

that the streets of Limerick were  
ed by a throng of professed beg-  
the implements of whose trade  
were assumed disease, untiring  
tunity, imposture and abuse, and  
oads displayed the usual number of  
nts returning daily with the spoils  
ed from the labours of the indus-  
farmer.

re a fair computation made of the  
nt of the exactions levied by this  
on the feelings and credulity of  
umane, goes on the report, it would  
ound to exceed that of the poor  
When once a legal provision for  
support of the destitute had been  
ed by means of a compulsory con-  
ion, the public had a right to be  
ted from the consequences of an  
which, by imposing a double tax  
the public, would render the poor  
burthen rather than a blessing to  
community.

#### FOOD ALLOWANCES.

the male paupers in Limerick  
house eight ounces of oatmeal and  
pounds of potatoes were issued  
with one pint and a quarter of  
milk; to the women seven ounces  
meal, 3½ lbs. of potatoes and the  
quantity of milk. One ounce of  
meal and half a pound of potatoes  
thus allowed to each individual in  
classes beyond the quantity sanc-  
ed by the Commissioners, and new  
had been substituted for sour milk  
anner.

his addition of food," comments the  
t, "has a doubly injurious effect,  
distributed over so large a num-  
of inmates, it seriously increases the  
ise, and it places the paupers in a  
condition than the independent  
supporting themselves by their  
industry."

Commissioner concluded by stating  
as aware that in the substitution  
w for sour milk the quantity of the  
er had been reduced to equalise the  
with the latter, but a direct induce-  
was still held out to pauperism by  
general use of an article of food  
n was seldom used by the poor in  
own habitations.

weekly cost of "meals" for each  
male was 1/8d, and for women  
children over nine years of age, 1/7;  
ren aged five to nine years, 1/5;  
ren aged two to five, 1/3d., and in-  
under two, 1/1½.

ring the half year ended September  
there were 1,692 persons relieved in  
Workhouse. There were two cooks  
e institution and they were each  
£3 per year. Two wardsmen were  
£10 8s. per year each. The Master  
e Union and the Clerk had £60 per  
m and the Matron £30. Two medical  
rs were each paid £40 per year, the  
school teacher £30, and the female  
er £20.

#### CONTRAST IN CONTRACT PRICES.

tract prices for provisions and  
saries present a great contrast  
those prevailing at the present  
Potatoes cost 1/3½ per stone, oaten  
13/3 per cwt, bread 1½d. per lb.,  
milk 1½d. per quart, beef and  
on 4d. per lb., flour 1/4½ per stone,  
13/- per ton and lamp oil 8/- per  
n. On the other hand, tea cost 6/-  
o., and sugar 9/- a stone, as these  
regarded as luxuries 100 years ago.  
Workhouse now the City House

evening. It is stated that the entire con-  
tents, including valuable furniture and  
effects, were lost.

When attempts to extinguish the fire  
in the attic failed, it spread quickly,  
causing a conflagration that could be  
seen for miles around. By 2 a.m. the  
entire building was gutted and only the  
gaunt smouldering walls remained.

Gardai, under Sergeant Keegan, and  
men from the Rathkeale L.D.F. were  
early on the scene to render all possible  
assistance. Many people from the district  
who also came to render what aid they  
could remained as helpless spectators  
when the fierce flames got beyond control.

The residence was the property of Mrs.  
Cora L. Griffin, widow of the late P.  
Griffin. She has it rented on lease to  
Colonel C. E. Russell, retired Irish Air  
Force Officer and company director, who  
came to reside there with his wife and  
family some weeks ago. All occupants  
escaped unharmed. Altavilla House has  
been the residence of the Griffin family  
for several generations. The cause of  
the fire is unknown.

## DEAD BESIDE GUN

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### FARMER ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Mr. James Fitzgerald, farmer, Fed-  
more, died as result of the accidental  
discharge of a gun in his own farm about  
midday on Wednesday, 19th inst. This  
was the verdict of an inquest held by  
the Coroner, Dr. Clery, M.O., Hospital,  
and a jury on the same date.

The evidence showed that deceased  
took the gun, for which he held a licence,  
after breakfast and proceeded as usual  
towards his tillage field to protect newly  
sown corn from the crows. He was not  
missed till midday when his son, who  
went to call him to his dinner, saw him  
lying beside the fence dead with the gun  
near him.

Dr. W. Hedderman, M.O., Croom dis-  
trict, who examined the remains where  
the accident occurred, stated in his  
evidence that he saw nothing pointing  
towards the wound being self inflicted.  
He said he thought the deceased must be  
sitting in a reclining position with the  
gun beside, and the discharge could  
have taken place while drawing the  
weapon towards him. The fatal wound,  
which was small and clean cut, pene-  
trated the left breast, shattering the fifth  
rib. It was in a downward direction,  
penetrating the lung and entering the  
abdominal cavity.

Thomas and Annie Fitzgerald, son and  
daughter of deceased, were examined as  
witnesses; also Sergeant John Walsh, Mr.  
John Feely and Dr. W. Hedderman.

The Coroner joined with the jury in  
tendering their sympathy and condolence  
to Mrs. Fitzgerald, wife of deceased, and  
family:

Mr. Fitzgerald, who was deservedly  
popular, was 53 years of age. His loss  
will be felt by the whole district.

## OBITUARY

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### MR. PATRICK GILLESPIE.

We regret to announce the death of  
Mr. Patrick Gillespie, who died at his

bers present were:—Rev. Mr. H.  
Jones, Ald. McInerney, Messrs  
Casey, B.C.; Michael Hartney,  
White, and M. J. Moore.

Mr. P. V. Twomey, C.E.O., and  
J. Stundon, Assistant Secretary,  
also in attendance.

The C.E.O. reported that the  
given at the school for plot hold-  
proved to be most successful and  
arranged that further lectures  
by Mr. J. J. O'Carroll, Rural  
Organiser. He also had arrang-  
the plot of ground at Rode  
would be dug up and used as a  
stration plot.

### IRISH TEACHERS AND DEPORTATION COURSE.

The County Dublin Branch  
Irish Teachers Association stated  
resolutions stating that the new  
of training for Irish teachers  
wise, as there existed a large  
Irish teachers fitted to do the work  
establishment of the course was  
tion on these teachers and the  
Department decided to proceed  
course they should confine it to  
teachers or candidates from the  
tacht. The resolutions also pro-  
against the maintenance all-  
offered to Irish teachers in train-  
to the exclusion of women can-  
didates.

The C.E.O. said he did not think  
was much the Committee could do  
the resolutions, as the course had  
started.

Mr. Hartney—Tell them it is to  
Chairman—We will mark the  
tions "noted."

The Secretary, Irish College,  
holt, wrote asking how many sch-  
students the Committee intended  
to the College this year.

The C.E.O. said he did not  
would be wise to state how many  
the Committee would send this year  
suggested a reply to the effect  
number would not be as big as last  
year.

### THE ATHENAEUM HALL.

Mr. J. Cronin, lessee, Ath-  
Cinema, wrote giving notice that  
vacate the premises on the 5th Ap-  
ril.

Mr. Cronin added that since  
decided to conduct a "second run"  
he had been losing money, and  
Committee had refused to make  
alteration in the existing tenancy  
no alternative but to vacate the  
premises.

The Chairman said that at  
meeting Mr. Cronin applied for  
tion in his present rent and made  
suggestions. The Law Adviser  
the Committee not to agree to  
Cronin's application.

The C.E.O. read a letter from  
Adviser to the effect that he  
the letting agreement and ascer-  
provided that the tenancy could  
minated by one week's notice in  
writing. The tenancy agreement provided  
building was to be kept in a good  
of repair by the tenant, and be-  
cause the Committee accepted possession  
suggested that the premises be in-  
spected by the Committee, in order to satis-  
fieselves that the agreement was  
being carried out.

### UNANIMOUS ACCEPTANCE.

Mr. Casey said that the Comm-  
no alternative if Mr. Cronin  
rendering the premises. He would  
point out that it was not the  
Committee's duty to accept the  
premises if they were not  
satisfactory.