

Limerick and Increased Electricity Charges

The City's Protest.

Full Text of Recent Correspondence.

The Hon. Secs. of the Limerick Consumers Committee send us a copy of the following correspondence which has taken place relative to the proposed increase of electricity rates in this city:—

"Mayor's Office, Limerick.

"21st November, 1931.

"DEAR SIR,—We desire to bring to the notice of your Board that, arising out of the Notices recently served on the Citizens of Limerick increasing the cost of current in this area and the indignation felt at such an action, a general meeting of the citizens who are consumers of electric current was held in the Town Hall on the 17th instant, where resolutions of protest were passed and a Committee formed for the purpose of consulting with your Board in the matter, after going into the facts of the case.

"This Committee, which is representative of every class of consumer, has now met and its investigations show that Limerick is already paying what is an unduly high rate for the current consumed, and in many cases 150 per cent. higher than that which obtained when the local Power Station was under the management of the Municipality.

"The Committee request us to respectfully suggest that your Board would inform it why Limerick, which is paying a higher rate than Dublin or Cork, should be charged any increase. The citizens rightly complain against this imposition, and we may inform you that they are determined that they will not suffer these unfair charges, even to taking drastic action.

"As there will be a further meeting of our Committee on the 26th instant for the purpose of appointing a deputation to await on your full Board, we would appreciate a reply to this communication by that date, and at the same time naming a suitable date when it would be convenient for your Board to meet this deputation.

"Awaiting the favour of your reply.

"We are,

"J. REIDY, Deputy Mayor.

"A. E. GOODWIN, } Hon.

"E. CONNAUGHTON, } Secretaries.

"P. J. Dempsey, Esq., B.L.,

Secretary, Electricity Supply Board, Dublin."

"Electricity Supply Board,

"60-62 Upper Mount Street, Dublin,

"24th November, 1931.

"Alderman James Reidy, Deputy Mayor, Limerick.

"DEAR SIR,—I am directed to refer to your letter, dated the 21st instant, in regard to increase in rates of charge for electricity, and to say that my Board will be pleased to meet a deputation, as requested, to discuss this matter at these offices, on Monday next, the 30th instant, at 3 p.m. Will you kindly confirm that this date and hour will suit the convenience of your members.

"Yours faithfully,

"P. J. DEMPSEY, Secretary."

FUNERAL OF DR. P. F. GRAHAM.

The funeral of Dr. P. F. Graham, M.D., one of the oldest medical practitioners in the city, who passed away at his residence, 72 O'Connellstreet, on Friday last, took place from St. Michael's Parochial Church at 1 p.m. on Sunday for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The cortege was of extremely large proportions, representative of all classes and creeds in the city and many districts in Limerick and Clare. It was an eloquent testimony to the widespread popularity of the deceased gentleman, and of sympathy with his bereaved widow and relatives. His medical confreres, as well as the members of all other professions, attended, and succeeding the long line of pedestrians was a large number of motor cars. The coffin was strewn with beautiful wreaths sent by relatives and friends.

The Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, attended the funeral and officiated at the graveside.

The clergy present were—Rev Father Thornhill, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev Father Harty, C.C., do.; Rev Dr Cowper, C.C., do.; Rev Father Moriarty, C.C., do.; Rev Father McWilliams, S.J.; Rev Father O'Connell, S.J.; Rev Father McCarthy, C.F., Limerick.

The chief mourners were—Edward Graham, L.D.S., A.M.S., son; J. F. Ryan (Cork), son-in-law; John Graham, Matt. Graham, W. Cantwell, P. Cantwell (Tipperary), nephews; Dr M. Graham, Michael Graham, cousins. Robert Holmes, E. J. Mitchell, J. McNamara, Robert Kirby (Manager Munster and Leinster Bank, Tipperary), Dr Scanlan (Tulla), E. J. Gallagher (Dublin).

It would be impossible to give a full list of the general public, amongst whom were many from a distance, including Henry Hannon, V.S., Dublin; John M. Hassett, retired Manager National Bank, Limerick; Dr M. J. Hawkshaw, Ballinrobe; C. M. Ryan, C. E. Murphy, J. Halpin, T. Kelleher, Cork; Captain A. Doran, A.M.S.; Captain M. Kelly, and Captain D. O'Connell, National Army, were also present.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—"Your loving and heartbroken wife"; "Your loving and devoted children"; "In loving memory, Josie"; "Deepest sympathy, Dr and Mrs Scanlan"; "Deep sympathy, Mr and Mrs Bennett (Roseville)"; "In loving memory, J. A. Doyle and family"; "Loving memory, Miss R. Delaney"; "Fond memory, Bedford Row Hospital."

Mass cards—Most Rev. Dr. Cantwell, Bishop of Los Angeles; loving sister and May (Mrs and Miss Fitzgerald, Loughill); The Community, St. John's Hospital; The Community, Mount St. Vincent, The Community, Presentation Convent; The Community, Training College; The Community, Good Shepherd Convent; The Children at Mount St. Vincent; The Students, Training College; The Community, St. Mary's Convent; The Matron and Nurses, Barrington's Hospital; Mrs McCoy (Ardagh); Mrs H. Thompson; Mr and Mrs Mulready; Nurse M. J. Jones.

A Novena of Masses subscribed for by Lady Nash and the Committee of Bedford Row Hospital will be offered for the repose of the soul of the late Dr Graham.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

EDITOR OF "AN PHOBLACT" ARRESTED.

Our Dublin correspondent wires:—

Mr Frank Ryan, editor of "An Phoblact," was arrested this morning in Dublin. He was about to enter the offices of the Republican Press when his progress was interrupted by two detectives, who took him into custody. Mr Ryan resisted arrest, and a struggle ensued, which was watched by a large crowd. The two detectives were assisted by a uniformed officer and later two other detectives joined in to bring Mr Ryan to College street Police Station.

SPORTING.

LEICESTER MEETING.

WIGSTON HURDLE.

Icy Kiss (4 to 1)	1
Nance O'Donnell (4 to 1)	2
Princesbee (5 to 2)	3

Also ran—Milesian, Chachero, Bush Lad, Lion d'Angers, Classic, Pompey, Philippos, Alfresco, Queen's County, Alondra.
Won by 2 lengths; half.

BIRSTALL 'CHASE.

Lady Ardoon (20 to 1)	1
Caramond (100 to 8)	2
White Cargo (10 to 1)	3

Also ran—Chevalier, Orbed, Curtain Raiser, Nedlog, Sublime Fire, Stoker, Maxtoi, Onward, Spalding, Rocky Cape, Garra bye.
Won by 8 lengths; 11.

SILEBY 'CHASE.

Royal Scot (11 to 4 on)	1
Brienz (5 to 1 agst)	2
Doubtful Lady (100 to 6)	3

Also ran—Flambent, Royal Daylight.
Won by 20 lengths; bad third.

QUORN HUNT 'CHASE.

Donzelon (5 to 1 on)	1
Egremont (6 to 1 agst)	2
Gentil Mariner (20 to 1)	3

Won by 1½ lengths; bad third.

LEICESTER H CAP.

Pounce (20 to 1)	1
Buddy (20 to 1)	2
Scarlet Stripes (9 to 4)	3

Also ran—Welsh Chieftain, Vospasian, Dunlavin Lass, Santraut, Square Bud, Berkeley Arms.
Won by 3 lengths; 4l.

OADBY HURDLE.

Russett (13 to 8)	1
The Welsher (20 to 1)	2
Curtain II (9 to 2)	3

Also ran—Prohibition, Georgina, Prince Charles, Tit for Tat, Ann's Gift, Emerald Star, Peculium. Won by 10 lengths.