

THE HARBOUR BOARD

Representation Of Labour

USE MADE FOR IRISH UNIONS

Subordination At Scatterry Alleged

M. W. McGUIRE, B.C., Chairman, presided at the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners to-day. Other members present were — The Mayor (Mr. G. E. Dillon), Ald. D. J. T.D.; Mr. E. Browne, Mr. J. Whelan, B.C.; Mr. Liam Forde, James O'Keeffe, Mr. A. E. O'Brien, Mr. T. J. Loughrey, Mr. T. J. Hickey, B.C.; Mr. J. C. Hickey, B.C.; Mr. J. J. O'Dwyer, Senator M. O'Dwyer, Mr. G. E. Russell, B.C.

Officials in attendance were Mr. O'Brien, Manager; Capt. C. J. O'Rahane, Harbour Master, and Mr. F. O'Sullivan, B.E., Harbour Engineer.

LETTER FROM I.G. MINISTER
A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce to the Board's letter of 15th June, recommending that applications for cases of applications for permits to lay sewage outfall pipes on the foreshore, steps should be taken to prevent the discharge of untreated sewage into the harbour. The reply stated that the recommendation was primarily one of the Minister for Local Govern-

ment. Mr. Bourke said that they could do anything about the matter if they received a letter from the Minister for Local Government.

Chairman and members discussed with Ald. Bourke.

REVISION OF LIGHT-KEEPERS
The Board wrote asking in what their position be clarified regarding to the modern light-keeping system it was proposed to have at Shannon from Horse Rock to Macken, Limerick.

Mr. Forde—What are these men doing? Does it vary?

Mr. O'Brien—They have a fixed rate.

Mr. Loughrey—Could we compensate them now that some of them are likely to lose their employment?

Mr. O'Brien—You will have to get the consent of the Minister to compensate them.

Mr. Whelan—I would suggest that the matter be deferred until the new system is completed and what can be done.

Mr. O'Brien—Well, it will not be until 12 months time.

Mr. O'Brien told the members that the lightkeepers were employed on only a part-time basis at present. Some had applied for full-time positions previously and the Board had to turn them down.

Mr. O'Keeffe suggested that the Board might give a statement as to the man's circumstances and as to how the men will become redundant.

Mr. O'Brien—And he could also give the details of service of each man.

Mr. O'Brien—They are all farmers and fishermen and they are all employed.

It was agreed to let the matter be deferred until they saw what the circumstances would be with regard to the men.

NOMINATIONS TO BOARD

Mr. O'Brien wrote nominating Mr. J. P. Frost and M. Sheahan to the Board.

Chairman congratulated the

further discussed.

PORT DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE.

A letter was read from the City Manager relative to the invitation to the Clare County Council to meet representatives of the Board in the proposed conference concerning the development of the harbour. The reply from the Clare Co. Council, given to the City Manager, stated that it was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter.

Mr. O'Brien—And the Clare County Council will not have another meeting until the 11th September.

Mr. O'Brien—It is disappointing, to say the least of it.

Mr. O'Brien said that with the elections so near it was possible that the new Council would have to deal with it. He wondered if it would be better to leave the matter over until October.

Mr. Whelan considered that it would be better to defer consideration of the matter until October as meanwhile it would be a very busy period in view of the elections, and one month would not make any difference.

The Mayor was of the opinion that deferring consideration of the matter would not serve any useful purpose. If the Board was to carry out its scheme of development it would be helped in doing so by the citizens of Limerick, and he held out no hope of anyone else giving assistance.

Mr. Loughrey thought it was a waste of time writing to the Clare County Council.

The Mayor proposed that the conference be convened without further inviting the Clare County Council to send a representative, as it appeared that that body was not inclined to co-operate.

Mr. Loughrey seconded.
Mr. Russell—I would not exclude Clare altogether. I would be for leaving the invitation open.

After a little further discussion, the Chairman said he would take it that they would extend an invitation to Clare to be represented, though the matter was being delayed.

TRADE OF PORT.

The reports of the Harbour Master and the Harbour Engineer were read to the meeting.

The Harbour Master stated that within the past two weeks three foreign vessels and three from across Channel entered the port.

SCATTERRY ISLAND 'PHONE SERVICE.

The Harbour Master added that he wished to report on the telephone service on Scatterry Island. For a considerable time he found the reporting of vessels quite satisfactory, but there were delays in connecting the station, and at times these were considerable, inasmuch as he was not able at all to secure an answer to his telephone calls to the men on the island. This was due to the fact that pilots were not keeping watches at the station in spite of having given an undertaking to do so over two years ago.

The Harbour Master also reported on seasonal silting at the entrances to the docks and inside the

FATAL INJURIES

Death Of Limerick Man

MEDICAL EVIDENCE AT INQUEST

AN inquest concerning the death of Patrick McMahon, 42 Carey's Road, Limerick, who sustained injuries that proved fatal when he was knocked down by a motor lorry while cycling at Dooradoyle, near Ballinacurra, Limerick, on Wednesday morning last, was opened in Barrington's Hospital on Friday evening.

The inquest was held by Mr. J. S. McNeice, Deputy City Coroner, who sat with a jury.

Supt. J. J. Cooney, Adare, conducted the inquest.

Dr. Keane, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, gave evidence that the deceased was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday last and was found to be deeply unconscious. He died on the 27th July—the following day—without regaining consciousness.

WHAT POST MORTEM SHOWED

A post mortem examination, said the doctor, showed that there was a lacerated wound in the region of the left eyebrow. There was an abrasion measuring 2½ inches on the right side of his face and ear. The shaft of his right arm was broken, as was the outer part of the left collar bone. There was a deep wound on the inside of the elbow, and this penetrated and opened his elbow joint. There was a small wound on the outside of his left elbow joint region. On examination of his brain there was haemorrhage in the substance of the left side. Death was due to shock and haemorrhage into the brain, associated with the injuries already mentioned.

To Supt. Cooney, witness said the injuries could be caused by collision with a motor vehicle.

WIDOW'S EVIDENCE

Annie McMahon, widow, gave evidence that her husband was aged 56 years and was a dock labourer by occupation and a pensioner of the British Army. At about 11.30 a.m. on Wed., July 26th, he left home on a bicycle. Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan called to her home at about 12 o'clock on the same day and informed her that her husband had been knocked down and was in Barrington's Hospital. When he was leaving on Wednesday morning he did not say where he was going. He was in his usual good health at that time. She identified the remains in Barrington's Hospital.

On the application of Supt. Cooney, the remainder of the inquest was adjourned sine die.

SYMPATHY

Deep sympathy was extended to the widow and family of the deceased.

Mr. Martin Tynan, solr. (Messrs. M. Tynan and Co.), held a watching brief for the driver of the motor lorry.

SAVED A LIFE

LIMERICK MAN'S PLUCKY ACTION

The timely and plucky intervention of a passer-by averted a drowning fatality at Lanahrone, Corbally, yesterday, at about 2.30

COUNCIL SCENES

Echo At Subsequent Meeting

DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE

THE wild scenes at Limerick Co. Council's meeting three weeks ago were mentioned at the Council's meeting on Saturday.

When Chairman J. W. Canty asked the Council's permission to sign the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. P. Fitzsimons objected to a certain part of them, saying they were not a true or accurate account of what had happened.

"I was accused of being drunk, of being badly bred," he said. "I was also accused of lunacy. Any of that isn't in my family. I am a member of various boards for the past number of years—I am chairman of one and vice-chairman of the Mental Hospital Board, and nobody could accuse me of not being right. I am well known in every fair and market in the South, and I was always well respected. I have handed in a certificate to the Secretary to show that I wasn't drunk the last day here and I want him to read that certificate from a doctor."

Mr. J. Hayes said the last meeting was a hot one, of which none of the members should be proud. "We could do much better business by forgetting the whole thing," he said.

Mr. D. P. Quish—Yes, let's forget all that happened and be the same good friends as we always were.

DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE.

Mr. Fitzsimons—Read that certificate.

The Acting Co. Secretary (Mr. A. McMahon) then read a certificate from Dr. P. H. Cummins, Mallow Street, saying he had examined Mr. Fitzsimons on the day of the previous meeting at 2.45 o'clock, and found that he wasn't drunk.

Chairman—We remember only too well what happened the last day. It wasn't very creditable and I apologised to the Council for my part in it. I just wasn't able to carry on the meeting. Any order I gave Mr. Fitzsimons was flouted.

Mr. P. Lillis said the minutes, as far as he was concerned, were a true representation of what had occurred. "We are not concerned with what happened after the meeting, outside this chamber or inside it," he added. He proposed that the minutes be adopted.

Mr. Fitzsimons—I am not accepting any apology from anybody.

Chairman—Indeed, faith you're not getting it—from me anyway. I just apologised to the house.

Mr. Fitzsimons—When I discussed number three on the agenda that day, the item about the Foynes Harbour Board, I was able to talk on it intelligently. How then did I become drunk by number five?

NO AMENDMENT.

Chairman—Number two on the agenda now, please. We have got no amendment to Mr. Lillis's proposition that the minutes be adopted as they are.

The Council then went on to the next business on the agenda.

LIMIT EXCEEDED

WAITING TIME FOR MOTORISTS

Summonses issued by Guard Feely against motorists who had remained parked in Abbey Street, Ennis, for longer than ten minutes were dismissed under the Probation Act by