

right to inflict on the public an extra charge of two pence per lb. Now, with regard to prices in the West of Ireland. "Observant" appears to be under the impression that he is dealing with an ignorant public. Surely he must be aware of the fact that the West of Ireland is not a dairying centre at all—that it is devoid of creameries and that it must depend on Munster for its supplies of butter. Even in the "piping times of peace," butter prices in Galway were always something higher than those obtaining here. The explanation for that is the extra cost of transport. Again, I challenge "Observant" on that point. It is ridiculous for "Observant" or for any one else to suggest that Limerick retailers all along have been actuated by altruistic motives.

In conclusion, Sir, I want to remind "Observant" that all retailers in Limerick have not saddled their customers with this extra two pence. There are in this city many grocers who have refused to be a party to adding unnecessarily to the cost of living. Will "Observant" say that these traders are selling at a loss?

Yours faithfully,

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THE MARITIME INSTITUTE OF IRELAND

A Committee meeting of the Group for the territory of Limerick, Clare, Tipperary and Kerry was held last evening in the offices of Riordan's Shipping Agency, Limerick. Mr. James O'Keeffe, chairman of the Group, presided, and there were also present:—Capt. Sinnott, Messrs. Martin McGuire, B.C.; H. E. Glynn, Kilrush; W. F. Treacy, Rodger Bourke, hon. treasurer; and M. P. Riordan, hon. secretary.

Apologies for non attendance were received from Colonel Worledge, O.B.E.; Messrs. J. O'Toole, junr., R. N. Lee, and T. F. O'Sullivan.

A good deal of detailed work was got through, all bearing from different angles on marine development in Ireland. Messrs. O'Keeffe and Glynn were deputed to attend the meeting of the General Council for all Ireland, which is being held in Dublin, at which they will present the views of the Limerick Group.

"Rambling Thady" a break.

Signed:

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making of a few noughts in the books, as some self-discovered economists would have the people believe. Banks and many other business institutions were now prosperous and he hoped they would distribute a substantial portion of their profits among the conscientious staffs which helped to earn such profits. That would create great confidence and would not be a great strain on the Banks or any other business institution. Fair and generous treatment of staffs would be a very good investment by the Banks and not a liability of any kind. And, it would be appreciated by the people, who realised that the staffs of Irish Banks were anxious to help the community in every way and were the acme of courtesy.

Mr. E. Galway Foley thanked the Press for attending, and he was thanked for his remarks by Mr. J. Degnan, Ennis.

DOCTOR'S REPORT

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"MANY ANOMALIES"

The annual report of Dr. McPolin, S.M.O.H., for the year 1941, which was circulated recently, was quoted by Mr. J. M. Casey at the meeting of Limerick Corporation last night, the Mayor (Ald. D. J. O'Malley, solr.) presiding.

Mr. Casey said that the report disclosed many anomalies in the different services. He suggested that a Committee of Inquiry be set up.

Mr. C. V. O'Malley said that a piecemeal discussion would serve no useful purpose. He proposed that the report in its entirety be considered at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

Ald. Reidy, T.D., seconded this proposition and it was declared passed unanimously.

SISTER OF FAMOUS DEPUTY DEAD

Mrs. Catherine Myers, who died yesterday, aged 52, at her residence, No. 4, Clontarf Place, Limerick, was prominently associated with the independence movements, and had given active assistance in the Limerick and Tipperary areas. She was sister of Mr. Dan Breen, T.D. Her husband, Mr. William Myers, is employed in the mechanical section of the G.S.R. at Limerick. She leaves a family of seven.

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