

strongest opposition of the Progressive members in the Borough Council, and the result of the debate there was the defeat of the proposal by a two to one majority, a decision which gave satisfaction to the ratepayers, who are content to leave "well enough alone." Another question of great importance is the system of Poor Law administration, and the upkeep of the City Home and Hospital, which since the abolition of the Workhouse, as such, in 1922, has imposed a very heavy burden on the Municipality. Efforts have long been made to relieve that burden by the Health Board and Corporation, while the Ratepayers' Society for years past has also taken active steps in that direction. Some members of the Committee gave evidence at the sworn inquiry, report of which was recently published, and has yet to be discussed by the Board of Health and by the Corporation. In a preliminary discussion at the Health Board it was pointed out that if the system is faulty it is not the fault of the Committee or their administration. Their views will, no doubt, be fully ventilated when they meet to fully consider the report this week. Another subject which has come to the front is the proposed appointment of a Commissioner to administer the affairs of the city. On this subject a diversity of opinion exists in the Corporation and outside it. But the views of the Ratepayers' Society are quite emphatic and pronounced. Regret is expressed in the report "that the application for Commissioners, as moved at the Borough Council, was not carried, as we are strongly of the opinion that it would be for the benefit of Limerick as a whole, and we, independently, have asked the Government to send a Commissioner, but without success." It is added in a further paragraph that "The Corporation, constituted as at present, cannot do all that it would like to do. Its hands are tied, and as long as the present body exists, however willing it might be, it cannot make the changes it desires, and which would be in the interests of the city generally." This is fair criticism, and opens up the field for further discussion by the Borough Council and the citizens. It will be recalled that at the Corporation meeting early this month the motion, in effect, to appoint a Commissioner was defeated by 15 votes to 11, from which it will be seen that a full meeting was not present on that occasion.

CURRENT COMMENT.

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FUNERAL OF MRS M. CORBOY.

The funeral of Mrs Mary Corboy, wife of Mr Thomas Corboy, Fort Prospect, Limerick, took place on Sunday last at 1.30 p.m. from St John's Cathedral, to Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. It was of very large proportions, people attending from Limerick, Clare, Tipperary, and many other districts, to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of a lady who was very highly esteemed, and of sympathy with her bereaved relatives.

On Saturday morning Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated in St John's Cathedral for the repose of the soul of deceased.

The following clergy officiated at the Requiem Mass—Rev T. J. Macnamara, Adm., St. John's (celebrant); Rev. T. O'Connor (cousin), deacon; Father Halpin, C.C. (sub-deacon); Rev J. Brassill, C.C. (M.C.); Rev J. O'Carroll, C.C.; Rev F. J. Rice, C.C.; Rev D. Kelly, C.C. St. John's; Rev P. J. Thornhill, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev Father McCarthy, P.P., Donoughmore; Very Rev Canon Godfrey, P.P., Cashel; Rev Father O'Connor, C.C., Doon; Very Rev Father McCurtain, Rector, S.J.; Rev Father Barragry, S.J.; Rev Father Gubbins, S.J.; Rev Father Byrne, S.J.; Rev Father McWilliam, S.J.; Rev Father Dillon-Kelly, S.J.; Rev Father Meany, S.J.; Rev Father Keenan, O.P.; Rev Father Kelly, O.P.; Rev Father Farragher, O.S.A.; Rev Father Jerome, O.F.M.; Rev Father Dermot, O.F.M.; Rev Father Ferdinand O.F.M.; Rev J. J. O'Brien, California (cousin); Rev Dr. Slattery, P.P., Lattin (cousin); Rev M. Broughton, New Zealand (cousin); Rev T. Daly, C.C., Ruan.

The chief mourners were—Thomas Corboy (husband); John, Dr Denis, and Thomas J. (sons); Thomas J. Looney, John Looney and M. K. Looney (brothers); Thomas Looney, Pust; John and Patrick Looney, Tubber (nephews); Mrs G. Connan, Tipperary; Misses May, Annie, and Bridget Looney, Tubber (nieces); Mrs M. K. Looney, Mrs John Corboy, Grange (sisters-in-law); Mrs John Corboy, Mrs Denis Corboy and Mrs T. J. Corboy (daughters-in-law); Michael Looney, Carrick; T. Cherry, Cratloe; Con Ryan, Towerhill; M. Power, Limerick; Mrs J. Ryan, Wickham, Street (cousins); Dr and Mrs John Corboy, Caherconlish; Denis Corboy, Grange; Michael Moloney, Killoscully; Mr and Mrs T. Shanahan, Knocklong; Mrs John Looney, Tubber; Mr and Mrs Joseph Ryan, Aherlow; Michael Corboy, Castle Eiken; G. Connan, Tipperary; Mr and Mrs P. A. Murphy, Murroe (relatives).

Cards promising Novenas of Masses from—May and Geoffrey, Molug, Pust; Joe and May; Paddy and May Murphy; Maggie Fahey, 32 Wickham-street; Lizzie Hannon, Mayfair; Staff, Gerald Griffin-street; Mrs Hughes, Henry-street.

Wreaths of natural flowers were sent by the family; Mrs Healy, Dolly and Dorothy; Mr and Mrs J. G. O'Brien and family; Staff, Lynch & Spain's.

THE YACHT TRAGEDY IN DUBLIN BAY.

"Our membership has increased during the year, but the fact that still many ratepayers who are not of the Society, indicates a lack of which is much to be deplored.

"The following questions are put by your Committee either directly through the bodies concerned:

(1) price of electric current; (2) vision of additional public lavatories; (3) the efficient cleansing of the existing cesspools; (4) the clearing of building sites disused in the City; (5) the abolition of open refuse cars at least for the City; (6) to secure for the City £8,000 out of the £80,000 A. Grant; the naming of streets and numbering of houses; (7) the Trustee Debt to the Borough Council for the City water supply.

"We regret that the application of Commissioners, as moved at the Borough Council, was not carried, as we are strongly of the opinion that it would be for the benefit of Limerick as a whole, and we, independently, have asked the Government to send a Commissioner, but without success.

"The Corporation, constituted as at present, cannot do all that it would like to do. Its hands are tied, and as long as the present body exists, however willing it might be, it cannot make the changes it desires, and which would be in the interests of the City generally."

COMMISSIONER DEMANDED.

Mr J. Ray, who moved the adoption of the report which was agreed to, proposed the following resolution:—

"That this the Limerick City Ratepayers' Society views with alarm the increasing rates, and the prospect of further increases, which rates are exorbitant and crippling the industry of the city. In view of the continued to reduce them, the Society demands the appointment of Commissioners without delay."

Mr P. O'Donovan seconded the resolution which was supported by Mr A. E. and the Chairman, and adopted unanimously.

(Report in our next.)

VISITORS TO SHANNON SCHEME.

Sir Montagu Barlow, British Minister, chairman of Perak Hydro-Electric Undertaking, and Mr E. Duggan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, visited the Shannon Power Station yesterday, and were conducted through the works by Mr J. Creagh, manager of the Guide Bureau.

The Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Cloyne, accompanied by Rev. Fr. O'Connell, was also a visitor to the scheme during the week-end.

It is understood that the old Limerick will be closed to navigation from the 17th June, and that, as already stated in the "Chronicle," direct water communication between Killaloe and the upper reaches of the Shannon will be suspended until the new Scheme Canal is available for the purpose.

In the meantime merchandise in the waterway above Killaloe will be transported by road.