

THE POST OFFICE EXCHANGE AFTER 12 O'CLOCK AT night. He proposed that the Corporation enter a strong protest against the present unsatisfactory service, and ask the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs to remedy what had been complained of. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henihan and passed, and the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce and Harbour Board invited in the matter.

HEALTH OF THE CITY.

Epidemic Diseases.

In his fortnightly report to the Public Health Committee, Dr. M. S. McGrath, Superintendent Medical Officer of Health, states that generally the city was fairly free from epidemic diseases. Within the period under review four cases of scarlatina were notified, and these had been properly isolated, while there were some cases of influenza, but of a mild character.

It was stated that there was an outbreak of diphtheria amongst travelling gipsies at the Fair Green, and the Committee warned people of the danger of visiting these people.

CITY TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

A meeting of the Sub-Committee charged by the Corporation to frame a scheme for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis in the city was held on Tuesday night. The Mayor presided, and there were also present—Messrs J. Casey, J. Reidy, J. G. O'Brien, and J. J. Peacocke, Executive Sanitary Officer, with L. O'Donnell, Secretary County Borough Insurance Society; Miss Enright, and J. Fitzpatrick.

The Sub-Committee directed the Executive Sanitary Officer to draw up a scheme suitable to the needs of the city for submission to the Insurance Committee, and approved by the Ministry of Local Government.

A CITY BYE-LAW.

Question of Enforcement.

Some time ago an order was made by the Public Health Committee directing the sanitary sub-officers to see that the bye-law relating to householders being obliged to sweep the footpaths outside their houses was enforced. At last night's meeting of the Committee a report was received from the Law Adviser pointing out that in his opinion the bye-law could not be enforced, but this should not debar householders from carrying out an obvious duty and one which obtains in other cities.

IRISH DISTRESSED LADIES FUND.

A Sale of Work and Country Produce in connection with the above will be held at St. Ita's House, Thomas Street, next Saturday. There will also be a bridge tournament, and such a deserving cause should attract a large attendance.

persons for the sale of poisons for horticultural and agricultural purposes, but if Mr Flannery had obtained a licence under that Act it would not protect him in this case, as the article would have to be sold at a separate counter. The penalty under section 30 of the Act of 1875 was £5. That was the minimum penalty, and if the Justice was satisfied he would ask for the expenses involved in bringing the prosecution.

Mr O'Donnell said he agreed with everything stated by Mr Meeke, and before the defendant consulted him he had written to the society admitting ownership of the shop and the sale to the inspector of sheep-dip, Lysol and Rodene. That was the attitude taken up by the defendant, who had acted in complete ignorance of the statute, and had guaranteed to the Society that he would discontinue the sale of these goods, and pay the expense incurred in bringing the prosecution. At Rearcross Mr Flannery was a kind of universal provider, selling everything in his premises that was necessary for the farming community of the district. He bought those goods from Messrs Boyd, of Limerick, and was in complete ignorance in retailing them that he was committing any offence.

Mr Flood said he regarded the prosecution as being of very great importance, and considered that Mr Meeke had presented the facts very fairly. The Pharmaceutical Society were engaged in carrying out a very important duty, and he fully appreciated the manner in which the prosecution had been met by the defendant, whom he knew to be a very respectable dealer.

Mr Meeke said he would withdraw the summonses for failure to enter sales in the book, and ask that defendant be dealt with as a first offender in the two summonses for selling.

Mr Flood imposed a fine of £5 and 20s costs for keeping open a shop for the retail of poison, and in the other two summonses for selling he gave the defendant the benefit of the Probation of Offenders Act, with 20s costs in each of the summonses.

DEATH OF DOCTOR RYAN, CASTLECONNELL.

We regret to record the death of Doctor John Ryan, M.D., F.R.C.S.I., Castleconnell, which took place at his residence, The Tontines, on Tuesday evening, in the 79th year of his age. Dr. Ryan was one of the best-known practitioners in the county, and was highly esteemed by all classes of the community. For very many years he was dispensary medical officer of Annacotty and Castleconnell, and he also enjoyed a large private practice. He was well and popularly known in racing life, and bred and owned many successful runners. The sympathy of numerous friends will be extended to his family in his demise.

The funeral took place this afternoon from Castleconnell Catholic Church to the local cemetery, and was largely attended.

the river wall at the Sand Mall, and flooding in winter months. The amount involved in both undertakings is estimated in the region of £15,000, which to be raised by way of loan if the Government refuses a grant for the purpose.

ACCIDENTS AT SHAN SCHEME.

Last night two men named A. Ryan, Mary-street, and Frank L. Ryan were injured while working on the Power Scheme, in the Blackwater, in the enterprise. They were, it appeared, engaged on the railway when they were by a piece of machinery. Ryan sustained a fracture of the left wrist, and was taken to Barrington's Hospital, and Heffernan sustained a contusion of the neck and was removed in the Fire Brigade ambulance to the City Hospital.

SURCHARGES REMITTED.

The Ministry for Local Government has remitted on the merits the surcharges against the Council in respect of mileage to the County Council. The Ministry has also remitted a £28 5s. 10d. made against the Corporation relative to proportion of a gratuity. Mr R. Austin, late acting Clerk of the Union, and £12 disallowed by the Corporation to Dublin.

BRITISH EX-SERVICEMEN HOUSES.

The Irish Sailors' and Soldiers' Trust, Dublin, has started building houses for British ex-servicemen in Blackboy. At the meeting of the Committee of the Corporation last night a letter was read from the Secretary of the Trust asking for the laying down of service to the houses, which, it is estimated will cost £200. The application was approved and in order to facilitate the service agreed to ask the Gas Committee to lay on the gas to the houses simultaneously with the Water Company.

NO PENNY POST FOR BRITAIN.

Lord Southwark, in the House of Lords, asked the Government whether, in view of the profit of £7,967,005 made by the Post Office and telephone services last year, the Government proposed to give the benefit of the penny postage.

The Earl of Lucan, replying, said that it was estimated that a return to the penny would mean a net loss to the Post Office of something over £5,000,000 a year. The Government could not incur such a loss in the present state of finance.