedy; Rev. M. Ryan, P.P., Knockavilla; Rev. Fr. Humpreys, C.C., Knocklong; Rev. Fr. Barry, P.P., Ballylanders.

The chief mourners were—Mr. W. R. Gubbins, J.P., Chairman Limerick County Council (brother); Mrs. Thomas Lynch, Fanstown House (sister); Rev. J. S. Gubbins, S.J.; Mr. J. J. Lynch, Mr. W. Gubbins, junr, Mr. J. L. Gubbins (nephews); Mrs. Madden, Miss Gubbins, Miss L. Gubbins (nieces); Mr. Thomas Lynch (brother-in-law); Mr. W. Madden (nephew-in-law); Mr. Purcell, Cork; Mrs. Lloyd, Killeely; Miss Lloyd, do; Mr. E. Lloyd, do; Mrs. Hartigan, Crean Lodge; Mrs. Gubbins, Oola; Miss Gubbins, do; Mr. Joseph Gubbins, J.P., Master B. Gubbins, Mr. J. H. Roche, J.F., Limerick; Mrs. Roche, do; Miss Roche, do; Mrs. P. Coyle, do; Mrs. Barry, Herbertstown; Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, Bruff; Mr. J. F. Power, Cork; Mrs. Mervyn, Herbertstown; Mrs. P. Piggott, Hospital (cousine).

The general public included:—Mrs. General Ryan, Scarteen; Miss Ryan, do; Messrs. T. Landon, M.P.; P. J. O'Sullivan, Solicitor County Council; J. J. Quaid, Secretary, do; Maurice Fitzgerald, Assistant Secretary, do; J. P. Hartigan, County Council; J. A. Hartigan, Secretary Technical Committee; T. F. Ryan, County Surveyor; J. Davidson, County Surveyor; J. O'Malley, and P. J. Ryan, Assistant Surveyors; E. Mitchell, M.C.C.; M. Quinlan, M.C.C.; M. Condon, J.P., M.C.C., Ballylanders; D. Quinlan, D.C.; J. M'Grath, J.P., Mitchelstown; Dr. and Miss Cleary, Hospital; Mrs. J. Hartigan, Limerick; Mrs. T. Hartigan, do; Mrs. J. Hartigan, Boher House, Bruff; Miss Hartigan, do; Miss L. Hartigan, do; Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Herbertstown; Mrs. Fahey, Tipperary; Mrs. J. Frewen, do; Mrs. J. P. Ryan, Knocklong; Mrs. J. Carroll, Howdystown House, Bruree; P. Magner, Kilfinane; J. F. Hurley, do; Mrs. Foley, Charleville; Mrs. Mulcahy, Dromin; Mr. J. McAuley, Listowel; Mr. Hawkes, Manager Munster Bank, Hospital; J. F. Slattery, Hospital; R. Foley, do; Mr. Bourke, B.L., do; Miss Bourke, Miss Casey, do; Miss Curran, do; Miss Slattery, do; J. O'Sullivan, do; J. Byrne, do; J. Carty, do; Miss Carroll, do; J. J. Mitchell, do; J. O'Neill, do; Michael Cordon, do; M. O'Sullivan, do; M. Looby, do; Mrs. D. Walsh, do; Mrs. Bourke, do; Miss Ryan, do; Miss Heelan, Ballylanders; Miss Brazill, do; T. Hayes, Hospital; J. Hannan, do; D. Connell, D.C., Grange; Miss Connell, do; J. Kelly, Kilfinane; J. McKeogh, do; Mrs. Hoctor, Kilmallock; Mrs. Kirby, do; Mrs. Mortell, do; Mr. and Mrs. Pigott, Hospital; Mr. and Mrs. Heelan, Ballycoshill; Mrs. Crowe, do; Mr. and Mrs. O'Halloran, Hospital; Rev. Br. Damien, Superior, Monastery, Hospital; Rev. Br. Finbarr, Rev. Br. Beter, Mr. and Mrs. M. Barry, Knockaney; Mrs. and Miss Keyes, Miss F. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hartigan, Kilmallock; Mr. Mark Cleary, do; Mrs. and Miss Lynch, Stephenstown; Mrs. Dr. Keogh, Emly; etc.

Wreaths were sent by many friends.

KILMALLOCK UNION

Auditor's Report.

At the meeting of the Kilmallock Board of Guardians on Friday, Mr. T. W. W. Bennett, J.P., Co. C., and subsequently Mr. W. Moloney, presiding, the Local Government Board transmitted the report of the Auditor (Mr. Cyril E. Browne):—
"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Kilmallock Union for the half-year ended 31st March, 1914, and beg to forward herewith four certified copies of the abstract.—Outdoor relief.—The lists contain a considerable number of cases in which the relieving officers gave it as their opinion that the amount of relief might properly be reduced. The reports of the relieving officers are not sufficiently explicit, and do not give adequate details as to the circumstances of individual cases. Ordering of Goods.—I have to point out that written authority must be obtained in all cases before orders were issued for goods. The Requirement Book should be carefully scrutinised by the Guardians, who should require an estimate or limit of cost to be inserted in every instance before initialling the authority. Receipts.—I cannot accept responsibility for the correctness of many items in the Receipt Book, no credit vouchers having been produced. Dietary.—The dietary scales in use are full of unauthenticated alterations, and are very confusing. I understand that a new scale is in contemplation. If this is not to be put into force immediately, properly certified copies of the current scale should be prepared."

The Chairman said he was not aware that the Guardians gave relief in excess of what the relieving officers recommended. That seemed to be the Auditor's complaint.

Mr. Martin—The Relieving Officers must have told him that.

Chairman—Why did they not tell us that? Relieving Officers Cronin, O'Donnell, Barry, and Coll said they did not make any statement to the auditor to the effect mentioned.

The Chairman said the Guardians always tried to administer the relief as best they could in the interest of the poor and the ratepayers, and if the relieving officers gave their opinions they would be accepted. It was stated that the Guardians gave relief more than was necessary—that was the meaning of the report—it was a strong statement and should be controverted.

Mr. Martin—He scarcely reported it, except it was stated to him.

Mr. O'Sullivan said as regards the receipts the lodgments made by the clerk were properly vouched. He understood that lodgments were made by the late master on the sale of pigs, and no vouchers were produced, but the amounts were of course all right.

APPLICATION FOR RATION MONEY.

Miss O'Regan, night nurse, applied for ration money while on holidays.

Mr. Birmingham said that a substitute was paid while she was away, and he thought that was enough. He proposed that the application be refused.

Mr. Keyes seconded.

Mr. Cooke said the other officers got ration money, and they should not make an exception in the case of Miss O'Regan.

Mr. Birmingham said they should make a commencement some time.

Mr. Cooke suggested to wait until next year.

Mr. Birmingham's motion was adopted.

ASSISTANT CLERKSHIP.

A discussion took place relative to the form of advertisement to be issued for an Assistant Clerk in the room of Mr. Martin, appointed Master.

Mr. Birmingham proposed that the old advertisement be adopted, striking out the ages, and making the salary £35 a year.

Mr. Bennett seconded.

Mr. Cooke—I propose 20 years and upwards.

Chairman—I won't accept it because it is illegal.

Mr. Thomas Murphy—Would you accept no age?

Chairman—No.

Mr. Cooke—Will you accept my proposition?

Chairman—No, I won't accept what is illegal. Mr. Cooke—I propose that the age be left open. Mr. Wallis—I second that.

The Chairman said he would not accept it. The clerk should be 21 years of age to make the appointment legal.

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