

WIRELESS

Limerick

ELLER

Fails

the "Mullard." He Carroll put a new of charge and he did not pay 18/6, the and valve.

—So that he put in you?—Yes.

ur grievance against I want to get a new r to have my money

NT EXAMINED.

nt gave evidence that ed Mr. O'Halloran to buy a wireless set, used the "Invicta" in 1947, on the hire pur- and paid £3 10s. instalments of £1 7s. 6d. which left a balance of £10 10s. Bowmakers. After instalments were paid, the witness along and told wit- would not be able to r as he was out of time. Witness knew instalments were not paid and he was seized by Bow- makers. Witness took pity on the witness and put £10 into his pocket and £13s. Subsequently a witness seized the set and witness of charge. Then a witness and witness put the set and witness got valves from manufacturers and witness on his own pre- valves were put in, when Mr. O'Halloran he (witness) might set until he (plain- the payments. The witness said that he the "Invicta" back of the valves. Witness said that last one minute or it years, as it was only ck.

witness said that he O'Halloran a new 'In- returned it to him with the result in a second-hand set. Witness took the "Mul- allowed him £7 and towards the price of the set." He took that set couple of others. A witness in the "Mullard" and the damaged valve fuses blew.

ING OF FUSES.

Why did the fuses blow? witness said that the result of a "short" it was decided to his (witness's) place and perfectly and wit- out that the wiring in the set was faulty. Finally, witness brought back to witness. the set to the plain- from the manu- ce, witness said that he the matter of the traveller, and he said bit of bad luck. He to do anything in his out Mr. O'Halloran. ned by Mr. Gaffney, that the manufacturers ets gave a guarantee

WITH BOTH SIDES.

in giving his decision, was impossible not to y with both sides. The paid down his money four different sets but them gave him satis- result after 12 months her his set nor his Justice) thought that d be settled between

ge both parties went ourtroom in an endea- a settlement, but the told later that a ld not be arrived at. then found that the not been completed to of the plaintiff and

MENTAL HOSPITAL

Excess Expenditure

VISITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. R. M. Cleary, Co.C., Chair- man, presided at the monthly meeting on Saturday of the Lime- rick District Mental Hospital Board. There was a full attendance of members with the officials: The City Manager (Mr. M. Macken), the R.M.S. (Dr. P. J. Irwin), the Chief Clerk (Mr. P. Hartnett), and Mr. R. P. Coll (Clerical Officer).

The Chief Clerk said that owing to additional cost during the year, he required the Board to sanction excess expenditure of £12,800. This over expenditure was incurred during the year principally because of wage increases for nurses and attendants, because of increased contract prices for meat and on the implementation of the 48 hour week for the hospital staff.

Mr. P. H. Donegan, Co.C., said the excess expenditure, although the figure looked big, seemed, in the circumstances, necessary. He proposed that the Board should sanction the excess expenditure as outlined by the Chief Clerk.

Mr. Dore seconded this propo- sition, which was unanimously passed.

VISITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Also unanimously approved was the report of the Visiting Committee which inspected the Institution on December 7th last, which was as follows:—

"In general we are very satisfied with all the places we visited, and desire to compliment the staff for the general appearance and clean- liness of the different units. We noted with satisfaction the many improvements carried out during the past year, especially the putting into effect of recommendations of previous visiting committees. We consider that a concrete path should be laid from Female 9 and 10 to Female Dining Hall, as at present the water is lodged in this walk and is causing unpleasantness to pa- tients. We would recommend that this work be carried out without delay. We recommend that an extra press be installed in the kitchen for steaming potatoes. The present steam press is not adequate. The Ante-Room needs to be painted as dampness appears to be coming through the walls here. An effort should be made to eliminate the dampness if at all possible."

FARM OPERATIONS.

The monthly report of the Land Steward (Mr. W. Fannon), which was also unanimously adopted, reads:—

"During the month operations on the farm were as follows—Pulling, crowning and loading beet for fac- tory; pulling swedes; lifting carrots and parsnips; sorting and drawing potatoes; disc-harrowing lea land; drawing gravel, and other work of a seasonable nature.

"On December 31st the livestock on the farm were:—58 cows, 21 fat cattle, 97 store cattle, 40 calves, 2 bulls, 76 sheep, 20 lambs, 10 horses, 1 filly, 1 foal, 2 ponies and 81 pigs. Milk returns were 2,766 gallons. Purchases were 16 fat cattle cost- ing £709 17s.; 18 store cattle costing £552 17s. 3d.; 25 sheep costing £176. Sales were 2 fat heifers and strip- per cow, £125 10s.; 4 suck calves, £15 5s. 6d.; 2 young sows, £54; 3 young boars, £66; fat sow and stag, £52.

"The 'fall' of the slaughtered animals realised £51 odd. It will be necessary to purchase 15 cattle and 20 sheep during the month of January."

SYMPATHY.

The Board voted sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. T. O'Curry, Glin, and with the rela- tives of the late Mr. Liam Barry, Harstonge Street, Limerick.

MENTAL PATIENTS

Position In Limerick

CAUSE OF BIG INCREASE

The admittance of old and infirm patients from the County Institu- tions to the Mental Hospital in Limerick had been mostly respon- sible for the big increase in the number of inmates in the Mental

LAND LEAGUE LINK

Death Of An Active Worker

SAW THE LANDLORDS GO

John Hayes of Ballyloundash, Herbertstown, who died recently, was tall and in appearance ath- letic. His grand frame had in it the supple sweep of energy, and you could see honesty vibrating in every line of his face. He was truly a fine type of Irishman, and his presence in any crowd could not go unnoticed. Ireland owes a lot to men of his calibre, not only for services in the past but for ser- vice now when the world is in such a state of moral and political chaos.

In the Land League days John Hayes was an active worker. When the Plan of Campaign stirred the country to action he followed Davitt, and locally Father Matt Ryan, to whom he gave unstinted support. This was the fight that smashed the rack-renting land- lords. The young men of that day stood side by side with their fathers against oppressive rents by, in most cases, absentee land- lords.

LIVING LINK NEVER SNAPPED

Their patriotism was as intense as that of their forefathers or the men who came after them. The death a few years ago of a friend of mine who, as a small boy, was chased by the police on the morn- ing of the Kilmallock Barrack at- tack in '67, is a reminder that the living links with the Fenians must now be few. And so, too, with the men of the Land League days. But the living link never snapped. One patriotic movement followed an- other at irregular intervals; yet at no time had one generation passed out entirely before the seeds of a fresh endeavour had sprung up— from the Siege of Limerick, to go no further back, to Robert Emmet and Lord Edward Fitzgerald,—and down to O'Connell, the United Irishmen, the Fenians, Parnell, 1916, and on to the Black-and-Tan fight which saw many Fenians, still there to give a hand.

DOOR OPEN TO I.R.A. MEN.

John Hayes saw the landlords go, and witnessed the rapid rise of the Irish Volunteers shortly before Easter Week. During the Black- and-Tan period, when the fight was hot and desperately intense, he threw his door open to the men of the I.R.A., and lived to see the Irish Republic an established fact. He stepped on one of the rungs which brought Ireland up the lad- der to a high place amongst the nations. His span of life saw scientific and political history of a kind which men of the past would hardly envisage. Like the Fenians and the Land Leaguers, there is now a heavy drain in the men of the I.R.A., whose great deeds of valour brought the 700-years war to final victory. Will some of them be there to see the Border fight ended? From which we see that there is still a modicum of work to be done.

The heroic Brennans of Meelick knew John Hayes, for he sheltered a fighting member of the family during the hottest days of the Black-and-Tan struggle. By the fireside John Hayes and his I.R.A. visitor discussed the old days and the new—with the gun predomi- nent in talk, and predominant also in its availability for any emer- gency.

WAS A FINE HURLER.

In the early days of the G.A.A. John Hayes was a fine hurler. Rarely did he miss a Munster or All-Ireland final. At 84 he had to be content with the radio, though he longed all the time for a sight of the teams in action. "There are but three events for man—birth, life and death," said Jean de la Bruyere, the man whom Voltaire described as "nervous and picturesque." John Hayes has seen all three, and in the third and last—death—may be rest in peace. His funeral to the family burial ground at Tullybrackey was large and representative. His niece, a member of the Ryan family of Knockatana, Caherconlish, married to Patrick Brennan, now occupies the farm and the residence, which has been greatly modernised.

DAVID T. DWANE.

TOWN TO

THE NEW YEAR.

So, 1948 has passed i Few will regret its pass in Limerick, as elsewhe rousing send-off. Our concern is for the futu doubt, we would all ill what 1949 has in store we have only to "wait ar hope for the best. This for the making of goo and there are few, inde not resolve to correct ness on the advent of a All the resolutions ma however, kept for long, theless, some persevere achieving by a firm de the aim or purpose themselves.



TIME MARCHES ON.

The New Year remind that time is truly marching on. It is said, that time makes sad things. But is that as founded? Many will sa not. It is well said tha neglect and forgetfu create havoc—time cer not, Time adds to the things—it forms bonds o friendship. As the yea we become, it is true, m a development that en see things through untin So, after all, we have Father Time for someth



VERY DANGEROUS.

It is to be noted th streets boys indulge in of games with ball exposing their young liv risk from traffic. Dri kinds of vehicles—and —have occasion to comp presence of groups of boy thoroughfares more following a ball than in of the way. It is good at healthy exercise, but, streets are not suitable Accidents are bound t this practice should co in their own interes should be compelled to thoroughfares as venue games.



HANSEL MONDAY.

This is "Hansel Mo day on which friends small pieces of money wishing each other that not be without cash ensuing year. This cust that its origin is lost i Yet, it is still general and to-day three-penny given by many as "har In this connection, by young army officers, whe with swords for the "hansel" them. This crossing the swords, that is carried out sub-



STREET CROSSINGS.

Strangers to the c surprise at the failure of the municipal auth having street crossings for pedestrians. This matter of some impo Dublin and Cork, pede ings are marked by lum Under the terms of the Act people on foot ar use these "corridors" w from one side of the s other. As we have crossings in Limerick