

Thomas Moroney was doing work and that he would do it himself.

Thomas further stated the Agent said these matters which as could easily be admitted that he had seen the correspondence between the Engineer and the Manager, and thought there was too much letter writing; that the matters could be better dealt with by discussion. The City Council seemed to share that view. The result of the meeting the Agent stated:—

It was agreed that in regard to the ordering of materials that could be done through me, that I would be informed and would have a say in all orders that were ordered. It was agreed that in future the Engineer would not receive deputations without my presence.

The City Manager, in his evidence regarding this matter, stated that he wanted further experience of Thomas before he made a permanent decision. Asked if he made a decision of incompetence against Thomas, he said:—

"I have not actually to decide if Thomas is incompetent to satisfy the requirements that he is not able to make a decision to go. I had a few things I was not satisfied with. One thing was the grounding of the holder; another thing was that we were not getting the money, which was more important. He had never indicated to Thomas that he thought him incompetent, and said so in his report on the 27th February, 1942, dealing with the grounding of the holder."

### OTHER REASONS."

The City Manager admitted there were other reasons for refusing to appoint Thomas permanently. He said:—

"When you are going to make a decision of incompetence like that there are serious things at the back of your mind, not definite facts at all, but a kind of intuition—whether a man is suitable or not as well as the merits of the case."

He stated that Mr. Dundon, Law Officer of the Corporation, advised that he could only do one of two things—either appoint Mr. Thomas permanently or dismiss him. He decided to appoint him and the City Council Order of the 19th June 1942 was:—

"After having consulted with the Corporation's Law Agent, I have decided to place Mr. F. K. Thomas, Gas Engineer, on the permanent staff of the Corporation's Gas Works as from 28th February 1942."

The City Manager, under examination, stated that he had agreed to have a decision on the 27th April, which was taken as a reflection on Thomas, destroyed, and he had instructions to have this decision actually this was not done, the City Council Order was removed from the City Council Book. It was produced

complacency of people who may think that all is well now after so long a span of years this correspondence will have achieved something. I thank you in anticipation for its publication.—Mise le meas.

Signed: T. HAYES,  
Athlone North, Kilmallock.  
19/12/44.

## OBITUARY

### DEATH OF MR. JOHN O'MAHONY.

It is with feelings of profound sorrow we announce the death of Mr. John O'Mahony, which sad event took place unexpectedly at his residence, 2 O'Curry Street, on Tuesday evening last. The deceased, who had reached a fine old age, was an old employee of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners and retired on pension some years ago. During his long connection in that position he won the esteem and respect of his fellow-workers and was exceedingly popular with all classes. He was an exemplary Catholic and was one of the original members of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family attached to the Redemptorist Church and remained a faithful member up to the time of his death. His familiar figure will be sadly missed by his sons and daughters, to whom the sympathy of all classes goes out in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place on Thursday from St. Michael's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery and was large and representative. The chief mourners were:—Timothy, Paddy, John, Sinan and Tom (sons), Kathleen, Rose and Elizabeth (daughters), and grand-children. The Rev. Dr. Cowper, Adm., St. Michael's, officiated at the graveside. (23c)

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