

LETTER FROM ALD. REIDY,
T.D.

Mr. Nash added that while he had received no direct reply from the Minister, the following letter had been received from Ald. Reidy, T.D.:—

"Dear Sirs—I saw Mr. Keyes, Minister for Local Government, to-day, and put your request before him. He is not disposed to receive a deputation at this stage, as the matter has not come before him officially yet. I passed your resolution on to him and he suggested that you would send to him any further representations you wish to make. He asked to explain to you that as the matter will come to him ultimately he wishes to keep an open mind."

On the suggestion of the Chairman (Mr. J. J. Phelan), the Association decided to adjourn further consideration of the question to the next meeting.

ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST.

It will be recalled, adds a "Leader" reporter, that at its meeting on 2nd May the Association unanimously adopted a resolution "requesting the Minister for Local Government to inquire into all the circumstances surrounding the action of the Limerick Co. Council in proposing to acquire premises at No. 21 Bishop St., Newcastle West, and requesting that the Council proceed with the original plan to erect a new building to house the proposed Clinic and Dispensary in the town."

The Association, at the same meeting, asked Ald. Reidy to arrange as soon as possible an interview on the subject between a deputation from the Association and the Minister for Local Government.

BOG FIND

Joseph Burke, Roscrea, unearthed a battle-axe head in a perfect state of preservation while cutting turf on Monaincha bog.

BIG OUTPUT

British motor vehicle output in April averaged nearly 9,600 cars each week and 5,100 commercial vehicles.

WHISKEY DID NOT AGREE WITH HIM

Summoned at Newcastle West Court on Friday of last week for being drunk and disorderly in the town recently, a defendant wrote to Justice C. S. Kenny explaining that on the occasion complained of he had had some teeth extracted and was advised to drink whiskey, which did not agree with him. He expressed regret for his behaviour.

Guard Kennedy, who proved the case, said that defendant at the time did not show any signs of having had teeth extracted.

Justice—Apparently the whiskey didn't agree with him, anyway. I will fine him 5/-.

DEMOLITION ORDERS FIRST

Mr. D. Blackwell, Co. Manager for Clare, informed Ennis Urban Council that before persons allotted new houses could enter into possession, demolition orders must be made in regard to the houses which they would vacate, otherwise the Council would lose the State subsidy. There was no means, he added, of side-tracking such regulations.

PRETENDED HE WAS A STATUE!

When a 26-year-old defendant was charged with robbing a poor box in a church in Liege, two policemen gave evidence that when they entered the church, after hearing a noise, they found accused in a kneeling position pretending he was a statue!

DEATH.

O'CONNELL—June 12, 1950, at his residence, 3 Ballinacurra Weston, Dan O'Connell (late of 50 Pennywell); to the inexpressible grief of his relatives. Removal of remains at 8 o'clock this (Monday) evening to St. Michael's Church. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) at 3 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

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MONTH OF THE ROSE

June, we are told, is the month of the rose, and just as the suburban gardens are in full colour, with beautiful flowers of the rose, but of many different colours as well. In the weather we have been having had the effect of inducing the roses to burst forth in all their glory very considerably to the surprise of the public. By the way, some people are complaining that their roses are being raided by irrevocable who, in addition to stealing the roses, do considerable damage to the shrubs.

EMBLEM OF SILENCE

It has often been said that the rose is given a place of honour in the arrangement of flowers on the banquet table. That wise old sage, Confucius, in answer to this question, said to this authority that the emblem of silence, the rose, should come to be recognised as an emblem of silence, and should indicate to guests that the speaker said on such occasions should be repeated outside. In the halls of great houses it is said that the ceilings are decorated with rose figures. This is done for a twofold purpose — to indicate to guests that the speaker should not gossip. Thus we have the tag—"sub-rosa"—and