

Department of the animal." The appointment of an Advisory Committee representing the various branches of the cattle industry to assist the Ministry in the administration of the Act was the chief feature of Tuesday's debate. The Minister has not finally decided as to the composition of the consultative body. The whole question is to be re-considered before the Report Stage, and thus all interests concerned will have further opportunity of expressing their views on what is really a vital aspect of projected legislation. An Advisory Committee representative of all classes of breeders, as well as local or district interests would be of great assistance to the Ministry, and there should be no difficulty in setting up a body that would voice the views and the requirements of all concerned in the country's live stock industry.

CONCRETE STREETS.

Ratepayers of the Glentworth Ward have forwarded a petition to the Town Clerk asking the Corporation to include Glentworth street and adjacent thoroughfares leading to the Great Southern and Western Railway in its scheme of concreting. The petition, which is numerously subscribed to, will come before the Council at its next meeting, when the suggestions of the Citizens and Ratepayers' Society bearing on concrete road-making will also be considered.

TRAGIC DEATH OF MRS. DARRELL FIGGIS.

The death took place under tragic circumstances early yesterday morning of Mrs Darrell Figgis, wife of the Deputy for County Dublin, the unfortunate lady having shot herself while being driven in a taxi-cab on the mountain road, near Rathfarnham late on Tuesday night. A pathetic story of shattered nerves and illness was told at the inquest on the deceased last evening, when a verdict of suicide while suffering from temporary insanity was returned. Mr Figgis thanked the jury for their vote of sympathy.

TOWN TENANT'S ACT.

Clare Landlord's Appeal.

Supreme Court No Jurisdiction To Hear Case.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr Justice O'Connor, and Mr Justice FitzGibbon.)

When the appeal by the landlord, in the case of Town Tenants (I) Act, 1906—Salmon v Moloney—from a decision of the Judge of the South-Western Circuit Court (Mr McElligott, K.C.) at Ennis was called, the counsel for the tenant and applicant raised the objection that the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction to hear the appeal, having regard to the provisions of the Courts of Justice (Ireland) Act, 1924, prescribing the procedure or course to be followed in appealing from decisions of Circuit Courts.

After argument on both sides, the Court held that the objection was well founded, and that they had no jurisdiction to entertain the appeal under the circumstances. The appeal was accordingly dismissed with costs.

ALLEGED LARCENY OF JEWELLERY.

The Civil Guard effected the arrest, yesterday morning in Patrick Street of a young woman named McNamara, stated to be a native of Crusheen, Co. Clare, but at present residing in the city, on a charge of the larceny of jewellery. The arrest was effected within an hour of a complaint having been made at the Central Guard Station, and on being searched a gold wristlet watch was found on the accused.

Unionist	10,447
Republican	944
Farmers	647
Labour	99
Independent	
Total Electorate	53,719.

DEATH OF THE HON. E. A. T. PERY IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

An Eventful Life.

The "Sydney Morning Herald," of October 11th says:—

The death occurred on Thursday, at his residence, Wilberforce-avenue, Rose Bay, of the Hon Edmund Aubrey Templar Pery, second son of the second Earl of Limerick, and uncle of the present Earl, at the age of 79 years.

His death recalls his eventful life in the Royal Navy, and later in New South Wales as a police magistrate for many years at Macleay River and Taree. Mr Pery retired from the position of police magistrate about ten years ago. Mr Pery claimed not only to have descended in a direct line from Edward III but to be a lineal descendant also of the picturesque and dashing Brian Boroiuiche, of Boru, a famous chieftain of early Irish annals, who succeeded to Munster in 978, defeated the Danes at Limerick and Waterford, attacked Malachi, nominal King of the whole island, and became King in his stead. That was in the year 1002. Two years later Brian Boru was slain at the close of the battle of Clontarf, near Dublin, after gaining a signal victory. It was as a youngster, 12 years of age, that Mr Pery passed into the Royal Navy as a cadet. It was while his father was returning to England from Norfolk Island (where he held the position of Superintendent of Agriculture), upon his succession to the earldom of Limerick, that Mr E. A. T. Pery was born at sea. He was christened on H.M.S. Alfred by that vessel's chaplain, who was an old friend of the family. It was at Campbelltown that Mr Pery married a niece of Captain Croker, R.N. Mrs Pery died in 1901.

For many years Mr Pery was Clerk of Petty Sessions at Lithgow and at Forbes, while he was police magistrate on the Macleay River, and also at Taree for a long period of years. He commanded the Forbes Reserve Company in the early days, and imparted most of the instruction in drill, being fortified in this respect by his experience in the navy as a gunnery lieutenant. He was also an enthusiastic Freemason, and often recalled the proud day when he received a "charter" for the foundation and inauguration, in conjunction with M. E. Comp Peyton, of the Lodge of the Knights of the Red Cross in the western districts. He was then Clerk of Petty Sessions at Forbes.

In the days when his duties as police magistrate necessitated a good deal of travelling, Mr Pery broke one of his legs, and to make matters worse, he was apprehensive of being retired on the score of age. In order to escape retirement he decided faithfully to carry on his magisterial duties despite his accident. It was in his bedroom that he heard noises awaiting attention until he was allowed to leave his room. It was about this time that he was given the Taree district to look after, in addition to his other districts. With his leg in plaster he hobbled about, determined to stick to his post. He had to pay the price, however, for he was eventually attacked by rheumatism, from which he never fully recovered.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Kingsbridge Headquarters.

As from Saturday last, the directors and officers of the newly-formed Great Southern Railway Company entered upon their duties with administrative headquarters at Kingsbridge, Dublin. The new company comprises the interests of the Great Southern and Western, Midland of the Great Southern and Western Railways, Great Western, and Cork and Brandon Railways. The names of the last two now disappear. That of the first will remain in part, and in course of time all the rolling stock of the combined railways will bear the name—'Great Southern Railway.'

It is understood that the offices at Broadstone and at Cork will be used as required by the staff. Nothing is said as to changes, if any, at Limerick.

managed by the County Board of Health. The Minister stated that the staffs employed were excessive for the management of the institutions, and requested the Board to submit a new scheme for consideration for the accommodation of the patients and of the staffs provided under this scheme, with a view to economy.

Dr O'Connell in his report, stated that in the Scariff District Hospital, for instance, there was accommodation for 18 beds and one cot, while the average number of patients was four-teen. The staff of the hospital consisted of one medical officer, one secretary, two chaplains, one matron, three nurses, one porter, one cook, two wardmaids, and an ambulance driver, or a total of 14 officers for 14 patients.

In other hospitals the staff allowed for twenty beds was one medical officer, two or three nurses, two wardmaids, and one cook. There did not appear to be a necessity for a Secretary in Scariff District Hospital. Any duties performed by him could be discharged by the matron, and if no matron was engaged the duties could be discharged by the head nurse. The ambulance driver did not appear to be necessary, as it should be possible to arrange with a local motor firm to supply the driver when required. The Institution was far too expensively staffed and considerable economies could be effected both in the number of the staff and salaries paid.

The other Institutions under the control of the Board appeared to be equipped as regards staff on a similar scale.

Dr Clinch also reported that the salaries paid to the medical officers of the District Hospitals were excessive. If the local Dispensary doctors were employed £100 a year salary should be sufficient, and if some other practitioner was engaged £150 per annum should be the maximum salary allowed.

The Minister requested the Health Board to make more economical arrangements for the management of the Institutions.

The Chairman said the funny part of this communication was that the Minister had sanctioned those increases of salary. They had their scale of salary before them, and they fixed the salaries after due consideration. "I will not be a party," said the Chairman, "to any rehashing, and I really think they are carrying this thing too far."

The Secretary, being referred to, said the Protestant chaplain's salary was £10 per year for his services at the Scariff District Hospital.

Mr M. Hehir thought this office was not necessary, there being no patient of that religion in the hospital.

Mr Kenny said if a Protestant patient died there at any time there would be a row if the Minister was not there to attend.

The Chairman pointed out that the Secretary, so to speak, was not in the Scariff District Hospital, and the clerical work was done by the matron. They surely needed a night nurse in Scariff District Hospital, even that there was but one patient there to attend to; while if they ordered the porter to retire they would have to give him £70 a year superannuation, the same as the wages he was getting. The ambulance driver was not specially attached to the Scariff District Hospital, but was doing duty, when required, for Meelick, Tulla, and Scariff districts. So far as he (the Chairman) saw the Minister wanted to make pensioners out of the officials. He proposed that this report be marked "read."

Mr M. McMahon, seconding the proposal, said that the report was not a correct one. The report was eventually marked "read."

DEATH OF MR M LARKIN.

The death took place at his residence Westland Terrace, this morning, of Mr Michael Larkin, in his sixtieth year, and after an illness of a few days' duration. Mr Larkin took a prominent part in nationalist affairs, and was one of the Committee of the memorial erected to the late Mr John Crowe, a Limerick Fenian, and which was unveiled on Sunday last. He was an experienced national school teacher, and subsequently was in the teaching staff of the Crescent College. Since the passing of the National Health Insurance Act, the deceased occupied the position of Secretary to the Limerick City Worker's Insurance Society, and also filled conjointly the office of Clerk to the Castle Ward Old Age Pensions Committee. The late Mr Larkin, was a very talented man, and his demise has been learned with regret by very many friends in the city, who offer sincere sympathy to the widow and family in their sorrow.

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