

make a few observations on the educational system. He had come to the conclusion that the present educational system was an absolute failure. He was satisfied from experience that it was an impossibility for children attending primary schools only to learn two languages, with the result that when children left schools at 14 years of age they had a very imperfect knowledge of any language. In the secondary schools the position was different. On the continent, too, it was possible for students to learn a second language because students had to attend studies until they are 21 years of age. Under the present Irish educational system the children who had to leave school at 14 years were being subjected to a very great hardship and a very grievous wrong. He wanted to enter a most emphatic protest against the present system.

Mr. Hartney said that he disagreed in toto with Mr. Bourke. Irish was the native language and it was their national duty to revive the language. He had been informed by the experts that the teaching of two languages tended to expand the brains of the children and enabled them to assimilate more intelligently the various subjects taught. It was true, perhaps, that a child who left school at the age of 14 years would not have a very perfect knowledge of Irish, but they would have sufficient command of Irish to enable them to converse in the mother tongue. For the Limerick Corporation to request the Government to abandon the teaching of Irish would be a most un-Irish and retrograde move.

Mr. Bourke—I didn't suggest that. What I say is that a child who leaves school at 14 years of age cannot learn two languages.

Mayor—The compulsory teaching of Irish in schools was the policy of the late Government just as it is the policy of the present Government. With that policy I'm in thorough agreement and I must rule the discussion out of order.

SYMPATHY WITH BISHOP.

On the proposition of the Mayor, sympathy was voted to the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, on the death of two esteemed pastors, Very Rev. Canon Reidy, P.P., Askeaton and Rev. M. Fitzpatrick, P.P., Bulgaden.

EX-VOLUNTEER CHARGED

Edward Curtin, a native of Kilmallock, and stated to have been a member of the Volunteer Force, was, at Cork, remanded for a week, charged with having a revolver and eight rounds of ammunition with intent to endanger life and with having the revolver without a firearms certificate.

received no complaints. It was a condition of the housing contracts that only local labour be employed.

Mr. Hartney—Well, I can give you proof that what I say is correct.

Mr. Casey and Mr. Keyes maintained that if there was any justification for the complaint the city workers would have made a protest.

Mr. Hartney—If the rural workers had a Union card the position would be such that the city workers could not protest.

Mr. Casey was understood to say that a rural worker with a Union card would not get employment on housing schemes.

After some further discussion, the City Surveyor said that he would investigate the matter.

KILLED BY HORSE

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ADARE CHILD FATALLY INJURED

Our Adare correspondent writes:—

Joseph Daly, aged 6 years, of Tuogh, Adare, was fatally injured by a horse on the 10th inst. The child was in company with his father, who was letting the horse loose to graze when a dog suddenly frightened the animal, which knocked down the child and stood on his chest. He was promptly removed to Croom Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries three hours later.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his parents in their sad bereavement.

RACE MEETING SCENE

A number of men received cuts and two were badly injured in a fight in which from 30 to 40 young men were involved at Baldoyle races yesterday. Knuckle-dusters, knives, short swords, spears and lengths of lead piping, together with daggers and motor accessories, were used in the fight. Women fainted when the youths gripped each other in the struggle.

LORRY WRECKED

A military lorry returning from Carndonagh to Malin Head crashed near Carndonagh yesterday when the driver swerved to avoid a collision with an oncoming motorist. The lorry mounted a fence, and after tearing along for about 40 yards toppled over on its side. The driver was unhurt, while his escort of five were unscratched. The lorry was wrecked.

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