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IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICES.

Common with other centres West has observed with that an improved train for mails and passengers to come into operation had of July. There has been complaint in Limerick mail service that at present as regards the English the delivery of which is in town that there is to reply by the next order the new arrangements will be considerably expensive we cannot say at the will be noted from a letter of the G.S. & W.R. has accelerated and timed to 1.15 a.m. while the afternoon at 4.10 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. This will connect with the at 2.30 instead of 12.30 Kingsbridge at 7.40 p.m. as heretofore the cross-service. There are other train which Limerick and district are which will tend to the con-general public. From inquirade we learn that the 9 a.m. will be altered to leave at 9.30 tion with Limerick via Lime-not via Nenagh, and arriving out 1.50 p.m. The present this city to Nenagh will be ve Limerick at 9.0 a.m. for and so enable passengers from to Dublin. The 8.40 Limerick to Waterford is being ve Limerick at 9.15, thus at Limerick Junction. It tion with the down mail to not give a connection between

lowest tenders were for concrete houses, from Mr P. Dillon at £568 per house, and Mr M. Doyle at £544 17s 6d for eight houses, £562 3s for twenty-eight houses, and £544 for seven houses, or at an average cost of £566 17s for forty-six houses. It would, the Ministry pointed out, seem that the difference between the accepted tenders and the lowest price in concrete was £2,410, and for that the Corporation could provide four additional houses. In the circumstances, preference for building in brick or masonry could not be justified. Furthermore, the actual tenders accepted by the Corporation were excessive, and consequently no advantage was gained from the general fall in the building market, seeing that in September last the Corporation accepted a tender for eighteen houses at an average of £608 per house. The Ministry, having regard to all the circumstances, asked the Corporation to reconsider the question, and desired it to be understood that they were not prepared to recommend a greater amount of Government grant than £17,077, which was two-thirds of the lowest tender received for building in concrete. The Committee decided to send a deputation to the Ministry, with a view to explaining the circumstances fully that prompted them to accept tenders for brick and masonry houses.

NATIONAL SOLDIER SHOT AT ROCKBARTON.

The Inquest.

A very sad affair occurred at Rockbarton on Monday evening, resulting in the death of a private of the National Army named Bartholomew O'Keeffe, a native of Kilbreeady, Kilmallock. It appears that he and his comrades were cleaning their rifles in a room at Rockbarton when a shot went off, and deceased fell mortally wounded. An inquest was held at the County Infirmary yesterday by Mr J. McNiece, City Coroner, and a jury, touching the circumstances of the death of deceased. Mr O'Keeffe identified the remains as those of his son. A soldier of the National Army gave evidence to the effect that he and a number of his comrades were in a room at Rockbarton cleaning their rifles. One of the garrison (Private White) had a revolver which he pointed at the deceased. O'Keeffe told White to put the revolver down. Subsequently a shot went off and deceased fell wounded in the stomach. Another military witness in giving evidence said he thought the whole affair was a joke until the shot went off, and he saw deceased falling on the floor. Medical evidence having been given, the jury returned a verdict that death was due to shock and hæmorrhage caused by a bullet wound inflicted by Private White.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Stations of Ministers.

A list of the stations of Methodist ministers in Ireland, which was published yesterday, includes the following:— Limerick District—O H Crookshank, Chairman; R Moore, Secretary of Synod; Limerick, C H Crookshank; Roscrea, J England; Birr, W S Morris; Cloughjordan and Borrisokane, R Moore; Adare and Rathkeale, J Johnston (Rathkeale), W H Green, B. Com.; Galway, P S Shipway.

NEW IRISH MODERATOR.

Election of the Rev. Dr. George

(a) As to the effect of any measure regulating or restricting imports or exports, on industry and agriculture in the Saorstát, and

(b) As to the effect of any changes therein intended to foster the development of industry and agriculture, with due regard to the interests of the general community and to the economic relations of the Saorstát with other countries.

The members of the Committee will bring to their inquiries not only a knowledge of the conditions in Ireland, North and South, but also an acquaintance with conditions in Great Britain and the United States.

President Cosgrave, in announcing the personnel of the new body, stated the country might have full confidence in the ability of the Committee appointed to ascertain and present all the data necessary for a right conclusion.

THE LIMERICK REGATTA.

The Limerick Regatta will take place next month, and as an annual event up to the outbreak of the war was an attractive and enjoyable reunion. The local committee are already making arrangements for the forthcoming fixture, which invariably draws the cream of Irish oarsmen to the Shannon, and produces rowing of a very high standard.

HONOUR FOR CO. LIMERICK MAN.

The King has approved the appointment of Surgeon Major D Fitzgerald O'Kelly, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as Honorary Associate of the Order of St John of Jerusalem. Major O'Kelly, who is the second son of the late Mr D O'Kelly, Dromcollogher, Co Limerick, became surgeon to the Tyneside Irish Brigade at the time of its formation and served in France and Malta throughout the European War and then resigned.

WATERFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

Messrs James Reidy, manager of the Clonmel branch of the Condensed Milk Co. of Ireland, Edward Phelan and John Mitchin (merchants), Clonmel, have been elected members of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and have been appointed on the Pilot, Quay, and Finance Committees of that body.

PROHIBITION IN AMERICA.

Liner Drunk Dry Before Reaching New York.

New York, Tuesday—As a result of the gallant efforts of passengers anxious to observe the American law, the Majestic arrived here to-day bone dry, except for the legal supply of medicinal brandy. Although the ship sailed with ample stores, by 11.30 last night the supply was exhausted, many passengers competing for the honour of the last drink before reaching port. Some of them, however, performed their duty so faithfully that they were unable to be present at the end.—Reuter.

RETURNING TO NORMAL.

Reports of Agricultural Instructor

The Government Publicity Department issues a summary of the reports which the Department of Agriculture has received from its instructors concerning the condition in various parts of the country so far as they affect the farming industry. The general tenor of the reports, says the Publicity Department, shows that after the recent try period of tension and disturbance the normal state of the country has been resumed or is be-