

on last year's estimate. He would suggest that Mr. Berkery should make a big increase on that figure. He had it on the authority of the Home Assistance Officer, who should be au fait with the position, that the allowances being given to recipients should be increased by 50 per cent.

There were other problems of a social character calling for immediate attention, such as the provision of fuel and the establishment of a communal kitchen. He understood that the numbers availing of the penny dinners were increasing every day. Then they had the problem of the new poor—people who had lost employment in consequence of the exigencies of the times and who through a sense of natural pride felt ashamed to look for assistance. He was very much afraid that they would have more of that class before they were very much older. The question of providing fuel was another matter that could receive the serious attention of a Muintir na Tire Council and it was now for that meeting to decide if they were to have such a body functioning in the city.

SPEECH BY FATHER HAYES.

Rev. J. M. Hayes, in the course of his speech, dealt with the origin of Muintir na Tire and said that it was founded as a rural organisation, with the parish as a unit. It had now, however, spread to urban areas, notably Cork and Dublin. The citizens of Cork had formed an Associate Council. Similar action had been taken in Dublin, but in Dublin they had now some 27 Parish Guilds. The whole idea of the organisation was to work for the community along sound Christian principles. All co-operated together for the common good irrespective of class, creed or politics. He would recommend the setting up in Limerick of an Associate Council, which would not be in the movement, but of the movement. The Associate Council, which would be represented on the Executive Council, would receive the full support and co-operation of the Muintir na Tire organisation throughout the country. Already the rural Guilds contiguous to Limerick had demonstrated what could be done by co-operation. Limerick asked for 20 acres for the growing of potatoes on the co-operative basis and he had been informed by Mr. Barry Walsh, organising secretary, that 21 acres had been secured. When Limerick had its Council functioning the problems touched upon by Father Carroll could be grappled with very effectively, such as the provision of fuel and potatoes for the poor at an economic price. In that way they would be answering the greatest prayer of all—the prayer of true Christian charity.

Mr. O'Mara expressed the view that the Parish Guild basis should be observed in the city.

Father Hayes said that, having regard to the urgency of the problems awaiting solution, it might be more desirable to form a council representative of the various city parishes. Afterwards, Parish Guilds could be formed.

HOME ASSISTANCE.

The City Manager said he agreed that

satisfactory results. During last year close on 200 children of a school-going age were examined and 86 were ordered suitable treatment. Twelve were sent for treatment for tonsils and adenoids, 49 for eye defects, and 25 for dental defects. These figures, which are, generally speaking, repeated month after month, give some indication of what is being done by this scheme.

SOWING WHEAT

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DEFENDANT WHO WAS LATE

When a defendant arrived late for Croom Court on Tuesday it was stated on his behalf by the Court Registrar that he had been engaged in sowing wheat.

The Justice, who had imposed a fine on defendant in his absence for a breach of the School Attendance Act, then allowed the cases to stand over to the May Court.

an associate council for the city should be established now. With reference to Father Carroll's remarks regarding home assistance he would like to point out that an estimate was nothing more than an estimate. No destitute person legally entitled to relief would be denied relief and if it was necessary to expend £11,000 that amount would be expended.

UNANIMOUS DECISION.

After an exchange of views, it was unanimously decided to set up an Auxiliary Associate Guild of Muintir na Tire for the city, with a council composed of the following:—Rev. W. J. Carroll, Adm., St. Michael's, hon. chairman; Mr. L. J. Larkin, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. Brown, hon. secretary; Mr. J. J. Berkery, City Manager; Rev. Father Minihan, C.C., St. Munchin's; Rev. Dr. Cowper, C.C., St. Michael's; Mr. T. F. Ryan, Co. Surveyor; Mr. Stan Stewart, Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D.; Mr. M. Coleman, N.T.; Mr. T. J. Loughrey, Mrs. O'Mara, Miss Daly, Dr. Troy, Ald. Reidy, T.D.; Mr. J. Carew, Mr. A. McDonogh.

Power was given to the council to co-opt new members if necessary.

MUNICIPAL KITCHEN FUND.

A general appeal was made to the citizens to support the Municipal Kitchen Fund, and members were requested to collect subscriptions, no matter how small. It was mentioned that Miss Daly had collected £5, subscribed by five people.

DEATH.

O'Dwyer—March 12, 1941. Jane O'Dwyer, at her residence, 23 Athlunkard Street, Limerick. Remains will be removed this (Wednesday) evening to St. Mary's Church at 9.15 o'clock. Funeral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery at 3.30 to-morrow.