

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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SUSPENDED HOUSING SCHEME.

Nearly twelve months have elapsed since the Borough Council decided to embark on a housing scheme, but in the interlude nothing has been done to give the proposal effect. At the time it was looked upon as a matter of urgency in order to avail of the Government subsidy, and with that object a special meeting was summoned to strike a rate that was necessary in order to secure the grant governing the conditions laid down by the central authority. The Council made provision for the equivalent of a shilling rate, something like £3,700, and decided to build seventy four-roomed houses on sites selected at Rosbrien, the Cornmarket, and in the old part of the city. Last March an enquiry was held by an Inspector from the local Government Department to determine the suitability of these sites, and particularly with regard to those to be acquired compulsorily. At the enquiry opposition was given to the acquisition by compulsion of 70 of the sites, chiefly because they were essential for the purposes of the owner at Rosbrien, and the development of the markets. It was urged that there was ample alternative building accommodation, but the Inspector took the view put forward by the Corporation, and made his award in their favour. It does seem strange that in the interval the Department has taken no steps to give effect to the findings of their Inspector, with the result that the scheme has been hanging up, and valuable time wasted in getting enough with the project. In other places, especially where the administrative power is held by a Commissioner or Manager no such delay has been experienced, and housing schemes have advanced at a rapid pace. Limerick would appear to be the exception where the better housing of the working-class population is concerned, principally due to the lack of driving power on the part of the Corporation to make themselves felt with a Department that cannot be accused of expedition where our

DEATH OF REV. JOHN KELLY, S.J.

In the death of the Rev. John Kelly, S.J., which occurred at St. John's Hospital yesterday morning, after an illness of some duration, the Jesuit Order has lost a distinguished member and scholar. Father Kelly was born at Rathcrohan, Co. Roscommon, on the 30th May, 1851, and was ordained for the secular priesthood of his native diocese of Elphin in the Irish College at Paris, in 1876. After his ordination he was on the professorial staff of Summerhill College, Sligo, for nearly four years, prior to entering the Society of Jesus on the 14th August, 1883, and continuing his studies at the Our House of the Order in Spain. On returning to this country Father Kelly was attached for some time to Belvedere College, Dublin, as teacher, and was subsequently transferred to the mission staff. In this connection his sacred ministry commenced at Galway, where he remained until his translation to Gardiner-street, Dublin. During the past twenty years he had been attached to the Limerick house of the Order, where he did splendid work. He was an able and convincing preacher, widely read and of broad and tolerant views. Possessed of a charming personality and a gift for making friends, Father Kelly was a fine type of priest, a wise counsellor, and warm-hearted and sympathetic in his views. His familiar figure will be missed in the city, where he was well known and beloved by all classes and creeds for his kindly disposition and beautiful traits of character, and wide outlook in everything appertaining to Christianity.

The remains will be removed to the Sacred Heart Church at 7.30 p.m. to-morrow, and the funeral will be to Mungret College Cemetery after Office and Requiem High Mass at 10.30 a.m. on Monday.

A LIMERICK SCHOOL.

Interesting High Court Action.

In the High Court, Dublin, yesterday, before Mr Justice Meredith, a summons was heard in the matter of the Limerick Diocesan School Endow-

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