

CURRENT COMMENT.

City Coal Supply.

It would be interesting to know from authentic sources the extent of the coal supply in the city, in view of the possibility of prolongation of the strike cross-Channel. It is stated that the city merchants have very little to offer, and at the meeting of the Corporation on last Thursday night it was inspired that there was only a five weeks' supply for carbonising purposes at the Gas works. That is a serious state of affairs, giving regard to the large numbers that depend on gas fuel for cooking and industrial purposes. In England coal is being rationed, and orders have been placed by several firms for foreign coal, principally from Germany. It is essential that steps should be taken by the Gas Committee to supplement their supply, more particularly when there is now no direct steamship service between Limerick and Germany.

Street Improvements.

In the estimate of expenditure for the current year, the Corporation very wisely made provision for concreting certain streets and sidewalks. The amount proposed to be expended in the work, though small, something like £4,000, will, judging by the results obtained from concrete roads, be money well and judiciously spent, and will find approval on the part of the citizens. It is to be hoped that in the scheduled area the Borough Surveyor will see his way to reconstruct the footpath leading from the end of Matthew bridge to the Courthouses, which in bad weather is invariably covered with slush, and is, under the best atmospheric conditions, rickety and uneven.

With reference to a collision on Sunday at Ballinacurra between a motor car and a cyclist, a communication we have received states that the injured boy, Pat Hogan, is still in hospital as the result of the injury received.

Sports Syndicate for an extension of the lease of the Markets' Field football and sports ground. The term of the lease expired recently, and the application for a renewal, it appears, must before being granted have the approval of the mortgagees through the Court Receiver.

The Committee decided to refer the matter to the representatives of the Council on the Board of Markets' Trustees for consideration.

APPRENTICESHIP TO TRADES.

At the annual general meeting of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the Free State, held in Dublin yesterday.

Mr. G. R. Ryan dealt with the difficulty of boys and girls being apprenticed to trades when they left school. Nearly every trade was now a closed borough to those other than the sons and daughters of that trade. Very little could be done by employers in this matter. A boy or girl should be free to take up any trade they had a liking for. The Government had invested money in the education of children hoping to have it returned fourfold, and they should see that these children got the opportunity in life to do so. Employers, as a result of the attitude of the Unions, found that it was impossible to find skilled workers, the supply was not equal to the demand. As a result work was being held up and postponed indefinitely in many cases. This was a serious matter for the future of their industries. He suggested that a conference consisting of representatives of the Government, of the employers, and of the Unions should be held with a view to finding some solution. The executive of the Chambers of Commerce might well consider the matter.

A motion on the subject was adopted.

DEATH OF MR JOHN J. deCOURCY.

The death, which we record with regret, occurred to-day at Barrington's Hospital, of Mr John J. deCourcy, Mount Catherine, Clonlara. The deceased had been ailing for a long period, and was sixty-five years of age. Early in life he was an official in the National Bank, and then acquired a farm at Mount Catherine. He was a member of the Limerick Farmers' Union, and was well known in the city and counties of Limerick and Clare. The late Mr deCourcy was an old member of Limerick Boat Club, and in the early years of the Athlunkard Boat Club he gave the members the benefit of his experience as an oarsman.

The remains will be removed at 7 o'clock to-morrow evening to St. John's Cathedral.

caterer to the contract Power Scheme, sued the Railway Company for of stores consigned from and Sons, Brewers, Cor

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lorries to the Strand B The defence was then sent to the plaintiff, with the stout removed from within twenty-four hours been perpetrated on the investigations were by Civic Guards.

Mr J. Dodds, solicitor Company, held that the tract having been fully liable.

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CYCLISTS

Two cyclists in directions came into the last evening. In the injured in the head and at Barrington's Hospital recently a motor lorry the Shannon Power parapet of the bridge, the masonry.