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...roads had not returned
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and would not for some time. At
the moment the Council was, in
fact, concentrating on bringing
back roads to pre-emergency stand-
ards and until this restoration work
was effected, grants were very
necessary. In these circum-
stances, he felt obliged to propose
that the Engineer's estimate should
be referred to the Minister with a
request that grants be maintained
at the emergency levels. If the
same grants as last year were not
available he would propose that the
Council refuse to strike a rate for
roads.

"INEXPLICABLE."
Mr. D. J. Madden, T.D., second-
ing, said the Department's attitude
on the question of grants was inex-
plicable and indefensible. Because
of the lack of materials during the
war, roads everywhere were in ter-
ribly bad condition at the moment,
and County Councils now, more
than ever, required State assistance
in the job of restoring them to
proper standards. He would, he
said, use every ounce of influence
he had with the Government to try
and get grants maintained at the
same figures as last year.

Mr. D. P. Quish agreed with the
proposition of Mr. Dore, and sug-
gested that the Council should also
ask the engineer to cut his esti-
mated expenditure appreciably.
When he first entered the Council
the rate for all services, including
roads, was but 7/6 in the f; in fact,
he understood that in one particu-
lar year the Council "got away
with" a rate of 5/- in the f. He
believed that the anticipated rate
for the coming year could not be
met by the ratepayers and any
secluded official should not demand
such a rate.

The Engineer protested that his
estimate was a responsible one,
arrived at after every avenue of
possible saving had been explored.

**"FARMERS LEAVING CO.
KERRY."**
Mr. Dore said that farmers were
leaving Co. Kerry because of the
high rates obtaining there. The
same state of affairs would soon
apply in Co. Limerick if the rates
continued to rise.

Senator M. O'Dwyer also agreed
that the Department should be
asked to reconsider the question of
the grants, the withdrawal of
which would put the Council in a
most impossible position. He didn't
agree with Mr. Quish that any
cutting the Engineer might affect
on his estimate would make any
appreciable difference to the ulti-
mate rate. The Council should con-
centrate on getting the Department
to give the same grants as obtained
in the current year.

Mr. Dore said that there must be
something wrong when year after
year the trend of expenditure on
roads was ever upwards. He would
hand in a notice of motion to be
discussed at the next meeting, pro-
posing that contractors should be
asked to submit quotations for
work on roads. If these quotations
were lower than the Engineer's
estimate, he would propose that
they be accepted, and that work on
roads would be carried out by
contractors.

Mr. Quish said he would second
this proposition when it came before
the meeting.

Chairman—That is untenable, but
let it come before us first.

**TO BE REFERRED TO
MINISTER.**
This ended the discussion and it

...iving f4 of the money which was
the subject of the previous charge.
The Justice adjourned the case
to the next Court.

DOUBLE FUNERAL

TWO BROTHERS BURIED SAME DAY

The funerals of two brothers, Mr.
Michael Fitzgerald, Red House Hill,
and Mr. Joseph Fitzgerald, Mungret,
who died within a few hours of each
other took place together from
Raheen Church to Mungret
Cemetery on Sunday last. The
double cortege was of immense pro-
portions for both deceased were
held in the highest esteem and re-
gard. The fact that they passed
away about at the same time added
to the poignancy of their deaths,
and the sympathy of the whole
countryside went out to the
bereaved families.

Both brothers took a great in-
terest in G.A.A. affairs, and in their
young days they were prominent
members of the Mungret Hurling
Club.

Mass cards and messages of
sympathy were received from:—
Loving wife, Poll; Joe, Mick and
Kai; Fred and Kitt; Pa and Mai-
greed Hayes; Michael and Margaret
Connery; Kathleen Hayes and
family; McCarthy family (May-
ville); Kate and Mollie Punch;
Cecilia and Lena; Sister Maria; M.
Fitzgerald (Ballina); Paddy and
Maureen Quinlan; Bridie and James
Dundon; the Connery family; Ita,
Vera, Kathleen and Margaret Con-
nery; B. Hayes; Teresa, Josie and
Kitty Mulqueen; M. Hehir; Paddy
and Mrs. Healy; T. and J. Finucane;
Mulqueen family and Bridgie; M.
Foley and Rosie; Joe Lynch; M.
Danaher; Kathleen, Teresa and
Lua; Kitty and Jim McGann; K.
O'Mahony, D. O'Donnell; Alice and
Paddy Ryan; Mrs. Hayes and
family; McGrath family; Mick and
Joe Murray; Martin and Mrs. Mini-
han; McMahan family; Pat and
May O'Brien; O'Connell family;
Mrs. Casey and family; Ronan
family; O'Donoghue family; P.
Moloney; J. O'Donoghue and
family; John and Annie Bourke; T.
Quin and family; McNamara
family; Peggy and Noreen Fitz-
gerald; J. Scully; P. O'Shaughnessy;
staff, Messrs. W. H. White & Co.;
staff, Messrs. Irish Wire Products;
Mungret Fianna Fail Cumann; crew
members, Shannon Airport, and
Novena of Masses staff, Messrs. W.
Lloyd & Co., O'Connell St., Limerick.

Mass cards received for Michael
Fitzgerald—From his Loving Wife;
Poll and Family; Mick and Mar-
garet Connery; Peg and Josie;
Mary, Kate and Molly Punch; J.
Stokes and Family, Milford; Mrs.
Casey and Family; David O'Donnell;
T. and J. Finucane; Eileen and
Mick Casey; Dick and Jennie Lee;
McDonnell Family; Martin and
Mrs. Minihan; Willie Naughton;
Paddy and Maureen Quinlan; Bride
and James Dundon.

**WM. B. FITT & CO'S LAND
SALES & GRAZING LETTINGS.**

Friarstown Holding.
On Saturday last, February 18

Apologies for inability to be pre-
sent were received from Mr. M. W.
McGuire, B.C., Vice-President; Mr.
E. Holliday and Mr. W. H. Whelan.

SENTENCE ON CARDINAL MINDSZENTY.

Before commencing the business
of the meeting, the following resolu-
tion, proposed by the President, was
agreed to unanimously:—

"The Limerick Chamber of Com-
merce, representative of every class
and creed in the commercial life of
the city, expresses its abhorrence of
the cruel travesty of justice which
has resulted in the savage sentence
of life imprisonment being imposed
on Cardinal Mindszenty, whose sole
'crime' has been his courageous de-
fence of fundamental Christian
rights."

5% TAX ON PROPERTY PURCHASES.

There was read a letter from the
Secretary of the Association of
Chambers of Commerce of Ireland
suggesting that this matter should
receive attention at a later date
when arrangements would be made
for the Association Budget Commit-
tee to interview the Minister for
Finance prior to the preparation of
his estimates on the Budget for the
year 1949/50. The meeting agreed
to this course.

"CARRIAGE PAID" ARRANGEMENT.

It was explained to the members
that arrangements had been made
whereby a deputation from the
Association of Chambers of Com-
merce of Ireland, which would in-
clude representatives from this
Chamber, would interview repre-
sentatives of Coras Iompair Eireann
in Dublin at the end of the present
week in order to see if any steps
could be taken to meet the wishes
of the commercial community on
this matter.

COMPLAINTS RE TELEPHONE SERVICES.

The President reported that since
the last general meeting he had
been in communication with the
Minister for Posts and Telegraphs
with regard to complaints of delay
in trunk service between Limerick
and Dublin. Several members ex-
pressed the opinion that there had
been a recent improvement in this
connection. With regard to delay
in subscribers contacting the Ex-
change, and also interruptions on
the line during telephone conversa-
tions, it was decided to leave these
complaints for attention by the Pre-
sident.

EXCESSIVE MOTOR TAXATION.

Several members expressed con-
cern at the high rate of motor taxa-
tion in operation at present, it being
mentioned that at the time of the
last increase in the rates of tax on
motor vehicles it was understood
that such increase was a result of
the emergency conditions which
then existed.

After some discussion it was de-
cided to defer consideration of this
matter until the next monthly
general meeting in order that mem-
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