

that has been given here and reported in the Press as far as the Manager is concerned. That evidence was that Banks refused the increase because the people of Limerick might think he was looking for the Engineer's job."

Mr. Ferguson, in his evidence, denied that there was any talk about an increase of salary for Banks, that there was no statement that Mr. Thomas might not remain in Limerick. He stated that when the Mayor asked why Banks had not applied for the position of Engineer when it was vacant W. Imbuech stated that the terms of the advertisement precluded Banks from applying for the position.

"A CLEAR LIGHT."

The Inspector states that on consideration of the reports he would accept Alderman O'Malley's statement in full, and he adds that the discussions which took place at the meeting throw a clear light on the attitude of the Foreman at this period and disclose the reason for that attitude.

According to the evidence the City Council met on 27th October, 1942, and went into committee to hear the report of the sub-committee which had visited the Gas Works, and that before the Council went into committee the Mayor (Alderman O'Malley) said that

"A statement had been made at the last public meeting of the Council to the effect that better gas was made by an employee of the undertaking when the Gas Engineer was absent from the Works. The committee who went to the Gas Works went carefully into that question. Personally, he was satisfied that there was no justification for that statement, good or bad, and he thought it only fair to the Gas Engineer to say so."

In his evidence in relation to this meeting, Alderman O'Malley said:

"At that committee meeting there was very plain talking, and I think it was at that meeting that I expressed the view to the Manager and Council that if I had anything to do with Banks that he would not be twenty-four hours in my employment, because he was obstructing the Corporation; that he was able to make gas, and that he refused point blank to me personally and to the rest of the deputation from the Corporation to co-operate with the Engineer to do it."

APPOINTED PRODUCTION ENGINEER.

The following day, the 28th October, the Manager made an order appointing Edward Banks as Production Engineer in complete charge of carbonisation. According to the evidence he discussed the matter first with the Engineer and explained to him that he

Deceased, who was in his usual health up to the time of his demise, was aged about seventy years and was married. He had been employed on the roads as a labourer up to last Saturday and was coming to the city this morning to sign for the dole. He was removed to Barrington's Hospital, where, on admission, he was found to be dead. It having been established that death was due to heart failure, an inquest was not deemed necessary.

DEATH OF POPULAR FIGURE

With very deep regret we chronicle the demise of Mr. P. J. Graham, a member of a well-known and popular Coonagh family, which took place to-day after a long illness.

The late Mr. Graham was for a long number of years storekeeper at the Limerick Mental Hospital, but failing health compelled him to relinquish this important position. He was brother of Dr. Matt Graham, and of Mr. Michael Graham, Coonagh.

A gentleman of many sterling qualities, he was held in very high regard and esteem by all classes. In sporting circles generally, but especially in the realm of coursing, his death will occasion profound regret and sorrow. Some years ago he bred some first-class greyhounds and usually he was represented at the leading coursing fixtures in Munster. He was a nominator for the Irish Cup and in that connection it will be recalled that for the 1929-30 season his nomination—Comrade Kiwi—owned by Mr. James Humphreys, Glenstal, won the blue riband of Irish coursing.

To his widow, children and the other members of the family heartfelt sympathy will be extended in their bereavement.

The remains will be removed to St. John's Cathedral at 6 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) evening. Requiem Mass at 8.30 on Friday morning and the funeral will take place from the Cathedral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery at 4 o'clock on Friday.

CHRISTMAS GAS

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—As a constant user of gas for cooking, I think most of your readers will agree with me in saying that the quantity and quality supplied during the Christmas holidays (considering shortage of coal and other difficulties) was most satisfactory, and left no excuse for the turkeys not being thoroughly cooked.—Yours,

HOUSEKEEPER.

POSTAL "HUSTLE"

A postcard, dispatched from the C.B.O. Dublin to Newbliss, Co.

persons. Besides, it to demolish 82 individual occupied by 223 families, comprising 1,045 persons.

Answering Mr. O' Malley—The Acting Manager said there were other areas in the town from Pennywell in which the work could be carried out. He would say when it would be possible to initiate the Pennywell scheme that would depend on the approval of the Department. Tenders received for the town scheme.

Mr. O'Malley—In the contractors were to buy nails from the Corporation at £240 per ton.

Mr. Dundon—What do you propose to do with the matter?—Why is this Inquiry?

Mr. O'Malley—It has to do with this matter, as the cost of housing.

Mr. Dundon—It has to do with the acquisition of the land.

Mr. O'Malley—I do not know what question has agitated you. It is a great deal.

Mr. Dundon—I do not know what question as a red herring.

Mr. O'Malley—That is the view. It is not mine.

EVIDENCE OF OBJECTOR.
The objector, Thomas O'Malley, in his evidence, stated that he had no intention to build a house on the parcel of land taken from him.

Mary Cross also stated that it was her intention to use the parcel of land for a garden and it was not her intention to build a house on the land. At present the land is being used for a vegetable garden and it was not her intention to build a house on the land. It was not her intention to build a house on the land. It was not her intention to build a house on the land.

The City Surveyor (Mr. J. J. O'Malley, B.E.) stated that the land proposed to be used for a house was not to be used for a house unless other land was available.

Mr. O'Malley, in his evidence, stated that he had no objection to the land being used for a house, but that he had the minutes of the City Council meeting of the 27th October, 1942, in which the purpose of showing the lands to be acquired for vegetable gardens and for building houses at Pennywell was stated. The Council recommended that the entire area of the lands should be acquired, so that the cost of acquisition would be paid by the Corporation. The Corporation had no objection to the acquisition of the land.

Mr. G. J. Killeen, Clerk, in reply to Mr. O'Malley, stated that the recommendation to had not been resolved, but a recommendation to the General Purpose Committee to have the area set aside for the acquisition of the lands was sent to the Council. The Council had no objection to the acquisition of the land.

Evidence having been given by Dr. James McPolin, and others, the proceedings were adjourned.

The Inspector said that the findings of the Minister's Commission were published in due course.

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