

liberally patronised them in pre-war times, and will, there is no doubt, do so again. In the matter of road improvement both bodies are in hearty co-operation, and the demonstration of Modern Methods of Road Making and Repairing arranged to be held in Cork, should have a very important effect in focussing attention on this important question, one, indeed, in connection with which fresh legislation was quite recently indicated by the Government, amongst other important measures soon to be introduced in the Dail.

DEATH OF MR ROBERT ROCHE.

A wide circle of friends in the County of Limerick will regret to learn of the death which occurred after a prolonged illness on Tuesday at his residence, Ballyskin House, Kilmore, Co. Wexford, of Mr Robert Roche, formerly Secretary of the first Limerick County Council. He ably filled that important position for twelve years, retiring from office in 1913, and his kindly and affable disposition won for him the highest esteem and regard of all who came in contact with him in official or private life. He was a man of very high literary attainments, and possessed one of the finest private libraries in Munster. He was a keen motorist while his health permitted. Previous to his appointment to the County Council Secretaryship, Mr Roche was a cashier in the National Bank, Dublin. He came of a family who can trace their connection with the County Limerick back to three hundred years. He was son of the late Mr P H Roche, of Peasfield, Brurea, a brother of Mr P T Roche, Agent Bank of Ireland, Ennis, and Major Laurence Roche, Brurea, and nephew of the late Mr Robert Cell, Maidstone Castle, and formerly Chairman of the County Council. His widow is a County Wexford lady, and Mr Roche had been resident in that county since his retirement from the Secretaryship. We tender to the family our sympathy in the bereavement that has come to them. The funeral, it is understood, will take place in Wexford.

CLARE RATE COLLECTION.

Some months ago rates due to the Clare County Council amounted to £204,000. Now the amount outstanding is £47,000. Twenty-four of the 32 collectors have closed the first moiety of the current rates. No collector has closed the second moiety. These figures were announced at a meeting of the Clare County Council, at which all the collectors were ordered to close their collections by November 21.

BURGLARY IN THE CITY.

Early yesterday morning the premises of Messrs Nestor Bros., tobacconists, O'Connell Street, were burglariously entered from the rear and some property taken away. When the shop was reopened for business the discovery was made and the matter reported to the Civic Guard. During the day Detective Sergeant Ruane was engaged in instituting enquiries, but so far no arrest has been effected.

CATTLE BAN MODIFIED.

Connolly and Co, in trust, for £1,450 a Mr Philip J O'Sullivan, solr, having care of sale.

Lot 2—No. 6 Alphonsus Terrace, Q. let to quarterly tenant at £36 16s 2d P.L.V £20, head rent £4 4s, was sold to O'Donnell, solr, in trust, for £675 a Messrs P. S. Connolly and Co having care of sale.

Lot 3—Dwelling house and premises, T gate, was withdrawn from sale as the bid not reach the reserve. Mr J Duadon, carriage of sale.

ATTACK ON A FARMER

Co. Clare Men Sent to Gaol

At the Commission in Green street house, Dublin, on Tuesday, before the Chief Justice and a city jury, three young Patrick O'Neill, Martin Sheehy, and Davis—were charged with having, on August, 1922, being armed with revolvers disguised with masks, by force, three menaces, attempted to compel one Thomas to quit possession of a farm at Ballina, Clare, which was then in his lawful occupation. The jury found the three prisoners Sheehy was sentenced to nine months, O'Neill to eight months, and Davis to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

FISHERY PROTECTION.

During the present year, in the Fishery District, which comprises the Shannon and its tributaries and the river flowing into the sea between Duncannon Head (Kerry) and Hag's Head (Co. Clare), there have been convictions for breaches of the salmon laws. In eight cases the offences were committed by the Garda Siochana. The penalties were one of £12 10s, fourteen of £10, one of £4, four of £3, one of £2 10s, and two of £1, and two of 1s. In one case the summons was withdrawn on payment of the costs of the case by the defendant. The penalties in some cases were modified by the Minister for Home Affairs.

TEACHING OF IRISH.

At a general meeting of the Limerick Committee of the Gaelic League, it was decided that the Department should be urged that the Department should, in terms of the County Technical Committee for the Teaching of Irish retrospective to the time the scheme was adopted.

NENAGH FOWL MARKET

Nenagh market was well supplied, but were somewhat low as compared with previous years. Turkeys, £1 per pair; geese, cash; hens, 4s 6d to 5s per pair; ducks ditto.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Limerick is fixed as the venue for the annual and Connought interprovincial hockey on January 19th.

Mr Joseph A Dolan, accountant, Muir's Leinster Bank, Ltd., has been transferred to the Charleville Branch.

The Ministry for Local Government has formed the Clare Mental Hospital Committee. It is not prepared to allow expenses to