

to be their own guarantors

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For—Messrs Blackwell, Brouder, Cahill, Colbert, O'Connor, Fahy, O'Donnell, Humphreys, Lloyd, Madden, McGrath, O'Brien, O'Grady, O'Shaughnessy, Ryan and Tobin—18.

Against—Messrs Cauty, Condon, Curtin, Downey, Mitchel and Frawley—6.

#### PENNYWELL DISTRICT SCHEME.

Mr Mackey proposed a motion to give permission to the Board of Health to raise a loan of £6,000 for the purpose of providing a water supply for Singland, Fair Green, Pennywell and Blackboy Pike, the area of charge to be Limerick No 1 rural district.

Very Rev. Canon O'Leary, P.P., St. Patrick's, who headed a deputation, said the Board of Health had condemned the sanitary arrangements in the area, and nothing could be done to improve them until they got a water supply. A number of houses had recently been built there and others were to be erected.

It was stated that there were 257 houses in Singland and 60 in Blackboy Pike.

Rejection was proposed by Mr Condon, seconded by Mr Curtin, on the grounds of the area of charge.

A poll for or against the motion resulted:

For—Messrs Blackwell, Cahill, Fahy, O'Donnell, Humphreys, McCormack, Mackey, Madden, Mitchell, O'Shaughnessy, Ryan and Tobin—12.

Against—Messrs Condon, Curtin, Downey and Frawley—4.

The motion was declared passed, and Canon O'Leary thanked the Council on behalf of the people of the district.

#### ELECTION OF RATE COLLECTOR.

Two candidates were before the County Council for the vacant rate collectorship in the Croom No 2 district. These were Mca. J. Dunworth, Knockaney, Bruff, and John Neville, Kilfinny.

The Secretary said the Local Government Department recommended the amalgamation of the districts. In the area in question £5,000 was roughly the amount of the collection, and in the adjoining area of Mr Barry was only £3,000. It might be as well to amalgamate these two areas.

Mr Mitchell proposed that they fill the vacancy, and Mr Fahy seconded.

This was agreed, and a poll was then taken as between the two applicants, resulting as follows—

For Dunworth—Messrs Cahill, Condon, O'Connor, Curtin, Fahy, O'Donnell, Humphreys, Hyland, McCormack, Lloyd, Mitchell, McGrath, O'Grady, Quin, Raleigh, Ryan—16.

For Neville—Messrs Blackwell, Brouder, Colbert, Costello, Downey, Frawley, Madden, O'Brien, Quinlan, Scanlan, and Frawley.

Mr Mackey did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Dunworth elected to the position, and the latter thanked the Council.

scheme should be devised for the cottiers, as had been done for the farmers. It would relieve the ratepayers to a great extent. The reason why so many cottages required repairs was that the tenants had no interest in their homes. As an alternative to a purchasing scheme, he thought if the cottiers were allowed so much of their rent each year towards doing their own repairs.

Mr Fahy recalled the suggestion of Mr O'Farrell, a Labour representative on the Board of Health, as the most commonsense one he had heard. This was that the cottiers should be made yearly tenants, and instead of being charged 52s. a year they should pay only 30s, and do their own repairs. It was a practical scheme.

The Chairman said it might be information for the members to know there was £412,000 due on cottages in the country, and if anyone could show him a way of meeting that he would be delighted. He agreed that the labourer was entitled to the same treatment as the farmer if there could be a way found for him.

Mr Mitchell said until the present legislation was amended the County Council was tied by Act of Parliament, and it was futile to be passing resolutions.

The Chairman advised the members to take home copies of the return and to study it.

#### THE LATE MRS. MUSPRATT.

The following sent wreaths at the funeral of the late Mrs Muspratt last Thursday:—  
"From Frank, Gladys, and Eileen, in affectionate and lasting remembrance"; "With loving memory, from all at Castlemagner Rectory"; "From Lou and family, in loving remembrance"; "From Bevil and Elneth, in affectionate remembrance"; "With deepest sympathy, from Bob and Dick Gelston"; "From Edie, in affectionate remembrance"; "Fond remembrance, from G. P. Gelston"; "From Lucy, in affectionate remembrance"; "In loving remembrance, from Maud and Arthur Hewatson-Jones"; "With deepest sympathy, from the Choir of St Mary's Cathedral"; "In affectionate remembrance, from J. A. and Miss Haydn"; "In remembrance and with much regret, from Mr and Mrs Langar R. Carey, Croom"; "With deepest sympathy, from T. H. F. Bayly"; "With loving sympathy, from Lady Cleeve"; "With deep regret, from Canon and Mrs Adderley"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Townsend and Mrs Simmons; From Precator and Mrs Atkinson and Eileen, "With deepest sympathy"; "With loving sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Cleeve, Sunville"; "With deepest sympathy, from Mrs Luther and Theo. Claygate, Surrey"; "In remembrance, from Mrs F. W. Kennedy; From Canon and Mrs Abbott, "With deepest sympathy"; "With deepest sympathy, from the Dean of Limerick and the Misses Swain, The Deanery.

#### PETROL TANK AT NEWCASTLE WEST.

#### BLOOD MIXTURE

3/- per bottle. Six times the quantity  
Avoid cheaper substitutes  
said to be 'Just as good'

#### DIVERGENT VIEWS ON DE-RATING.

The proceedings before the Commission on De-rating on Friday afforded evidence of the divergent views of agriculturists as to the value of de-rating as a means to relieve agriculture.

Mr D. O'Gorman, Co. C, Fermoy, a doleful picture of the condition of farming community, and advocated the abolition of the Army, of bonuses to servants, and the abolition of Concessions in foreign countries, as a means of relieving de-rating.

On the other hand, Col. O'Callaghan Westropp, Clare, a member of the Executive of the National Farmers' Union, condemned de-rating, and said the proposition would receive the support of 5 p.c. of the land and instructed farmers.

A memorandum submitted by Mr Hewson, Askeaton, who appeared on behalf of a number of County Limerick ratepayers, stated that the increase since pre-war in production and marketing costs in proportion to improvement in prices, had reduced the agriculturalist to uneconomic conditions, which could be indefinitely combatted by unremitting conscript labour of the family in the case of the smaller farmers, or encroachment on the working capital or any saving part of the larger farmer.

Witness recommended complete relief of agriculture from rates burden. The Commission effected this relief by grant authority or by transfer of the latter to central government the latter ventured to regard as a minor detail of the half-way-house attitude adopted by the County Council of his county.

Mr Hewson advocated the levelling of certain taxes between the Free State and Northern Ireland, which, he said, would provide the bulk of the money. He proposed a petrol tax and to an increase of tax.

#### THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

#### Repairs Required.

At the County Council meeting, a report was made by the Comptroller on the state of the County Courthouse and the repairs required thereto. He submitted the premises to a thorough examination. The roof, which was damaged and repaired with new principal timbers some time ago, and the ceiling had been replaced with the exception of the slating. It was a frightful expenditure to reslate the roof, so he thought only the necessary work should be carried out to it.