

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

In consequence of the earlier departure of the evening trains from Limerick, and the curtailment of the hour for posting to 7 p.m. at the General Post Office, it has been found necessary to issue the editions of the Chronicle at an earlier hour than hitherto. Advertisers will, therefore, please note that the latest hour at which advertisements can be received at this office on issue days is 3.30 p.m. Publication of any notices received after that hour cannot be guaranteed on that evening.

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MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES' ASSOCIATION.

It is pleasing these times to see a revival of old functions, and the latest of these is the annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities just held in Dublin, after a lapse of three years. For the twelve years the Association has been in existence it has interested itself very zealously indeed in connection with schemes of social reform in the cities and towns. Chief amongst these was the housing question, with regard to which considerable progress had been made up to the time of the European War. Naturally enough, the campaign encountered a set back in this and kindred matters, but though the housing problem still remains for adequate solution, the earnest desire of the Irish Free State Government to provide up-to-date houses for the masses cannot be doubted. Grants have already been set aside for housing, and we may be assured that others will follow in the near future. Housing and the roads are matters that will for some time engage the attention of public bodies, but there is also the all-important question of economy in public expenditure, which is absolutely essential, having regard to the high rates that prevail. This was the key-note of the address delivered on the opening day of the Conference by the Minister of Local Government. Mr. Burke pointed out that his Department is carrying out a steady economy campaign, which, he said, gave a certain amount of authority for appealing to local bodies to do likewise. And he added that in the course of a few days circulars would be issued from his Department showing how economies might be effected. A pruning

DEATH OF SIR ALEXANDER W. SHAW.

A Loss to Limerick.

It is with feelings of deep and sincere regret that we announce the death of Sir Alexander W. Shaw, which sad event took place last evening at his residence, Derravoher, Limerick. The deceased gentleman had not been in the best of health for some time past, and his demise was not altogether unexpected. The late Sir Alexander was second son of the late Mr William J. Shaw, founder of the well-known bacon-curing firm of Messrs. W. J. Shaw and Sons, of which for very many years past he has been head. He continued despite advancing years to take an active interest in the affairs of the concern, and his intimate knowledge of the bacon curing industry, combined with sound business principles, was the factor which went to establish the world-wide reputation of the firm. The late lamented gentleman was born in October, 1847. He married Miss Eleanor E. Gubbins, daughter of the late Mr William Gough Gubbins, Castle Troy House, by whom he had three sons and four daughters. One of his daughters, Mrs Horace Castle, died some years ago, and his third son, Capt. Gordon Shaw, was killed in the European war, while serving with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. During his long, honourable and active life the late Sir Alexander Shaw held many public offices in the City and County Limerick. He was prominently connected with the Irish Industrial Movement, and filled the position of President of the Limerick Branch of that Association for many years. He was a director of the Munster-Cannought Exhibition held in 1908, and that year, during the Viceroyalty of the Marquis of Aberdeen and Temair, he received the honour of Knighthood in recognition of services rendered to the industrial side of Irish life. He was a Justice of the Peace for the county, and a Grand Juror of long standing. He was selected to fill the office of County High Sheriff in 1898-1899. Prominently associated with the Limerick Chamber of Commerce, of which he was a past President, and a member of the Directorate, Sir Alexander took an active and a keen interest in the activities of that body as well as in those of the Harbour Board during the period he was a member. He was a Director of the old Waterford and Limerick Railway, and in the agitation waged in the city against the amalgamation of that corporation with the Great Southern and Western Railway he played a conspicuous part. In everything tending to the benefit and welfare of his native city, the late lamented gentleman took the deepest interest. He never wearied in giving of his best for the advancement of the people. All through life he was a Home Ruler, and was one of the initiators of the Limerick Branch of the Protestant Home Rule Association founded during the leadership of Isaac Butt. He was an enthusiastic golfer, and in conjunction with the late Mr R. de Ros Ross, and the late Mr C. Heston-Armstrong, he was instrumental in founding the Lahinch Golf Club. A generous employer in the best and truest sense, the late Sir Alexander Shaw was a warm-hearted and kindly gentleman, of whom it may be said that to know him was to love and esteem him; in him the poor and destitute possessed a staunch friend, and one who made allowances for human frailties. He was a generous subscriber to every good cause and charity in the city, where his familiar figure will be sorely missed. In private life he possessed qualities that make for lasting friendship; he was courteous to all, and simple and unaffected in his tastes and disposition. In the city and county, where he was admired and respected, his demise will be learned with poignant sorrow, and in the loss that has befallen them the sincere sympathy and condolence of the 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.

LIMERICK CO. AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE.

Mr P. K. Walsh, Chairman, presided at a meeting of the County Limerick Agriculture Committee yesterday. Those who were also present were Messrs J. Blakwell, Co. C; J. Meade, Co. Ryan, Co. C; A. Mackey, Co. C; Rev. J. O. P. P.; J. McCormack, J. Normile, E. J. Chairman Co. Council; D. Naughton, Co. C; J. O'Leary, Co. C; T. Hickey, J. Scannan, Co. C; J. Quade, Co. C; with T. A. Hartigan, Secretary.

A discussion took place relative to the plea of Timonilla, Mr Meade pointing out the need for the scheme, and the fact that a rat had been struck for the purpose by the Co. Council.

Mr Malone, Agricultural Instructor, also visited the place, and thought ten acres suitable for planting.

It was decided that the Chairman, Mr N. and Mr Malone, visit the place and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

CATTLE BREEDING.

Relative to the breeding of cattle in the county a letter was read from the Kildare County Committee asking the views of the Committee on the matter. It was essential, the letter pressed, to improve the breed of cattle, and in order that effectively it was necessary to license breeders.

The Chairman considered that an improvement in the breed of cattle was essential, and he felt the Committee should approve of the principle. Mr Mackey concurred.

Mr McCormack expressed his opposition to licensing of bulls, and said what suited Kildare would not suit Limerick, which was a county, while Kildare was a county for beef cattle.

The Chairman remarked that it was a notable fact that there was no discrimination in the breeding of cattle.

Mr Laffan said he was opposed to licensing in any form, and did not care to see an Inspector coming on a man's farm to see what kind of he had.

Mr Mackey proposed, and Father seconded, that the Committee approve in principle of the scheme for the improvement of the breed of cattle in the county.

Mr McCormack proposed, and Mr seconded, that the Committee take no action on the matter.

Mr Normile—The question of substitution for those that would be condemned in the scheme.

Mr McCormack—Quite so. Under the scheme we are concentrating on improvement of breed of cattle in our own county.

Question of more funds that is troubling carry out our scheme efficiently.

The matter was not further discussed, resolution and negative being withdrawn.

TEACHING OF IRISH.

The Advisory Sub-Committee reported on the scheme for the teaching of Irish in the year 1923-24 recommended the appointment of an organiser at a salary of £180 a year, twelve full-time teachers, and five part-time teachers, salaries approved by the Department for the year 1923-24. The Committee further recommended that of the twenty-three applications for the position of organiser, twenty be eliminated and the following sent forward to the County Committee as best qualified for the position to one from—Mr Thos de Vele, Limerick; M. Browne, and Mr John Doyle, Dublin.

Mr Naughton proposed, and Mr seconded, that the findings of the Advisory Committee be ratified.

As an amendment, Mr Mackey moved, and Mr seconded, that it be open to any person to propose a candidate for the position of organiser from the number of applications sent to the Advisory Committee.

On a division the amendment was lost by 3 to 2, and the resolution carried by the meeting.

Mr de Vele was then appointed organiser.