

## THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

### THE MEAT CONTRACT.

### GRADED SCALES OF SALARIES.

### DEMAND OF MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AGAIN REJECTED.

### THE PRICE OF MILK.

Mr. N. M. Nally, T.D., presided at the monthly meeting of the County Board of Health held in the County Home on Saturday, and also present—Miss E. Staunton, Castlebar; Miss N. K. Sweeney Claremorris; Messrs. M. Lavelle, P.C.; J. O'Boyle, P.C.; John Hoban, Thady Walsh, Thomas Campbell, M. Kevany, M. Staunton, and M. Sammon.

Dr. MacBride, Dr. Mooney, and Dr. Madden were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, and the Secretary submitted a record of the proceedings at the special meeting when tenders for supplies were considered.

The Secretary pointed out that the motion for the Co. Home was 5d, it was 1s 6d for Swinford, and 1s per lb. for Ballina hospital.

Chairman: We are paying more than double the Castlebar price for Swinford and Ballina.

Mr. O'Boyle: Wouldn't it be possible to send the meat from Castlebar to Ballina and Swinford?

The Chairman said he did not think it would be advisable.

Miss Staunton: The quantities would be too small on which to pay carriage.

Chairman: I thought it well to draw your attention to these things.

Mr. O'Boyle: Hospital patients require better beef and mutton than we get here.

The contracts were then approved.

The finance business was then transacted.

The payments included one of £8 odd to Clergy, Dublin, for a nurse's uniform.

Mr. O'Boyle asked who was the uniform intended for.

Mr. O'Carroll (the storekeeper) said it was for one of the nurses, under the terms of her appointment.

Mr. O'Boyle said the price seemed high, and inquired of what did the uniform consist.

Mr. O'Carroll said it included six caps, six aprons, six jackets, etc.

Payment was passed.

Mr. O'Boyle commented on the price of bacon, purchased from Mr. Padden at £5 2s 6d per cwt. He said that price was too high for American bacon.

Mr. O'Carroll said he solicited quotations and made the best bargain he could. He didn't consider the price too high for an odd lot of bacon when they ran out of their own.

Mr. O'Boyle: I could buy it by the pound at that price.

Mr. O'Carroll said he got the best quality American bacon.

Chairman: The price of the best American bacon is 48s per cwt. in Liverpool.

Payment was authorised.

### TO GET HER LIBERTY.

The Secretary read a long letter from Catherine Boyle, Church Road, Claremorris, complaining that her daughter, whose discharge was ordered at the previous meeting, was not allowed out.

Secretary: At the close of the last meeting Mrs. Boyle came before it and asked that her daughter be let out, and the Chairman suggested that she be let out. It was decided to ask the Matron would it be advisable to let her out, and she advised that it would not. It was then decided not to let her out until you had fuller information, and until she got a letter from Dean Macken.

Chairman: This girl and her child are in the institution for the last nine months and are costing 2s or 1s a week.

Mrs. Lavelle: Will she take the child with her?

Secretary: Yes, but we run the risk of having the child back again.

Mrs. Boyle said she would give a guarantee to take care of the child.

It was decided to discharge the mother and child.

At a subsequent stage correspondence was submitted re the proposal to have the mothers of illegitimate children sent to the Magdalen Asylum, Galway.

The Board accepted the terms offered.

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# Startling Figures

## FOR THE RATEPAYERS.

### BALLINA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

### COSTS MORE THAN THE COUNTY HOSPITALS

The agitation for another County Home at Ballina, in the alleged interests of the sick, and to lighten the load of oppressed ratepayers, will deceive neither the one nor the other. The furious pleading for what must be regarded as callous exploitation of the ratepayers, in an effort to deceive them and make them suspicious of the real condition of things, and to try and revive the old workhouse system, is so egregiously absurd and palpably dishonest that it is necessary to go into the matter more fully than we did last week, and place before the ratepayers of the county the naked position of affairs as disclosed by the official records.

It need not be assumed that the ratepayers want to go back to the workhouse system. Their abolition was practically one of the first acts of our new Government. At the time of amalgamation the county representatives, selected Castlesbar as the place for the Co. Home, simply because the workhouse there had water and lighting supplies, all the others being without these essentials. The County Hospital, Madegh Hospital and Courthouse had to be continued, simply because they were there. Killybeg had been abolished some time before, while Clonmore was being converted into a laceon factory. Ballyrobe, Belmullet, Westport, Swinford and Ballina were to be dissolved. Mr. O'Hara, who was a party to selecting Castlesbar for the Co. Home, he now so vehemently condemns, hung on to Swinford workhouse and succeeded in keeping some kind of a hospital there, but at the expense of the rates. Things were a good deal mixed at the time, and though the L.G.D. protested, as the County Board records can show, Swinford was continued, eventually got legal status, and now it has a general and fever hospital, and absolutely essential for the needs of East Mayo. Strictly speaking, it is the official county fever hospital. Ballina, not to be outdone, had part of the old workhouse retained for a district hospital, and with the lapse of time a fever hospital was added. In this connection, in view of the view that was made for another Co. Home in Ballina, it should be borne in mind that advocates of the scheme tried to chloroform the ratepayers into the belief that the workhouse is in good order and as good as a Home with very little expense. We repeat that it is a wreck, obsolete and complete, after military occupation and the compensation money paid to the Co. Council was handed over to establish the fever hospital. A fever hospital for Belmullet was the next elaboration of the amalgamation scheme, and last year it got a general hospital. Both are required for Erris. A feature of the scheme was a cottage hospital for Achill, but no effort was made to establish it.

With all these poor law establishments one would reasonably think that in these days of quick transport the county was fully equipped. But no. Certain people in Ballina, in the interests of the ratepayers, valued for another County Home, and, though the proposal was cried down by a denunciation from the Ratepayers' Association of that town, the demand still obtains and has been voiced with some success, the proposal this time being to send the unmarried mothers and children to the workhouse, the imbeciles to follow.

While we would like to have all our patients catered for in our own county, still there are very substantial grounds for saying it is neither desirable nor economic to proceed with this scheme. The Commission on Poor Law Reform have put up a definite scheme for the imbeciles—entering in provincial institutes, half the cost to rank for recompense—like mental hospital patients. Many of this class are in the Mental Hospital, and, though their removal is essential for the relief of congestion, still it will be to the detriment of the ratepayers, as their transfer to the Co. Home or Ballina would throw the whole burden over on them. As regards the unmarried mothers and children, negotiations for their removal to an institute at Tuam, run by an Order of Nuns who specialise in the management of Magdalen Houses, had almost matured when the Ballina proposal obtained, but to delay the matter. It will clarify the situation and expose the effect of plausible local advocacy to here state that the Government scheme for unmarried mothers is their transfer from the workhouse atmosphere to suitable Homes where they will be in a religious and industrious atmosphere, assisted in earning a decent living, and becoming useful members of society. In the Tuam Home a modern laundry and work-rooms have been established, and the transfer there will effect a saving. Now Ballina workhouse is a wreck and, even with the Board of Health willing, the Ministry will not accord sanction to the scheme, apart altogether from the fact that the cost of fitting up the place will be great, while there are neither water nor light, not to mention the cost of a new

laundry—that for the County Home running to £1,500. In addition, the cost of upkeep and staffing in Ballina for a small number would make such a scheme entirely prohibitive. At this stage it is unthinkable to even suggest nothing better for this unfortunate class, often more sinned against than sinning, than a revival of the workhouse system. It is an odious proposal, carrying with it also the terrible workhouse taint for the children, and, sinners though they may be, no modern Government will stand for it.

Before we deal with the cost of Ballina Hospital, and contrast it with the County Hospital, we have to ask our readers to turn to our report of the special meeting of the Board of Health on Saturday in regard to the Co. Hospital scheme, and, as the people of every part of the county are in a position to stand in judgment, it would be superfluous to ask them to appreciate at its full value the efforts of those who sought to do something and yet nothing to improve the female wing, which is a standing disgrace to the county. The position is such that the work would have to fall into two sections—first the extension, to which the patients would have to be moved before repairing the existing wing. The opponents of the scheme, knowing they would be crucified by the ratepayers if they did not do something, actually proposed to do the repairs first. The effect of this would be to close the hospital against female patients for well over a year, as there is no alternative accommodation for them. The absolute inflexibility of the proposal will show the mentality of its authors. Though they are most anxious for another county institution in Ballina—if not another County Home, then one for the unmarried mothers and the imbeciles—they strain every effort to put in the back-sword the one institution in the county standing on its own for efficiency, economy, life-saving and fitting bread-winners continue the battle of life.

Calculated to make the ratepayers sit up, take a bigger interest in the matter, and cry halt as far as expenditure on Ballina Hospital is concerned, are the glaring financial facts standing out in the latest audited abstracts of accounts of the County Board of Health, and going to show that a purely local hospital at Ballina, where no operations are carried out, is costing the ratepayers far more than the Co. Hospital.

For the half-year ended the 30th September, 1927, the expenditure on the County Hospital was £2,062 12s 9d, receipts £1,110 5s 6d, making the net actual charge to the poor rate £927 10s 3d. For the same period the expenditure on Ballina was £328 6s 6d, receipts £33 5s 9d; net charge £295 10s 9d.

For the half-year ended 31st March, 1928, the expenditure on the Co. Hospital was £1,793 3s 3d; receipts, £1,202 2s 6d; net, £591 2s 9d. For Ballina it was £728 13s 8d; receipts, £19 14s 6d; net, £708 19s 2d; or almost £200 more.

For the half-year ended 30th September, 1928, expenditure on the Co. Hospital was £1,463 15s 4d; receipts, £781 2s 9d; net, £682 12s 7d. For Ballina £555 3s 9d; receipts, £51 10s 11d; net, £503 13s 8d; or £200 more.

For the half-year ended the 31st March, 1929, expenditure on the Co. Hospital was £2,283 16s 11d; receipts, £1,680 6s 4d; net, £603 10s 7d. Ballina expenditure, £1,223 8s 9d; receipts, £28 9s 9d; net, £1,194 8s 9d; or £571 more than for the county institution.

For the half-year ended the 30th September, 1929, expenditure on the Co. Hospital was £1,938 11s 6d; receipts, £969 17s 6d; net, £968 14s 0d. Ballina expenditure, £782 12s 0d; receipts, £25 4s 8d; net, £756 7s 2d.

In these five half-years the net actual charges to the poor rate were—Co. Hospital, £3,763 9s 4d; Ballina, £1,985 18s 10d, being an excess of £1,778 3s 6d for Ballina.

A copy of the abstracts from which we extracted the above illuminating figures may be had from the Secretary of the Board of Health on payment of the statutory fee of sixpence. Ratepayers and others who want the authentic figures for the various poor law and public health services, should not be without this sixpenceworth of valuable information. What Swinford Hospital, outdoor relief and the medical charities are costing them will amaze them, and yet we are told they are badly in need, indeed crying out, for more county institutions.

No one will deny the necessity of a district hospital at Ballina for the treatment of diseases of a minor nature, but the figures go to show the futility of establishing small outlying institutions for the reception of patients that can be as speedily and much more effectively treated in a central institution at a much lesser cost. Still more interesting are the following tables, which the same set of abstracts disclose, showing the number of patients treated in these institutions for the five half-years—

| Co. Hospital. | Ballina. |
|---------------|----------|
| 411           | 196      |
| 305           | 180      |
| 338           | 191      |
| 369           | 190      |
| 417           | 230      |
| 1,783         | 1,005    |

From this it will be seen that in the period 1,783 serious cases were treated in the Co. Hospital at a net cost to the poor rate of £3,762 9s 4d. During the same period there were 1,005 minor cases treated in Ballina at a cost of £1,985 18s 10d.

It may be well asked what is the reason that 1,005 patients in Ballina cost £223 8s 9d more than 1,783 treated in the County Hospital. Is it that the dietary scale is

better or more liberal at the Ballina institution? On inquiry we were informed that the reverse is the condition, and that the diets allowed at the Co. Hospital are second to none in the county, excluding the County Sanatorium at Cragh, Ballinrobe.

The fact is easily explained. Every thinking man and woman knows that as hospital where the average daily number of patients is not more than 19 or 12 requires the same staff as an hospital which accommodates twice or three times that number. The overhead charges remain practically the same, no matter whether the number of patients is 40 or 40.

Why then have we the time of the public boards and councils taken up week after week and year after year with senseless discussions about providing more institutions in the county? It cannot be argued that economy is the object. Even the most ridiculous claims put forward by the inaugurators of these discussions do not pretend that economy is the object. They know too well that even the simplest ratepayer would not be misled by such an argument. We doubt very much if the persons advocating the setting up of further institutions are prompted by a sincere desire to improve administration or the lot of the unfortunate patient or inmate who has to seek treatment in a public institution.

At Saturday's special meeting of the Health Board an argument the ratepayers should not be put forward by Mr. Davis in favour of another institution for Ballina—nothing less than an attempt to rope in the ratepayers of the entire county and make them contribute towards the expenditure on a new water works scheme for that town. Here are his exact words: "As far as Ballina is concerned it is an exception. Take the valuation of Ballina district, it is the largest in the county, and it is only reasonable to take into consideration the people of that area. They have now committed themselves to a huge expenditure for a water supply. Before this no great claim could be made, as the water supply was not what it might be. Now the people have taken this huge expenditure on water, so that conditions are different, and I think it should be taken into consideration."

Our report of the discussion contains Mr. Daly's rejoinder as regards Ballinrobe union.

Here then we have out of Mr. Davis's own mouth the reasons, and the real reasons, for the anxiety to get another institution. The figures we give above show the ratepayers what Ballina Hospital costs them. We now see the great anxiety for the interests of the ratepayers—to make them contribute to the expenditure of a new water supply for the urban district of Ballina, and, of course, in every town people will be found anxious to have the old workhouses back again under any guise—and all for the poor ratepayers, over whose eyes they will not pull the wool this time.

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## £16,000 FOR ONE YEAR?

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### Cost of Illegitimacy in the County.

At the monthly meeting of the Galway County Homes and Home Assistance Committee in Loughrea on Monday, Mr. E. Corbett, Co.C., vice-chairman, presiding, the following letter was received from Mr. J. Gallagher, secretary, Board of Health, Galway:

"The Board of Health at meeting on 29th inst. had before them a report from the Hospital and Dispensaries Committee suggesting that some arrangement should be made to provide a maternity ward for unmarried mothers in conjunction with either the County Home or the Children's Home. It was pointed out that the Maternity Hospital, which was reconstructed at great expense, fully equipped and fitted with up-to-date labour wards, etc., was primarily intended to accommodate the wives of labourers, artisans, etc., and a room was also set aside for paying patients, but owing to the number of unmarried mothers admitted to that department (54 during the past year), very few of the class for whom the hospital was intended now seek admission. Of course, the dietary scale for the hospital is entirely different to that for the County Home, and for provisions alone the difference is about 5s. 6d. per head per week. Further, many unmarried mothers admitted to the Central Hospital in the first instance, have to be transferred to the County Home as waiting cases, later on brought back to the Maternity Hospital, and when fit for discharge conveyed to the Children's Home, thereby costing a considerable sum for ambulance conveyance.

"The board are of opinion that the saving which could be effected if a ward was fitted up for unmarried mothers in the Children's Home would practically cover the extra expenditure, and they request your committee to take immediate steps to provide such a ward. An estimate might be got for the fitting up of same, and particulars obtained as to the extra cost of nursing, etc., and same submitted to the board for their approval at next meeting."

The secretary stated that each illegitimate child costs approximately £300 to the rates of the county, and during the past year there were 54 such children, so that the debt placed upon the county in respect of that year was £16,200.

Chairman: £16,200 for one year alone!  
Secretary: Yes.

Mr. Leonard: Well, the dancing is the cause of it all.

Mr. G. Lynch: Apart from its moral aspect, it is a very serious question for the ratepayers.—Chairman: We never hear a shout for economy in this direction. In the past they used deal very leniently with this class, and even have them entertained in the Maternity Hospital.

After a lengthy discussion a resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. S. O'Connor, calling upon the Dail to introduce legislation giving power to commit second offenders to a Magdalen Asylum, copy of the resolution to be sent to each T.D. for the county.

The question of providing accommodation for unmarried mothers other than in the Central Hospital was next under discussion, the members present being in favour of taking over portion of the unoccupied building at the Children's Home for the purpose. The matter was adjourned to the next meeting at Tuam, when a motion in the name of Mr. G. Lynch in regard to the question of continuing contract with Bon Seccour Sisters at existing rate will be considered.

An application for home assistance was received from an inmate named Roger Conneely to enable him to leave the home. The applicant, it was alleged, was father of the illegitimate child of a wardmaid recently admitted to the Children's Home, and in connection with the matter a letter was read from the Board of Health, suggesting the advisability of discharging Conneely from the institution. The latter was called before the meeting, and when questioned denied the charge.

The Committee decided to discharge Conneely, and allowed him 4s. per week home assistance.

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS SURCHARGED.

At the meeting of the Galway Hospital and Dispensaries Committee on Wednesday, the secretary stated that a sealed order had been received from the Ministry surcharging the chairman (Canon MacAlinney) and two former members of the committee for authorising payment of salary to Dr. O'Shea, formerly employed at the Central Hospital, who had refused to take the oath of allegiance.—The chairman remarked that he would do the same thing again as they had no political motives whatever and had only been looking after the interests of the people in the hospital.—The amount of the surcharge was stated to be £11.—The Minister was requested to reconsider his decision, although the secretary stated that he had been informed by the legal adviser that not even the High Court could over-rule the Order.

**LEGISLATION FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS.**  
County Galway Homes and Home Assistance Committee, on the motion of Mr. G. Lynch, Co.G., seconded by Mr. S. O'Connor, adopted the following resolution at its last meeting: "That we urge upon the Government the necessity for amending the law regarding unmarried mothers so as to make the putative fathers of an illegitimate child liable for the cost of the child's maintenance. We believe that second offenders should be specially provided for by law and power should be given to have them committed to a Magdalen Asylum or similar institutions for a term of years."—It was ordered that copies of the resolution be sent to the deputies for the county.

# Bohermore Wants 'Maggies' Land For Leisure Park

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The news that the Magdalen Laundry is to close stirred memories for many of the people of Bohermore.

When many of them were children the field situated between Bohermore and College Road was the focal point of their lives.

In those not so far off days when leisure facilities were non-existent, most activities centred on this field which was always referred to as either 'The Nunners' or 'The Maggies'.

Many the epic games of hurling, football, soccer, rounders and even cricket were held there.

One remembers soccer being played with a rugby ball of unknown origin as a football could not be afforded; the late Bob Griffin refereeing hurling matches while standing at the end of his garden and the strange sight of forty to fifty men standing around innocently in their Sunday suits watching the youthful activity, while the Gardai emerged from nearby premises. This was, of course, in the days before Sunday opening.

Almost every day we would see these strangely garbed women, with bonnets and long skirts as they moved about inside the Magdalen or sometimes emerged into the field to collect the cattle.

As we became older rumours filtered down from the grown-ups as to why these unfortunate women were there. Then came one never to be forgotten Sunday morning. The story went around Bohermore like wildfire. Some of the Maggies had escaped!

Plans at present are, it is

believed, to build houses, etc. on the site of 'The Nunners Field'. If so, a great opportunity will be lost to provide badly needed leisure space.

As far back as 1978 plans were mooted to turn this field into a park and some interested local residents had a plan put to paper.

It might be too much to hope that one of the affluent industries of the town might be able to make a substantial financial contribution to this proposal. Apparently such a donation would be much more likely if the area was situated on the Western side of the Corrib.

# A facade of saintliness 3/3...an interior of misery

By Hazel McGee

Like Lady Macbeth's famous exhortation that "false face must hide what false heart doth know", the benign facade of the Magdalen Laundry in Foster Court with all its connotations of "religion", "charity" and "do-goodery" throw a bright veil over the world of misery and humiliation that actually lay within.

Next week the bulldozers move in and the Laundry will be no more. Earmarked as the site of a housing development the Laundry, established in

1870 by the Mercy Nuns, will be no more. The convent and chapel at the back will remain as will the nuns and the few "penitents" — most of whom are old — who remain.

For the famous Laundry meant many things to many people. For some it was a place for cheap laundry, to others a benevolent and charitable institution giving solace and shelter to those most in need... but for the "penitents" inside it was a much darker world devoid of any of the joy, freedom and basic dignity that human beings are (and

should have been) entitled to.

The passing years have softened the convictions, knocked the hard edges of some dearly-held mores, removed to some extent the awful stigmas that afflicted those most in need... namely young single girls and women who found themselves with child, or whose lives were "destroyed by sexual endeavour." The shroud of intolerance that smothered the society had precious little tolerance for such souls... they found themselves outcast, with only the "Magdalen"

house to offer them any sort of refuge.

Known as "Penitents" a good number of these unfortunate women found themselves remaining in the Laundry for life — sometimes against their will — and being subjected to both humiliating beatings and the long hard grueling daily slog that constituted their mental laundry work.

One local resident recalls the harsh regime that was inflicted at the Laundry during his own childhood in the late thirties and early forties. "Occasionally you'd see that one of the girls had escaped, they seemed to be escaping all the time. The the guards would be called and you'd see them being taken back a few hours later or whatever.

"And if you were passing sometimes, you'd also hear the screams and shouts from inside when they were getting hiding. Many of them got a hard time inside, but they wore the values of the time, I suppose."

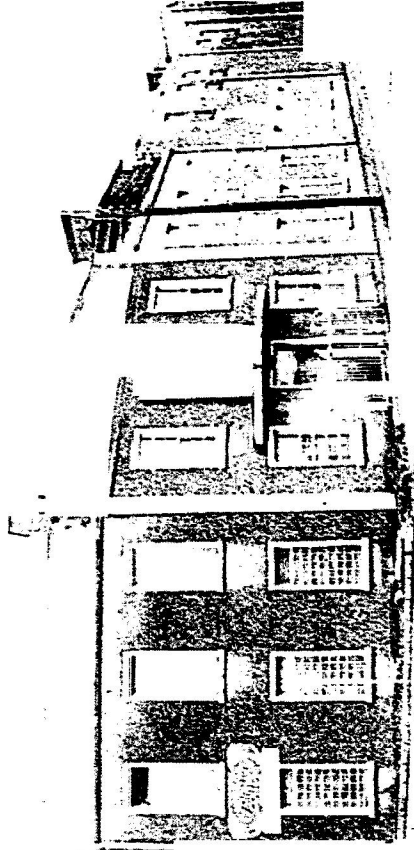
The Sisters of Mercy have been in Coliogo Road since 1870, after they moved from their

original premises in Lombard Street which was considered to small.

Dormitories and workrooms were added and a chapel for the penitents was built in 1883. From the moment of entry to the Convent, with little or no reward. If penitents were forbidden to use their own names, being ascribed instead with the name of a Saint. Laundry Work formed the counterpart of day to day existence. The work was hard and arduous with little or no reward. If penitents had repented sufficiently they were consecrated, taking vows similar to, but subordinate to religious vows.

Amongst the structures that will be demolished along with the laundry are a large chimney that is a famous landmark in the city. However, the chapel with its Evie Hono window, and two carved alcoves are to be preserved, according to the developers, O'Malley's.

Adrian Rose



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# MAGDALEN HOME LAUNDRY, GALWAY

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## **GALWAY EXPLOSION.**

### **Magdalen Asylum Endangered**

A terrific explosion which occurred on Sunday evening in the boiler house of the Magdalen Asylum, College-road, Galway, startled residents on that road and on Bohernabreena.

An air valve of the boiler was blown out but the boiler attendant (Mr. Stewart) who was on duty, quickly put out the fire in the boiler and saved the building from serious danger. Mr. Stewart generally takes up duty at 5 o'clock on Sunday evening but luckily on this occasion he returned to the building about 4.30 p.m. It was shortly after his arrival the valve burst. The fire of the explosion knocked part of the ceiling of the boiler room. Unaware that Mr. Stewart was on duty, the Sisters thought it advisable to call the fire brigade and they arrived about ten minutes after receiving the call. All danger had at this time been averted. The buildings are insured.

# JUSTICE AND IMPATIENT MOMENTS

## LICENSING PROSECUTION.

At Galway District Court on Thursday, before Sean MacGiollarnaithe, D.J., the Attorney General at the suit of Inspector Leon had a prosecution against Thomas Healy, Clarenbridge, for a breach of the licensing regulations.—Mr. Counahan, solicitor, appeared for the defendant.

Guard Allen, Oranmore, gave evidence of visiting the premises and finding a man there.

Cecilia Healy said she was a sister of the licensed holder. She was in the bar at about ten to eleven. Near eleven a man named Garvey got in. She went to the door to let in some friends and this man, Garvey, passed through the shop. He did not get any drink.—To the inspector: Garvey told her that he came in about the barley bags. She did not tell the guards about the barley bags because she did not think of it.

Cecilia Healy said she was a sister of he was not on the premises. His sister was in charge. There had been a hurling match that day and some bona-fide travellers had been admitted. Garvey told him on Friday that he would come on Sunday evening for the barley sacks. He had been seven years in charge of the premises and there had been no conviction.—The Justice said that if the lady knew that the guards were at the door she would not open the door and let the man out through the shop. He dismissed all the charges.

The Attorney General prosecuted John Stewart, a driver for the Magdalen Laundry, with driving in a dangerous manner at Galway.—Mr. H. St. John Blake, solicitor, for the defendant.

John Hughes, dairyman, said that on September 10 he was doing his rounds with milk. At about 5.45 he was approaching Walsh's corner. He saw a lorry coming from the direction of Moon's. He was just passing the cross when the lorry drove into him. He did not hear a horn sounded. Witness was thrown up in the air and his son was thrown out to one side. The milk was all ruined. The van was a Magdalen Laundry van. He spoke to the driver and said, "You must be a blind man."

Patrick Hughes corroborated.—To Mr. Blake: The van was going slowly. The driver of the van did not put out his hand.

John Lynch, labourer, said he was standing at the corner of the Square. He was certain that the driver of the van did not blow a horn or signal with his hand. The van turned right into the milk cart.—To Mr. Blake: There was no horn sounded. He was positive of that.

Patrick Kinnealy, Bohernmore, a motor driver, said he was standing near the telephone box. Mr. Hughes was trotting at an ordinary pace. The motor van shot over by the Square to turn down and hit the horse van. He did not hear a horn.

Guard O'Lonegan said he visited the scene of the accident and made a map and took measurements. He spoke to the driver of the car, who told him that he had to move back the car to let the horse free. Defendant, Stewart, made a statement in which he said that he blew the horn and put out his hand. The amount of damage done to the van was negligible.

Arthur Stewart, defendant, said he had been driving for the asylum since June. He blew the horn and put out his right hand. Witness stopped dead and the horse skid into the van. The driver of the cart could have pulled up if he had not been going fast. He was travelling at six or seven miles an hour in second gear.

The Justice said that every driver had his impatient moments. He would fine the defendant 5s. with 10s. expenses.

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# Notes and News

## NEW SCHOOL PROJECT

Ald. J. Cox was told at Galway Corporation on Monday that negotiations concerning the removal of sewerage pipes under the site of the proposed new Presentation Convent School were still proceeding.

## BUS TIMETABLES

Ald. J. Cox asked Galway Corporation on Monday to urge C.I.E. to place plastic timetables on the bus stops. Mr. F. Breathnach said that often the times on the present paintwork were scraped out. He also asked that a bus be provided from Mervue to the Regional Hospital. The Mervue people were put to great expense by having to change from one bus to another as Eyre Square, he added.

## BURST PIPES

The Mayor, Ald. F. Coogan, T.D., asked at Galway Corporation meeting on Monday why the water pressure to Magdalen Terrace was so low. He wondered if it was because of the five hundred pipes which burst during the frost. Mr. B. J. Faherty, Borough Engineer: There were a lot more than that. He added that the Magdalen Laundry used a lot of water and this might be responsible for the low pressure.

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## **PUBLIC NOTICES**

### **TO BUILDERS**

Tenders are invited for alterations and addition to the Magdalen Laundry, Galway, according to plans and specification prepared by the undersigned, to whom tenders, accompanied by priced bill of quantities, under separate sealed covers and endorsed, should be sent to arrive on or before first post on the 22nd September, 1939.

Plans and specification may be inspected at the Magdalen Laundry, and copies of the bill of quantities may be obtained from Mr. R. G. Emerson, P.A.S.L., Surveyor, Taylor's Hill, Galway, on payment of £5, which will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide tender not subsequently withdrawn. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**P. J. TREACY, B.E.,**  
Engineer, St. Anne's, New-  
castle Road, Galway.

**NOTICE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS**

**MAGDALEN HOME**

*For the Sisters of Mercy*

**TENDERS** are invited from competent Building Contractors for the renovation of the existing sleeping accommodation, living, dining and kitchen areas together with the provision of a new reception lobby, stairs and lift shaft at the Magdalen Home, Forster Street, Galway for the Sisters of Mercy, in accordance with the general conditions of contract, drawings and specifications prepared by Dominic P.P. Ayres, Architect, 35, Forster Street, Galway.

Drawings, specifications and conditions of contract may be inspected at the offices of the Architects or Quantity Surveyors, during normal office hours.

Copies of the Bill of Quantities in accordance with the 6th Edition of the Standard Method of Measurement and form of tender may be obtained from Mulcahy McDonagh and Partners, Quantity Surveyors and Building Cost Consultants, 164 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6 on payment of a deposit of £50.00.

**TENDERS IN APPROPRIATE ENVELOPES MARKED "MAGDALEN HOME" SHOULD REACH THE UNDERSIGNED NOT LATER THAN 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1980.**

**IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AN INSURANCE BOND FOR 25% OF THE CONTRACT.**

The lowest or any tender need not necessarily be accepted and no contractor will be recompensed for expenses in preparation of his tender.

**DOMINIC P. P. AYRES, Architect**  
 35 Forster Street  
 Galway

**A25124-16580**



# **Ambrose J. Roche**

## **M.I.A.V.I.**

### **GRAZING LETTINGS**

#### **FORSTER STREET - PROSPECT HILL**

(For Magdalen Convent)

Approximately 6 acres, to the 28/2/77. Tenders received up to the 12th March.

**THE PADDOCK at Magdalen Terrace (adjoining the Fair Green) to the 28/2/77. Tenders received up to the 12th March.**

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**RENMORE ROAD, GALWAY**  
**GRAZING LANDS TO LET**

(For Magdalen Convent)

Three acres Grazing Lands at Renmore Road, beside McMullans Petrol Depot, up to the 28th February, 1966. Tenders in writing to be received on or before 13th March. 3339A-6365

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**THE LANDS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE AVENUE TO ST. MARY'S  
HOSTEL, SALTHILL**

Approximately 5 statute acres

The Lands are well fenced and watered and very central.  
Tenders in writing will be accepted by the undersigned up to  
the 13th March. 3340A-6365

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**RENMORE ROAD, GALWAY  
GRAZING LANDS TO LET**

(For Magdalen Convent)

Three Acres Grazing Lands at Renmore Road, beside McMullan's Petrol Depot, up to the 29th February, 1968. Tenders, in writing, will be accepted by the undersigned up to March 20.

4333a 10367

# **A. J. ROCHE, M.I.A.A**

## **PROPERTY SALES AND GRAZING LETTINGS**

**Kyleclare, Newcastle, Galway**  
(for T. McDonagh & Co.)

Approx. 46 acres well watered and fenced. Tenders will be accepted by the undersigned up to the 16th March for the grazing to 28/2/71. 6618a-13370

**Salthill, Galway**  
(for Magdalen Convent)

The lands on either side of the Avenue to St. Mary's Hostel, Salthill. Approx. 5 statute acres. To the 28-2-71. Tenders received up to the 16th March.

## **GRAZING LETTINGS**

### **KYLECLARE, NEWCASTLE, GALWAY**

(for T. McDonagh & Co.)

3127 Approximately 46 acres, well watered and fenced. Tenders will be accepted by the undersigned up to the 24th March for the grazing to 28/2/70. 3157a 21369

### **SALTHILL, GALWAY**

(for Magdalen Convent)

The lands on either side of the Avenue to St. Mary's Hostel, Salthill. Approx. 5 statute acres. To the 28-2-70. Tenders received up to the 24th March. 3158a 21369

**GRAZING LETTING**  
(For Magdalen Convent)

Approx. 8 acres to 1st February, 1956.

Tenders are invited for the grazing of above lands to 1st February, 1956.  
Tenders to be delivered on or before Thursday, 20th October, to the undersigned.

**AMBROSE J. ROCHE**  
Auctioneer, GALWAY.

3443-151055

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**PUBLIC AUCTION OF**

**NEWCASTLE, GALWAY - FOR MR. R. LEE**

Choice holding of excellent lands, well fenced and watered. Approximately 12 acres. Tenders for the grazing to the 28/2/1980 will be received up to the 30th March.

**FOR MESSRS. CORBETT**

**HEADFORD ROAD: 7 acres to the 28/2/80. Tenders received up to 30th March.**

**WELLPARK, GALWAY: Choice holding of excellent lands. Approximately 4½ acres to the 28/2/80. Tenders received up to 30th March.**

**FOR MAGDALEN CONVENT**

**THE PADDOCK AT MAGDALEN TERRACE (adjoining the Fairgreen) to the 28/2/80. Tenders received up to 30th March.**

**BALLYLOUGHANE: Approximately 7 acres. Grazing to the 28/2/80. Tenders received up to 30th March.**

**COLLEGE ROAD, GALWAY**  
(Adjoining McMullins Ltd.)

**GRAZING LETTING**  
(For Magdalen Convent)

Approx 6 acres to 1st February, 1961.  
Tenders are invited for the grazing of above lands to 1st February, 1961. Tenders to be delivered on or before Wednesday, 31st August, to the undersigned.

**AMBROSE J. ROCHE, M.I.A.A.**  
**AUCTIONEER, GALWAY.**

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## GRAZING LETTINGS

### KYLECLARE, NEWCASTLE, GALWAY

(for T. McDonagh & Co.)

3131 Approximately 46 acres, well watered and fenced. Tenders will be accepted by the undersigned up to the 24th March for the grazing to 28/2/70. 3157a 21369

### SALTHILL, GALWAY

(for Magdalen. Convent)

The lands on either side of the Avenue to St. Mary's Hostel, Salthill. Approx. 5 statute acres. To the 28-2-70. Tenders received up to the 24th March. 3158a 21369

## **GRAZING LETTINGS**

### **CIRCULAR ROAD, GALWAY - FOR MR. M. MURPHY**

Approximately 3½ acres of choice lands. Grazing to 30/11/80. Tenders received by the undersigned up to 28th March.

### **FOR MESSRS. CORBETT**

**HEADFORD ROAD: 7 acres to the 28/2/81. Tenders received up to 28th March.**

**WELLPARK, GALWAY: Choice holding of excellent lands. Approximately 4½ acres to the 28/2/81. Tenders received up to 28th March.**

### **FOR MAGDALEN CONVENT**

**THE PADDOCK AT MAGDALEN TERRACE (adjoining the Fairgreen): Grazing to the 28/2/81. Tenders received up to 28th March.**

**BALLYLOUGHANE: Approximately 7 acres. Grazing to the 28/2/81. Tenders received up to 28th March.**

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**FACTORY SITE FOR  
SALE**

Suitable for light industry, wholesaler, etc. Two floors. Approx. floor area 2,500 sq. ft.

**AMBROSE J. ROCHE**

**M.I.A.V.I., GALWAY. TEL. 2855.**

**Terryland, Galway**

(1) Approx. 7 acres at "Oldcastle".

(2) Approx. 8 acres at Terryland (formerly Glynn's).

The lands are of excellent quality and are well fenced and watered. Separate tenders for lots 1 and 2 for the grazing to 28-2-73 will be received up to the 6th March.

**Forster St.—College Road**

Approx. 15 acres (formerly Grammar School Grounds). Tenders for the grazing of above lands for sheep only to 28-2-73 will be received up to the 6th March.

**Salthill, Galway**

(for Magdalen Convent)

The lands on either side of the Avenue to St. Mary's Hostel, Salthill. Approx. 5 statute acres. To the 28-2-73.

THE PADDOCK at Magdalen Tce. (adjoining the Fair Green) to the 28-2-73.

Tenders received up to the 6th March.

**Kyleclare, Newcastle, Galway**

(for T. McDonogh & Co.)

Approx. 46 acres well watered and fenced. Tenders will be accepted by the undersigned up to 6th March, for the grazing to 28-2-73.

**Lenaboy Gardens, Taylor's**

**Hill**

(for Lenaboy Convent)

Approx. 5 acres of choice lands, well fenced and watered. Tenders for grazing (cattle only) to 28-2-73 will be received up to the 6th March.

# **Ambrose J. Roche M.I.A.V.I.**

## **GRAZING LETTINGS - SALTHILL, GALWAY**

(For Magdalen Convent)

The lands on either side of the Avenue to Saint Mary's Hostel, Salthill. Approximately 5 statute acres to the 28/2/76. Tenders received up to the 10th March.

## **FORSTER STREET, PROSPECT HILL**

(For Magdalen Convent)

Approximately 6 acres to the 28/2/76. Tenders received up to the 10th March.

**THE PADDOCK**, at Magdalen Terrace (adjoining the Fair Green) to the 28/2/76. Tenders received up to the 10th March.

## AUCTION SALES

### GRAZING LANDS TO LET

(FOR MAGDALEN CONVENT)

AT THREADNEEDLE ROAD, SALTHILL, GALWAY--Approximately 12 Statute Acres.

THE LANDS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE AVENUE TO ST. MARY'S HOSTEL, SALTHILL--Approximately 5 Statute Acres.

The lands are well fenced and watered and very central. Tenders for each holding to 28th February, 1960, to reach me on or before 31st March, 1959.

## MAGDALEN ASYLUM LAUNDRY

3136 Writing in reference to the drying-room fire in the laundry of the Magdalen Asylum, Gloucester Street, Dublin, reported in yesterday's IRISH PRESS, the Rev. Mother states that it has caused some disorganisation.

She regrets the inconvenience to customers, who will be advised of shortages as soon as they are ascertained.

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**THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.**

**PROPOSED FEVER HOSPITAL FOR CASTLEBAR.**

The monthly meeting was held on Saturday, Mr. P. Higgins, P.C., presiding, and also present Messrs. James McGarry, P. O'Donnell, J. T. Ruane, M. C. Barry, M. Davis, F. O'Hara, Mr. McLoughlin, and Dr. Daly.

The finance business was first taken up, and Mr. O'Hara called attention to the case of Nurse Gallagher, who had not been paid for six months, and the Secretary said the cheque was made out and he was awaiting sanction, for which he had specially applied in a recent communication.

Bills for driving the motor ambulance were submitted, and the amounts being considered too high Mr. Davis suggested that they fix a rate.

The amounts claimed were reduced.

**HOLLYMOUNT DISPENSARY RESIDENCE.**

The Land Commission wrote enclosing copy of a letter they had addressed to Dr. Flannery, Hollymount, to the effect that they would accept his offer of £30 for the site for a doctor's residence, previously offered to the Board of Health, a condition being that he should suitably fence the land before the transfer of title, a suitable residence and dispensary to be erected within a year.

The Secretary said the Board had incurred some liabilities, as they got Mr. O'Grove to prepare plans, etc.

Mr. O'Hara: The doctor should be asked to meet those expenses.

The Secretary said the doctor was under a liability to erect a residence and dispensary, and the Board would have to pay a rent to Dr. Flannery for the dispensary.

Chairman: I suggest that there be some clause to protect the Board and see that if the doctor leaves the place it remains a dispensary residence.

Mr. Ruane said when the doctor put up the house himself they could impose no such condition.

I was decided to require Dr. Flannery to indemnify the Board against the extent already undertaken.

Mr. Davis asked permission to hold Ballinacorney meeting monthly instead of fortnightly, and this was agreed to.

Mr. Barrett, C.E., had a bill for £12 6s 4d in connection with the claim against the military for damage to Ballina workhouse, and he stated the Board of Works had allowed that sum.

Mr. Davis suggested that payment should be deferred until the work at Ballina hospital had been carried out, and Mr. Barrett said this was special work which entailed a lot of trouble.

It was decided to pay the amount.

**PATIENTS FOR DUBLIN.**

There were recommendations from Dr. Walsh and Dr. McGreal, Westport, that the child of Thomas Walsh, Rosbeg, be sent to a Dublin hospital for the treatment of club foot.

The father came before the Board, and having made a statement, it was decided to send the child to a Dublin institution.

Mr. Ruane said it was customary to send to extern institutions on the recommendation of Dr. MacBride.

Mr. McGarry said they couldn't act on the recommendation of the two Westport doctors, no matter how deserving the case was.

Mr. O'Hara said he was not opposed to sending the child, but he thought they should ask for a report from Dr. MacBride.

The father said Dr. MacBride operated on the child and sent it home.

Mr. Davis said the proper place for such a child was a Dublin hospital.

Mr. Henry: I propose that we notify Dr. MacBride we are desirous of sending the child to a Dublin hospital.

It was decided to send Dr. MacBride the letters of Drs. Walsh and McGreal, with a suggestion that the child be sent to Dublin.

**THE BURIAL GROUNDS.**

Mr. Barrett, C.E., reported on the progress of work at Kilmurry graveyard and suggested some extras.

It was decided to act on his suggestions.

Mr. O'Donnell referred to the proposed new burial ground for Mulranny and read correspondence on the subject from Very Rev. Canon MacDonalld, who said he was not for putting the people to the expense of a graveyard that might not be largely used.

In reply to the letter there was a petition from a number of the people in favour of the project. He also read a letter from Pat McGreal offering an acre of land for a site, and would let the Board fix the price.

Mr. McGarry said in the first instance they would look to Canon MacDonalld to give a lead, and the Chairman suggested that the matter be let stand, and let Canon MacDonalld and Mr. O'Donnell adjust the matter.

Mr. O'Donnell referred to the suggested improvement of Killeen burial ground, and said he was deeply interested in it, his ancestors having been buried there for two or three centuries.

It was decided to let the matter stand.

Mr. Barrett, C.E., reported on the dilapidated condition of the wall of Rathree burial ground. It required to be enlarged, and there was suitable land available.

Mr. Davis suggested that the existing wall be repaired and to defer the proposed enlargement.

Mr. McLoughlin referred to Kiltane burial ground, the wall of which had been damaged by floods, and it was stated Mr.

Barrett was authorized to carry out temporary repairs.

The Secretary Co. Council wrote re the improvement of four graveyards in Erris, and Mr. Davis said a man at Kiltane asked £200 an acre for land for enlargement.

Dr. Daly thought they should have a private discussion on the graveyards, and then have a general scheme.

Mr. McLoughlin said the Erris graveyards fell into a class for themselves, as they had White Cross funds for them, also £200 compensation money they got for Belmullet workhouse.

In reply to Mr. O'Hara Mr. McLoughlin said he was not in favour of having a graveyard at Kiltane, as it was being damaged every year by floods. They should not give this man the £200 he wanted, as they could not suitable land from Mr. Andrews.

In reply to Dr. Daly, the Secretary said there was £200 White Cross money and £300 local money available for the Erris burial grounds.

Dr. Daly said the £300 should be applied to the Belmullet hospital and not to the graveyards. They were also spending a lot of money on relief in Erris.

The Secretary told Mr. McGarry that the cost of the graveyards was now a county charge.

Dr. Daly said that in that case they should consider all graveyards before they took up those in any particular area.

Mr. McGarry advised that the Erris scheme should be let go through, otherwise the White Cross money should go back.

Mr. Davis said he agreed with Dr. Daly and commented on the disgraceful condition of many of the burial grounds.

It was decided to let the Erris graveyards stand until the January meeting, the local committee to furnish another report in the meantime.

Mr. Davis asked the Erris committee not to be under the impression that the Board would pay £200 an acre for land, nor £100, and believed land in Erris was not worth £50 an acre.

Matters in regard to Irishtown graveyard were referred to, and it was decided to advertise for a contractor.

As regards new paths in Carracastle cemetery, the contractor wrote stating it couldn't be done for £3.

Mr. O'Hara said that for Bohola and Carracastle cemeteries the engineer gave certificates that the paths were gravelled, and yet they found the work was not done.

Mr. Ruane said they were gravelled a long time ago and grass grew over them.

It was decided to allow £3, the work to be done immediately, so that the place may be consecrated.

The Chairman had notice of motion that an extension be provided for Ballybane graveyard. He said the local clergy had moved in the matter, and the Land Commission had a fenced site adjoining that would be suitable.

The proposal was unanimously approved.

The Ballinrobe Proposals Committee made recommendations re graveyards, and on the suggestion of Dr. Daly the members retired to consider the matter, and when they returned the matter was not again referred to.

**KILTIMAGH SANITATION.**

Mr. Ruane again referred to the application of Mr. P. A. M'Hugh, Kiltimagh, for an extension of the town sewer to accommodate his premises.

Dr. Daly said all sanitary works are now a county charge, and if they took up any particular town they would be opening up a big question.

Mr. Ruane said they had a modern sewage system in Kiltimagh and it cost the ratepayers nothing. At the time the estate was sold, the people did not take the reduction of 3s in the £, and the money went towards a new sewage system.

Mr. O'Hara said there was an area of charge in Kiltimagh, and Dr. Daly said that in that event he would not oppose.

Mr. Ruane said Mr. M'Hugh was paying 20s a year for a sewer he couldn't enjoy.

It was decided to have the work done.

**DEFECTIVE MILK.**

Dr. MacBride reported that one of the milk suppliers to the County Surgical Hospital was supplying an article that was not up to the standard, and it was decided to issue a caution and to ask the food and drugs inspector to take samples for analysis.

Dr. Rowland, Ballina, applied for holidays and nominated Dr. Walsh as substitute.

Mr. O'Hara said the rule was that doctors without jobs get the temporary work, and he proposed that Dr. Harte be appointed.

Subsequently Mr. Davis, who had been up the house, advised the Board appoint the substitute nominated, and this was agreed to.

Messrs. Davis, O'Donnell, and Dr. Daly, who had been on visitation in the house, reported that the matron called their attention to an insubordinate female inmate, and it was ordered that she be sent to the Magdalen Home, Galway.

The rules governing the admission of paying patients to the hospitals were submitted and consideration further advised.

**SWINFORD HOSPITAL.**

The letter from the Ministry re revision of the staff in Swinford hospital was again submitted, and Mr. O'Hara said the arrangements were all right. They had two hospitals in Swinford.

A minute was made that the Board considered the existing arrangements were satisfactory.

The Minister suggested that a committee should inspect the works carried out at Swinford hospital.

The matter was referred to the local Hospitals Committee, with a request that they should meet and inspect the institution.

Dr. Henry reported on Swinford hospital

and suggested that the usual Christmas fare be allowed, and it was ordered.

**FEVER HOSPITAL FOR CASTLEBAR.**

The Minister wrote 25 letters re the proposed fever hospital for Castlebar.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health has had before him the resolution of the Mayo County Board of Health and Public Assistance of the 18th ultimo, in which the Board draws attention to the telegram previously sent by them to the effect that the Minister's Medical Inspector had not made any suggestions as to the provision of accommodation at Castlebar for fever patients, and with reference thereto the Minister would draw attention to his letter of the 17th September last, communicating the Inspector's report.

In the final paragraph of that letter the Minister wrote as follows: "With a view to advising on the question of suitable arrangements for the accommodation of cases of infectious and contagious diseases, he would be glad to have particulars of the recent incidence of fever in the southern portion of the county as stated in your letter of the 18th instant, and the dispensary district affected." That letter clearly indicated an intention on the part of the Minister to give advice on the question of suitable arrangements for the accommodation of cases of infectious and contagious diseases, and in the circumstances it is hard to understand the case and terms of the Board's resolution. As regards the existence of an epidemic, the Minister would like to point out that only two of the cases mentioned in your return of the 18th October were notified to the Department. No other cases have since been notified, and the Minister would be glad to be informed whether any cases have since occurred, and if so to be furnished with particulars."

Dr. Daly: I think that is an absolute quibble. The medical officer of Ballinrobe reported four cases, and there were three from Conn. I reported six cases, and there were several cases I didn't report as they would not go to hospital. To try and put pressure on them to get this accommodation I reported the cases. It is time we demanded the people should have proper facilities in this matter, and I propose we answer the Department in that strain. There were 16 cases reported from South Mayo, and they say there were only two. That is a disgraceful state of affairs.

The Secretary, in reply to Dr. Daly, said cases had to be reported on a special form.

Dr. Daly: All along we were of the opinion that the accommodation should be provided.

Mr. O'Hara suggested that they be again asked to send down an inspector to inquire into the matter.

Dr. Daly: They sent down one before, and he turned down our scheme.

It was decided to send the following reply, drafted by Dr. Daly:—

"Your letter of the 2nd inst. was considered by the Board of Health at their meeting on the 11th December, and they would like to point out that the last paragraph of the letter is wrong in fact. According to the Board of Health records 16 fever cases were reported to the Department. When the last epidemic occurred round Ballinrobe the medical officer of health was on annual holidays and the local doctor did not report the cases. He, however, reported six cases direct to the Secretary of the Board of Health. These were several others; when they refused to go to Swinford hospital on account of the distance he thought it useless reporting any more. The Local Government Board can see by records that the epidemic started as far back as April, 1926, and continued to September, 1926. The Board naturally feel strongly on the question of establishing more fever accommodation for the county other than Swinford and cannot understand the hesitating attitude which the Ministry has taken up in this matter. Considering that according to your own scheme fever accommodation should be established in Castlebar in 1922, they would ask you again to help them in this matter and send an Inspector to make suggestions where this extra accommodation might be established."

Mr. O'Hara: No doubt fees were lost when the people refused to go to hospital.

Replying to Mr. McGarry, the Secretary said the sewage works were not going on satisfactorily.

The Secretary reported that, as directed, they had transferred a female patient to the St. Mary Magdalen Home, Galway.

Messrs. Garvey and Smith wrote re payment to Mr. O'Malley, sewage works contractor, and the Secretary said the matter was adjourned until the January meeting.

The Matron applied for the usual Xmas extras for the inmates of the Home, and the application was granted.

The Minister wrote asking that bi-monthly meetings be held, and no order was made.

The usual practice of allowing extra home help for Christmas week was authorized.

Reports of the Proposals Committees were submitted and approved.

Mr. Gilvary, Ballina, and Mr. Ryan, Castlebar, submitted huge batches of relief cases for the signature of the Chairman.

Reports and correspondence on boarded-out children were submitted and were merely formal.

Swinford Proposals Committee recommended that repairs to Swinford dispensary be done at a cost of £20, and this was approved.

Mr. O'Hara: We had an estimate for £100 and a tender at £30 for repairs to the Swinford hospital. We did the work by direct labour and got more than was estimated for at £30.

**MILITARY OCCUPATION.**

The Secretary said Dr. Walsh complained that the military, who occupied the room over the dispensary in Westport work-

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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

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### A BOYLE LAUNDRY CASE.

At Boyle District Court on Wednesday last, Mr. Rice, District Justice, gave a decree for £110 against the Rev. Mother Vincent M. Moore, Superioress of the Convent of Mercy, Boyle, in a suit brought by the Minister for Industry and Commerce in respect of Unemployment Insurance contributions for girls employed in the Convent laundry.

Mr. P. J. Neilan, State Solicitor, said that the sum claimed was for arrears due from July, 1923, to the present time. Every possible effort had been made, in every reasonable way, to bring about a settlement of the claim, but without success, and the result was that they had to come into Court.

Mr. T. Concannon, Chief Inspector of the Department, gave evidence in regard to a settlement that had been agreed to, but had not been carried out. He said that they were now prepared to take £110 in full discharge of the outstanding sum. The witness added that they did not want to make fish of one and flesh of another. If the employes lost their employment and could not get benefit, the convent would be liable, and the employes would be entitled to receive, at the rate of 12s. a week.

Cross-examined by Mr. Callan (for the defence), the witness said that he did his best to induce the Reverend Mother to pay up the arrears. She said that she would have nothing to do with his insurance, and she would not consent to an arrangement that was made when witness and Mr. Callan saw her together. The witness would not agree with the description of the laundry as "a miserable place." He could not say if the Reverend Mother was getting profits out of it. "At the back of it all," he said, "is an element of charity, but at the same time you must not forget that they are competing in business."

Mr. Neilan said if the defence of "no profits" was allowed to stand they would be met with the same statement in every institution in the country. He added that 24 or 30 people get employment in the laundry.

A lady inspector, replying to Mr. Callan, said that she first went to the convent in 1925. The nuns said that they did not know about unemployment insurance. They knew about National Health Insurance and paid the contributions, and they paid unemployment insurance contributions after she went there.

After further evidence, Mr. Callan said that it must be proved that the contract was between the defendant and the people employed. The proper people to sue were the Trustees of Church property, who entered into the contract of service with the employes.

Mr. Neilan—This is a scandalous defence; taking into consideration that my friend agreed to the settlement.

Mr. Rice, D.J.—I must say that it is not a reputable defence to put in on behalf of the ladies in the convent.

Mr. Callan—I cannot help that. I am putting it on my instructions.

Mr. Rice—Somebody must be responsible in the convent; therefore I hold that the Mother Superior is responsible. Somebody must be at the head of the convent; it is the Rev. Mother for the time being. She shoulders the responsibility of her predecessor. I will give a decree for the full amount.

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# THE WEEK'S NEWS OF IRELAND.

## DUBLIN

A vote of £500 to ten Dublin hospitals was passed by the Rathmines Urban District Council on 4th May, on the motion of Mr. W. Norton, T.D.

A concert in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade flag days was given in the Brigade Hall, Great Strand street, on the 6th May, by the pupils.

Madame Barnard Cogley held a very successful inauguration cabaret in the newly-constructed Little Theatre, 7 South William street, Dublin, on last Saturday night.

The first centenary revival of the season by the No. 1 Army Band in Phoenix Park on Sunday gave many thousands of Dublin citizens, as well as visitors, a musical treat.

The Most Rev. Dr. Gregg, Archbishop of Dublin, speaking at the Convent, Kingstown, on Sunday, appealed for funds in support of the Diocesan Board of Education.

The Dublin Conservators of Fisheries, at their meeting on Monday temporarily appointed Mr. Seán Dolan water bailiff at Ringsend. The question of a permanent appointment is to be considered at the next meeting.

A preliminary meeting of the Irish Free State Government Committee on Road Traffic was held on 5th May at the office of the Chief Roads Engineer, Mr. Quigley, 51 Upper Mount street, Dublin.

That only Protection, in one form or another, will bring about an improvement in Irish industry, was the theme of the address by the Dublin Industrial Development Association, expressed in its 22nd annual report.

Messrs. A. Guinness, Son and Co.'s shipments of porter from Dublin, officially returned for period April 1st to May 31st, 1927, inclusive, were—1,751 barrels, 13,955 lbs., 429 bbl., 420 lbs., 371 qrs.

The All-Ireland Polo Club held their first annual ball in Luttrellstown House, Clonsilla, kindly lent by Mrs. and Mrs. Newell, on the 4th May. It was a brilliant function, which was attended by many of the patrons of the Punchestown races.

President Cosgrave announced that the Committee which had considered the Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill had agreed that the Butt Bridge should be allowed to remain, and that a transporter bridge should be built to connect Gill street with Cardiff lane.

As the result of collision on the Dublin road at Shankill last Saturday night, Mr. M. Clarke, Shankill riding a pedal bicycle, and Mr. Darley, riding a motor cycle, both sustained injuries to the head. They were taken to St. Columcille's Hospital, and detained.

On the 5th May the street traders in Parnell street were removed by the Civic Guards to Cumberland street. Some of the stallholders refused to leave, but their stalls and goods were taken in vans and left in Cumberland street. Inspector Beggs was in charge of the police.

At the Theatre Royal, Dublin, on Saturday last, a very full house attended the prize-winners' concert, with which this year's Festival was brought to a close. There were 32 items on the programme, and the audience followed the performance of the winners with keen critical interest.

The annual meeting and "Pound Day" in connection with the Cottage Home was held at the Home, Tivoli road, Kingstown, on 6th May. Dr. Gillman Moorhead presided. The Rev. Charles Downe read the annual report, and Mr. W. Adams, Treasurer, presented the financial statement.

The subscription ball which was held in Clercy's Ballroom on the 5th May in aid of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Nurses (Irish Branch) successful and proved a very profitable function. The ballroom was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and Miss Dillie Weiner's band supplied the music.

When the nine o'clock train from Westland row to Bray arrived at Killiney on Sunday morning twelve armed men entered the railway station and seized and burned five hundredweight of English Sunday newspapers which were being sent from Kingstown to stations between Bray and Westford. None of the armed men wore disguises.

Accompanied by their wives, or other relatives, some twenty-five ex-soldiers, who were injured in the Great War, were entertained to lunch by representatives of St. Dunstan's at Jury's Hotel on the 5th May. The occasion was the periodic reunion of the blinded ex-soldiers who are living within a radius of twenty-five miles of Dublin.

Charged with procuring the baiting of badgers on November 28th last at Ballyboughal, Sean Hayes, 39 South Richmond street; Michael Sammon, 37 Fleet street; Cornelius O'Herlihy, 128 Parnell street; and Daniel O'Donoghue, of 53 Harold's Cross, Dublin, were at Swords District Court on Monday, each fined 20s. by District Justice Reddin, who allowed 20s. costs.

Picked up in Chancery street and brought to Jervis Street Hospital in the Dublin City ambulance on the 5th ult., Thomas Thorpe, aged 57 years, of no fixed address, a British Army pensioner, died in the hospital last Saturday. At a Coroner's inquiry held by Dr. E. A. Byrne, without a jury, the medical evidence showed that death was due to natural causes, and a verdict to that effect was recorded.

The first meeting of the British Legion, Women's Section, South Dublin, was held on the 5th May at the ex-Servicemen's Club, 53b Rathmines road, Dublin, which was kindly lent for the purpose. Miss Fitzpatrick was in the chair. Miss M. Perry, honorary treasurer; Mrs. Brown, honorary secretary; and the following members of the Committee were present:—Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Caidon Haines, and Miss Davoren.

"The Child as an Investment" was the subject of an address delivered before the Dublin Rotary Club, at its weekly luncheon on Monday, by Mr. Robert Parr, who declared that every child born had a cash value to its native land, and if it grew to healthy maturity, contributed, by taxes or services, the equivalent of £1,000 or £1,400 to the community.

Therefore, looking after and caring for the child was a good investment. "That death was due to congestion of the lungs, with failure of the heart, as a result of hemorrhage, exposure, and shock brought about by a self-inflicted neck wound while temporarily insane," was the verdict of a Dublin Coroner's jury in Stevens's Hospital, on 4th May, at an inquest on John Keogh (60), of Healds Hill, Clonsilla.

On deceased man being lying in a field with a wound in his throat, and a discoloured razor beside him.

On last Saturday a deputation from the Grand Canal Co. waited on Mr. P. McGilgan, Minister for Industry and Commerce, to put before the Minister a number of suggested amendments to the Electricity Bill, so as to protect the interests of the company against any losses that might be caused or that might arise through the interruption or stoppage of navigation on the Shannon. The Minister conceded a number of the points raised and promised sympathetic consideration of the rest.

Members and officials of the Kingstown Temperance Workmen's Club: James Maher, manager; Michael Dalton, secretary; Michael O'Toole and Edward Brennan, were summoned on 5th May, before Mr. Cussen, District Justice, at Ringsend, on the charge of being drunk. Mr. Cussen said that as there was nothing against the club, and as it was established to encourage temperance, he would apply the Probation of Offenders Act to the defendants, on an undertaking being given that the same would not be repeated here again. Mr. Fullerton, solicitor, gave the undertaking.

The final general meeting of the Law Students' Debating Society of Ireland for the session 1926-27 was held in the Debating Hall, King's College, Dublin, on the 4th May. Mr. Tynan-O'Mahony presiding. Mr. Robert St. C. Adamson was elected Auditor for the coming year.—Mr. Vincent McKay, Treasurer; Mr. Donald Greene, Hon. Record Secretary; Messrs. John D. Harty, Patrick Griffin, Conor Hogan, T.D., and Frank Fahy, T.D.

The concert given at the Drumcondra National School, Church avenue, was much appreciated by the large audience. Part-songs and an action songs and dances were given by the pupils, and were greatly admired. Songs and instrumental music were contributed by Mr. W. Lindsay (Feis gold medalist), Mr. and Mrs. Chevis, Mr. N. Tarr, Mr. N. Calvert and Miss R. Curtis; the latter also gave a skipping dance which was exceptionally good. Other interesting items on the programme were a folk dance and song, "Memories," by the Misses D. Watkins and D. Rowley, and French dance by Miss Florrie Butler. Great credit is due to Miss Netta Tarr, who trained the girls.

A very pleasant afternoon party was given on 5th May in Mill's Hall, Merrion row, where the annual exhibition of the Water Colour Society of Ireland is now open. The invitations were issued in the names of the Contessa Van Cutsem, Mrs. E. L. Pilkington, Miss Rose Brooke, Miss Alice Boyd, Miss Henrietta Lynch, Miss Hamilton, Miss M. A. V., Mrs. A. V., Mrs. M. G. Goff, and Mr. Lancelot Bayly. Among those who accepted invitations were Viscountess Gormanston and Lady Butler, Lord and Lady de Freyne and Mrs. Sir John and Lady Arnold, Lady Walker, Sir Philip and Lady Hanson, the Chief Justice and Mrs. Kennedy, Colonel Tottenham and Miss Amy Tottenham, Major and Mrs. Dease.

## LEINSTER

Mr. Merry, stationmaster at Mountmellick, is being transferred to Longford station.

A women's branch of the British Legion has been formed in Athy, with Lady Weldon as President.

Prosecuted at the instance of the Wicklow Council, Slivias was at Wicklow District Court, fined £3 for poaching hens on the preserves.

At Wicklow Circuit Court Judge Doyle awarded Patrick Cruise, Kilsheenraun, £350 for the burning of two ricks of hay and a rick of straw in one field, and two ricks of hay in another field at Glendarragh.

A search for firearms made by Detective Sergeant McFall and Detective-Officer Winman, Westford, resulted in the discovery in a room let to a dentist of 14 shot-guns of various patterns, 16 shot-gun barrels, also of various types, 18 gun stocks, and several hundred parts of guns.

The Frank Road grant, Road Board grants, road improvement loans, and the amount raised by rates, a total of £100,000, would be available for road expenditure in Queen's County this year, the Secretary (Mr. P. O'Neill) informed the County Council.

A motion to raise further road improvement loans, totalling £7,500, was carried by 10 votes to 8.

At the quarterly meeting of the Queen's County Council a motion to increase the salary of the Coroner, Mr. J. Conroy, M.R.C.V.S., from £100 to £200 per annum, was carried. The salary of the county rate inspector, Mr. Denis Phelan, was increased from £100 to £200 per annum.

When at Wicklow Circuit Court the landlady, Mrs. Cunningham, sought an injunction order against Terence Waldron, Phillypark, Bray, who is a candidate for North Mayo, and Secretary of the Trades' Union Benefit Society, and his brother, Mr. C. Waldron, engineering instructor in Westford, and their sister, Judge Doyle granted a decree, with four months' stay of execution.

Excitement was caused in Dundalk on last Sunday night by an outbreak of fire which occurred in Chapel street, a thickly populated portion of the town. Flames were seen issuing from the roof of the Municipal Technical Schools. From the front it was difficult to ascertain what was on fire, and the Guards, unable to rouse some people in the district, had to break in the doors of the houses. Then it was discovered that the fire was getting a big hold owned by people named Sullivan. There was very considerable risk of the flames catching the Chapel street houses and the technical schools, but Urban Council firemen, military and Guards got the fire under control, and only slight damage was done to the premises adjoining the sheds.

## MUNSTER

The bull show and sale in Limerick on 6th May was very successful, and good prices were obtained at the auction.

Joseph Skerritt, an ex-British Army pensioner, was sentenced on Monday to 12 months' imprisonment for the manslaughter of Patrick Powell, and was remanded on bail to the next District Court.

The Limerick Borough Surveyor submitted to the Corporation Water Committee on 5th May a plan for the construction of a water supply on completion of the Shannon scheme. Sheriff's officers, accompanied by Guards, made seizures in Nenagh district during the past few days on foot of High Court and other decrees for sums varying from £50 to £6,000.

At Waterford Circuit Court May O'Mahony, of Upper Yellow road, Waterford, was awarded £40 damages against Martin Cullen, of Upper Waterford Alderman, for sedition. She claimed £500.

On 4th May a seizure in connection with income tax was made on the lands of Mr. M. Coffey, Fethard, by local tax collectors, accompanied by Civic Guards and a bailiff. Twenty-eight cattle were seized.

A large gathering of persons heard Mr. de Valera open his campaign in Cork on Monday on his return from the United States. He declared once more that he intended to work for the removal of the oath of allegiance.

A fire occurred on last Saturday in one of the elevating shafts at Messrs. Bannatyne's mills, Mounkennett, Limerick. The Fire Brigade, after an hour's strenuous work, got the shaft under control without serious damage being done.

A public meeting in Cashel, over which the Right Rev. Mgr. Innocent Ryan, P.P., V.G., Dean of Ashel, presided, approved of the proposal to attack the obelisk at Cashel, a tuberculosis central hospital and dispensary for County Tipperary (South Riding).

At Limerick Harbour Board on Monday, a letter was read from the President of the Surveyors' Institute, D.L.S., nominating Mr. D. R. O'Brien, Limerick, past-president of the institute, as arbitrator to value the land at Corkinree, required for the extension of the docks. The Board accepted the nomination.

Under the auspices of the Cork Farmers' Union, an abattoir has been established in the city, and the first consignment of 72 lambs was despatched on the 4th May. The project was launched with a view to meeting the demands of the English market. Confidence hopes are entertained for the success of the venture.

Judge McElligott, at Limerick on 4th inst., assessed damages of £320 in an action under the Employers' Liability Act, which Margaret Gleeson, widow, and Annie Gleeson, daughter, brought against Messrs. Suzuki and Co., Ltd., shipowners, London, and Messrs. Mullock and Sons, shipbuilders, Limerick, in respect of the death of the husband and father, the Norah Hinchy, a young girl, said to belong to Mount Callan, Inagh, Co. Clare, is at present under treatment in the County Hospital suffering from wounds in the throat. It appears that she was employed in a parlourmaid in the Tulla district, and was found bleeding on the floor of a room. The Civic Guards took possession of a carving knife and fork and a dinner knife, which are said to have been blood-stained.

## CONNAUGHT

The North German Lloyd liner, Muenchen, with 1,250 passengers on board, will arrive in Galway Bay from New York on Thursday, May 19, or early the following morning. It is expected that about 150 of the passengers will land at Galway.

Arthur Fergus Dykes, of Tullow street, Square, Carlow, was returned for trial on bail, charged with doing grievous bodily harm to Guards Philip Cantillon and Michael Lacey at Roscommon on April 27 last.

Judge Wakely, at Boyle Circuit Court, upheld on appeal the decision of the District Court decreasing the Rev. Mother Moore, Co. Wick, of Mercy, Boyle, for a sum of £110 at the suit of the Minister of Industry and Commerce, for failure to pay arrears of unemployment contributions in respect of employes at the convent laundry.

When at Boyle Circuit Court, Michael Gordon, Elgin street, Boyle, pleaded guilty to forging cheques for a total amount of £19 10s. Judge Wakely said that it was a low-down crime to forge the name of a pal to cheques, as Gordon had done. He imposed a suspended sentence of eighteen months' imprisonment in each case, and bound him over for two years.

## ULSTER

Michael Doherty, of Letterkenney, died in the ambulance when being conveyed to Donegal Fever Hospital.

The new Church of St. Michael, Annulla, Parish of Clontarf, Co. Monaghan, was on Sunday solemnly dedicated by Cardinal O'Donnell, in the presence of a large congregation. Other members of the Hierarchy present were the Most Rev. Dr. McKenna, Bishop of Clogher, and the Most Rev. Dr. Murnin, Bishop of Dromore.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

The first municipal golf course in Ireland was opened at Banora on last Saturday.

A goat belonging to Mr. James McDonnell, Lower English street, Armagh, has just given birth to five kids, all of which are thriving.

At Londonderry Petty Sessions, John Walker, of Upper Nassau street, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for an assault on his wife.

Six hundred men in the building trade in Belfast did not resume work on 6th May because the employers demanded a reduction of a penny hour in their wages.

By a sliding window thieves gained admittance to the vestry of Leekpatrick Parish Church, Strabane. They scattered papers about, and consumed a bottle of wine.

The death has taken place of Mrs. Sarah Roberts MacDonalld, Crawford square, Londonderry, widow of the late Mr. William MacDonalld. She was prominently identified with the musical profession.

In the Belfast Summary Court a penalty of 40s. was imposed on John B. Geoghegan, Royal Air Force, Aldergrove, and his licence endorsed, for having on April 10 driven a motor car in a dangerous manner.

The price of milk has been reduced in Strabane from 6d. to 4d. per quart. This was brought about by the action of a milk

