

CITY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Proposed Abolition.

THE RECENT SWORN ENQUIRY.

Minister's Severe Strictures on Administration.

The result of the sworn inquiry held early in the year by the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health into questions affecting admissions, administration, and organisation of the Limerick County Borough Board of Health, was received to-day by the Town Clerk and Secretary to the Health Board.

The enquiry, which occupied ten days, was conducted by Dr McDonnell, Medical Inspector to the Ministry, and Mr J. P. Maguire, General Inspector, and the terms of reference covered the question of abuse of power in the City Home and Hospital, the extent to which the institution was being run by people from the counties of Limerick and Clare who should be accommodated in their own institutions, and the organisation of the staff.

During the course of the enquiry the city was asked for a flat rate for Poor Law purposes for the city and county Limerick to relieve some of the burden of taxation thrown on the city by the operation of the workhouse amalgamation scheme in 1922.

In the letter of the Ministry, dated 15th instant, addressed to the Town Clerk, it was pointed out that after full consideration of the evidence given at the enquiry, the Minister had come to the view that the Board of Health could not, under present conditions, arrange for the constant and untended attention necessary to remedy the many difficulties connected with the management of the City Home and Hospital. Consequently he proposed to give the County Borough Council powers analogous to those conferred in Section 73 of the Local Government Act, 1925, under which they can appoint, within the meaning of the Act, a person, or persons, to be appointed by the Minister to carry out the duties and functions of the Board. The Minister accordingly gave one month's notice to the Limerick County Borough Council, in pursuance of Section 5 (2) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1925 of

SHANNON SCHEME FATALITY.

TWO MEN KILLED.

At O'Brien's Bridge.

An appalling accident occurred on the Shannon Power Scheme at Ardatagle, O'Brien's Bridge to-day, involving the death of two workers named John Larkin, of Eyrescourt, Co. Galway, aged 27 years, and Joseph Toomey, Kilmallock, aged 24 years.

It appears that with others they were engaged in dismantling a crane, weighing several tons, when it suddenly collapsed, and fell on the deceased, crushing them almost beyond recognition. The others had a narrow escape.

After being extricated the bodies were removed to the first aid dressing station near by, where an inquest will be opened to-morrow.

POST OFFICE VOTE.

Debate in the Dail.

In the Dail yesterday, on the vote for £1,483,435 for the Department of Posts and Telegraphs,

The Parliamentary Secretary (Mr Heffernan) said the estimated revenue for the year was £1,771,000, and the estimated deficit £502,435, as compared with £669,995 last year. He added that the deficit had been reduced by £900,000 since 1922. If the letter postage rates were reduced to what they were in England the loss would be £241,000 in the year, he said. Mr Heffernan said the telephone service was now second in importance in the Department's activities, and ahead of the telegraph service.

Deputy Anthony, in moving that the vote be referred back, called attention to the discharge of a large number of men from the Engineering Branch of the Cork Post Office, and said it was false economy on the part of the Department.

Mr Lemass could see no reason, he said, why the Post Office should not be a paying department without in any way reducing the services or the wages of the staffs.

Deputy Davin said there had been a great deal of discontent in the Post Office regarding unfair promotion. He alleged that letters had been held up, on some occasions for three weeks, though they contained nothing against the State.

BY WIRE AND

TO-DAY'S

BRITISH GENERAL

First Nominations

The first nominations of the General Election took place to-day. Four candidates were nominated for Cambridge University seats for Cambridge University were Messrs J. J. Withers and G. H. Wilson (Conservative), Wood (Labour), and H. (Liberal).

In the last Parliament the constituency was represented by two Conservatives, Withers and the late Sir Geo.

Mr Baldwin Replies

Mr Baldwin, speaking in the House, replied to criticisms of the Government's action in issuing a White Paper on the Ministers' views on the Liberal Government scheme. Regarding the question of whether there were enough orders for the scheme to yield a profit. As to the question of whether the action being unconstitutional, Mr Baldwin said that the Government had challenged in Parliament and announced their intention of doing so.

LANCASHIRE COTTON

Threatened Lock-out

Lord Derby has been asked to intervene in the threatened lock-out in the cotton industry, and he will do so at Oldham Town Hall to-day.

CITY TUBERCULOSIS

Appointments Committee Recommendations

The Local Appointments Committee have recommended Dr. Tho. Carrick-on-Suir, for the position of tuberculosis officer and school medicine officer.