

FOOT-AND-MOUTH

Outbreak In County Limerick

DISCUSSION AT CORPORATION MEETING

An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease was confirmed late last night on the lands of Mr. Wm. Donnelly, Amigan, Croagh, two miles from Rathkeale.

The outbreak is among 48 head of cattle and 24 sheep and it is understood that all these animals were slaughtered to-day.

DISCUSSION AT CORPORATION.

Ald. Reidy, T.D., said that he had been requested by several interests to call attention to outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in areas not far distant from the city. It had been suggested to him that the measures already taken by the authorities were not drastic enough inasmuch as all public gatherings had not been forbidden.

The Mayor (Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.) said that no measures could be too drastic in order to eradicate the disease.

Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D., said that the veterinary officers of the Department were working day and night to cope with the epidemic. It was vitally important that the owners of suspected herds should not hide anything from the Department. Irreparable harm had already been caused by concealment.

SITUATION FULL OF DANGEROUS POSSIBILITIES.

Mr. J. J. Dundon, Chief Veterinary Officer to the Corporation, said that no steps could be too drastic to stamp out the disease. In his opinion all public meetings should be prohibited, especially coursing and racing fixtures. The people in affected areas should "stay put" for a period because infection was likely to be spread by personal contact. County Limerick was a vulnerable area owing to the density of the cattle population and it would be disastrous if the disease was to become endemic in the county, which was the cattle nursery for the whole country. The situation was full of dangerous possibilities and the authorities should not hesitate to exercise all their powers, though in so doing hardship might be caused to many, in order to eradicate the disease.

Mr. Donnellan said that the position was too serious for half measures.

IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

TOWN TOPICS

THE A.F.S.

The Auxiliary Fire Fighting Service is making rapid progress towards proficiency under the direction of Mr. J. McNamara and Lieut. T. Gough, of the City Fire Brigade. But the activities of the instructors are being thwarted to some extent by reason of the fact that the personnel of the A.F.S. is not up to standard. At least one hundred more volunteers are urgently needed and young men not attached to other emergency organisations are requested to offer their services without delay. Enrolment forms can be had in the Town Hall on application.

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LATE REV. J. GREED, P.P.

The death of Rev. John Greed, P.P., Ballynacally, in the Diocese of Killaloe, which took place recently, was learned of with very deep regret in Limerick. Father Greed was very well known in the city, where he had hosts of friends. For many years he laboured as curate at Clonlara and while there he had many contacts with Limerick. A tireless worker and organiser, he left his mark in every centre to which he had been attached during his priestly ministrations extending over forty years. During the Black and Tan regime he was arrested, in Killaloe, where he was a curate at the time. He was tried by courtmartial in Limerick on a trumped up charge, which was eventually dismissed.

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GRAND RECITALS.

The Boherbuoy Brass and Reed Band is giving grand recitals this week at the Savoy. At the opening performance on Monday night the audience gave the Band a rousing reception and enthusiastic applause followed each selection. The warmth of the "premiere" reception was surpassed last night, a fact which goes to show that this famous combination of amateur musicians is proving a great hit. The rendering of the different items was really delectable and the high standard attained demonstrated that the Boherbuoy band is living up to its great reputation. Congratulations are due to the conductor, Mr. P. McCormack, and,