

assured will be readily forthcoming. This is an age of organisation and action in connection with which Irish men must play an important part in the work that lie before us. The Free Government are fully alive to the importance of our staple industry. They have a "big programme," but as the Government says for the moment it cannot be carried out.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Development.

It is satisfactory to observe, as announced in our issue, that Limerick is looking up in connection with the Tourist Development movement. It is fitting that this should be so, as we are the important centre for the south and west, while elsewhere there are many beauty spots that are not so attractive to tourists in search of scenic and alluring scenery. The more that comes to us, therefore, the better it is for our business in the city, and so nothing is left undone locally to help the tourist in every way possible. We see that it is intended to hold a meeting under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of forming a branch of the Society in Limerick, which would be a centre for Limerick and Clare. We are hoping that the Borough Council will give the matter their support, and put into effect the Health Resorts and Watering Places Act which permits the striking of a rate of a penny a pound for advertising purposes in connection with the Tourist Traffic. This, it has been suggested, should be done by County Council throughout the country, and if carried out it certainly would prove a reproductive expenditure in which all sections of the community would benefit.

Gas.

Users of gas in the city have learned with interest from an advertisement, which appeared in our last issue, that the Gas Committee have decided on a reduction in price which operates from the 1st of January instant. The price per 1,000 cubic feet for gas supplied in the borough, and 8.6d outside it, is reduced to 7.9d and 7.3d respectively. There is a reduction of charges with reference to hired gas, and a discount of 10 per cent. will be allowed on the price of gas supplied for engines and industrial manufacturing purposes only.

LORD DINRAVEN

MOST REV. DR. KEANE.

Limerick Trades Council's Congratulations.

At the meeting of the Limerick Trades and Labour Council, Mr J Cronin B.O. presiding, a resolution was unanimously passed congratulating the Very Rev. Canon Keane, P.P., on his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese.

GAS CONSUMERS REPRESENTATIVES.

Yesterday, Mr W M Nolan, Town Clerk and Returning Officer, received nominations for two representatives of the gas concern on the Gas Committee, to hold office for two years. At four o'clock, the last hour for the reception of nominations, only two names were duly proposed and seconded, Mr Timothy Ryan and Mr George R Ryan, and those were declared elected.

ALLEGED PILFERING AT THE DOCKS

Sergeant Ruane on Tuesday evening arrested two boys named Moloney and Higgins on a charge of pilfering at the docks. It is stated that the youths, who are thirteen and eleven years of age, were found in the hold of the steamer "Lulmneach," and were handed over to the sergeant, who had them remanded to the weekly Juvenile Court on Saturday.

DEATH OF MRS C. O'CONNOR

The death took place at her residence, Quinlan Street, on Tuesday of Mrs C. O'Connor, and is generally regretted in the city. The deceased lady had been ailing only a short time, and was wife of Mr Arthur O'Connor, of Messrs J. N. Russell and Sons. For a number of years she was Sub-Postmistress of the Crescent Post Office, and resigned that position recently owing to failing health. She was a very courteous and obliging lady, and her demise has come as a great shock to her family and friends. The remains were removed to St Michael's Catholic Church last night, and the funeral, which was largely attended, took place at half-past nine this morning for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.

The clergy present were—Father Dwane, Adm., who officiated, and Father Carroll, C.C.

The chief mourners were—Messrs Arthur O'Connor, husband; Charles and Arthur O'Connor, junr, sons; Arthur, Daniel, and Alphonse MacNeice, grandsons; Charles and Robert O'Sullivan, nephews; Arthur MacNeice, Jack Kennedy, Bernard O'Leary, Jack Cahill, sons-in-law.

There were no flowers by request.

CITY VALUATION APPEAL.

In the County Court House this morning, his Honor Judge Pigot gave judgment in the valuation appeal of Messrs F. W. Woolworth & Co. Ltd, who were assessed at £300 by the Commissioners of Valuation in respect of the premises held by them on a lease at 38 and 39 O'Connell street.

In giving his decision, his Honor said he had to take into consideration the former valuation of the premises, which was set down at £145. Having regard to the evidence of Mr A. J. Sexton he considered the re-adjusted valuation too high—something too high—and he reduced the assessment to £270, allowing the appellants their costs.

Before the news of his death was graphed, General O'Duffy, Co. Guards, and Sergeant M'Ardele visited the injured man.

The following message was received from the Civic Guard Depot, Phoenix Park: "A parade was called and voted for transfusion of blood for G. Every man stepped forward. Keane (249) and Guard J Bre selected. The others being told to be in readiness. The two Guards proceeded on their way to the Curragh where they reached headquarters that Guard passed away."

Mr Wolfe, the manager of the depot, was wounded on the same occasion as C'Halloran, but his injuries, fortunately, are such as to give rise to anxiety.

The Civic Guard

Need for Telephone

"I think you will agree with me that the Civic Guard has a right to be equipped with a telephone." The speech by President Cosgrave at the meeting of the Civic Guard we shall add, writes the "Irish Times." The nation has a right to be proud of its Civic Guard, but without fear. Unobtrusively, but without fear, its members have faced manifold dangers and gained the respect of all law-abiding citizens. The murder at Balinglass shows that the people's still-entailed Civic Guard, an unarmed force, with desperate men, plunderers of property, and it deserves every assistance that can be given to it. Yet it is the community's negligence, as much as its own, which has enabled the Balinglass criminals to escape. A majority of Civic Guard stations are without telephones. This is confined to the less developed rural areas, and to places where the expenditure is capital than Rathfarnham and the Guards at Tallaght could have captured the murderers of Guard O'Halloran in their flight from Tallaght. It is really scandalous that the precaution should be neglected in a country where the equipment of the police is so satisfactory a means of communication. It is no great matter.

ACCIDENT TO LADY

Lady Poe, wife of Lieutenant William Hutcheson Poe, has sustained injuries in a motor accident, and is now lying in Bricket House Hospital, where she has partially regained consciousness. Surgeons in attendance are satisfied with her condition, though it still causes anxiety.

CORK LORD MAYOR

Yesterday Mr Sean French was elected Mayor of Cork by 23 votes to 22 against Egan.

Mr French is a recently released prisoner, and a prominent supporter of the Anti-Treaty cause.

Glin Rural District Council for the ensuing year is £320, or £160 current year.

Limerick County Board of Health