

lection. The total expenditure for what has passed of the current financial period aggregates £54,143, which is over £5,000 in excess of revenue from rates and other sources. It is essential that receipts should exceed outgoings if the services are to be kept going; and what is also important, the overdraft accommodation wiped out, in order to save the interest accruing. It is observed that arrears of rent on Corporation houses stand at the high figure of £526. This should not be the case, having regard to the moderate rents charged, and in this respect the tenants have shown very little civic spirit. Those in a position to pay should be made do so, as it is a bad practice to allow such a large sum to be outstanding. Since the last monthly return a big reduction has been made in water charges, as £937 had been collected, and which is very creditable. The question of these charges has been raised at the meetings of the Council from time to time since the operation of the Management Act. It has been contended that with the consolidation of the five separate rates, renters of water meters are paying twice for their supply, and if that is so it should be remedied.

CITY'S HEALTH REPORT.

Under the heading of Public Assistance, the Departmental Report of the City Manager, which will be submitted at the monthly meeting of the Corporation to-night, shows that the number of persons receiving institutional assistance in the City Home on July 25th last was 363. Of that number 269 were inmates of the City Home and Infirmary; 25 were in the Fever Hospital; 35 in the Acute Hospital and 14 in extra institutions.

connection with the Distillery housing scheme, which has been sanctioned by the Department, and it is expected that within a short time, provided no hitch occurs, that work will be under way.

Good progress has also been made with the Killalee housing scheme, where the work of erecting 90 economic houses is well advanced.

With regard to slum clearance areas, it is stated that survey work in connection with Carey's Road area is progressing satisfactorily.

SENSELESS ECONOMIC WAR

Mr. P. J. McEvoy, of Middleton, Co. Cork, presided at the annual meeting of the Irish Association of Gas Managers, held in Jury's Hotel, Dublin, to-day, and which was largely attended.

In his opening address, the President said the past year had been a very good one for the industry in Ireland, despite severe handicaps, caused by the high coal duties, which was brought about by an absolutely senseless so-called economic war with Great Britain.

SUDDEN DEATH.

James Ward, Windmill Street, Limerick, had a seizure in his home shortly after noon yesterday, and died within a short time. Though deceased had been recently receiving medical attention, his death was totally unexpected. Aged between 60 and 70, he had been employed as a clerk, and was engaged in this occupation up to a few months ago.

The Maria Assumpta Pilgrimage being organised from Limerick left Dublin yesterday for Lourdes. The party number 300, and will spend four days in Lourdes, returning on August 21st. The pilgrims will be headed by Very Rev. Canon O'Dwyer, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's; Rev. T. Mortell, C.C., do., and Rev. E. M. McCarthy, C.C., St. Munchin's. Stops will be made at Paris and Lisieux.