

Municipal Housing Scheme

At Island Field.

Further Specification Tenders Accepted.

Mayor presided at a special meeting of the Corporation last night, called for the purpose of considering a letter from the Minister for Local Government regarding tenders for the Island Field Housing Scheme.

Names of the other members present were: Mr. J. J. McNameara, Mr. J. J. McNameara, Mr. J. J. McNameara.

Acting Town Clerk read the letter from the Minister, which was to the effect that the difference in price between the original specification and the lower was £100,000, he could not see his way to receive tenders on the matter. The housing scheme in Limerick was urgent, and he requested that the Corporation place the contract without further delay.

Reputation was received from the Lime-Building Trades' Federation. Mr. J. J. McNameara, the spokesman, said that their opinion was serious, and they came to the Council not to declare the contract until they had received a reply to a letter sent to the Minister and interviewed Mr. de Valera when he visits the city next day.

In reply to questions put by members Mr. J. J. McNameara stated that there were 35 masons at the moment, and on next Friday 15 more would be out of work. In connection with some of the unskilled workers they were informed that whichever specification was accepted it would not affect them adversely. If however the original specification was accepted there would work for the stonecutters and little for masons.

When the deputation had withdrawn Mr. J. J. McNameara proposed that the contract be delayed.

Rooney seconded. Mr. J. J. McNameara said that the deputation had requested the Council to delay the contract until they had taken certain steps on their behalf, and it was quite possible that would succeed where the Corporation had failed.

He formally proposed that the contract be delayed for a week.

Casey seconded, and said that nothing would be lost by the contract being delayed a week. The Corporation could not be blamed if the efforts of the Building Trades' Federation were unsuccessful. He said that with regard to the argument that nearly all the skilled workers employed, the figures were now available and were as follows. In the brick stonemasons there were 35 unemployed, and 28 painters. The figures for carpenters and plumbers were not yet available, while the number of apprentices employed in each section was not included.

Mr. Dalton was opposed to further delay in clearing the contract, and added that the Minister had taken up an attitude which the Council could not get over. Mr. Angley supported the view of Mr. J. J. McNameara.

Mr. J. J. McNameara said every consideration should be shown to the unskilled workers, many of whom had played their part in the national movement.

On voting by Alderman Madigan's motion—Aldermen Broder, McInerney, McNameara, Councillors Doyle, Barrett, McNameara, Carty, J. J. McNameara, Casey, Quilligan—10.

Against—Aldermen Reidy, Donnellan, Councillors Moore, Bowles, Dalton, Rooney, Angley, Hickey, Bourke, and the Mayor—11.

The resolution of Mr. Dalton was then adopted, and on the motion of Alderman Reidy it was decided to accept the lowest tender in each section.

The following were then declared contractors—Section 1, for 78 houses, Messrs Molloy & Sons, at £24,409 11s. 3d.; on 2, Messrs P. Molloy & Sons, 106 houses, at £32,544 7s. 1d.; section 3, Messrs P. Molloy & Sons, 112 houses, at £672 12s. 6d., and section 4, Mr. M. P. Molloy, at £26,102 11s. 11d.

A time limit of fourteen days was given for signing the bonds.

The Dail To-day.

Question as to I.R.A. Court-martial.

The Senate Bill.

The Dail to-day, Mr. Rutledge, replying to a question by Mr. McGilligan, asked by Mr. Fitzgerald, said he had seen newspaper reports regarding the holding of a court-martial by members of the I.R.A., but there was at present no evidence upon which the Attorney-General could be asked to take action. He was not prepared to say what information the Guards had.

The Committee Stage of the Senate Bill was finished where it left off last night by Senator O'Sullivan and Mr. Anthony.

FUNERAL OF MR. WILLIAM GABBETT.

The remains of the late Mr. William Gabbett, M.I.A.A., of the firm of Messrs W. B. Fitt & Co., Auctioneers, whose very unexpected demise has occasioned deep sorrow in the city and counties of Limerick, Clare, and Tipperary were removed from his residence, "Ard-na-Lia," O'Connell Avenue, on Tuesday evening, to St. Michael's Catholic Church, and were accompanied thither by a large concourse of the citizens. Requiem Mass was celebrated at 10.30 a.m. yesterday, and the funeral took place at 2 p.m. for Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. It was a striking testimony of respect to the memory of deceased, and also of deep sympathy with his widow and family. It comprised all business interests in the city, as well as a very numerous attendance of the farming community, with whom the late Mr. Gabbett during his long business connection with them was very popular. The monster houses and other establishments had their blinds drawn as the funeral, which was fully a mile in length, moved along by O'Connell street and William street to the cemetery. A very large number of motor cars from the country districts joined in the cortege.

The clergy present were—The Rev. Father Hart, A.C.M., St. Michael's; Rev. Father Carroll, C.C., do.; Rev. Dr. Cowper, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Moriarty, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Daly, C.C., Silvermines.

The chief mourners were—Mrs. Wm. Gabbett (widow), Alec Gabbett (son), Kathleen Gabbett (daughter), Alexander Gabbett (father), Mrs. W. Hall (sister), George O'Connor (uncle), Rev. P. J. Tobin, P.P., J. M. Tobin, W. Hall (brothers-in-law), Miss P. Tobin, Mrs. B. P. Carolan, Mrs. S. MacFaul (sister-in-law), J. G. Hall and Master Joe Hall (nephews), Miss Gladys Hall, Miss A. Hall, and Miss G. Hall (nieces), Mr. and Mrs. Gabbett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Meenaghan, John O'Connor, George O'Connor, junr., T. O'Connor, Alec O'Connor, Miss C. O'Connor, Mrs. J. Hayes and family, Mrs. G. O'Doherty, Robert Young and family, J. Martin, E. Martin, Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Connor, Miss Kennecally, J. Howard Walsh and niece (relatives), Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Fitt, Dr. Tom Fitt, Wm. Collins.

The following members of the staff of Messrs W. B. Fitt and Company were present—Messrs F. Ormst n, G. Arthur T. Murphy, J. O'Donoghue, J. Keenan, E. Walsh, Miss McInerney, Miss Ormston, and Mrs. Murphy.

It would be impossible to give a full list of the general public. Amongst those present were—The Mayor, Mr. L. Kirkpatrick (Adare), representing Lord Dunraven; Mr. G. Beere (Adaro), representing Mr. Peter Fitzgerald, Mondellily; E. L. Wickham, J. Tierney, Mungrat; H. Bugler, Annacotty; Denis Ryan, South Hill; S. Power, V.S.; J. O'Grady, Adare; M. Clancy, Rattoo; M. Cussen, Janesboro; E. G. Fitt, H. L. Taylor, Manager, Provincial Bank; R. H. Twigg, Sub-Agent, Bank of Ireland; P. P. Shea, Manager, National Bank; H. Morrison, Manager, Ulster Bank; John Clappett, Boreheen; R. Maume, Bolane; B. K. Lucas, A. J. Eakins, A. Fitt, J. J. O'Sullivan, Mgr., Wallis and Sons; M. Ryan, New-street; J. Kelly, K. Bradshaw, T. Croucher, Ald. M. Brouder, J. P. Hartigan, Maurice Fitzgibbon, A. J. Sexton, senior and junior; G. Preston, J. S. McNeice, City Coroner; James McNeice, J. Hamilton, M. O'Rourke, R. W. Mulligan, M. Lalor, Ballinacurra; J. D. Hannan, R. McCarthy, J. Spencer, R. Gelston, Col. Gubbins, J. Dods, solicitor; J. S. McNeice, solicitor; T. O'B. Kelly, solicitor; E. Leahy, solicitor; J. J. Dundon, solicitor; D. G. O'Donovan, solicitor; E. D. Treacy, solicitor; D. O'Malley, solicitor; P. Vaughan, Edward Ryan, J. Cahill, Sec. Race Co.; J. D. O'Donnell, C. Maurice, J. N. A. Wallace, E. Stevenson, President Chamber of Commerce; J. Cantillon, H. Lilburn, T. H. Williams, J. L. Enright, J. Hishon, S. Stewart, Capt. C. Hanrahan, M. C. Hanrahan, J. Conroy, I.T. & G.W.U.; F. Tobin, Drumshandra; M. Collins, J. A. Baldwin, J. Cooney, Maurice Fitzgerald, T. A. Hartigan, M. H. Cashin, R. T. Cashin, P. J. Fitzgibbon, J. Quilligan, T. O'Donovan, E. B. Duggan, J. J. Mulqueen, M. Bourke, J. E. Galbraith, Ald. J. Reidy, T.D.; P. King, W. S. Burke, J. Fennessy, New street; W. Nolan, Ballinacurra; M. MacDonagh, Joseph P. McCarthy, J. O'Connor, T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E., Harbour Engineer; R. Despard, J. Carson, W. J. Horne, K. O'Sullivan, T. McNameara, R. G. McCarthy, Morgan McMahon, J. Hassett, H. Hassett, O'Connell street; J. Clifford, A. McCloskey, P. O'Donovan Reid, J. Gould, B. McGann, J. Morrissey, City Treasurer; P. Morrissey, Arthur McNeice, D. McNeice, Sec. Harbour Board; J. Owens, W. G. Peacocke, J. Quinlan, J. J. Quilligan, Sec. Health Board; M. Raleigh, C.C.; J. Hartigan (Raleigh's), J. Bartley, J. Barry (Nash and Sons), J. Gleazier, J. Hurley (G.P.O.), P. Curran (do.), D. Kelly (do), W. B. McCarthy, A. McIntyre, T. Gough, B.C.; J. Hackett, William O'Shaughnessy, J. J. O'Toole, M. Geary, P. Moore, B.C.; M. Power, Thomas White (G.P.O.), J. Foley (do.), Rev. J. H. Craig (Clarina), H. Leahy (Ballinacurra), E. Thompson (Lower Cecil street), R. Quin (Henry street), M. P. Riordan, F. Despard, J. McCarthy (Ballinacurra), Geo. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell, Mallow; Frank O'Donnell, Foxford; Miss K. Lyons, A. Hayes, J. F. McMahon, John Cleihan, M. Dempsey, P. J. O'Connor, Brian O'Connor, Joseph Cussen, Joseph Ryan, B. Begg, B. MacDonagh, Jas. Sheehan, M. Hayes, M.I.

Financial Impasse.

Co. Limerick Rate Collection.

Mr John McCormack, chairman, presided at a special meeting of Limerick County Council yesterday, called to consider the financial position arising out of the adverse rate collection and the refusal of the Treasurers to grant further overdraft accommodation.

In a review of the position, the Chairman said he had seen in the Press where their rate collectors had taken court proceedings for the recovery of arrears of rates. In one instance decrees had been given to the amount of £700, but the District Justice had put a stay until June, July, and even August. In another case the collector did not succeed in getting a decree for even a shilling. In face of this he did not see how the collectors could be blamed for not recovering the rates. How could the Council take drastic action against them and their sureties.

Mr Magner—I wish that Justice took charge of the affairs of this Council.

The Chairman—The District Justices are lawyers, and we hear a good deal about reforming the County Councils, but I think the Government should first set about reforming the Courts.

Continuing, the Chairman gave the position of the rate collection since the Council came into office. In 1929-30 the rate levy was £176,942, and outstanding at the end of the financial year £45,691; 1930-31, the levy was £146,316, and outstanding £32,794; '31-32, levy £143,703, outstanding £41,614; '32-33, levy £111,648, outstanding £32,310, and '33-34, levy £153,084, outstanding £74,823. The total warrant for the current year was £158,197. That was the position, and the Council knew that the Bank had refused to give further accommodation in view of the fact that the rates were not being adequately collected. There was nothing wrong with the administration, but last year £24,000 of the agricultural grant was stopped by the Government, and this year £29,000 was stopped. There was no disguising the fact that eighteen collectors had closed their first moiety warrants, while ten had failed to do so.

Mr G. Hewson said a majority of the Council were driving the ratepayers, but it was a good thing to find District Justices refusing to be parties to the drive.

The Chairman took exception to the observation, and said there were no drivers in the Council.

The Council decided to send a deputation to Dublin to discuss the position with the Minister, and to protest against the surties of the rate collectors who had not closed their first moiety warrants.

TERRIBLE FIRE.

Six People Trapped in Their Beds.

Four Burnt to Death.

Six people were trapped in their beds this morning, when a fire occurred at a house adjoining a mineral water factory at Plymouth.

So quickly did the flames spread that though the fire brigade arrived within three minutes of the alarm being raised, four of the people were burnt to death, viz., Mr J. F. Ferguson (80), proprietor of the factory; his daughter, Mrs Symons (35), his sister, Miss Ferguson (50), and his grandchild, Esme Symons (7). Two other occupants, Mr Symons, and his ten years old son, Derek, were rescued.

Police Inspector Lee was overcome by fumes and taken unconscious to hospital. Several firemen were also overcome by smoke and fumes. Others put on gas masks to reach the upper storeys, where they found the charred bodies.

CHARGE OF MURDER OF AGED WIDOW.

Trial of Three Men.

Evidence for the defence was continued at the trial at the Old Bailey to-day of Leslie Martin, of Croydon, and Albert Henry Ansell, and Walter Thomas Ross, of South London, who pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder on February 17, of a widow, Mrs Eliza Ray (76), who was found dead with a handkerchief in her mouth at Handcroft road, Croydon.

Ansell, cross-examined, denied going into Handcroft road on the night of the tragedy. He did not know where the road was.

Ross in evidence, said he had nothing whatever to do with the crime, and he never heard of Mrs Ray until the case began.

Counsel for Martin submitted that his statement did not amount to a confession of murder.

The Judge said the direction he would give to the jury would be substantially that

LIMERICK GREYHOUND RACING.

(By "N.B.")

The defeat of Irack, etc, by Home Willie on last Friday night came as a bolt from the blue. There is an effort being made to have a match arranged between the two.

Broker of Gold was another unlucky dog to lose the hurdles. He was badly bumped at the first bend, and lost here much more than the three lengths by which he was beaten by Jordan's Hill.

In the first race to-morrow night Miko's Hill should account for the opposition, but New Light cannot be left out of consideration.

If KAMPOOP is able to reproduce last year's form he may lead Kyle Foam and Whistling Lass. Bang Bang is a doubtful starter.

I still rely on FAIR HOST for the hurdles, but he is up against a stiffer problem in Syphon More.

The big race is No. 4, which resolves itself into a big struggle between HOUNDED DOWN and Glittering Sun. Mr Willie Ryan's Whistling Coon showed great form last year, but as I have not seen him out this season I cannot recommend him.

RAMBLING KIT and Court Line look the most likely for the sprint. However, the former has a very successful record over the distance.

Sixth Race—MAQUEDA. Next Best—Dundrum Rose.

Last Race—NEW ATTRACTION. Card appended:—

8.15 p.m.—525 Yards Flat—New Light, Abbott's Halt, Brave Worker, Ballyvohane Glory, Miko's Hill, Kitty's Choice.

8.30—525 Yards Flat—Whistling Lass, Kamloop, Bang Bang, Loyal Comrade, Kyle Foam, White Bud.

8.45—525 Yds. Hurdle—Flowersy Flake, Fair Host, Syphon More, Nora's Cutlet.

9 p.m.—525 Yds. Flat—Hounded Down, Glittering Sun, Eagle's Range, Rosie's Beau, Ferry Choice, Curious Whistler.

9.15 p.m.—315 Yards Sprint—Gaulsmill Kitty, Sheehy's Fancy, Court Line, Rambling Kit, Sheehy's Light, Prince Hilarious.

9.30 p.m.—525 Yds. Flat—Kyle Beauty, Maqueda, Dundrum Rose, Sueda Side, Dream of Spring, Mixed Applause.

9.45 p.m.—525 Yards Flat—Dark Weather, Gaelic Drama, New Attraction, Lisobhyane Gift, Flag of Eyon, Cheerful Whistler.

IRISH HOSPITALS' SWEEPS.

Seventy-One Horses in Next Draw.

The official list of second acceptances for the Derby issued in the Racing Calendar contains seventy-one horses, not seventy as was stated in earlier Press reports.

The names of these seventy-one horses will, therefore, be drawn in the Irish Sweepstake on the Derby, irrespective of whether any of them may subsequently be withdrawn from the race. As in previous Sweepstakes, those whose tickets draw the first three horses in the Derby will receive £30,000, £15,000, and £10,000, respectively. Drawers of every horse will each receive a prize of £514 14s.

Last Few Weeks.

It seems but a couple of days since worldwide attention was concentrated on the drawing of prizes for the Grand National Sweepstake—in fact, the payment out of these prizes has practically only just commenced—yet we are actually within a few weeks of the closing date of the Derby Draw—May 14th.

Already the Sweepstake staff have begun to put on speed to cope with the steadily increasing influx of subscriptions, but it is very necessary to remind all interested that if they want to obtain their receipts before the Draw date they will be well advised to send in their counterfoils without any further delay. The promoters look forward with confidence to another good subscription list.

DEATH OF MRS M. O'DWYER.

The death, which we regret to announce, took place yesterday morning at her residence, 29 Parnell street, of Mrs Mary O'Dwyer, after an illness of some duration. The deceased was wife of Mr Jerry O'Dwyer, Inspector Great Southern Railways, and by her kindly nature and amiable disposition endeared herself to a wide circle of friends. With her popular and respected husband and family the sympathy of the citizens will be extended in their bereavement. The remains were removed to St. Michael's Church last evening, the cortege being large and representative, and the funeral took place this afternoon to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

At the meeting of the Corporation last night, Mr J. Angley proposed a vote of condolence with Inspector O'Dwyer and the members of his family in their sorrow. Mr J. Dalton seconded the proposition, in which the Mayor joined, and it was passed in silence.

HAVERGAL SCHOOLS BAZAAR

The annual Bazaar in aid of the Havergal and Roxborough Schools will be held in the Diocesan Hall next Saturday afternoon, when, at 3 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Limerick will perform the opening ceremony. Doors will open at one o'clock for luncheon. There will, as usual, be a variety of stalls, and at intervals during the afternoon musical selections will be provided.

SPORTING.

EPSOM MEETING.

BANSTED PLATE.

Quicksilver (11 to 10) A Saurke 1
Magnolia (7 to 1) G. Nicoll 2
Plain Anne (4 to 1) G. Richards 3
Also ran—Cardini, The Dean, Zenart, Fantassin, Red Dot, Verford.
Won by 1 1/2 l. 3l.

TATTENHAM PLATE.

Masquerader (8 to 1) F. Fox 1
Tetaru (5 to 1) C. Spares 2
Birthline (6 to 1) Sirett 3
Also ran—Inversion, Cat's Pyjamas, Peter Symons, Pride of Wanstead, Maytide, Marylebone. Won by 2 l.; 4l.

NONSUCH PLATE.

Dignitary (Gn Richards) 1
Woodhouse (R. A. Jones) 2
Achtehan (G. Nicoll) 3
Also ran—Anagylypta, Black Devil, Mirth.
Trained by F. Darling.
Betting—11 to 8 agst Dignitary, 4 to 1 Anagylypta, 5 to 1 Woodhouse, Achtenan, 20 to 1 Black Devil, 50 to 1 Mirth.
Won by 6 lengths; head.

GREAT SURREY H'CAP.

March Tor (9 to 2) F. Hebert 1
Flying Coot (11 to 4) Carslake 2
Gela (10 to 1) C. Richards 3
Also ran—Faria, Golden King, Garry, Cody, Embosser, Birthstone, Molly Macree.
Won by 3l.; 4l.

WESTMINSTER STAKES.

King Stefan (11 to 10) Carslake 1
Beresfell (7 to 2) R. Dick 2
Fotlet (10 to 1) G. Richards 3
Also ran—Lead On, Red Raider, Genista, Mademoiselle Satan, Russian Rose, Cumha, Belky Bells, Toilette.
Won by a short head.

COPIHORE PLATE.

Bachus (7 to 2) D. Smith 1
On Post (10 to 9) S. Donoghue 2
Sethos (9 to 2) G. Richards 3
Also ran—Rock Star, Light o' Love, Conway, Black Amber, Admiral Tom. 5l.

CURRAGH MEETING.

MADDENSTOWN PLATE.

Sicklebar (2 to 1) A. P. Thompson 1
Rosaleen Dhu (7 to 1) W. O'Grady 2
Warford (20 to 1) H. Holmes 3
Also ran—Castlebagot, Happy Tolgus.
Won by 1/2 l.; 2l.

BROWNSTOWN PLATE.

Bath Rocks (4 to 1) P. Mahon 1
Roi Spot (10 to 1) G. Lester 2
Come by Chance (25 to 1) P. Maher 3
Also ran—Kilrue, Lucky Lad, Hakluyt, Poor Gel, Princess Matilda, Miss Chink.

YOUNGSTERS' STAKES.

Mea Culpa (100 to 1) W. E. Hamill 1
Talkaway (7 to 4) E. Gaidner 2
Ringsend (100 to 1) M. Wing 3
Also ran—Shive Mish, Oranore, Maazeen, Maelstrom, Spinnerule, Sol Erin, Fallen Idol, Balah, Brawl, The Procurator, Greek Lass.
Half a length; same.

HIS MAJESTY'S PLATE.

Avondale (10 to 1) E. Gaidner 1
Cross Wind (6 to 4) Joe Canty 2
Lady Clodagh (5 to 4) T. Burns 3
Also ran—Golden Glen. 1 1/2 l.; 2l.

CURRAGH PLATE.

Precious Pearl (10 to 1) M. Barrett 1
Portugal (5 to 2) M. Wing 2
Figure Head (6 to 4) Joe Canty 3
Also ran—Golden Period, Eliza's Bachelor, John Poindexter, Silver Salt, The Swindler, Moyanna, Dunfee, Foxford; Soler, Mount Essex, Stranded. 2l.; same.

APRIL H'CAP.

Irish Fun (3 to 1) M. Barrett 1
Speakeasy II (5 to 1) P. Maher 2
Rahab (5 to 1) M. Nolan 3
Also ran—Kingsmere, Portanoh, Loustic, Gaelic Game, Pukkeroo. Won by 2 l.

PONTEFRACT MEETING.

VICTORIA PLATE.

Lady Turk (9 to 4) Nevett 1
Fog Light (8 to 1) E. Wells 2
Wild Flower (11 to 10 on) P. Beasley 3
Also ran—Peggy Lad, The Lion, Solex, Kopiaanna, Russian Gown, Sureline, Third Page, Lunette, Twiddlethumbs, Inquisitive, Agnes Go Lightly, Greengage, Fairy's Myth.
Won by 4 lengths; 5.

KIRKBY PLATE.

Parade (11 to 10) J. Dines 1
Saugor (3 to 1) J. Caldwell 2
Bright Neil (20 to 1) C. Couch 3
Also ran—Yen, Wargil, On Hand, Sir Picton, Nancy Gay.
Won by 5 l.; 3.

HOUGHTON PLATE.

Scarlet River (7 to 2) W. Christie 1
Pink Wings (13 to 8) P. Beasley 2
Night Surprise (10 to 1) W. H. Carr 3
Also ran—Eldorado, Dunrel, Interlude, Grand Colours, Friar's Belle, Cider Prince, Knight at Arms, Whitestripe, Evening Rise.
Won by 3 l.

JUVENILE PLATE.

Easter Race (2 to 1) W. Nevett 1
Hippona (3 to 1) J. Caldwell 2
Green Cross (10 to 1) W. Stephenson 3
Also ran—Black Magic, Cognac, Jermyn Street, Thatched, Roundhead, Hill Cottel, Star Chamber, Tartan Queen, Cotteslass, Crimson Rambler, Margaret Elizabeth