

OBJECTIONABLE.

It is reported that itinerants living in caravans are making it a habit to pitch their tents, as it were, on the outskirts of the city. It is also said that strangers, who are not itinerants have selected parking sites for their caravans within the city area. One such nomad "set up" house on the O'Callaghan Strand. In due course a line of washing was displayed, the colour ensemble being reminiscent of Regatta Day. But as the smuts from the chimney shaft of the Condensed Milk Factory began to descend, the fineries had to be withdrawn, much to the chagrin of the caravan people; it is even said that a protest was made to the management of the factory. The reply they received is not on record, but it is known that the caravan made a quick exit.



SPECIAL BYE-LAW.

To deal with this problem of visiting itinerants and the like the Corporation proposes to frame a special bye-law. At present the local authority has little or no control over these people, but once a bye-law has been adopted they can be effectively dealt with. Of the many annoying features associated with the influx of undesirables that of their begging propensities is probably the worst. Between now and Christmas the streets will be infested with this class, importuning for "alms," most of which is spent in public houses, resulting in brawls and other unseemly conduct and behaviour.



O'CONNELL MONUMENT.

We are glad that the Corporation has given further consideration to the proposal to affix reflectors to the O'Connell Monument. Instead of employing this device, luminous bulbs, better known as "cats eyes," are now to be laid on the road above and below the Statue. This should prove far more serviceable — and much less gaudy — than strip reflectors stuck on to the surround railing. But why not a beam-light on the Monument from one of the existing street lamps? It is suggested that if this were done a glare would be caused, but this, surely, could be controlled by regulating the strength of the beam.

**WARM TRIBUTE
HIGH PRAISE FOR TOM
CLIFFORD**

A very handsome tribute was paid to Mr. Tom Clifford, the Young Munster International, in a letter from the Four Home Rugby Unions' Tours Committee, read at the meeting of the City Council on Monday night, the Mayor (Mr. K. Bradshaw) presiding.

The letter, signed by the Chairman, Mr. B. C. Hartley, is as follows:—"On the return of the British Isles Rugby Union team after their tour of New Zealand and Australia, I am asked by the Four Home Unions' Tours Committee to express to you their deep appreciation of the leave facilities granted to Mr. T. F. Clifford, which enabled him to participate in the tour, the importance of which can perhaps be best summed up in the words of the Prime Minister of New Zealand, that no single organisation had done more for the understanding of two peoples."

"The Committee would like you to know, that by his example, unselfishness, self-discipline, and good Rugby, Mr. Clifford made a very real contribution to the success of this tour, both on and off the field."

Mr. Coughlan—The only comment I would like to make is this—that the letter should not have included Ireland in the British Isles—

Mr. Dillon—British Isles and Republic of Ireland.

Mr. Coughlan—Yes, Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland.

There were no further comments on the letter.

DEATHS.

CASEY—December 13, 1950, at his residence, 8 Bengal Terrace, Michael Casey; very deeply regretted by his loving wife, family and relatives. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. John's Cathedral this (Wednesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Thursday) at 8.30 a.m. Funeral same day at 3.30 p.m. to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. (American papers, please copy). (c)

CONWAY—December 13, 1950, at his residence, 8 Tower View Terrace, St. John's, John Conway; deeply regretted by his sorrowing sister and nieces. Remains will be removed to St. John's Cathedral this (Wednesday) evening at 9 o'clock. Funeral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery to-morrow (Thursday) at 1 o'clock.

HOGAN—December 12, 1950, at the City Home and Hospital, Michael Hogan, 27 Cross Road, Thomondgate. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Munchin's Church this (Wednesday) evening at 6 o'clock. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery at 3 o'clock.

It was unanimously decided to set up the Committee on the lines suggested by Ald. Reidy. It was further agreed that the first four members be chosen in alphabetical order.

Arising out of the minutes of the General Purposes Committee,

Mr. Coughlan suggested that "cat's eyes" should be set in the roadway approaching the monument from both sides instead of having reflectors set in the surround railing.

The Manager agreed that the suggestion was a very good one.

It was unanimously agreed to provide the "cat's eyes," as suggested.

Mr. Dillon referred to the complete lack of lighting at Ballynantybeg, and said that people had to climb as many as 14 or 15 steps to some of the houses. The conditions were most dangerous.

The Manager said the matter had been taken up with the E.S.B., and the Corporation was awaiting a reply.

BOOK OF KELLS.

Mr. O'Malley asked why the Book of Kells was not purchased from a local bookseller.

Manager—That matter has only been brought to my attention recently, and I have asked the Librarian, Mr. Herbert, for a report. I have given instructions that whenever possible Limerick firms must get priority in the purchasing of goods.

The Council unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the Garda to grant facilities for the holding of the proposed Round-the-Houses International Cycle Race to be held in February.

Mr. Dillon asked what was the result of the pile driven at St. Francis Abbey in order to ascertain if it was suitable for housing.

Mr. Stenson—It went down 17 ft. The site is most unsuitable for housing.

Mr. Dillon—That settles the matter.

HOUSING GRANTS.

Arising out of a circular from the Department regarding Section 7 of the Housing Act, giving powers to the Corporation to supplement the housing grants, the **Manager** said it was a matter on which there would have to be a full-dress discussion in the near future. The subject was a highly important one and could involve the Council in limitless expenditure.

It was decided to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

PRICES GOING UP

The price of sausages in Limerick has jumped four pence per lb. this week. Last Saturday the retail price was 2/4; on Monday it was 2/8.

The price of bacon is also going up, as is, of course, hams and gammons.