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THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

The safeguarding of the health of the people must always occupy a primary place in the administrative functions of the local and national authority, and it is for that reason that laws have been framed from time to time to maintain hygienic conditions to the highest possible standard. It is a vital concern, and one that cannot be either delayed or remissness, when it is considered what a healthy people mean to the life and outlook of a nation. In this country we have, fortunately, been free from anything like these serious outbreaks of disease that not infrequently occur in other countries; but it is at all times well to be prepared to meet any emergency that may occur, when a fell epidemic takes place abroad or at home. Fore-armed is fore-protected, is a trite but well grounded maxim, and if local authorities do not live up to the letter as well as the spirit of the laws made for combatting disease, the blame cannot be laid to the door of the Government. With a view to co-ordinating the laws enacted for safeguarding the public health the Free State Minister of Local Government some time ago issued a circular letter to County Councils, making it mandatory to put into operation a health scheme that, from the terms of the letter, is to have a beneficial effect on the well-being of the people. The Minister, as a first step, considered it essential that a whole-County Medical Officer of Health should be appointed. Limerick County Board of Health practically unanimously approved of the proposal, which, however, met with

able, but at the price asked the Corporation would be obliged to cut down the scheme in order to pay for site accommodation. The only other course that will be open to the Council to obviate taking the houses into the county is to obtain powers, if they are not already at their disposal, to acquire the sites that are available by compulsion at an arbitrator's figure.

CITY GAS SERVICE.

While complaints were pretty numerous for some time past concerning the indifferent gas supply it is satisfactory to learn that in the future the citizens will have little ground for comment. Following on a general overhaul of the works and the installation of a better type of machinery the gas department makes the welcome announcement that they are ready to give a better and more efficient service from this onward. Should this not be the case, it is quite easy to conjecture what will happen in view of the great activities of the Electricity Supply Board, whose representatives have been engaged in a vigorous canvas for customers when current is available from Ardnacrusha temporary generating station next month.

MILITARY FUNERAL.

Last evening the remains of Mr W. G. Boland, New street, who died in St. Brecin's Hospital, Dublin, on Saturday, were interred with military honours in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The pipers' band of the 4th Infantry Battalion, and a firing party from Sarsfield Barracks marched in the funeral from St. Michael's Church to the cemetery, where, after the recital of the prayers at the grave, the usual volleys were fired, and the Last Post sounded by the buglers.

GAS SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

Mr Martin Fitzgerald has sent in his resignation as Secretary of the Municipal Gas Committee, a position that he has held for upwards of twenty years. The reason assigned by Mr Fitzgerald for the step taken by him is on the grounds of continued ill-health. Regret will be felt at his retirement from a position which Mr Fitzgerald filled with ability and impartiality. The letter of resignation would have been considered at yesterday's meeting of the Committee, which was adjourned in the absence of a quorum. The members present were

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Also present—Messrs. J. Ryan, C.E.; E. R. Shaughnessy, P. N. Treacy, Alderman T. Wallace, J. Loughrey, Ald. J. McDonnellan.

The officials in attendance were J. F. Power, Secretary, and the Engineer.

The Board decided to purchase an Irish Government Stock loan.

The Whole House Committee considered the offer of sale of the crane, after fully considering the matter and concluding that they could not recommend the Board to accept the offer.

In connection with the matter was read from Mr S. J. Keenan, Limerick Steamship Company, that the crane arrived late for the meeting of the committee in connection with the sale of the crane to the Board. He stated that the crane situated on the north side of the March large consignments up to 80 tons had been used by the firm by the crane. Had no consignments intended for the crane would have gone elsewhere so he considered the Board should be advised to secure the crane if it could be obtained at a reasonable price.

In reply to a query, the Engineer stated that the crane belonged to the ten-ton one, and had only a capacity of ten tons during the year.

Alderman McInerney then acted on the suggestion of the Engineer who was acquainted with what was required for the discharge of the crane from heavy traffic.

Mr Shaw—What is the capacity of the Messrs. Siemens' crane?

The Engineer—It is capable of lifting twenty tons.

Mr J. P. Goodbody agreed to adjourn the question of the crane offer pending the attendance of the Engineer at another meeting of the Committee.

A report was read from the Engineer to the effect that the dredge work at Foynes and had been completed.

The Secretary read a letter from the Harbour Master that the order and required no dredging.

The Engineer intimated that a large number of tenders were to be used for a cold storage plant at the dock and that the special committee