

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for insertion in Saturday's "Chronicle," and these should be brief, are requested to let us have them on Fridays, where at all possible. Otherwise insertion in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to pressure of space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers will kindly send in all substitutes or standing advertisements on Friday mornings. We cannot guarantee to insert in Saturday's issue any advertisement received after 2 p.m. on that day.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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MUNICIPAL TOPICS.

Several matters of interest were under discussion at the meeting of the Borough Council on Thursday night, as reported in another column. The most important of these related to the auxiliary supply of electric current to the city, and on this subject the letter from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (already published) was read, in which the suggestion was made that the Minister would build the transmission line and the transformer station, on the condition that the city would bear the cost of all the works inside the borough boundary. The proposal met with the approval of the Council, more especially, as was pointed out by the Mayor, that the prices have been fixed by Messrs. Siemens-Schuckert, who are contractors all over the country, and that Limerick will get the benefit of these rates. We may take it, then, that the work will be proceeded with soon, and doubtless the coming winter months will see the necessary supply of electric power installed. This will be to the advantage of the city and suburbs. Talking of the latter, it is earnestly to be hoped that Ballinacorra, a large and populous district with heavy road traffic, will be included. Cimmerian darkness prevails here during the dark and dreary winter nights, and, needless to say, a few large electric lights there would be of incalculable advantage to the residents and the public. So that when the time arrives for availing of electric power it is not too much to assume that the County Council will take steps to meet the urgent requirements of this important ratepaying district. Another much discussed topic of late has been the question of the trees on a section of O'Connell Avenue in connection with the intended concreting of that thoroughfare from the Crescent to Wolfe Tone Street. This is, of course, a necessary and a progressive work in view of steadily increasing traffic, but the removal of the fine trees which were planted there many years ago, and which enhance the scenic attractions of the locality, would be very much regretted. Their disappearance, however, is stated to be essential for the laying down of the concrete road, and in their stead it is proposed that smaller trees should be planted. This was the purport of a notice of motion considered at Thursday night's Council meeting. As to this the result of the voting seems to have been indefinite, but there is little doubt, we think, that if the old trees are to go the Council will not approve of leaving the thoroughfare absolutely bare. That would be an undesirable state of things from a scenic point of view, to say the least, and we may add that the picturesque attractions of Limerick have been the admiration of the many visitors who have come to the city during the present summer months.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Speed of Motor Cars.

The speed at which many motor cars and motor cycles pass through our busy streets is a risk to pedestrians, and crossing these thoroughfares is frequently a matter of much difficulty. It is satisfactory to notice that the Corporation Committee had the subject under notice at its last meeting, and that the Superintendent of the Civic Guards is to be communicated with on the subject. The Guards perform useful point duty which regulates traffic, and there have been from time to time prosecutions for excessive speed. It would really be well if speed regulations were put into operation in the city by the Corporation. Another important point was called attention to by "A Motorist" in a letter published in our last issue, that is, as he describes it, "the increasing sickness of numerous drivers of motor cars" in giving no warning when approaching blind corners and cross roads by sounding a horn. This precaution against accident to person or property should undoubtedly be taken at all times, and it is to be hoped no further cause for complaint will arise regarding remissness in this respect.

DEATH OF LORD DUNALEY.

The Right Hon. Lord Dunaley, Kilbooy House, Nenagh, died yesterday afternoon after a few days' illness. Lord Dunaley, was the fourth Baron, the title having been created in 1800, and

DEATH OF MR JOSEPH O'MARA.

We record with very deep regret the death of Mr Joseph O'Mara, our distinguished fellow citizen, which took place last evening at his residence, Ailesbury Park, Dublin, in the 61st year of his age. The sad news was not quite unexpected, as for some time past he had been in poor health, and, as announced in our last issue, his condition for some days past gave cause for anxiety. His premature demise removes a distinguished Irish singer, and a leading figure in the musical world. He was son of the late Mr James O'Mara, founder of the well-known bacon curing firm of O'Mara, Ltd., and brother of the late Senator Stephen O'Mara, who died in July of last year.

Joseph O'Mara had an outstanding career in the musical profession. As a tenor of rare quality he sang himself into fame at an early age. He studied first with the late Mr. J. F. Murray of this city, and later with Professor Gmur of Cork, and one of his first appearances as a professional was in the old Theatre Royal of his native city. He was also immediately successful in Cork. He went to Milan where he studied for several years under several famous teachers. Progressing rapidly, he was encouraged to make an appearance in London. In 1891, at 25 years of age, he sang an important role in "Ivanhoe" at the Royal English Opera House, being at once recognised as an artist of exceptional skill and power, with a striking gift for dramatic interpretation, as well as the difficult art of opera bouffe.

His charmingly Irish personality was an original feature which quickly made him a favourite with English audiences used to the Italian tradition, and O'Mara's every appearance during his two years at the Royal was greeted with enthusiasm. In 1893 his growing reputation came under notice of the celebrated Sir Augustus Harris, who retained the brilliant Irishman for three years, during which both patron and protegee added much lustre to their names.

His career from this stage was for many years a record of unbroken success. At Drury Lane and Covent Garden, where he was engaged as principal tenor, his delightful voice drew thousands of London music-lovers, who were astonished to find an Irishman superseding many Italian celebrities.

His tour in Ireland with Sir Augustus Harris's company was a triumphant success, and he returned to England as an established favourite. Extending his surprising energy into the English concert world, which was then occupied by more famous singers than at any time before or since, he achieved further success, and enjoyed the distinction of having several songs written specially for him by some of the principal composers. In compositions with an Irish sentiment he gained great praise for his tender interpretation of themes that were then novel to English audiences. In the large cities and in the provincial towns alike, his career was continued with increasing favour.

He became leading tenor of the Moody Manners Opera Company, with which he toured extensively in Ireland.

In 1912 he consolidated his fame by establishing the O'Mara Opera Company, in which he was leading tenor, as well as managing director. Gathering around him a fine selection of singers and musicians, he initiated a remarkable revival of interest in grand opera. Since the first performance in Cork in 1913, the company went from success to success, many young singers, who subsequently became famous, serving their apprenticeship under Mr O'Mara's thorough management. Despite frequent heavy losses, he carried on his onerous responsibility with admirable pluck and ability, visiting England, Wales, and Scotland regularly, and touring the United States for three years, there being accorded an impressive welcome.

Last year Mr O'Mara gave up stage work, transferred his company to other hands, and settled down in Dublin, occasionally re-appearing on the concert platform. It may be added that he took the keenest interest in the Feis Ceoil, where the Joseph O'Mara prizes were annually competed for.

Mr Joseph O'Mara was a liberal supporter of every good and charitable work both by voice and purse. His last public appearance on a concert platform in Limerick was at the Dominican Sept-Centenary concerts at the Lyric last March. Here, after an absence from the city for some years, he was accorded an unbounded reception for his beautiful selections, which he rendered with his wonted taste and power.

Mr. O'Mara's charm of manner made him highly popular in professional and private life, and, needless to say, in no place is there more poignant regret amongst all classes and creeds at his death than in his native city of Limerick. Deep sympathy is extended to his widow, the only daughter of Mr. M. J. Power of Waterford, and the various other members of the O'Mara family in their bereavement.

It is announced in this morning's Dublin papers that there will be Requiem Mass in the Church of the Assumption, Bootstown, at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, and that the funeral will be private.

The city flag in Limerick is at half mast at the Town Hall, and the State flag at the Post Office.

Mr O'Mara's stage career was long and popular, says the "Irish Times." He made a good name at the outset and maintained it to the close. No other operatic artist of his time had sung so many parts and sung them all so uniformly well. If one could analyse his art, its secret might be found in the fit wedding of dramatic portraiture and vocal excellence. Joseph O'Mara was that rarely gifted thing—an all-round artist. He was as happy in a Wagner masterpiece as in the lighter phases of a lyric work. And he achieved what few among contemporary operatic singers have achieved—complete success upon the concert platform. An Irish air, an English or a Scottish ballad found in him a master of simplicity. The sentiment was never strained. He sang the music and the words so well because he felt them in his heart.

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE NEW RATE.

A special meeting of the County Council was held to-day, Mr John Bourke, Chairman, presiding. Also present—Messrs J. Barry, G. Bennett, J. Blackwell, M. Cahill, W. M. Condon, P. O'Connor, M. J. Liston, M. Hanrahan, J. Hartney, C. Keogh, E. L. Lloyd, J. Mackey, D. J. Madden, C. D. O'Sullivan, J. McCormack, P. O'Shaughnessy, Michael Quinlan, John Quaid.

The consideration of the rate for the financial year ending 21st March, 1928, was held in private.

Subsequently the following rates were submitted to the meeting—

Table with 3 columns: Land, Buildings, and a third column with values. Rows include Croom, Glin, Kilmallock, Limerick, Mitchelstown, Newcastle West, Rathalea, and Tipperary.

The Chairman stated that under the circumstances it would be necessary to obtain a loan to meet the situation created. The Local Government Department would not grant the loan, but did not oppose the Council in obtaining it from their treasurer, and even a larger loan if the treasurer decided to grant it. The treasurer had decided to grant a loan of £45,000, and he did not think the Council could have given greater relief to the ratepayers. He believed they had succeeded very well, the loan to be repaid in five years at 5 1/2 per cent.

Mr Madden asked would he be in order in saying that the increase in the quashed over the greater rate was due entirely to the action by Mr Hewson.

The Chairman replied in the affirmative Mr Madden—Will we be able to collect such a rate?

The Chairman said he would not like to go into the matter. But for the loan they would not try, but let somebody who would be paid to do it be got.

Mr Madden said it would be well the ratepayers should know that the difference in both rates was due to the law action with Mr Hewson.

The Chairman agreed with Mr Madden. He thought they could congratulate themselves on the result, and that the rate was not much larger.

Mr Madden—Were it not for the intervention of the Local Government Department facilitating the Council in obtaining the overdraft of £45,000, it would be much higher.

Mr Madden proposed, and Mr McCormack seconded the adoption of the rate estimate. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

RECENT SWORN INQUIRY.

The minutes of the whole-house Committee of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, on Saturday, 30th July, 1927, were submitted to the meeting and adopted without discussion.

The Committee unanimously approved of the Inspector's remarks under the heading of constitution, proceedings, meetings, etc.

A discussion took place at the Committee relative to the limits of expenditure being exceeded during the period covered by the Inspector's Report, and in this connection, it was pointed out that during this period the wages of the workers were considerably increased, and that same were not exceeded in proportion to the increases given.

The Committee did not agree with the views of the Inspector regarding the control and supervision of road work in the County. Other subjects were dealt with in the recommendations.

THE CHURCH.

Sunday Services.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—8th Sunday after Trinity—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Matins—Prose and Hymn, 402; Venite; Fossell in G; Psalm 77, Goss in D; Te Deum, 5th Setting; Jubilate, Dyce in F; Hymn, 457; Kyrie-Credo, Garrett in A; Hymn, 219; Preacher, the Dean. Evensong, 3.30.—Psalm 42, Wesley in G; Service, Arnold in A; Hymns, 587 (tune 645), 554, 35; Preacher, Rev. G. W. Griffin, B.A.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.—8th Sunday after Trinity—8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11.30 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; 6.30 p.m., Evening Prayer; Preacher, the Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH.—8th Sunday after Trinity—Holy Communion at 8.0. Morning Prayer at 11.30; Evening Prayer at 6.30. Preacher at both Services, the Archdeacon.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—8th Sunday after Trinity—Morning Prayer at 10.30; Preacher, the Archdeacon. Evening Prayer at 6.30; Preacher, Rev. G. W. Griffin, B.A.

ST. MURCHIN'S CHURCH.—8th Sunday after Trinity—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening Service 6.30. Preacher, Canon T. B. Robertson.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH (Parson's).—8th Sunday after Trinity—Matins and Holy Communion, 11.45 a.m. Preacher, Rev. G. W. Griffin, B.A.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH (Newport).—8th Sunday after Trinity—Morning Prayer, 12.30 o'clock; Evening Prayer, 7.0. Preacher, the Rector.

KILLOSCULLIX CHURCH.—8th Sunday after Trinity—Morning Prayer, 10.45. Preacher, the Rector.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Lower Mallow-street)—Morning Service, 11.30; United Service, Presbyterian and Methodist, 6.30. Preacher at both Services, Rev. T. Byers, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH (Connell-st.)—United Service, Methodist and Presbyterian, 11.30; Evening Service, 6.30.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Sunday Services: Morning, 11.30; Evening Service, 6.30. Speaker, Pastor J. W. Pearce. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting; Friday, 8 p.m., Sisters' Prayer Meeting. MALLOW STREET HALL.—Lord's Day—Morning, 11.30; Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.; Gospel Meeting, 7 p.m. Thursday—Bible Reading, 8 p.m. FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE (Ceall-st.)—Sunday, 11 a.m.

DOCK EXTENSION SCHEME.

A meeting of the Harbour Commissioners has been summoned for Wednesday next. The principal business is "to meet Mr McCarthy, B.A., B.E., Consulting Engineer, and to consider his report on tenders for the extension of the docks, and, if advisable, to accept a tender."

GRAND CENTRAL.

A very attractive film, entitled "Fine Feathers," featuring an all-star caste, will be produced at

LATE MR JOHN DILLON.

Mr T. P. O'Connor's Tribute.

In a special memoir of the late Mr John Dillon in the "Daily Telegraph" Mr T. P. O'Connor writes—"The always essentially soft and winning manner in private which had been his even in the stormiest periods of his career appealed to the few strangers—English as well as Irish—who met him at my flat in the last months we had together. When he had left the room everbody burst into praise, perhaps surprise, at his extraordinary charm of manner."

No definite arrangements have yet been made for the funeral, but it will probably not take place until Monday. The body was taken from London last night in a plain oak coffin for burial in Dublin.

As the train bearing the coffin steamed out of Euston a little crowd of Irish men and women paid their last tribute to Mr Dillon's memory. They stood in silence on the platform, the men with their heads bared and the women with bowed heads, until the train had disappeared.

Amongst those on the platform were Mr T. P. O'Connor, M.P., and former Irish M.P.'s, including Messrs John O'Connor, R. Hazleton, Charles Diamond, and J. Scanlon, the Metropolitan magistrate, who has recently retired.

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral at 11.30 a.m. on Monday. The remains on arrival in Dublin will be conveyed to St. Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner-street.

Irish Club's Sympathy.

The following is a copy of a telegram sent to Mr James Dillon, son of the late Mr John Dillon, ex-M.P.:—"The members of the Irish Club, Limerick, heard with regret the sad news of the death of your distinguished father, and beg to tender to you their heartfelt sympathy."

BRITISH ATTACHE HURT IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

The Budapest Correspondent of the "Times" writing on August 3rd, says—

This morning the British Military Attache, Major Parry Jones, met with an accident, in company with two Hungarian officers, in a motor car in which he was travelling in order to attend military manoeuvres near Budapest.

In consequence of the unusual heat, the chauffeur was overcome by a sudden giddiness and lost his hold on the wheel, so that the car ran into a tree and all its occupants were thrown out. All four have been seriously injured, especially the chauffeur, whose condition is considered hopeless. Major Parry Jones suffered a fracture of the skull and other injuries. Luckily medical assistance speedily arrived, and he was taken to hospital, where, in the afternoon, the physicians declared him to be out of danger, and expressed their hope for his complete recovery in about three weeks' time.

The Regent, Admiral Horthy, and the Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs made inquiries as to the state of his health during the day.

DEATH OF A LIMERICK PRIEST ABROAD.

A cablegram has been received in Limerick from Wellington, New Zealand, conveying the sad tidings that the Very Rev. Father Maurice Fitzgibbon, P.P. of Levin, Wellington, son of the late Mr Maurice Fitzgibbon and Mrs Fitzgibbon, of New Street, Limerick, died on Monday last as the result of an accident, details of which have not yet come to hand. The rev. gentleman had spent some ten years in that country, and he paid a visit home last year, returning abroad in November last. He has two brothers in the Jesuit Order, Rev. Father Michael Fitzgibbon, of Mungret, and Father Dan Fitzgibbon, of Clongowes. There is deep sympathy in Limerick with the mother and relatives of the deceased priest, who was well and popularly known in the city, previous to his going on the mission abroad.

MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Deputation of Licensed Trade.

In connection with the Munster finals, football and hurling, to be held in the Market Field to-morrow, the Mayor (Councillor J. G. O'Brien) and a deputation from the City Licensing Trade waited to-day on Chief Superintendent Bourke with a view to the hours for opening being extended. Mr. Bourke, we learn, informed the deputation that he could not see his way to make any alterations in the existing hours as prescribed by the Statute.

THE AGA KHAN CUP

Won by Swiss.

The Swiss Army team, at Ballsbridge yesterday, retained the Aga Khan's Gold Cup for international military jumping. Captain Hart, of the Irish Free State Army, was awarded a special prize for the best single round.

HARTIGANS' WEEKLY CATTLE SALE.

Saturday, 30th July—A good supply of dairy cows and stores, and trade fairly brisk, especially for promising young cattle. Prices showing a slight improvement over last market—Two-yr-old bullocks, £11 3s 6d to £14 5s; two-yr-old heifers, £11 10s to £14 10s; yearlings, £9 10s to £12 2s second run, £7 10s to £9 5s; dairy cows, £12 5d to £21 10s. Good clearance.—Hartigan & Co. Auctioneers.

101st BIRTHDAY

Mr Francis Payne, of Gosling street, Leicester, received many congratulations on Thursday, on his 101st birthday. He is a native of Harpole, Northamptonshire, and settled in Leicester over 70 years ago. Until recently he did a little shoe cobbling in his own workshop. He is a lifelong teetotaler and non-smoker and confesses to fondness for sweets.

TRADES' UNION CONGRESS.

The Irish Labour Party Congress con-

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LEWES

Ringmer Plate—Bensley, 1; Guadi Silver (R Dick), 3. Soucar, Incheape Oaks, Fausta, Imà Lomond, Soliman, Betting—7 to 4 on Blairry, 6 to 1 Gus Plenty, 100 to 1 Soucar, 33 to 1 of Trained by Perse.

Mount Harry Pl Somabula (H Bea Jones), 3. Also r Country, Etharia Winkaway. Betf 6 to 4 Somabula, 1 to 8 Etharia, 20 t Trained by Woott

Hamesey Plate—Double Bloom and 2nd place. Also r de Ghent, Secretar Discard, Polynius, 5 to 2 agst Double 5 to 1 Tullywood, 1 to 1 John Dennis, by a head. Train

Glynde Plate—Polyphonia, 2; I Currahackle, Ar Vessom, Tampa, L Flaxgn Boy, Pro 4 to 1 agst Currah Canteen, 100 to 1 8 to 1 Heah, 100 Dilemma, 20 to Nightingall.

Lewis Handica 1; Despatch (Pe (Grvres), 3. Als tize, Double Bud, Dark Peril II, Ch Smyth. Betting— to 4 Quick Stick, Doble Bud, 10 to 100 to 8 Pianard threequarters of a

Southdown Plat Glen Andred (Mr (Mr Bristow), Swell, Turnips, M Hall. Betting— to 1 agst Turnips, Pendor, 20 to 1 c head.

Telscombe Plat man), 1; Stinger Butchers), 3. Beuclere II, Foo Marten, Complin 2 to 1 agst Unch 100 to 3 Grey M 10 to 1 Foolish I Naroc, 20 to 1 ot

PHENIX

Navan Plate—Royal Orb (Patm Doyle), 3. Al Ages, Minnetoni Pride. Winner Betting—7 to 4 Minnetonka, 6 to Royal Orb, Nell by a length and

Neas Plate—F Sunflame (D War 3. Also ran—Golden Pearl, S Owner. Betting— to 2 Sunflame, 1 half a length.

North Wall P Cauty), 1; Jc Hanoverian (S Ballymote, The I Betting—2 to 1; Sedge Bee, 5 Hanoverian, 100 a short head.

Phenix Plate Golden Oracle (5 3. Fifteen ran.

Newbridge Pls 1; Slane Castle (Jas Cauty), 3. Lady. Winner tr 3 to 1 on Noble Castle, 100 to 8 quarters of a len

Nobber Plate— 1; Mail Fist (2 3. Also ran—E

CHEPS

Great Western Elliott), 1; Joy 2; Plaza (P M Jarvis. Betting— 4 to 1 agst Jovo Won by two len

Lions Plate—Maurelia f (G I Archer. Bettin Won by three len

St Arvans H Richards), 1; Wayne (L Rea Tory Hill, Ali Archer. Bettin 2 Lovelace, 5 Wayne and T Won by a head.

Chepstow (Bessborough (K (Lane), 3. Als Elphenor, Desire Trained by J Ja San Vincente, 4