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the appointment of the Committee of Inquiry, but it is hoped that the special information which might thus have been obtained as to the cause of the decline in dairying will be supplied by representatives of the County Committee and other public bodies, who are being afforded an opportunity of giving evidence before the Committee. The Department also regret if insufficient time was given for the preparation of evidence for presentation to the Committee, and they are asking whether it may not be possible to afford a further opportunity to persons in County Limerick and district to express their views on the question. There was no foundation whatever for the suggestion that the Department already have a scheme prepared for dealing with the dairying industry. The object of the Committee was generally to collect the views of representative bodies and persons as to the cause of the reduction in the output of milk.

The Chairman said that with regard to the word "if" in the letter, he thought, if he might coin a word, it should be "iffy" and not "if." It was an effigy of an apology.

**COTTAGERS AND SMALL FARMERS' SCHEME**

With regard to the adoption of a scheme for cottagers and small farmers for 1920,

Mr Hartigan said the scheme already adopted had worked well, and he would suggest it be continued.

The Chairman—It worked very well, and we will not alter it.

The suggestion of Mr Hartigan was approved.

**NEXT MEETING**

Owing to the date of the December meeting being Christmas Eve, it was decided that it should be held on Wednesday, 17th prox. Adjourned.

**DEATH OF MR JOHN M'BIRNEY**

We regret to announce the death of Mr John McBirney, which occurred at an early hour this morning at his residence, 134 George street. The deceased gentleman had reached an advanced age, and his name was widely known in commercial life, to which his attention during a long and honoured career was entirely devoted. He was chairman of the extensive general drapery establishment in George Street of Messrs J McBirney & Co, which he founded in 180. He took an active interest in the management of the concern up to some years ago, but since then, following an accident, he has been in feeble health. Throughout the country his demise will be heard of with regret in business circles, and by numerous private friends. We tender our sympathy to Mr A R Barnett and the other members of the family in their bereavement. The funeral will leave McBirney's & Co's at a quarter to 12 to-morrow (Friday) for the Railway Terminus to catch the 12.30 train en route for Castleblayney, Co Monaghan, where the interment will take place on Saturday morning, the family burial place.

**LAWLOR MEMORIAL**

**The Greenpark Fete Postponed.**

A special meeting of the Lawlor Appeal Committee was held on Tuesday evening, Mr M A Daly Vice-Chairman, presiding. It was decided that, owing to the heavy state of the course as a result of the present wet weather it would be undesirable to hold Donkey Races on the race-track, the condition of which would be rendered still more unsuitable owing to the racing of the 26th and 27th inst. The future fixture will be advertised in due

Mr J Keane remarked that it was now obvious that the Local Government Board did not, as anticipated, seek to nullify the election on the grounds of wrong procedure, but by reason of the fact that Mr Brennan was an inmate of Belfast gaol. They would fight the Local Government Board on the matter, and tell them that Mr Brennan would be their Clerk as long as the Guardians were there. (Applause).

The resolution was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

**FUNERAL OF THE LATE MISS E. K. VEREKER.**

The funeral of Miss E K Vereker took place on Monday last from the Railway Terminus for the family burial place at Cahirsarry, at 2 o'clock.

The chief mourners were—Miss E V Vereker and Mrs Atkinson (sisters); Miss E M Atkinson (niece); Rev Precentor Atkinson (brother-in-law).

Amongst those awaiting arrival of the remains at the station, or who sent carriages, were—The Very Rev the Dean, the Precentor, Rev Chancellor Waller, Rev Canon Langbridge, Rev O H Brazier, Rev V G Sutcliffe, Mrs Hunt (Friarstown), Mrs O'Brien (South Hill), E F M Melville, R A Blennerhassett, Captain Finch, G S Finch, F Muspratt, John Hartnett, J P Rahilly, Messrs G and J Smith, P Keehan, J F Green, J P, E C Winter, Mr Macnamara, T Daly, E F Couyers, R S Welsh, A Waterston.

The Dean and the Rev O H Brazier were the officiating clergymen.

Wreaths were sent—"To our darling Leila, in fond and undying memory, from Edie and Elsie"; "To darling Leila, with much love"; "Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty," from her fond niece Eileen"; "With deepest sympathy, from J F and Rose Hejen Green." Also by Miss Lydia MacAdam, Captain Philip MacAdam, Miss Kathleen MacAdam, Mrs John MacAdam.

**RESTRICTIONS ON FAIRS IN WEST CLARE.**

At Kilrush Urban Council, Mr B Culligan, J.P. chairman, presiding,

Mr Michael Griffy, Secretary Ennistymon Rural District Council, forwarded a resolution for adoption, passed by that body, protesting against the restrictions on fairs and markets as detrimental to the people, who could not sell their stock to meet their liabilities and means of living, and would be unable to pay their rents.

Chairman—The resolution will only make matters worse, and prevent them getting permits to hold any fairs at all.

Mr O'Shea differed with the chairman, and did not see that it could. In Kilrush, a most peaceable town, they were not allowed to hold fairs or markets. He supported the resolution.

Mr Lillis concurred. Mr Carmody—Adopt the resolution. I propose it.

Mr Nagle dissented from the resolution. Chairman—We should try and obtain permits for our own fairs and markets.

Town Clerk—I have written urgently to get permits for our own markets.

Mr Lillis—A big fair was allowed at Clare Castle, and the weekly markets are held at Ennis.

Mr Carmody—It is most unfair to the town and the people of the parish.

Chairman—This business at Cooraclare interfered with our town.

Mr Nagle—The town and parish of Kilrush is the most peaceable in Ireland. If we do not get the permits it is the fault of Mr Barrett or the

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