

At a meeting of the Corporation General Purposes Committee on Tuesday night, a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health pointing out the necessity for the setting up of a Port Sanitary Authority to deal with the prevention of disease or contagious illness from ships coming into port. The letter desired that the Clare, Limerick, and Kerry Boards of Health be communicated with, with a view to co-operating in the matter.

The City Manager also read a communication dated 24th inst. recommending the formation of a Port Sanitary Authority.

The Mayor pointed out that the subject was under consideration three years ago and was considered to be too costly.

Mr Donnellan said that such a Board was very desirable, but he could not agree to the expenditure of money on it. The M.O.H. should be empowered to make periodical inspections of ships visiting the port to ensure that they carried no disease.

It was decided to ascertain what expenditure would be incurred in setting up a Port Sanitary Authority, and to also ask the views of the Boards of Health concerned.

DEATH OF MR. B. K. LUCAS.

The death, which we regret to announce, took place at his residence, Prospect, Corbally, this morning, of Mr Benjamin K. Lucas, aged 79 years, after an illness of some duration. The deceased was son of the late Captain H. Lucas, Newport, Co. Tipperary, and held the position of Sub-Sheriff of County Limerick for 35 years. In that capacity Mr Lucas discharged his duties with ability and conspicuous fairness. It was said of him that he often helped and came to the rescue of many people whom he was called upon to dispossess. He was of a very kindly and generous nature, and was very popular with all sections of the people. As Returning Officer for the Dail elections he secured the goodwishes of all parties for the manner in which he carried out his trust. In early life Mr Lucas was a devotee of sport, and played Rugby football for the old Limerick County Club. His death is regretted by numerous friends, who will give sincere sympathy to his widow in her loss.

DEATH OF DR P. J. CLEARY, KILMALLOCK.

About 1 o'clock yesterday Coroner P. J. Cleary, Medical Officer, Kilmallock Dispensary district, took ill and died soon after. Immediately before he had been attending patients in the town. He went into the house of his brother-in-law in Lord Edward street, where he passed away.

Deepest regret at his demise and heartfelt sympathy is extended to his widow and other relatives.

The late Dr P. J. Cleary was Medical Officer of Kilmallock Dispensary District for 45 years and Coroner for 40 years. In the latter position he succeeded Mr John Sarsfield Casey, The Galtee Boy, Mitchelstown. He conducted the inquest arising out of the Kuocklong rescue and the attack on the Kilmallock police barracks in 1920.

ESTIMATE EXCEEDED.

The necessity for concreting and repairing several of the city laneways was stressed by Councillor Hartney at a meeting of the Corporation Committees.

The City Manager stated that he could not agree to any more expenditure in that direction, as up to the present the Council had far exceeded the estimate for last year. No more money was forthcoming before the rate was struck, and even then it was possible the Council would have to realise the necessity for retrenchment and go slowly.

Mr Dalton said that the concreting of O'Connell street cost £30,000 in 1924, and if the Council had waited until 1926 the money would have been provided by Government grants.

The City Manager said the money for concreting schemes would be provided from Government grants, and therefore they should not expend their own revenue on the work.

C.E. & I.B.R.A. VISITOR IN LIMERICK.

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