

or less than an insult and I take strong exception to its terms.

Mr. Cusack—All classes co-operated in endeavouring to save the industry.

NO POLITICS.

Mayor—I would like the chairman of O'Mara, Ltd., to know that I was in the chair when the resolution regarding the bacon industry was passed. There was no politics in it—none whatever—and I say the references to politics in Mr. O'Mara's letter are to be deplored. This City Council is endeavouring to do its best for the citizens as a whole by having the bacon factories kept in commission. All I will say now is that something more was to be expected than the facetious remarks coming from the source from which they emanated.

Mr. Russell—The reply from Messrs. O'Mara is a very poor tribute to the members of the deputation who went to Dublin at their own expense to try to have the bacon industry in the city reorganised. It is a very poor tribute from one of the leading lights of the industry.

Mr. Reddan—It is a most insulting and, I may add, disrespectful letter to this Council and to the deputation. It shows, too, little consideration for those whose livelihoods are depending on the industry. Any day you take up the daily Press you will see praise and laudations from this firm for their employees—and for what purpose, I wonder?

Mr. McGuire—There was no question of politics, but of economics.

Mayor—It is a pity that the Minister has not followed up his letter of 22nd January. We will communicate with him again to see if any progress has been made.

Mr. Cusack—The preservation of the bacon industry is not the concern of any one individual, but of the citizens as a whole.

Mayor—We will keep in touch with the Minister.

The discussion then ended.

WHITE BLACKBIRDS

Two white blackbirds have been seen daily a mile below Abbeyfeale, on the Feale side at Burns's Wood. Both are white on head, breast, and underneath. Otherwise they have all the familiar characteristics of the blackbird.

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The R.M.S. added that if the patient had been their own brother the attendants could not have given him more care and attention.

The discussion ended.

T. F. Ryan, County Surveyor, stating that he was making enquiries about the steam-rolling of the Quarry road. He had forwarded the request of the Development Association with reference to the putting down of three fountains at Dernish, the Quarry and Woodview Cottages, to Mr. P. J. Sheahan, County Engineer.

Permission to hold a ceilidhe in the Hall on the 21st February was granted to Risteard MacSiacu's, Gaelic Organiser, and to Lieut. Fitzgerald, on behalf of the military, for a squadron dance on the 28th February.

DISTRIBUTIVE WORKERS AND CLERKS

The annual meeting of Limerick Branch of the Irish Union of Distributive Workers and Clerks was held in the Town Hall on Monday night, Mr. Daniel Reddan, B.C., chairman, presided, and there was a large attendance. The lengthy address delivered by the chairman and the annual report submitted by Mr. C. J. McLean, secretary, showed that the Branch is in a thoroughly sound position both in membership and funds. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our week-end issue.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES J. JOHNSTON.

It is with very sincere regret that we announce the death of Mr. Charles J. Johnston, Ballinacurra, Limerick, which occurred this morning after a brief illness. The deceased, who was a son of the late Councillor Charles Johnston, who was a member of the Fenian Brotherhood, was imbued with strong national principles. Along with other members of his family, he played a no mean part in the fight for independence. At the time of his death he was a prominent official of the E.S.B. in Limerick.

Both in his private and public life, the late Mr. Johnston was held in the highest esteem and respect and his early demise will occasion profound regret and sorrow. We join with the general public in tendering heartfelt sympathy to his widow, son and numerous other relatives in their great bereavement.

CAMOGIE

The Munster Council Camogie Convention will be held in Limerick on Sunday week, 24th inst. In conjunction with the meeting a U.C.C. camogie team will line out against a Limerick selection the same day.