

The matter then dropped.
Mr. Lawlor enquired when was the dietary scale to be put into operation. A cook had been appointed for a long time.

Master—We have advertised for vegetables, but we got no reply to our advertisement. Of course we cannot go on without the vegetables.

Mr. P. Bourke—This new dietary scale was put into operation simply and solely for the purpose of creating an office for a cook.

Master—Nonsense.

Mr. P. Bourke—Absolutely. You have a new cook appointed but nothing for her to do.

It was decided to again advertise for vegetables.

The Chairman read the following notice of motion handed in by Mr. David Humphreys:—
"That for the future all coffins required for the burial of outdoor relief persons in the Cappamore district of the Limerick Union be made and supplied by the carpenters of Cappamore."

Clerk—That is ultra vires.

Master—You cannot receive that motion.

Chairman—Why send it out so? I will refuse that notice of motion.

Mr. Bourke—It is not worth all the talk about it.

Master—It is not worth talking about as there would not be £3 worth of coffins from that district in years.

The Chairman declared the motion illegal, and no further action was taken on it.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Dwyer, a resolution of sympathy was adopted with the relatives and family of the late Mr. M. Lane, Parteen.

Mr. P. Bourke moved a notice of motion standing in his name calling for a Sworn Inquiry into the complaint made by the Bridgetown constabulary authorities regarding the alleged neglect of duty on the part of Dr. Humphreys and Mr. Wm. Bourke, relieving officer, in the case of a woman named Norah King, of the tramp class. In moving his motion, Mr. Bourke said that he would assure the Guardians that it was no pleasure for him to move it, and it would be the last thing he would do if the Guardians on a previous occasion only took sufficient notice that that the complaint deserved. The matter was one of far-reaching importance as far as the administration of the Poor Law was concerned. Mr. Bourke then dwelt at length on and repeated the complaint as already published, of the police authorities. Continuing, he said this unfortunate woman was left without assistance from the 17th October at 8.20 to the 20th October at 2.30 o'clock, notwithstanding the fact that the ambulance was only eight miles away, and that there was a Medical Officer, a Relieving Officer, and two District Councillors in the district. The fact was that this thing occurred in a Christian country, and in holy Ireland, but if he could change the scene to Belgium it would be considered by the Guardians as an atrocity. It was an atrocity, and a serious one, to leave an unfortunate woman in a wild, bleak spot on a winter's day, without having her removed to hospital, for such a long time, and when the complaint came before the Guardians they did not see that there was anything to be inquired into. It behoved the officials concerned to refute the charges made against them on oath. If the Guardians had the interests of the poor at heart they should let both sides give their evidence on oath before an impartial judge, and if possible vindicate themselves. He thought the doctor should have brought the woman into the union when there was no other means of doing so. It would not be a great hardship on him, and he would not be lowering his dignity as a doctor. He moved that a Sworn Inquiry be held into the matter.

Chairman—Who will second that?

Mr. Lawlor—I will, as I consider it is the duty of every guardian to see that there is a Sworn Inquiry held into it.

Mr. N. Humphreys said the officers concerned when called on for an explanation gave a splendid report. This woman wherever she went gave trouble to the police. In Cappamore a month previous she gave trouble.

Mr. Lawlor—Is that the reason she was treated like a dog?

Mr. P. Bourke—Is that human?

Mr. Humphreys proposed that no Inquiry be held and that the explanation of the medical and relieving officers be considered satisfactory.

Mr. O'Dwyer, as a resident of the dispensary district in which the accident occurred, seconded. All necessary precautions were taken to prevent any loss of life. Mr. Bourke knew nothing about the case and acted on the complaint made. Was it for the good of the unfortunate creature Mr. Bourke spoke or was it to make an attack on the doctor or relieving officer? Everytime there was anything against the doctor or relieving officer, whether it was genuine or not, he did his best to oppose them. The officers gave satisfactory explanations and the whole complaint should be against the police and not against their officers.

Mr. Ryan, a member of the Bridgetown Dispensary district, said the woman was under the influence of drink, and fell against the kerb stone. He saw the woman in the car-house, where she seemed fairly comfortable,

and had not the saving grace to leave it to the greyhounds. Defendants took up a defiant attitude. They were asked to attend the Club and apologise. They did not do so, but persisted in this course. One said he had permission to hunt from Mr. Barry, Kanturk.

Complainant stated that on the date mentioned he saw the two defendants on Clancy's lands, which are within the preserves and assigned to the Club; there are hares on the lands; the defendants are farmers.

Duggan—I am a farmer; O'Donnell is not.

Mr. Lawlor—You are the most famous huntsman in that district, I am told.

Witness, continuing, said defendants were beating the bushes; they had two greyhounds, a terrier and a dog (a setter), and gun; Duggan said he had permission from Mr. Barry, Kanturk, and O'Donnell said he had permission from the landholder; they would not leave the lands; they got two letters to attend the Club, but they did not do so.

To Mr. Fox—Michael Duggan was walking by the fence and beating the bushes; he referred me to Mr. Barry, who is Lord Leslie's agent; I do not know if the lands are purchased.

Dr. Connery—The lands are assigned to the Club, with permission to the President to prosecute.

Mr. Fox—Mr. Clancy is not the owner, and he has no right to convey them to anybody. He also submitted the legal aspect of the case as referring to a judicial tenancy.

David Clancy was then examined by Mr. Power—Did you give permission to those men to go hunting? They did not ask my permission at all, but I never objected to their going there; he signed the agreement with the Club.

Mr. Fox—Do you know that during your father's time he gave permission to Mr. Duggan? He did, sir.

Answering further questions, he said there were five members of the family, and the rent was paid as representative.

After a lengthened argument, Mr. Power said he was satisfied to have the cases marked no appearance or dismissed, and he would bring fresh summonses.

The cases was dismissed without prejudice.

BELGIAN REFUGEES

COLLECTION AT KILRUSH

Our Kilrush correspondent writes:—The collection in aid of the Belgian refugees which took place during the month has been most successful, all classes and creeds subscribing generously.

EAST GALWAY ELECTION

At the Nationalist Convention held in Ballinasloe on Monday Mr. James Cosgrave, of Portumna, County Councillor, was selected as candidate for the Parliamentary vacancy in East Galway.

and did not seem to be suffering any pain. Dr. Humphreys came, and he had to look for the woman with a candle. There was no policeman there, and the doctor left instructions to the police to call to him, but they did not do so.

Mr. P. M'Namara was also of opinion that there was no need for a Sworn Inquiry.

Mr. Sheehan thought that as the facts were admitted and that there was no doubt that there was negligence, the officers concerned should be brought before the Board and severely censured. There was no need for a Sworn Inquiry.

Mr. Donnellan said this poor creature was knocked down by a car, and the inhuman rascal who struck her down refused to go to her assistance. When a somewhat similar case occurred near the city about twelve months ago, Mr. Delmege, who was passing by, brought the person in his motor into the union. Dr. Humphreys might have gone to the police barrack and ordered them to telephone for the ambulance. The doctor and relieving officers should be made do their duty, no matter that the person might be an unfortunate woman. There was no necessity for a notice of motion, as any guardian could call for a Sworn Inquiry, and it would be held.

Mr. Walshe was of opinion that the police were to blame for the alleged neglect and not their medical or relieving officer.

A poll was then taken, when there voted—

For a Sworn Inquiry—Messrs T Donnellan, J. Reidy, P. Bourke, J. Lawlor, and J. Clancy—5.

Against—Mrs M'Donnell, Messrs P M'Namara, J. Hassett, J. Bourke, M. Sheehan, T. Bourke, P. Walshe, D. Godfrey, J. Hurley, N. Humphreys, J. P.; Michael Hickey, Michael O'Neill, P. K. Hogan, J. P.; D. Humphreys, D. O'Brien, J. M'Namara (Shelbourne), J. Madden, Michael Hannan, J. J. Ryan, and E. O'Dwyer—20.

Mrs. O'Brien, Joseph Keane, P. Hassett, and J. P. Lynch, attended earlier in the proceedings and had left when the above vote was taken.

On the proposition of Mr. Walshe, it was decided to increase the shoemaker's salary to the standard wage paid in the city.

DEATH OF MR. D. O'SHAUGHNESSY, RATHKEALE

Deep and widespread regret has been occasioned throughout West Limerick by the news of the death of Mr. David O'Shaughnessy, draper and auctioneer, Rathkeale. The deceased who passed away yesterday, was one of the best known and most popular business men in West Limerick, and was always held in the highest possible esteem and regard. He was father of Mr. B. J. O'Shaughnessy, M.P., and of Mr. W. O'Shaughnessy, Clerk of the Limerick Asylum Committee, to each of whom, as well as the other members of the family and the numerous relatives, we offer our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Funeral of the Late Mr. Stephen M'Donagh

The funeral of the late Mr. Stephen M'Donagh, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Foyens, and also Harbour Master, took place amidst every manifestation of sincere regret. The deceased was very popular with all classes, and by his death the pretty little village of Foyens has lost a valued member of the community. The chief mourners were—Edward and James M'Donagh (sons); John M'Donagh, Bansha; Alderman P. M'Donagh, Limerick, and James P. M'Donagh, Clino (brothers); A. M'Donagh, J. M'Donagh, P. M'Donagh, M. M'Knight, W. M'Knight, P. Foley, D. Foley, T. Foley (nephews); J. M'Knight, T. Foley, and R. Kennedy (brothers-in-law). The clergy present were—Rev. Father Lister, P.P.; Rev. Father Wallace, C.C., and Rev. Father O'Shea, C.C. Amongst the general public, a full list of whom it would be impossible to give, were—The Mayor of Limerick (Alderman O'Donovan), Mr. Cussen, Dublin; Dr. Nolan, Alderman M'Donnell; J. P.; Dr. C. M'Donnell, J. P.; J. O'Brien, D. Naughton, D. C.; D. Mangan, J. O'Shaughnessy, P. Fitzsimons, J. P.; John Fitzgibbon, J. P.; John Leahy, D. C.; P. C. M'Mahon, J. P., etc., etc.

MARKET INTELLIGENCE

LIMERICK MARKETS—NOVEMBER 25.

BREADSTUFFS—"R. Patents," 41s 6d per sack; Bakers Patents, 42s 0d per sack; "Whites," 39s per sack; Specials, 40s per sack; Wholemeal, 39s 0d per sack; Oatmeal, 42s 0d per sack; Oatmeal Flake, 19s 6d per cwt; Flake Bran, £9 0s per ton; W. Bran, £8 0s per ton; Special Bran, £7 0s per ton; Pollard, £8 10s per ton; Sharps, —s per ton; Indian Meal (coarse), £7 18s per ton; do (fine), £8 2s per ton; Barley Meal, £9 0s per ton.

HAY AND STRAW—There were 14 loads of hay, 4 loads of oaten straw in market. Ryemay, sold at from 85s 0d to 90s 0d per ton; upland, 70s 0d to 80s 0d per ton; coreass, 56s 0d to 66s 0d per ton; oaten straw, 56s 3d to 65s 0d per ton.

CORN—There were 193 barrels of oats and 6 barrels of rye in market. White oats from 13½d to 14½d per stone; black oats, from 13d to 13½d per stone; rye, 13½d per stone.

MEAT—Roasting beef, 10d per lb; steaks and chops, 10d per lb; hind quarters of mutton, 9d per lb; fore quarters of mutton, 7d per lb; boiling beef, 7d per lb; corned beef, 7d per lb; soup beef, 6d per lb.

POTATOES—25 loads; 4½d to 6d per stone.

TURNIPS—10 loads; 14s 0d to 25s per ton.

EGGS—Hen eggs, 1s 10d to 2s 0d per dozen; duck eggs, 1s 9d to 2s 0d per doz.

FRUIT—Baking apples, 1s 0d to 3s 0d per basket; eating apples, 1s 6d to 2s 9d per basket.

AMERICAN BACON—Short rib middles, 79s to —s per cwt; short rib backs, 78s to 80s per cwt; long clear middles, 75s per cwt; clear backs, 64s to 77s per cwt.

THE PIG MARKET—This day's prices—Suffable pigs, 1cwt 1qr 0lb to 1cwt 2qrs 7lb, 59 per cwt; stout, 1cwt 2qrs 8lb to 1cwt 3qrs, 56s 51s per cwt; overweight, 1cwt 3qrs 1lb to 1cwt 3qrs 14lb, 56s per cwt; heavy overweight over 1cwt 3qrs 14lb, 52s per cwt; Berwicks (about 8st), 57s per cwt; "sixes" (bacon over under 10 stone), 57s per cwt.

DEATHS.

O'SHAUGHNESSY—On November 24th, at his residence, Rathkeale, David O'Shaughnessy, draper and auctioneer; deeply regretted.—R.L.P. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 1 o'clock for New Cemetery.

SEXTON—On November 24th, 1914, Ellen Sexton (nee Wall, of Bulgaden), relict of the late Francis Sexton, at her residence, 21 Broad-street.—R.L.P. Funeral to Mount S. Lawrence at 3 o'clock on Friday from St. John's Cathedral.