

s with the community and with those in districts to apply the remedy. Legislative, the Proportional Representation Act comes into operation during the first month of the new year provides a remedy, the way of working, if necessary, towards the end. Proportional representation, as we know, has been tried with remarkable success in Sligo, and there is nothing to prevent it being the same success in other cities and districts when it is in compulsory operation. It should yield good results and tend to give a representation on all boards, that would check the flight of rising food prices, and give minorities in the country that to which they are rightly entitled, representation on Irish public boards. The change of the old order should bring local authorities near to Mill's definition of their constitution, and the reforms which constituted bodies could effect on wise and economic lines. They should bring many good things with them in their coming. Their stay, checking, if called for, local administration, effect needed reforms, and be sensors or workers for the material welfare and progress of the cities, districts and the communities over which they may have charge. Politics cannot be entirely absent from Irish public affairs, for they include the very life and being of a country, but on the other hand they should not necessarily include matters which may be classed as secondary. Rather should questions bearing on the development of the material resources of the country give room for thoughtful action by the new local authorities which the coming year brings with it. The Proportional Representation Act, as said, provides the means of doing some or other, or the best of this good work, and every friend of the country will follow with special interest when the measure may help Ireland in this direction.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Sergt Prunty, Co Inspector's office, Clonmel, has been promoted chief clerk in the Co Inspector's office Bandon.

As high as £35 was paid for fat pigs at Roscommon fair, while £22 10s each for a pair of pigs is not unusual.

While fishing in Bantry Bay Bantry fishermen caught a shark about 8½ feet long and estimated to weigh 7 cwts.

The Lord Chief Justice will be the Judge at the winter Winter Assizes to be held at Cork. They will open on Tuesday, December 2nd.

At a general meeting in Dublin of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Ireland, Mr J F Ambrose, Newcastle West, was elected an associate member.

A little boy, Willie O'Connor, Spa road, Tralee died on Monday from injuries received that morning when his clothes caught fire while his parents were absent.

Clonmel and Clogheen Guardians have made arrangements to transfer to Clonmel the

Mr H. B Aiton, Secretary, and Mr T Keyes, Inspector, were in attendance.

FEALE AND CASHEN.

In reference to a complaint from Mr G Hewson, Ennismore, Listowel, with regard to the rivers Feale and Cashen,

Mr Alton read a letter from the Department, in which it was stated that regarding the subject of the marks erected in connection with the defined mouth of the rivers Feale and Cashen, they did not see their way to renew the marks, but if the Conservators desired to do so, and obtained a tender for the cost of the work, the Department would consider the question of making a contribution.

It was stated by the Secretary that the Board at the last meeting decided to renew the marks. He was sending on a copy of the map to the Department, showing the mouths of the rivers.

The other business before the meeting had reference to the contemplated purchase of a motor boat for service on the Lower Shannon.

RAID FOR ARMS IN CLARE.

Lady Locked Up.

A daring raid for arms was made on Tuesday at Hazelwood House, near Ennis, occupied by Mr Frank Hickman, solicitor. About eleven o'clock a large number of armed and disguised men surrounded the house, which was forcibly entered. Mrs Hickman was locked in a room for some hours by the raiders, who also made captives of the other occupants. They then proceeded to ransack the entire house, from which they removed some arms and ammunition, as well as other property. Hazelwood House is five miles from Ennis. The police and military visited the scene after the raiders had decamped with their booty. The district is being searched by the police and military.

DEATH OF MR T. LYNCH, J.P.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Thomas Lynch, which took place at Fanstown House, Kilmallock, on Tuesday night. He had only been ailing a short time, and his death has come as a great shock to his wife and children. The deceased, who farmed on an extensive scale, was a prominent member of the County Limerick Farmers' Union, where his counsel on all matters appertaining to the interest of agriculturists was highly valued. He was a magistrate for the county, and a member of the County Council since 1911, when he was co-opted on that body. He took a deep interest in the administration of county affairs, and by his colleagues on the Council he was held in very high esteem. He was brother-in-law of Mr W. R. Gubbins, J.P., Chairman of the County Council with whom and the other members of the late Mr Lynch's family the sympathy of the public will be offered in their bereavement. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 1 o'clock for Kilbreedy Cemetery.

HAY BURNING IN LIMERICK.

Something about sixty tons of hay, the property of Mr Cornelius Hanly, Knockara, Caherconlish, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The outbreak was discovered at seven o'clock, and despite the efforts of a large number of volunteers, the entire rick was burned, and the barn in which it was stacked was damaged. A quantity of straw ricked near the dwelling house was saved. The origin of the fire is unknown.

INCREASED COST OF PRESS TELEGRAMS.

repaired. They were in the much more dangerous to than to anybody else. He asleep in his cabin at the time

LIMERICK COUNTY

The half-yearly meeting of Council has been convened to receive recommendations from and consider proposals for new and maintenance of works several District Councils; to report on the Housing (Ireland) Association, and to transact the following notices of motion approved:—
"We will move at the next Council that the resolution of 1916, declaring that under future may any addition of superannuation purposes to any retiring Poor Rate Collector be rescinded. (Signed)—J. Liston, Thomas Lynch, John Quinlan, Wm Gubbins.

I will move—"That a committee be appointed to arrange the details of the various positions under so that the resolution of the Council be put into operation at once."—Daly.

I will move at the next meeting—"That immediate steps be taken for the planting of Tinacullin Fittzibbon.

BLOODSTOCK

Mr W B Fitt, Auctioneer, of Bloodstock to-day, at the street.

The following transactions:
The property of Mr

"Fairshaw," a bay mare, to Mr Bay filly, by Tomas-an-Appa Fishon
Bay filly, by Tomas-an-Appa Hennessy, R.A.M.C. ...
Ches filly, by Tomas-an-Appa Hennessy, R.A.M.C. ...
Bay filly, by Tomas-an-Appa Slattery
Bay yearling filly, by Tomas-an-Appa Colonel Furuell
Brown yearling filly, by Tomas-an-Appa to Mr R J Moss

The Property of Mr I
"Prosperous," a bay mare, to gaster
"St Blair," a brown mare, to Her bay filly foal, to Mr P M
The property of Maj
A bay filly foal, by Mel Hallinan

The property of Mr
"Rowdy Queen," a bay mare, A chestnut filly, by Helouan.

The property of Mr
A bay colt foal, out of Sea Carroll

The property of Capt
A bay mare, by Book, to Mr

The property of Mr
"Nora Gough," a ches mare.

The property of
"Little Alder," a bay filly, to A bay filly, by Wavelet's Ryan

The property of A
A bay colt foal, out of Sea