

LEVIATION OF DISTRESS.

Public Meeting Held.

The Mayor presided at a public meeting in the Town Hall last night with the object of devising means to raise a fund for relief of distress in the city.

Here were also present—Very Rev. Canon O'Dwyer, P.P., V.F.; Very Rev. Canon Hannon, P.P.; Rev. Father Hart, S.J.; Rev. Father Moriarty, C.C.; L. H. O'Flaherty, manager Provincial Bank; A. J. O'Sullivan, Alderman D. Bourke, T.D.; Dr. J. J. O'Connell, B.C.; J. McQuane, J. Casey, J. McGlone, A. Roche, C. Horrigan, J. Conroy, E. Connaughton, J. J. McDonnell, solr.; D. Clancy, B.C.; A. J. Lyons, B.C.; J. O'Brien, B.C.; W. J. O'Reilly, B.C.; W. Ferguson, B.C.; W. J. O'Shaughnessy, J. O'Dwyer, T. Gough, B.C.; J. Murphy.

The Mayor regretted his inability through indisposition to attend the meeting called for last Thursday night, and tendered an apology for the disappointment caused through his absence. He felt it was his duty, having regard to the acute distress in the city, to convene that meeting with a view to raising a fund to relieve in some measure the condition of the poor, especially during the Christmas season. He was quite confident that there would be a generous response to his appeal, as there had been in Cork where similar steps were taken some time ago. It was the intention that the money subscribed should be handed over to the charitable organisations for disbursement, as these organisations were quite familiar with the needs of the poor and substitute. It was no part of his duty to dwell on the economic conditions applicable to the city, but with the help of the people to try to alleviate the distress which prevailed in their midst, and in that way to bring some ray of comfort into the homes of the necessitous during the Christmas season.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The Mayor then read a letter from Messrs. W. J. Shaw & Sons, Ltd., Garryowen Cotton Factory, in which the Directors regretted inability to attend the meeting, and stating they had decided to give no less than £50 this year in cash and kind to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. (Applause). That was, said the Mayor, practical sympathy with the poor, and he hoped the example of the firm of Messrs Shaw & Sons would be followed by others in the city who had received an apology from the Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. White, who stated that the object of the meeting had his fullest sympathy, and would give it every possible assistance. He had received a cheque for £15 from the Earl of Dunraven for the relief of distress in the city, and would place it to the credit of this fund. Mr L. Larkin, organiser, Distributive Workers' Union, had written promising the movement every support. The claims of the poor, the Mayor added, were very strong, and it was their duty to come to their aid and provide them with the necessaries of life during the Christmas season.

Canon Hannon apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, who was deeply interested in the object of the meeting and would give it his practical support. There was no question as to the extent of the distress in the city, and from his long experience it was never so acute. He agreed with the Mayor that the fund should be distributed through the charitable organisations—the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Fuel and Blanket

FUNERAL OF LORD EMLY.

Yesterday morning, at 9.30 o'clock, in Ballybrown Church, Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, for the repose of the soul of the late Gaston Thos. William Monsell, second Baron Emlly, who died at the family seat, Tervoe, last Thursday. On Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, the remains of the dead Peer, encased in a polished oak coffin, with silver mountings, were removed from Tervoe to the church by students of Mungret College, followed by a large concourse of residents of the city and district. Overnight they rested on a catafalque opposite the High Altar, and during the evening considerable numbers came to pray at the bier. In the district the late Baron was very popular with all classes, amongst whom his death is sincerely mourned. At the Mass yesterday morning there was a crowded congregation, the Church being draped in black for the solemn occasion. At the conclusion the Bishop gave the Absolution, after which the coffin was borne out of the Church to a motor hearse by workmen on his late lordship's estate.

The funeral immediately left for Kilsheelan, Co. Waterford, where the interment took place later in the day.

The chief mourners were—The Hon. Mrs De la Poer (sister), Major Count De la Poer (nephew), and Mr J. T. Grene-Barry, Sandville, Ballyneety.

The clergy present were—Very Rev. Canon Curtin, P.P., Croom; Rev. Fr. Macnamara, P.P., Patrickswell; Rev. Fr. Barry, C.C., Ballybrown; Rev. Fr. Dillon, S.J., Mungret College; Rev. Fr. Kane, S.J., do.; Rev. Fr. Corbett, S.J., do.; Rev. Fr. Kelly, S.J., do.; Rev. Fr. Crosdale, S.J., do.; Rev. Fr. O'Twomey, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Fr. O'Brien, C.S.S.R.

Amongst the general public were—Lord Monteagle, H. Fildes (representing Lord Daresbury), Dr J. Roberts, Rev. J. R. H. Craig, Rector, Kilkeedy; T. E. O'Donnell, solr., V. O'Donovan, T. A. Hartigan, Secretary Co. Agricultural Committee; G. Roberts, J. O'Connor, Secretary County Insurance Committee; M. O'Connor, G. Ruttle, J. Nolan, P. Hayes, P. J. O'Sullivan, solr., J. Collins, W. Collins, L. O'Donnell, Secretary Co. Council; J. McCabe, D. O'Donnell, J. O'Shaughnessy, M. Weekes, M. Hackett, Dr D. Costelloe, M. Kelly, Chief Clerk Co. Council; D. Harnett, P. Costelloe, Co.C.; J. Harnett, R. Hayes, Dr. J. Brennan, P. Byrnes, G. O'Brien, C. O'Brien, J. Quigley, M. Hayes, J. Reidy, M. Walsh, M. Behan, S. O'Neill, M. Keyes, M. O'Brien, G. Quain, C. Costelloe, E. Shanahan, D. Cregan, J. O'Brien, M. Reidy, P. Coughlan, J. Mangan, M. Kelly, J. Dundon, M. Foster, P. Purcell, J. Kilbride, J. Bresnahan, T. Lynch, J. McNamara, T. McNamara, J. Fitzgerald, J. O'Donoghue, J. Hare, M. Minihan, E. Hayes, P. Quilligan, E. Barry, J. Hall, C. Halvey, W. Carey, N.T.; J. Cauty, etc.

The following were the wreaths—"With love," from Mary; "With fond remembrance," from all at Gurteen; "With deep sympathy and sad remembrance," from B. Sutton; "In sad remembrance of his lordship," from the maids at Tervoe.

Mass cards were received from—Mrs O'Connor and family, Mr and Mrs Daly, and Mrs Grene-Barry.

Rev. Father MacNamara, P.P., officiated at the graveside, assisted by Father Barry, C.C., Father Dillon, S.J., and Father Kane, S.J.

LIMERICK FISHERY BOARD.

Shannon Scheme and the Fisheries.

Deputation to Wait on Minister.

Mr F. Gore-Hickman, solr., presided at the meeting of the Limerick Fishery Board yesterday afternoon. There were also present—Messrs A. Blood-Smyth, solr.; M. C. Bourke, solr.; A. Mackey, M. Mackey, J. Dodds, solr.; T. Downs, J. O'Sullivan, J. L. O'Sullivan, R. A. Macauley, J. Little, J. MacNeice, G. Roberts, J. Clancy, Doctor Delaney, T. Pegum, J. Byrnes.

SECRETARY'S ESTIMATE.

The Secretary (Mr H. B. Alton) submitted his estimate for the financial year ending 30th September, 1933, in which he calculated that the total receipts for the year would be £3,996 2s 3d. To meet the expenditure a rate of 19s 6d would have to be imposed as against 11s 6d last year.

SHANNON SCHEME AND DESTRUCTION OF FISH.

Mr A. Mackey said they had lost a considerable amount of revenue in connection with the work of the Board through the injury that had been done to the Shannon fisheries by the Shannon scheme. Killaloe as a fishing centre had been obliterated both in the matters of valuation and licences. He had a £400 valuation in Killaloe, which was a big item, besides a number of licences. The fisheries at Killaloe were decreased in value to a shocking extent. At Castleconnell, along the three miles from the "World's End" to the spawning beds the valuation had been reduced by half. They had asked their Secretary to go to Dublin to interview the authorities on these matters and see if any redress could be obtained for the hardships imposed on the Shannon fisheries by the hydro-electric scheme. The Secretary was accompanied on his visit to Dublin by the Chairman, and it now appeared that they had failed in their efforts.

The Chairman said it was not correct to state that they had failed in their efforts. They had seen the Secretary to the Department of Fisheries, and had placed the facts before him. He could not give them a definite promise, but no doubt he would lay the facts before the Minister.

Mr Mackey said he had suggested that the Minister for Industry and Commerce, as well as the Minister for Fisheries, should be interviewed. He said the Board had failed in its object, because there was an increase in the rate valuation of the fisheries from 11s 6d to 19s 6d. He proposed that the rate should be 10s. not 19s. 6d.

Mr Blood-Smyth said there was no question that the fisheries had suffered an enormous loss as a result of the Shannon Scheme. A rate of 19s. 6d. in the £ was crushing. If that rate was insisted on how many people would go out fishing next year? How many weir owners on the Lower Shannon would work their weirs at all?

Chairman—Not many. I think they will pool their efforts and open a few weirs.

In reply to Mr Blood-Smyth, the Secretary said he had based his estimate on the average receipts for the last three years.

Mr Blood-Smyth said there were two ways by which they could raise money, one by increasing the rate and the other by increasing the licence duties. It would be serious to adopt either course. He re-

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BIRMINGHAM

SELLING

Moorlands (4 to 10)
Wild Thyme (10 to 15)
Border King (10 to 15)
Also ran—Jumbo Prowler, Valhero, Land Mead, Vigil.

SELLING

Martin (11 to 14)
Freeholder (7 to 10)
Golsoncott (100 to 150)
Also ran—Some Orange Plume, Cor Free Forester, Id Buccaneer, Sublin Agricola, Blood Or

TAMWORTH

Lough Mor (9 to 12)
Gunga Din (10 to 15)
Brienz (7 to 10)
Also ran—Pebb Blue Prince, Tal Cottage Pie.

KING'S NORTON

Youtell (7 to 10)
Village Boy (8 to 12)
Rock Bottom (6 to 10)
Also ran—Wise Society, Sanbra, H

BURTON

Sorley Boy (2 to 5)
Hanum (6 to 10)
Annie Yutoi (20 to 30)
Also ran—Gler Rolie, Harem Gual Chief Wing, An Maywin, Swan Up some Lady, Contra Des Ulnes. W

BROMFORD

Lord Angelo (3 to 5)
Bedraggled (5 to 10)
Vert (20 to 30)
Also ran—Bleas Croisade, Knolom Main, Cleadsmore, Won by 8 length