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**A COMMISSIONER.**

2—some of the members eting before the motion he Limerick Corporation e-effacement. In other day night's meeting, Mr tion was adopted, the o ask the Minister for o appoint a Commissioner airs of the city pending ines of the Cork Act. nt intends to introduce will regulate the future of Limerick, Waterford, Borough Councils in the ably the Co. Councils. hat the decision of the n approved by a large atepayers, as well as the d so far as the latter demonstration of the ount whatever as to its

The reason is not far om what angle we may city groans under a rate 6d. in the pound, the The consequence is that ified, although we have at our doors, and at

**TRAGIC ACCIDENT WHILE RABBIT SHOOTING.**

**Death of Mr Thomas Roche.**

The death occurred on Wednesday of Mr Thomas Roche, following gunshot wounds accidentally received while rabbit shooting at Lough Derg, County Clare.

Mr Roche, who was a son of the late Mr John Roche, M.P., of Woodford, Loughrea, County Galway, was up to recently a prominent and popular official of the National Health Department of the Civil Service at the Custom House, Dublin. On his retirement from the service a few weeks ago he purchased a residence in Clare, on the shores of Lough Derg, where he went to reside with his family.

Mr Roche was stationed in Limerick for some years as Inspector, and was held in high regard and esteem. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss.

It appears that on Wednesday morning, shortly after 11 o'clock, Mr Roche left his home to go out shooting rabbits, and as he did not return for some hours his family became alarmed and reported the matter to the Civic Guards at Whitegate. A search party was formed, and at 2.40 on Thursday morning his body was found in a grove on the shores of Lough Derg, within three miles of his residence. Close to the body lay a sporting gun, which contained two cartridges, one of which was spent.

It is believed, from the position of the body, that Mr Roche must have stumbled in the undergrowth, causing the gun to discharge.

On his recent retirement, Mr Roche's colleagues made him a presentation of a sporting gun in recognition of his qualities as a sportsman. It is a poignant feature of the occurrence that this gun was the one he was using at the time of his death.

At the inquest held by Mr Culloo, Coroner for East Clare, the jury returned a verdict that deceased met his death from gunshot wounds accidentally received while out rabbit shooting. They expressed sympathy with the widow and relatives.

Inspector Hall, Killaloe, who conducted the inquiry, on behalf of the Civic Guards, joined in the expression of sympathy.

**TEMPORARY EXCHANGE OF JUDGES.**

"Iris Official" intimates that the Governor-General has assigned Judge McElligott, of the South-Western Circuit (Kerry, Limerick, and Clare), to the Western Circuit (Mayo and Galway) for the period July 1 to July 12; and Judge Wyse Power (Western Circuit) to the South-Western Circuit for the same period. Both return to their present Circuits on July 13.

**EXPLOSION AT CHEMICAL WORKS.**

**Twelve People Killed**

**500 People Thrown Out**

**Distress Fund Open**

Twelve men have lost their lives in an explosion which occurred yesterday at chemical works at Castleford. The number of injured is not known, but six men are detained in hospital and one at Leeds. Other men were at work at the time of the occurrence.

The explosion occurred in the boiler room, the contents of which had caught fire. The fire was seen from the other end of the town, and the works had been notified before the explosion occurred.

The town and district was shaken by the explosion, which was heard several miles away, and a great deal of damage done to roofs and windows in the neighbourhood. Three hundred houses have been rendered uninhabitable, and five hundred people are homeless.

The works occupy an area of about 100 acres, and half the buildings have been destroyed.

A telegram received to-day from London says:—It has been officially reported that at least five hundred people will be dependent on public effort for accommodation after the destruction of the chemical works there yesterday. Twelve lives were lost.

It is stated that it will take several months to reconstruct the works. The Government is rapidly receiving support.

A later telegram says:—

The debris of the Castleford works was still smouldering this morning. Firemen on duty have been provided with the latest type of gas masks for the army.

It is stated £10,000 are required for immediate relief of the distress.

**CHURCH SERVICES.**