

The C.E.O. said that the day continuation classes in the Croom school were still unsatisfactory. The evening classes in wood-work and Irish, however, were now very good.

Father T. Wall said that, in his opinion, something should be done to make attendance at the day continuation classes compulsory, as was done in Cork City. These schools were provided at considerable public expense, and it was up to the Department to see that the money so expended was not wasted. This sort of thing, he added, would not be tolerated in any other country.

The C.E.O. said that Croom was the only school in which the day classes were unsatisfactory at present.

Father T. Wall—But the same thing might happen in any of the other schools. Steps should be taken to ensure that the money spent on the schools was not a waste of public funds.

The C.E.O. said it had been suggested that a day commercial class should be held at Croom as a means of improving the attendance.

Canon Wall said he was sure such a class would be a success.

Mr. McCormack said that the schools were primarily intended for rural education and not for training in commercial subjects.

#### NO EMPLOYMENT.

Fr. T. Wall—Another point is what's to be done with these students when they are trained in commercial subjects. Where will they get jobs? There will be no employment for them unless they go into Limerick and there won't be very much welcome for them there as they have plenty of commercial schools of their own in the city.

The C.E.O. said he would do his best to make some provision in the scheme with a view to improving the attendance at Croom day classes.

The C.E.O. also announced that it was expected to have the new school at Dromcollogher equipped and ready for classes on the 1st October.

#### SYMPATHY.

On the proposition of Mr. Carroll sympathy was voted to the relatives of the late Very Rev. Father Hennessy, O.S.A.

The Japanese Army claims that in battles in the Southern Shansi and Honan Provinces of China 33,459 Chinese soldiers were killed and 10,497 prisoners taken.

the last Board meeting a very important matter had arisen on which public attention should be focussed. It appeared that a number of salmon were sold in Limerick and as a result of inquiries it transpired that these fish were consigned from some of the military in a post in County Limerick who had captured the fish. It was a lamentable state of affairs that a number of men wearing the uniform of the National Forces should be spending their spare time poaching salmon from the rivers and we should make a very strong protest to the authorities and ask them to make an inquiry into the matter.

Mr. Daly—Are proceedings to be taken against these men?

Chairman—We have got to a certain stage in our investigations but the man who bought the fish refuses to tell us where he got them from.

Inspector Breen said that the net used by the poachers had been captured but the officer in charge of the post in question had been unable to find the culprits.

Mr. Blood-Smyth—I propose that we send a very strong protest to the Department of Defence and ask them to have an inquiry.

Mr. Slattery seconded the resolution and it was passed unanimously.

It was decided to leave the appointment of three assistant inspectors to the Finance Committee, acting as a sub-committee in collaboration with Inspector Breen.

### SUDDEN DEATH AT FUNERAL

Mr. John Noonan, Bama, Galbally, died suddenly on the Galbally road, Ballylanders, while the funeral of Mr. John Walsh (of Walsh and Sons) was moving off to the local cemetery (writes our Ballylanders correspondent). Dr. J. C. Ogilvie and Father Fogarty were quickly on the scene. An inquest was not held. Deceased was removed by First Aid stretcher bearers. The interment took place at Galbally Cemetery on Sunday.

### SANCTION REFUSED

At the last meeting of the Limerick Mental Hospital Committee, a letter was read from the Department refusing to sanction an increase in salary voted to Mr. T. J. Colbert, B.D.S., visiting Dental Surgeon, whose duties, the Committee submitted, had been added to consequent on the transfer of patients from the County and City Homes to the Institution.

Namara's proposition and declared passed unanimously.

#### PIG INDHSTRY.

In reply to a resolution at a previous meeting re the Pigs and Bacon Commission fix a price for pigs commensurate with the cost of production, was read from the Commission stating that when prices are fixed various factors are taken into consideration. The Commission has no responsibility for the price of bacon.

War conditions over which the producer of pigs nor the Commission have any control," the Commission proceeded, "have imposed restrictions on the production of pigs. It is hoped, however, that the increase in production of home-grown pigs during the course of the year will enable producers to increase pig production."

Mr. O'Donnell said that the price was nothing short of an advance. The fact was that the farmer was going out of pig production because the price fixed was wholly unremunerative.

Mr. McNamara—Is it true that the price of pigs has been reduced during the week?

Mr. O'Donnell—Yes; the price has been reduced by 10/- per cwt.

Mr. McNamara—That is a serious loss.

Chairman—The bacon producers were prepared to pay 10/- more than the price fixed by the Commission, but the cure has been compelled to come down to the fixed price.

Mr. O'Donnell—The Minister for Agriculture is appealing to the farmer to go in for increased production, but they would not do so under existing conditions.

Mr. McCormack—The Commission for the country is Commission for Agriculture Boards.

The matter was not further discussed.

#### PRICE OF MILK.

In reply to the resolution at the previous meeting as to the use of their influence with the Government for Agriculture to have the price of 10d. per gallon for milk supplied at creameries during the ensuing season, replied received from Ald. Reidy, T.D.; Mr. D. O'Briain, T.D.; Mr. M. J. T.D., and Senator O'Dwyer stated that they would take action on the lines indicated in the resolution.

Mr. Walsh said that the Government and Senators who did not support the resolution should be censured. As representatives of the people the