

# Dock Extension and Railway Schemes.

## Again Discussed.

The Mayor presided at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board yesterday. There were also present—Aldermen P. O'Flynn, J. J. McInerney, Messrs. F. J. Cleeve, M. Loughrey, B.C., T. J. Loughrey, M. Doyle, D. O'Dwyer, P. N. Treacy, J. J. McGuire, J. H. Ryan, B.C., G. R. Ryan, C.E., J. H. Cleeve.

The officials in attendance were—Messrs. F. Power, Secretary; and T. F. O'Sullivan, Engineer.

In reply to Mr Gough, the Secretary said the revised plans for dock extension would come before the Board in due course. The best tenders for the contract were from the Limerick firm and from Messrs J. Kenny and Co., Dublin.

Mr O'Dwyer said the revised plans were approved by the Board.

Mr Gough—They were approved by the Board.

The Secretary—When the Consulting Engineer's report is received the whole matter will come before the Board.

A letter was read from Mr Bruce Murray acknowledging on behalf of his brothers and himself the Board's resolution of sympathy on the death of their brother, Mr Archibald Murray.

The reply was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

The Secretary, in conformity with a request from Mr O'Dwyer, read the letter forwarded by him (Mr Power) to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce relative to the dock extension and railway projects. The letter asked that the Ministry would be good enough to expedite the projects in order that the Board would be in a position to complete the negotiations for the loan of £50,000 under the Trades Loan Guarantee Act so that the work could be proceeded with, and employment, which was very much needed, given in the city.

Mr Loughrey—We are pressing for the building of the railway link?

The Secretary replied in the affirmative, and read the reply from the Secretary to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to the effect that the plans, specifications and estimate for the proposed works had been prepared by his department on the 29th of September with Mr P. H. McCarthy, Consulting Engineer to the Harbour Board, until the revisions that were necessary had been made it would not be possible to proceed with the proposals of the Commissioners.

Ald. McInerney asked when the plans and specifications would be ready.

The Secretary said he had a telephone conversation with Mr McCarthy's office that morning.

## Legislation Foreshadowed.

### Letter from Ministry.

The following letter was to-day received by Mr D. O'Neill, Secretary Limerick Citizens and Ratepayers' Society:—

Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
Upper Merrion St., Dublin.  
28th November, 1927.

A Chara,—With reference to your letter of the 15th instant, forwarding a resolution from the Limerick Citizens and Ratepayers' Society in regard to the question of the area of charge for expenses incurred in poor relief in Limerick City, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that this matter has been engaging the attention of this Department for a considerable time. No change can be made in the area of charge for Poor Law expenditure without legislation, which it is hoped to introduce at an early date relating to this and other matters arising out of the report of the Poor Law Commission.

Is mise, le meas,

TOMAS MACANDGAIL  
(ar-son an Aire).

### DEATH OF MR. JOHN RIDDELL.

We regret to record the death, which took place at his residence, Penzance, Cornwall, on Friday last, of Mr John Riddell, formerly and for many years distiller of the Limerick Distillery, Thomondgate. Mr Riddell was held in high esteem in business and private life, and many old friends will learn with regret of his demise. He had attained the ripe old age of 81 years, and he retired from business some nine years ago.

whose idea was to turn everything down. He did not know if it was personally against him, and he did not care. They had a revised scheme of dock extension by Mr O'Sullivan, who reduced the estimate of £186,000 to £120,000 or £130,000. Was that correct?

Mr O'Sullivan—There should be a reduction.

The Mayor—A considerable reduction, and that being so, who can say that we are not anxious to have the railway constructed.

Mr O'Dwyer—We are not saying that the railway is not to be built, but it should get precedence of the extension scheme.

Mr Ryan said it was not fair to the old members of the Board to let it go forth that there was objection to the building of the link railway after four years work in connection with the scheme. Mr O'Dwyer should have given more consideration to the question before he made insinuations that were without foundation and absolutely wrong. He should have enquired into the history of

## Not Connected with Funds.

Our Dublin correspondent

In reference to Mr Deane's coming visit to the United Kingdom, a statement was issued from Farran's quarters to-day, declaring that the visit was not connected with a drive for funds.

He did not intend addressing meetings, and would be concerned with certain details of the foundation, and questions of economic founding of a national newspaper.

### THE FARRANSHONE

The houses in the course of the Corporation on the Farran's estate it is understood when coming in course of a short time, to be let to the prospective tenants, at a price of the fourteen houses £400 each which is considerable having regard to the restricted area. It has been stated at the meeting of the Council that the economic rent in the region of 13s a week, and a man could pay. As a matter of fact the Corporation expressed its regret that the houses is a bit of a problem with the worker, and the question of tenants, at least to those who were intended, is an aspect that will require consideration.

### ELECTRICITY STATION

Mr P. Bourke presided at the meeting of the Corporation Electricity Committee last night, when a letter was read from the Ministry for Local Government asking for sanction to the proposal of the Council reinstating Mr M. S. Power in the position of clerk in the Power Department. A majority vote of the Council was asked to reconsider its decision on the letter read at last night's Council meeting as a surprise to some members. Mr Alderman Bourke, T.D., had waited on the Minister for Local Government on the matter, and his conversation with the Minister did not coincide with the terms of the letter. A statement of opinion was given from the Assistant Secretary.

### GRAND CENTRAL

"Life's Shadows," featuring an unfolding and vivid story of the underworld, was produced at the Grand Central last night before a large audience who followed the various scenes with interest. The two-part Ideal Theatre Gazette contributed to a very