f a few days circulars would his Department showing how ht be effected. A pruning diture is absolutely necessary 'ke says, real progress in the nd betterment of local ad- s quite impossible "if the exceeds the ability to pay." nt, and it is one that will not itself on those bodies who e the ways and means for and, doubtless, the circular ll contain recommendations lpful and valuable to all con- eal administration. The thorities Association is per- useful work in the interests nd towns, and the agenda that its influence is most interest of the common weal. civic welfare are outside its there can be no doubt that the Association as a centre, ill continue to direct its best the carrying out of schemes e the Municipalities and the e.

AND THE NATIONAL LOAN.

e has been no disclosure on the Banks relative to the amount of in the National Loan issue, it is number of subscribers has been the past couple of days a large nactions have taken place, and were numerous enquiries and forms. The small investor is well e applications, in sums from £25 ere has been also some large sub- et rather early to speculate on ich the loan has been supported it will be on a generous scale.

UM PICTURE HOUSE.

ive film "Love," featuring Louise nay be seen by advertisement, be Athenæum Picture House, Cecil ening, and Friday and Saturday 9 p.m. It is a human story, full auty, telling us of a great sacrifice, e end there is a big thrill, where les over a cliff, but the heroine is iver. The picture will be pro- olour. The colouring and texture esses are unusually fine. "Love," Mail," "is a picture which it pity to miss seeing." The entire been excellently treated, and owded houses at the Athenæum.

STATE SOLICITOR.

ch, Binden-street, Ennis, a well- has received official notification ent as State Solicitor for the Mr Lynch is a brother of Mr K.C., and belongs to an old and family. The appointment is a public will be whole-heartedly extended to Lady Shaw and family.

The funeral, which takes place to-morrow at ten o'clock, is announced to be private.

THE EXPLOSION IN A GRATE AT GARRYOWEN.

Inquest on Victim.

On Tuesday evening, at Barrington's Hospital, Mr J A McNeice, City Coroner, held an inquest into the circumstances of John Hanlon's death, the result of an explosion in a grate in deceased's house at Garryowen, on Saturday night.

Mr John McNamara, Sunfield Bar, was foreman of the jury.

Superintendent Bracken represented the Civic Guards.

Garrett Hanlon, Waterworks, Garryowen, father of the deceased, gave evidence of identification, and stated that on Saturday night, at about nine o'clock, he was in bed, and heard an explosion, and on rushing out to the hall he found the deceased in his mother's arms. He was quite conscious and said that one of his legs was gone. He did not say how the accident happened. The only thing witness could say that the boy was burning old boots on a block fire. He could only surmise that there was something in the coal that exploded. The grate was shattered, and it was from the particles of the grate that the boy received the greatest injuries. The boy was eighteen years of age and was a moulder's apprentice.

Mrs Hanlon, mother of the boy, said that on the night of the occurrence, it being very cold, he said he would remain in, and she gathered some sticks and old boots lying about the house, and with some coal he lighted a fire in his bedroom. She heard an explosion and ran to the room and saw the deceased standing up, but he was dazed and staggering. She took him in her arms and ran to the hall with him. She asked him was he hurt and what happened, and he said he did not know. He was alone in the room, after the fire had been lighted and until the explosion occurred. She could throw no light on how the explosion occurred. He made no statement as to how it happened.

Sergeant O'Connell, C.G., John-street, stated that the first intimation he had of the matter was seeing the account of an explosion at Garryowen on Monday's Limerick paper. He visited the place mentioned, and was shown into the room where the explosion took place. He found the fire-place, grate, and mantel-piece completely blown out. There was a small chest of drawers near the fire-place, and it was perforated with metal, apparently portion of the broken grate. The room did not appear to have been interfered with since the accident. He searched for explosives, and could find none. In his opinion, there must have been some explosive behind the grate before the fire was made in it, or that it was mixed with the fuel, with slack coal. He made inquiries from the neighbours and they could throw no light on it.

Dr Wm Dundon, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, gave evidence that John Hanlon was admitted to the hospital at 10 15 p.m. on Saturday suffering from a compound fracture of the right leg and innumerable punctured and contused wounds on both legs and thighs, arms, face and head. He died at 1.15 a.m. on 27th (Tuesday). The cause of death was shock and hæmorrhage as a result of the wounds. The two pieces of metal (produced) were removed from the legs.

A verdict was returned that the deceased died from hæmorrhage and shock, the result of wounds caused by an accidental explosion.

The Foreman, Coroner, and Superintendent Bracken expressed condolence with the parents and relatives of the deceased.

Thanks were returned by the relatives for the expression of condolence, and also to the staff of the Hospital for the care and attention bestowed on the deceased since his admission to the institution.

advisory Committee.

On a division the amendment was lost by 10 votes to 3, and the resolution carried by the same voting.

Mr de Vere was then appointed organizer, and the following were appointed teachers under the scheme:—Messrs E O'Sullivan, J Carran, P Griffin, M O'Connor, T Corbett, P O'Dwyer, G Hayes, and T Fahy.

The Committee then separated.

FUNERAL OF A HUNGER STRIKER.

Most Rev Dr Cohalan and the late Denis Barry.

The remains of the late Denis Barry, I.R.A. who died as a result of a hunger-strike when in jail at Newbridge, arrived in Cork on Tuesday night. They were met by a large crowd at Glanmire Terminus, who, headed by the McCartan Pipers' Band, marched through the streets to the Sinn Fein Committee rooms in Grand Parade, where the remains lay overnight.

It was the intention of the Cork Sinn Fein Executive to bring the remains to St Finbar's Church, but owing to the Most Rev Dr Cohalan not permitting the body to be brought to the church the programme had to be altered.

Dr Cohalan, in the course of a letter to the Press, writes:—"I am not allowing the religious exercises which constitute Christian burial to take place at the burial of Denis Barry. I regret very much to feel obliged to adopt this course. I knew deceased. I knew him to be interested in and to have a great knowledge of the social and moral question of the dangers that beset girls in Cork and all through Munster. I knew him to be a very good man; but if it were my brother who had taken the course that Denis Barry chose to take I should treat his burial in the same way. I am but enforcing the laws of the Church, and to understand the application of the laws of the Church it is well to consider the general political situation, also our republicanism, and the Church and souls, and finally, the question of Christian burial."

The remains of Mr Denis Barry, who died on hunger-strike while interned at Newbridge, were interred yesterday in the Republican plot at St. Finbarr's Cemetery, Cork.

During the morning and early afternoon the Rooms of the Cork City Executive of Sinn Fein at [illegible] where the body lay overnight, were [illegible] by the public in large numbers.

The funeral, which was a public one, and included members of public Boards and Societies of which deceased was a member, was very large and a procession took place through the streets of the city.

On arrival at the cemetery Mr David Kent, T.D., no clergyman being permitted to attend the funeral, sprinkled the grave with holy water and recited the last prayers before the coffin was lowered to earth.

When the burial had taken place a volley was discharged in the air, after which an oration was delivered by Miss Mary MacSwiney, T.D.

TIPPERARY UNION AMALGAMATION.

North Tipperary Council's scheme for union amalgamation has been amended by the Local Government Ministry to provide for the establishment of a county home at Thurles, a county hospital at Roscrea, a fever hospital at Roscrea, and district hospitals at Nenagh and Thurles. The original scheme had provided for a county hospital at Nenagh and cottage hospitals, limited to ten beds each, at Thurles, Roscrea, and Borrisokane. No limit is placed on the accommodation which the local authorities may provide in the district hospitals.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Saturday's trial match at the Markets' Field promises to provide a good contest, and is looked forward to with considerable interest. The team selected to represent North Munster, while not altogether a strong side, should give a good