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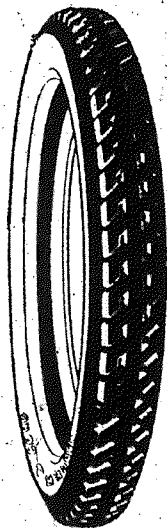
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Limerick No. 1 District Council.

Mr David Hennessy, Chairman, presided at the meeting of Limerick No. 1 District Council on Saturday.

A letter was read from the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health with reference to the necessity for enforcing the Vaccination Acts in the district. For the half-year ended the 31st March last there were fifty-two defaulters in the Annacotty dispensary area, and fifty in the Clarina dispensary area.

The Council made an order directing the Home Assistance officials to enforce the Acts.

A discussion took place with reference to the non-collection of the cottage rents in the district. It was stated that there were still considerable arrears, and a direction was given to the collectors to expedite the collection, for which the Council would hold them responsible.

Mr R. O'Connell, T.D. called attention to the fact that he had not received notice of the meeting being called, and desired to say that this had not been an infrequent occurrence.

THE WEST LIMERICK DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Mother and Child Accidentally Drowned.

The Inquest.

Our Newcastle West correspondent writes:—There were pathetic scenes at the inquest held on Saturday on the mother and child, Mrs Mary Lynch and her little boy Jeremiah, who were drowned under such poignantly sad circumstances at Glenmore, Co. Limerick, on Friday. Both bodies lay side by side in their little home, that of the little child and that of the mother who gave her life in an heroic attempt to save him. All who were present were deeply affected by the sad scene, and the greatest sympathy was extended to the poor bereaved husband, who was so overcome at the inquest that he was scarcely able to give evidence.

Mr R. Cussen, solicitor, held the inquest. Mr C. J. Curtin was foreman of the jury.

The first witness was Jeremiah Lynch, who stated he was husband of Mary Lynch, and father of Jeremiah Lynch. He left his home at Glenmore on Friday afternoon to go for Dr O'Shaughnessy to his dispensary at Ballykenny, about three-quarters of a mile away, to come to see his youngest child who was sick. He left after him at home his wife Mary Lynch, his daughter Mary, and his sons, Jeremiah and Timothy. He went about half the way when he heard his daughter, Mary, calling her mother, and he then turned home and met a man named John Danaher, of Strand, at John Cussen's, about 7 or 8 p.m. from where he (witness) lived. Danaher told him take his time as they were both drowned. When he went up to the quarry, which adjoins his house, he saw hair over the water. John Danaher and John Cussen got rakes and dragged the water and brought the bodies to the surface. His son, Jeremiah, was about 6½ years, and his wife was about 39 years of age.

John Danaher, Strand, stated he was coming down the road towards Strand on Friday afternoon, leading Mr Kelly's pony, when Mary Lynch ran out from Glenmore and asked him to come into the quarry which adjoins her house, as her mother and brother were after falling into the quarry. He went into the quarry and looked over the portion that was covered with water, and could not see anything at the time. The water was still. After examining the water for a while he saw a bit of hair appearing, and he saw a boy's cap in the water. He came out from the quarry and went up on the fence and called for help. John Cussen, who lives near by, came on the scene, and brought a rake with him. Jeremiah Lynch, the husband of the deceased Mary Lynch, then came to the spot, and it was with difficulty they prevented him jumping in to bring out the bodies. After dragging the water for some time they recovered both bodies and laid them on the bank. The depth of the water where the bodies were was from 10 to 12 feet.

Mary Lynch, a little child of tender years, made a statement to the effect that her little brother was trying to recover a tin floating in the water when he overbalanced and fell in. Her mother, hearing the cries, rushed into the water to bring him out, and they both sank. She ran for help.

Dr O'Shaughnessy, who examined the bodies, stated death was due to drowning.

The jury found that Jeremiah Lynch was accidentally drowned, and that the mother, Mary Lynch, met her death in an heroic attempt to rescue her child.

They added a rider to the effect that the County Council had not taken sufficient precautions to safeguard children and the public at this dangerous quarry.

Municipal Technical Education Committee

Alderman P. Walsh, Deputy Mayor, presided at the meeting of the Municipal Technical Education Committee, on Friday evening.

Also present—Miss Doyle, Alderman J. Messers O Ebrill, colr; S. W. Millar, J. B. D. Bourke, B.C.; D. Griffin, P.C.; R. P. O'P. Donnellan, and J. O'Flanagan, with Coomesy, Secretary, and P. Stundon, Clerk.

With reference to the tender accepted by the Committee for the erection of an engineering workshop in brick, a telegram was received from the Department pointing out that in view of limited funds at the disposal of the Council for building and equipment, the tenders should be reconsidered with a view to the building being constructed of concrete.

It was the unanimous feeling of the Council that the structure should be of brick, or that it would be out of harmony with the building.

The Committee decided to put this question before the Department.

A letter was read from the Department proposing of the courses of study for the years 1924 and 1925.

Relative to the question of the endowment the Department wrote stating that originally allocated for endowment was but owing to the operation of the Sixty-third Amendment that figure had now been reduced to £33,756, which on a census basis was available for technical education in the County. On the basis of the 1911 census Limerick of the grant was £1,036 5s 5d, but in bringing that figure up to the original sum of £5,112, the Department had taken into account special funds provided by the Oireachtas in the previous figures.

The Committee expressed satisfaction with the communication.

A letter was read from the Department in reference to the formation of classes of teachers, pointing out that they would be prepared to recognise any such class during the period from 8th July to the 1st August where a class had been formed for teaching than National Teachers.

The Secretary said that the communication would not affect the Committee, as they had time to appoint an Irish teacher.

The Chairman—We have only one Irish teacher?

The Secretary—Yes.

In connection with the scheme for the academic year, the Committee, on the advice of the Secretary, decided to make provision for the appointment of part-time teachers following subjects:—Electrical, in chemistry, physics, economics, and industrial well as full-time teachers for engineering and technical subjects, and Irish.

Relative to the scheme for the training of domestic service, it was decided to provide for six scholarships for competitive girls attending the National Schools in the successful candidates to have free admission to the domestic economy classes.

The Committee made no variation in its recommendation for admission to the various classes in the Institute.

A discussion took place in reference to the claim of Mr A O'Brien, caretaker, for employment while the Schools were closed, a period of two years. The claim had been referred to a Committee of the Corporation, who had recommended that the claim be reconsidered.

It was now decided to make representation to the Government to have the claim or well as the claim of the other wholly employed similarly situated, also the claim of the teacher of painting and decorating, who suffered by the closing of the Schools.

Hereditaments.