

Weil-Known Figure

Death of Mr T. B. Mitchell

First Chairman of Limerick County Council.

One of the first Limerick County Council members was Mr Thomas B Mitchell, of The Hill, Ballyrickey, Limerick, Co. Limerick, who died at the age of 93 years. Mitchell was one of the best known and best-loved popular public men of the county. He was also Chairman of the Limerick Board of Guardians for some years prior to the Irish Government Act, 1845. At the opening of his first election to the Limerick County Council he was re-elected as the head of his party for the first time.

In a remarkable contest for the first membership of the Council, Mr Mitchell defeated the late Lord Unsworth and the late Lord Ebury for the position. He was a Justice of the Peace for many years under the old system.

The late Mr Mitchell was a well-known sportsman in his younger days, and was a prominent follower of the County Limerick Football Club. At the first point-to-point meeting held in the County Limerick at Fiddamore some 60 years ago he rode a winner.

The funeral from Ballyrickey Church to the family burial ground at Kiltully on Thursday was as may be expected, a striking demonstration of sympathy and respect.