

actual expenditure £22,800; 1924, 66, which was spent, and in 1925-00, of which £800 was unexpended. left a balance unexpended for three of £3,655, but was expended last year, this year the demand was £24,865. Ratepayers' Society, in the circumstances, thought the Poor Rate should be reduced by sixpence in the pound; understood the Corporation had no objection in this direction over the Board of Health.

Bourke said that was not so in regard to striking of the rate for the City and Hospital, but in questions of administration the Board was supreme. Of the high rate in that institution was the abnormal increase in home help to the tramp system, as brought about by a failure of men from outside to find work on the Shannon scheme. The Board should relieve these men when they were unemployed. It was impossible for the Council to successfully manage the affairs of the city, he personally attributed that to the lack of civic spirit. That being so he would now and all along that there was to be done but to ask the Government to appoint Commissioners to administer the affairs of the city.

Ray said he would include that suggestion in his resolution.

M. D. Shaw said he could not agree to the request for Commissioners, because the present Corporation had only been in existence less than twelve months, and had not yet got a chance of doing anything for the city. The Ratepayers' Society had done a great deal of work by preventing increases in rates and making suggestions of a beneficial character to the Corporation. If they could find out that the Corporation could not do so and effect essential economies, then they could make a demand for the appointment of Commissioners, but the time to do so was not yet opportune.

J. White, B.C.—If the Ratepayers' Society at any time demand Commissioners give them my support.

Chairman said the Poor Rate in the Free State, and he concluded they should call upon the Corporation to make a further reduction in it of sixpence. They should also call for the reduction of the amount estimated for a dispensary scheme in the rate estimate.

Mr. Goodbody—What exactly is the dispensary scheme intended to do?

Chairman—To provide a dispensary for the treatment of patients, and the appointment of a doctor and nurse. Under the present system domiciliary and sanatorium attendants are paid for out of the contributions of insured persons.

Mr. Goodbody—Is that provided for by statute or by an order of the Local Government Board?

Chairman—By Act of Parliament.

Mr. Goodbody—Then it appears to be a pet scheme of the Local Government Board. If you suggest to take sixpence off the Poor Rate you may be able to afford next year, as there may not be a rate struck to meet this year's expenses.

M. D. Shaw—You must retrench, there is no use giving any department anything to spend.

Mr. Goodbody then proposed as an amendment to the resolution that it be further reduced to the Corporation to, if possible, further reduce the Poor Rate by sixpence, and to excise from the estimates the amount allocated for the purposes of a dispensary scheme.

Mr. Arnett seconded the motion, which was carried, Mr. Bourke remarking that he would see how a further reduction could be made in the Poor Rate, except at the expense of the destitute and needy.

M. D. Shaw proposed the following:—That at his public meeting of the citizens of the Corporation he wish to bring to the notice of the Corporation the necessity of reducing

DROWNING FATALITY IN THE CITY.

While playing with other children in a field at the rear of Prospect Row on Tuesday evening, Timothy Brennan, aged seven, fell into a quarry hole containing several feet of water. The children raised the alarm, but the youth quickly disappeared from view, and was drowned. Shortly after the occurrence Civic Guards, stationed in Edward street, recovered the body, and had it taken to the house of his mother, who is a widow. She had been out on domestic business when the accident happened.

The Inquest.

An inquest was held at No. 12 Hall's Range last evening by the City Coroner, Mr J. S. McNeice, and a jury into the circumstances under which the deceased was drowned.

Sergeant O'Flynn, Edward Street Civic Guard station, conducted the enquiry.

Evidence of identification was given by Catherine McSweeney, Mungret street, aunt of the deceased boy.

Dr J. G. Holmes deposed to making an examination of the body, which he said was well nourished. Death was due to asphyxia caused by drowning.

A young lad named William O'Shea stated that he was with the deceased at Hall's Quarry on the evening of the occurrence. They were at the base of the "cliff" when the deceased said he would climb to the top. Witness and deceased began to climb, and when the witness was half way up he heard a splash in the water and ran down. He heard the deceased say "Oh, Billy," and in a moment he disappeared beneath the water and did not rise again.

Michael Sheehan stated that he was in the vicinity of the quarry on the evening in question, and saw a few children climbing up the side of the "cliff." After a time he heard a splash in the water, but thought something had been thrown in by one of the boys. When he saw young O'Shea running he realized that something was wrong, and went to the edge of the quarry. He saw what appeared to him to be a hand above the water, but it disappeared in a second. He looked closely into the water, but could see nothing, and then assisted in a search for the body, which was recovered soon after the accident.

Sergeant B. O'Flynn stated that he received word at the barrack at 5.35 o'clock on Tuesday evening that a child had fallen into the quarry hole which was full of water. He went immediately to the place, and with the assistance of others he searched for the body which was recovered a quarter of an hour later from ten feet of water. When the body was taken out there was no sign of life in it, but artificial respiration was resorted to but without avail. The body was then removed to No. 26 Prospect Villas, the home of deceased's mother.

The jury returned a verdict of death from asphyxia due to drowning, and extended sympathy to the mother and relatives of the deceased.

DEATH OF REV. R. J. AMBROSE. P.P.

The death took place in St. John's Hospital to-day of the Rev. Robert J. Ambrose, P.P., Glenroe. Three weeks ago the rev. gentleman met with an accident while out driving, and was removed to St. John's. The late Father Ambrose was a native of Ardagh, and was ordained priest in Maynooth forty-four years ago. He was curate successively in St. John's Cathedral, Ardagh, Knockaderry, Bruff, and Abbeyfeale, from where he was appointed to the pastorate of Glenroe twenty years ago.

The demise of Father Ambrose will be heard of with sincere regret by numerous friends in city and county.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

LATEST NEWS

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAM

Special to the "Chronicle"

The Attempt on Si Mussolini.

Lord Ashbourne's Sympathy with Premier.

In connection with the shooting of Mussolini, the following telegram was patched from Dublin to-day to Lord Ashbourne:—
"Miss Gibson's family regret and express profound sympathy."

Message from Pres. Cosgrave.

A telegram has been sent to Mussolini by President Cosgrave, expressing the indignation of the Irish people at the odious attempt on his life; congratulating him on his providential escape, and wishing him to be well. The President wishes for his speedy recovery.

THE COAL SITUATION

The Executive of the Miners' Federation met in London to-day to consider the coal situation.

The sub-Committee saw the Inland Committee of the Trade Union Congress.

PRINCESS VICTORIA.

Princess Victoria's progress is reported to be satisfactory.

POINT-TO-POINT FATALITY

Gentleman Rider Succumbs to Injuries.

Harry Fordham, a well-known gentleman rider, died to-day from injuries received while riding in the Puckeridge Hunt Point to Point Steeplechases. He formerly rode Hasty Robert, the 1924 Grand National winner.

DEATH OF DR AXHAM.

Dr Axham died this morning at Nonsuch, London.

TRALEE MEETING.

KILLARNEY HURDLE.

Empress Royal (E. Foley)
Abdulla (J. H. Harty)
Maidstown (W. Fitzgerald)
Also ran—Cross Gate and Wild D. Winner trained by owner.
Betting—2 to 1 agst Empress Royal, 3 to 1 Cross Gate, 10 to 1 Abdulla.
Won by 10 lengths.

STAYERS' CHASE.

Donyland (J. H. Harty)
Dusky Natty (J. Lynn)
Glenoge (J. Lombard)
Also ran—Coroner's Gift. Winner trained by H. Harty.
Betting—Evens Donyland, 3 to 1 Dusky Natty and Coroner's Gift, 20 to 1 Glenoge.
Won by 10 lengths.

MUNSTER CHASE.

Brackbawn (J. Lombard)

SPORTING.

WARRICK MEETING.

MILVERTON PLATE.

Stornoway Castle (Fox) 1
Reconfort (R. Jones) 2
Poor Ned and Creed dead heated for third place.

Also ran—Felicita, Lent Lover, Market Harboro, Popsy, Polish Glory, Reconfort, Maudlin, Mohican, Madame Barcarolle. Winner trained by Foster.

Betting—5 to 1 agst Stornoway Castle and Popsy, 6 to 1 Poor Ned, Reconfort, Market Harboro' and Felicita, 7 to 1 Polish Glory, 100 to 14 Madame Barcarolle, 100 to 8 others.

Won by three-quarters of a length.

HARBURY PLATE.

War Plume (Smirke) 1
Valley (Wragg) 2
Golden Twig (J. Kirby) 3
Also ran—Donatello, Marcia Blanche, Fairshaws, La Reiraite, Olun, and Castle Warden.

[Winner trained by Owner]

Betting—11 to 8 on War Plume, 5 to 1 Marcia Blanche, 6 to 1 La Reiraite, 8 to 1 Valley, 10 to 1 Fairshaws, 100 to 7 others.
Won by two lengths.

HATTON PLATE.

The Mount [L Brown] 1
Red Ronald [Smirke] and Mister Black [Wragg] dead heat for second place.
Also ran—Hungarian Fox, Paris Flight, Palestro, May Mon, Shako, Siktir, Harbury.

[Winner trained by Pigott]

Betting—7 to 2 against Palestro, and Paris Flight, 4 to 1 Red Ronald, 5 to 1 Mister Black, and Siktir, 100 to 8 Hungarian Fox, 10 to 1 others.
Won by 2 lengths.

LEAMINGTON HANDICAP.

Kyria (Fox) 1
English Fare (A. Burns) 2
Loyal Scott (Marshall) 3
Also ran—Ixia, Realm Park, Mistral, Inchroory, Farndon Ferry, Black Dawn, Wellwisher, The Ock, Flaith Mor.

Winner trained by Owner.

Betting—11 to 4 agst Loyal Scot, 4 to 1 Black Dawn and English Fare, 7 to 1 Kyria, 8 to 1 Mistral, 10 to 1 Ixia, 100 to 8 others.
Won by half a length.

GROVE PLATE.

Discovery (H. Leach) 1
Song of Love (Wragg) 2
Dax (Smirke) 3
Also ran—Plumbago, Little Hall, Waterford Glass, Compton's Pride, Early Spring, Ragazza, Flying Unit, and Beedevine. Winner trained by H. Leader.

Betting—2 to 1 on Discovery, 11 to 10 on Song of Love, 10 to 1 on Dax.