

...been taken up, and a 1946. in accordance with the instructions of the Minister for Local Government, as contained in his letter of sanction refs. L4415/43 C.E. Luimnighe (Pg.), dated February, 1943. In such an event it would be necessary to apply for sanction to have the time for repayment extended for a further short period.

"I make this suggestion because, in my opinion, the useful life of the carbonizing plant is only about another three years, after which it will have to be completely reconstructed. Sanction for the loan was given on condition that it would be repaid in five years, but at that time the finances of the undertaking were such that it was realized that special treatment was necessary, and it was evidently with great reluctance that the Minister agreed to extend the period of repayment from two years to five years. In the circumstances, if you agree to this suggestion, it may be necessary to obtain the approval of the Local Government Department to transfer this charge from loan to overdraft account.

"There is a surcharge of £8,206 outstanding in our accounts for the year ending the 31st March, 1944, in respect of gas supplied below the declared calorific value for that year. Since then the calorific value of the gas supplied has been in excess of the declared calorific value; therefore, there is no further liability under this heading.

"Under Section 9 (4) of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, our liability to the consumers for the above amount may be discharged by giving a reduction in the price of gas, and applying same as repayment of the amount due. I recommend that a reduction of 20 per cent. be made in the price of gas, plus the usual scale of discounts, as from 1st April, 1945, in accordance with Section 9 (4) of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, above quoted.

"I further recommend that the 20 per cent. reduction be permanently maintained after the surcharge is repaid. This would represent a total estimated reduction of £13,045 for the year 1945-46, and a net reduction of £4,839 on gas alone after the £8,206 has been repaid. In addition, I recommend that the price of coke be reduced by £1 per ton, as from 1st April, 1945.

"You will observe from the enclosed estimate that after these reductions have been made, the estimated profit on the year's working would be £5,992. This, however, includes about £3,000 non-recurring profit from far.

"The estimate is based on the assumption that 7,200 tons of coal, of at least as good quality as is now being used, will be available. The estimated yield of gas and residuals per ton of coal is based on that obtained during part of December and January, when the whole of the carbonizing plant was working. From recent experience, and anticipating improved results from the repaired carbonizing plant, I am of opinion that it will be possible to manufacture gas of a higher calorific value than for some time past, and, consequently, I recommend that the declared calorific value be increased from its present figure of 290 B. Th. Us. to 320 B. Th. Us. per cubic foot as from 1st April, 1945.

"I estimate that about 30 per cent. more gas will be made for the year 1945-46 than for the current year, and as a result that it will be possible to considerably extend the hours of gas supply. Such extension will be a matter for experiment in the first instance, and will depend largely on the manner in which the gas consumers react to the new situation.

"I should be glad to have your instructions and observations at your convenience."

The Mayor said that as the report was a very important one, it would be advisable to have it printed and circulated.

This course was agreed to.

Mr. Hartney said that the reduction of 20 per cent. in the price of gas would be welcomed by the consumers.

Tenure was another virtue of which his Lordship was a strong advocate. He made it a special duty to be present each year at the annual meetings of St. Michael's Temperance Society and in administering Confirmation never failed to recommend abstinence from intoxicants to the children. Dr. Keane was almost entirely responsible for the building of St. Michael's Rowing Club, as a very substantial subscription from him made it possible for the Society to undertake this big project.

During his Episcopacy, too, it should be mentioned, three new parochial churches were erected—St. Mary's, Kilmeeby and Janesboro'. The parish church of Shanagolden was reconstructed from the foundation and in the carrying out of all these great works the late Dr. Keane was the guiding force. His loss to the Diocese is well-nigh irreparable, and his memory will live in the hearts of the people for years to come.

Never robust in health, he sacrificed himself to a patient, untiring, enlightened administration that leaves its best monument in the deep regard of his united clergy and people, united in gratitude and admiration for the example of a life dedicated ever to lofty purpose, a life unspotted by the world.

BISHOP'S LAST MOMENTS.
In the closing stages of his Lordship's illness Father Vernon Russell had celebrated Mass daily in the patient's room. On Sunday morning the Bishop thanked the celebrant and bade him farewell. Father Russell, a native of Limerick, has resided at Milford House since his retirement from Westminster, where he long held the post of Master of the Cathedral Music.

On Sunday morning, too, shortly before he lapsed into unconsciousness, when those present assured the Bishop of his people's prayers, he asked that the children in particular should intercede for him. They will have their last leave-taking of him to-morrow (Thursday) at the Requiem Mass arranged for them at 10 o'clock in the Cathedral.

Rev. Michael Moloney, P.P., St. Patrick's; Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, Diocesan Secretary; Rev. Father Ephrem, O.F.M. (Guardian); Rev. P. J. O'Regan, C.C.; Mr. J. L. Keane (brother) with Mrs. Keane and family were at the bedside when his Lordship passed away.

REMOVAL OF REMAINS.
The remains will be removed this evening at 7.30 o'clock from Milford Nursing Home to St. John's Cathedral via Clare Street, Charlotte Quay, Patrick Street, William Street and Cathedral Place. The funeral procession will be preceded by the clergy of the Diocese and at the Borough boundary at Pennywell the remains will be met by the Mayor and members of the Corporation in their robes of office, Confraternities and Sodalties and the general public.

A Guard of Honour will be provided by the Catholic Boy Scouts, while a detachment of the L.D.F. will act as an escort. On arrival at the Cathedral the remains will be received by the Dean and Chapter.

On Friday at 12 o'clock Solemn Office and Requiem High Mass will be celebrated by his Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Kinane, Coadjutor Archbishop of Cashel, and following the very impressive ceremony will take place in the north transept of the Cathedral.

AT MILFORD HOUSE.
The Bishop is laid out in the purple vestments of the Mass, and by his side is the white Mitre, symbolic of his exalted office.

The Rev. Mother told our representative to-day that during his long illness, extending over a period of seven months, his Lordship bore his sufferings with true Christian fortitude. He was, she said, the perfection of kindness and considerateness and very frequently he made his visitors and attendants laugh heartily by his witticisms.

Callers at Milford House to-day included the Mayor (Ald. James Reidy, T.D.), the Acting City Manager (Mr. M. F. Donnellan), and the Deputy Mayor (Ald. J. Carew).

PUBLIC SORROW.
The monthly meeting of the Limerick Mental Hospital Commit-

tee proposed a vote of sympathy with the clergy of the diocese and the relatives on their great loss.

The Mayor, Ald. J. Reidy, T.D., said Dr. Keane was a quiet, retiring Bishop, but he was always an inspiration to public representatives, while his chief ambition was to see everything possible done for the general good of the public administration.

The County Manager (Mr. P. J. Meghen, B.E.) on behalf of the officials, associated himself with the expression of sympathy, which was passed in respectful silence, all members standing.

A special meeting of the City Council will be held this evening at 6.45 for the purpose of expressing sympathy on the death of the Lord Bishop.

TRIBUTE BY DISTRICT JUSTICE FLOOD.

Before proceeding with the business of the City Liberties Court this morning, Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., said that he wished to give expression to the sorrow felt by them all at the announcement of the death of their beloved Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Keane. In the discharge of the duties of his sacred office, Dr. Keane had won the respect and, he might say, the affection of all who knew him. He was always gentle and approachable, often showing a touch of kindly humour, which endeared him to all with whom he was brought in contact. Although he never put himself forward, he was ever active and solicitous regarding the spiritual and temporal interests of his flock. It was sad that within twelve months of the time when they were all joyfully celebrating his twentieth year in the episcopacy they should be witnessing the sadness of his obsequies. He would have the prayers of the many who owed so much to his help, and guidance and their sincere hope that he was gone to the reward which his many years of devoted and zealous service, both as priest and bishop, had earned for him. May he rest in peace.

Mr. Gaffney, solicitor, on behalf of the legal profession, and on his own behalf, associated himself with the expression of sympathy, as did also Supt. J. Dunning on behalf of the Gardai Siathchana.

TELEGRAMS FROM ALL PARTS.

Telegrams of sympathy from all parts of the country were received at the Palace, Corbally, during the day. Amongst the senders were: The Archbishop of Cashel, Most Rev. Dr. Hartly; the Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev. Dr. McQuaid; the Bishop of Galway, Most Rev. Dr. Browne; the Bishop of Ross, the Most Rev. Dr. Moynihan, and the Bishop of Elphin; the Archbishop of Tuam; the Bishops of Killaloe, Cork, Cloyne, Ardagh, Kilmora, Raphoe, Clonfert, Waterford, Meath and Thasos; the Abbot of Mount Mellera and New Mellifont; the Provincials of the following Orders—Passionist, Holy Ghost, Carmelites and Jesuits; the Reverend the O'Connor Don, S.J.; the Commissioner of the Garda Siachana; Judge Barra O Briain.

ARCH-CONFRATERNITY.

There will be no meeting for St. Clement's Division of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family to-night. The members of the three Divisions will assemble at Pennywell and be ready at 7.30 to accompany the remains of their dead Bishop to St. John's Cathedral.

L.D.F. PARADE.

All units of the L.D.F. in the city are requested to assemble at St. Patrick's Church at 6.30 this evening. From there they will proceed to Milford House, where they will join in the funeral procession.

Units of the Regular Army will assemble at the Cathedral and pay respects to the remains on their arrival.

LIMERICK RED CROSS STANDING COMMITTEE.

Owing to the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Keane, Bishop of Limerick, the meeting of above Committee, arranged for to-night, has been cancelled as a mark of sympathy. F. G. O'Reilly, Hon. Sec., Co. Committee.

APPOINTING OF VICAR CAPITULAR.

At the conclusion of the obsequies on Friday afternoon a meeting of the Cathedral Chapter will be held for the purpose of appointing a Vicar Capitular to rule the Diocese until a successor to the late Bishop has been appointed by the Holy See.

It is to be remembered, too, that the startling progress made up to this in the sphere of air travel and transit is probably tame by comparison with what is yet to come. This, at any rate, is the natural conclusion to be drawn from the wonderful advance made in aviation in recent years and from what the experts tell us to expect from this on.

*** * ***

Speaking in London on Saturday, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Parliamentary Secretary to the British Ministry of Aircraft Production, stated that the British were on the verge of designing aircraft that will travel faster than sound, attaining a speed of over 700 miles an hour. The only way we can form anything like a true idea of what this means is to estimate how long it would take us at this staggering rate of travel to go from one centre to another of our own country. We can see, for instance, that we could "streak" from this city by the Shannon direct to the metropolis in ten minutes or so—about the time it would take one to walk the length of O'Connell Street!

*** * ***

The Shannon, by the way, is destined to play a very big and important part in the future of international aviation. This has been evident for several years but special emphasis has been added to the fact by the agreement recently signed by the American and Irish Governments regarding the Foynes airport. What the pact means was the subject of a question in the British House of Commons recently. The information given in reply was in some vital aspects inaccurate, for it gave the impression that the agreement is much less favourable to this country than it is. The terms signed on behalf of the two Governments make it quite clear that Ireland is to be a place of great importance in the matter of air communication between the Old-world and the New.

*** * ***

Foynes was selected originally as an airport site solely because of its merits for that purpose. Sentimentality, we may be sure, played no part in the matter. In the course of an address in London on the 30th November, 1937, Mr. William Courtenay, aeronautical expert and author, showed what he thought of the Shannon from the point of view of aviation development. "The natural air base at Foynes," he said, "is going to be one of the most important and most prosperous air bases of the world." The soundness of his words got a very telling reinforcement by the recently signed agreement between the United States and the Government of the Twenty-Six Counties of Ireland.

Deputy Manager—The Mayor—At the last Bourke made a very ment on the position. Mr. Cusack said the tion of the three de wait on the Minister, that the three deputie Ald. Bourke and M appointed a deputatio Ald. Bourke said proached the Minister to receiving a deputa Minister said that no would be served by a his decision was unalt he heard from an o Bill would be introdu guard the pension r employees of Corpo other authorities.

Ald. O'Malley said opposed to the passio tions that carried a the Council were d resolutions on this o other thing it needn surprise if no notice them.

Mr. Keyes—It is we on record that the M sed to receive a depu

Mr. Casey—If a dep received points not a possession of the Mini put forward.

Mr. Hartney—In Du sion rights of the emp Corporation were res see no reason why s has not been taken in the Limerick works, of penalisation of the I consider that very a port the Minister in a ters, but I am not aac

After some furthe the resolution, as pro Cusack and seconded, was passed unanimo

Ald. O'Malley allu Schools Medical Serv and asked if any acti taken to ensure that part of the scheme w ended to include filli sent all that was bein extraction and that r regarded as satisfact

The Acting City M that this question w the attention of the D

Ald. O'Malley—What of the delay?

Acting Manager—The is very busy.

Ald. O'Malley—Scin Department is so very we should take acti We have absolute p think the scheme amended to provide for

Acting Manager—I this matter.

Mr. Casey asked w was now due by the G the bank by way of ov

Acting Manager—Th giner (Mr. Thomas) is will answer that quest

The Gas Engineer—V pair works now on har pleted we will owe abo

Mr. Hartney—And a y concern howed over 10 concern has paid off 4 is very satisfactory.

Mr. McGuire—It is congratulation.

TENDERS FOR S

The following tende ples, being the lowe have been accepted.

Mental Hospital Comm Batters James Barry, St. Limerick, £12 5s. 3d

Sagar James Barry, St. Limerick, £12 11s. 5d

Eggs Denis O'Connor rine St. Limerick, £11 1 hundred.

Funeral Requisites and Sons, £7 7s. 6d

Milk David Clohe View Terrace, 1/8 per

Stocktaking—James Robrien Road, £17 10s year.

MORE ALARM C

Importation into the Counties of about 10 clocks from Canada arranged. It is exp delivery will be made w months.

RED CROSS PA

The table for the Cross Units arranged for rick's Day will be divisions are requested t at the Crescent at 9 sharp, before procedin Sarsfield Barracks.