

trate or describe. The Power Station is equipped with three units of 30,000 h.p. each. Next winter, we learn from Dr. McLoughlin, will see two of these units under full load, while the third will act as a stand by. About 99 per cent. of the total electricity consumed is sold by the Board, and it is very satisfactory to find, from a financial point of view, that the position of the scheme is undoubtedly reassuring; for the Managing Director confidently expects that in the next trading year, which will, in fact, be the first trading year of the scheme, it will be in a position "to pay full interest and sinking fund on their total investment, after meeting all other charges." Dr. McLoughlin devoted portion of his address or interview with Press representatives to the matter of tariffs. He mentioned that "there was no option of a flat rate except in the cities of Dublin and Cork." This flat rate has been strongly advocated by the Limerick Chamber of Commerce and the Ratepayers' Society, but the Electricity Board, holding the local electricity rates are reasonable, have informed the latter body that the introduction of an alternative flat rate of charge in Limerick "is not at present feasible." We quote from the report of the Ratepayers' Association Committee, presented at its annual meeting a few weeks ago. Limerick, one would think, should be placed on the same basis in this respect as Dublin and Cork, and as the Board's decision is not final we feel assured it will favourably consider the representations that have been made to it from Limerick on this important subject.

MARKETS' RECEIVERSHIP.

The Corporation Position.

The question of filling the vacant position of Receiver of the Markets was raised at a meeting of the Corporation last night in

income tax. Any doubt as to the liability of the Board for payment was removed yesterday by the passing in the Dail of a special financial resolution dealing with the matter.

The Board will also be liable for the payment of any rate leviable by a local authority on any premises in its occupation, and for which rates were previously paid.

This is one of the provisions of the Electricity Supply (Amendment) Bill, which was circulated yesterday.

It is presumed that liability for rates will apply to the Limerick Electricity Works, hitherto owned by the Corporation, and taken over by the Board a couple of years ago.

DEATH OF MR. P. GODFREY.

We regret to record the death, which occurred unexpectedly at his residence, Anne Terrace, New-street, on Tuesday morning, of Mr Patrick Godfrey, who for many years was an official of the old Limerick Board of Guardians, and retired on pension at the time of amalgamation some years ago. He was a most kindly and courteous man, and his demise is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends in town and country, who sympathise with his widow and family in their bereavement. The funeral took place to-day, after Requiem Mass, from St. Michael's Parochial Church to the family burial-place at Ballanure, Murroe. The cortege was large and representative.

THE FOUR COURTS.

Re-Opening Early Next Year.

The work of restoration of the Four Courts Dublin, is proceeding rapidly, and it is hoped that the Courts will be open for business early next year.

When completed the new buildings will be a great improvement on the old Four Courts. In the work of reconstruction there has been very little interference with the main block of buildings externally.

The old courts which radiated from the central hall are still retained, but a new court, which will be the Supreme Court, is being built on the central axis of the scheme.

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