

County Limerick Rate Collection.

pector's Severe Strictures.

Disgrace to the County."

At the County Council offices yesterday, James MacLysaght, B.L., Local Government Board Inspector, held a conference in reference to the county rate collection. John McCormack, chairman of the Council; Mr L. O'Donnell, secretary, and rate collectors, were present at the conference, which was private, and was held in accordance with the instructions of the Inspector.

It was ascertained that Mr MacLysaght had a very serious view of the position. He said the rate collection was a disgrace to the county, and could only be attributed to general neglect. He added that the Minister should not tolerate a continuance of the present backward state of the collection, if necessary, both the County Council and the collectors would be removed from office.

The Council was financially no better off than the most impecunious person who roamed the streets of Limerick. The bank draft was £86,206; £39,878 were due to subsidiary bodies; £19,984 to the road contractors; £1,610 in bank interest, and £35 in respect of sundry county services, making a total of £149,717. There was no justification, he said, for this appalling condition of affairs.

No serious hardship was being inflicted on the ratepayers, as in cases where rates were collected without the aid of collectors the position was most satisfactory. In his respect he took as an example motor taxation. In 1926 the total paid was £345, and in 1933 £22,340.

Mr MacLysaght, in conclusion, said he expected a rapid improvement in the collection of the rates, but before he would finally report the position to the Minister he would review the position again in a month's time.

SHANNON FISHERIES.

Mr L. Forde Appointed E.S.B. Control Chief.

It is announced that Mr Liam Forde, son of the late Mr Michael Forde, has been appointed to the post of E.S.B. Control Chief.

FUNERAL OF MR. P. COYLE.

ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY TEACHERS, IRELAND

After Requiem High Mass in St. Michael's Church yesterday morning, the remains of the late Mr Patrick Coyle Rocheville Rosbrien, were interred in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Fr. Moriarty, C.C.; deacon, Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, C.C., and sub-deacon, Rev. Fr. Kelly, C.C.

The cortege was of large proportions, being representative of the professional and commercial interests in the city. It was a fitting tribute to the respect in which Mr Coyle was held by the citizens, and expressed the sympathy felt for his widow and relatives in their bereavement.

The chief mourners were—Mrs E. Coyle (widow), Mr Hugh Coyle, Dublin (brother), Mr J. H. Roche (father-in-law), Mr M. Roche, and Mr P. Roche (brothers-in-law), Mr D. Nolan and Mr H. Coyle, junior, Dublin (nephews).

The clergy in the choir were—Rev. Fr. Harty, Adm.; Rev. Fr. Carroll, C.C.; Rev. Dr. Cowper, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Thornhill, P.P.; Mungrat; Very Rev. Fr. Gubbins, S.J., Rector; Rev. Fr. Browne, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Fr. Treacy, C.S.S.R.

The general public included—Ald. J. Reidy, T.D.; Capt. R. Quin, T. J. Loughrey, D. O'Callaghan, solr.; R. T. Hartigan, Diarmud O'Donovan, J. S. McNeice, City Coroner; J. Hayes, J. Johnson, J. Egan, W. G. Peacocke, Dr. C. McDonnell, Dr. H. Roche-Kelly, J. J. Ryan, solr.; E. D. Treacy, solr.; J. J. Sexton, solr.; J. McNamara, P. Mulqueen, J. Kearney, J. Franklin, P. Gleeson, J. Byrnes, W. Hickey, J. O'Brien, A. O'Riordan, T. Hickey, M. Hayes and W. H. Walpole (Cannock and Co.), T. Duggan, E. Lloyd, D. O'Dwyer, J. J. Dundon, solicitor; M. Doyle, J. C. Duggan, W. S. Burke, F. Clune, B. Greene, W. Treacy, J. Bourke, J. Hanley, J. Hannigan, J. J. O'Toole, C. V. O'Malley, Dr. J. F. Devane, D. McCaffrey, J. P. Hartigan, J. J. Quaide, M. Gleeson, T. A. Hartigan, A. J. Sexton, R. F. Ryan, T. E. O'Donnell, solicitor; E. Holliday, Capt. J. O. Power, A. McNeice, J. S. McNeice, solicitor; M. Joyce, ex-M.P.; M. Kelly, Dr. M. Graham, W. G. Nolan, P. Colbert, P. Liston, S. Tubridy, J. Barry, J. Purcell, M. P. Riordan, J. McCarthy, J. O'Sullivan, M. J. Brouder, J. J. Peacocke, B.E.; H. Russell, M. Egan, D. O'Donovan, V. O'Donovan, M. Shanahan, S. F. Ebrill, P. F. Quinlan, B.C.

A number of wreaths and Mass cards were placed on the grave.

Limerick Branch.

At the January meeting of the Branch, held in the Municipal Technical Institute, the following appointments were made:

Chairman—Mr M. H. Daly, B.A., in succession to Mr M. O'Connell, B.A., r.

Mr J. G. O'Connor, B.Comm., was Vice-Chairman. Messrs. M. H. Daly and C. A. O'Callaghan, B.Comm., elected to represent the Branch Central Executive Council for 1931. Messrs. J. G. O'Connor and J. J. were elected delegates to represent the Branch at the annual Convention held in Galway next Easter.

The following were elected men of the Branch—Miss H. A. Bolger, B.A.; Messrs. J. Dalton, M.Sc.; J. O'Kelly, J. F. Scallan, B.A.; Sean MacCavitt, W. P. Costello, B.A., and J. Barnes.

The following resolutions were adopted:

- "That we tender our best wishes to Mr Michael O'Connell, B.A., who has given up his membership of this Branch, having an appointment under the Cork Corporation Education Committee."

During the discussion of this resolution attention was called to the tendency of recent entrants to the profession to a secondary teaching, for other calling less remunerative, but having more attractive conditions, in particular secure tenure.

- "That we respectfully urge upon the Limerick Co. Council the immediate re-establishing of their scholarship, (a) for primary students, tenable in primary schools, (b) for secondary students tenable in the National University."

- "That we consider full free choice in their course of studies. The University should be given to hold University scholarships, and that restrictions formerly imposed on the holding of such scholarships were both most unfair to the students and contrary to the interest."

- "That we heartily welcome the suggestions for the establishment of a constituent College of the National University in Limerick, and that we request the public bodies in Limerick City and County to give all possible support towards the realisation of this project."

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