# GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

ANIMATED DISCUSSION OVER WAR LOAN INVESTMENT.

"ELECTIONEERING TALK"

"WORKED FOR ALL IT IS WORTH," SAYS MR. M. McDONOGH

"THE ARCH-MONARCH."

PROTEST AGAINST DETENTION OF MR. M. A. MARTYN, B.E.

COST OF THE COMING ELECTIONS UNDER P.R.

SITE FOR COUNTY SANATORIUM TO BE PURCHASED.

Roadmen's Demands—"Will Bankrupt the Council."

Mr. T. Fahy, Chairman, pro. tem., presided at the meeting of the Galway Co. Council on Wednesday. The other members present were: Messrs. T. C. McDonogh, J. Morris, J. McKeigue, T. J. O'Dea, M. Dwyer, E. A. Sweeney, T. Ruane, T. Ryan, P. Dermody, R. P. Nolan, T. J. Kyne, P. P. Killeen, M. McDonogh, M. Cosgrove.

The Secretary (Mr. W. G. Seymour) reported that Mr. M. A. Martyn, assistant surveyor, was not doing duty as he was in prison.—Mr. Kyne: Who will pay for his substitute? Will the Government? This should not go on the rates. You have this man taken without any charge having been preferred against him. Why should the ratepayers suffer for such an act of the Government? The Government should be asked to pay his substitute if we have to appoint one.

Mr. McDonogh: Ask for something easier.—Mr. Kyne: Before three months you will not get a shilling from the ratepayers of the county, or at least from Ballinrobe Union which is going to blazes. The rates in it are now 19s. in the £.—Mr. M. McDonogh: Call him to order. He should not be allowed to use language of that kind.—The Chairman said they would leave the matter over for the present.—Mr. Dwyer: That is not sufficient, whereas an officer of this Council has been taken from his and our business.—Chairman: But we have no power to do anything.—Mr. Dwyer: Why would you not have power? What right have they to arrest a man without any charge being preferred against him? We should not tolerate such conduct.—Chairman: It is a gross injustice to Mr. Martyn and to us, but we have no power over him.—Mr. Morris: If we had anything to do with it we would release him at once.—Mr. Dwyer proposed a vote of censure on the authorities for arresting Mr. Martyn without any charge having been preferred against him.—Mr. O'Dea seconded, and it was passed.

The Secretary announced that there was thirty-nine per cent. of the rates still outstanding as against thirty-six per cent. at this time last year.—It was decided to notify the collectors that if their ledgements were not satisfactory on March 1 next they would be suspended.—The Chairman said he saw people coming to pay rates in Dunmore, and they could not find the collector.

£2,400 SAVED.

The Accountant (Mr. W. G. Fogarty) said that through their action in regard to the Government (Ireland) Railways' Bill they had saved £2,400, or 1s. in the £, to the ratepayers in connection with the Loughrea-Attymon Railway.—Mr. Dermody: There is great credit due to Mr. Fogarty and Lord Killanin, and the people should be very grateful towards them. My belief is that were it not for how things were fought out the ratepayers would not get a shilling.—Secretary: There is no doubt about that.—Accountant: Only for Lord Killanin nothing that any of us could do would be any good.

Mr. Nolan proposed: "That the Local Government Board be requested to hold a public enquiry to decide upon a general scheme of amalgamation of unions in the county, and that such scheme be carried out before April 1 next with or without the consent of the board of guardians concerned."—Mr. M. McDonogh: You mentioned a bad date—the 1st April (laughter). Continuing, Mr. McDonogh seconded Mr. Nolan's motion, saying that it was a step in the right direction, and would save thousands of pounds.—Mr. Dermody supported.—The Accountant said there was no use in passing resolutions if they did not fight the thing through, mentioning that a committee had been some time ago appointed to consider the same matter, and their report had been tabulated.—The motion was passed.

THE WAR LOAN INVESTMENT.

Mr. Ruane moved: "That whereas public money, the property of the ratepayers of County Galway, has been invested in British War Loan by the Galway County, the following information be called for: (1) How much money was invested in the British War Loan by the Galway County Council? (2) Date of investment, and who were the members and officials responsible for such investment. (3) How much would the stock at present realise if sold and how much of a loss (if any) would there be to the ratepayers, owing to the deficiency of said British War Stock." Mr Ruane said one would not be surprised if the gentlemen who invested the money did so with their own money, but why should they have invested the property of the ratepayers? Looking at it on a matter of principle, the war was supposed to have been waged for the freedom of small nations—the black man of Africa was offered his freedom, but the Irishman in Ireland was to be left under the heel of the oppressor.

The Accountant then read the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 1917, at which the investment in the war loan was selected.—Mr. Ruane: Who were the members present at that meeting?—Mr. McKeigue: Before you go further, did that come from the finance committee?—Accountant: It did, sir.—Mr. Ruane: The public are in ignorance of the whole thing.

The Accountant then gave the history of the investment. The sum of £4,750 was borrowed from the Bank at five per cent. interest, which amounted to £237 10s. a year. With that £4,750 they bought £5,000 worth of War Loan stock, and on that they were getting five per cent. interest. The difference between the interest they paid on the £4,750 and the interest they received on the £5,000 was £12 10s. a year, so they had that as a clear profit, not on the ratepayers' money, but on the use of money that they paid for at the Bank.—Mr. McKeigue: Are the securities lodged as security for it?—Secretary: Certainly.

Mr. Fahy: Would Mr. Fogarty inform the Council whether the £12 10s. is sufficient to cover the expenses in connection with carrying the War Loan? Between the expense involved in collecting this, I hold there is no such thing as £12 10s. profit to the Council.

Mr. Fogarty: You hear statements made by people, and when they come on later on they are downright lies.—Accountant: I do not know whether that refers to me, but if it does I resent it.—Mr. Ruane: Are you the man to let him wear it.—Chairman: Were there any costs?—Accountant: I suppose there would be some solicitor's costs; I cannot tell you.—Mr. Ruane: Ah, sure this is it.

Chairman: You may be sure that unless the British Exchequer fails later on you will not lose anything by the investment.—Mr. Dwyer: The pound is only worth 13s. 10d. now.—Mr. Ruane: What is the depreciation since the investment?—Accountant: We got £5,000 for £4,750.—Mr Dwyer: To raise the handsome amount of £12 10s.—Mr. Killeen: The source it is coming from, I think Judas's money would be preferable to it.

Mr Ruane: It was at the finance meeting this was decided?—Accountant: At the meeting of the Council.—Mr. Ruane: Ah, come on, Mr Fogarty. Wasn't it at the meeting of the Finance Committee?—Chairman: It was on the agenda.—Mr. McKeigue: I do not think it ever appeared on the agenda.—Mr. Ruane (to the Chairman): I think you must eat your own words as far as that is concerned.—Chairman: What is that?—

Mr. Dermody: It should be made plain that it never cost the ratepayers a shilling.—Mr. Morris: If you like you can make an order to sell the stock.—Mr M McDonogh: If you sell it now you will be at a loss, but if you hold on you will make a profit.—Mr. Ruane: How do you prophesy that?—Mr. M. McDonogh: I do not prophesy it. I am not a prophet.—Mr. Ruane: The public have asked for an explanation.—Mr. M. McDonogh: Who is the public? Every man who stands up here is the public.—Mr. Ruane: Of course we are not all big men. But the small men must be considered too. The man who pays 1s. rates is as much to be considered as the big man.—Mr. McKeigue: Was the investment recommended by the Finance Committee?—Accountant: I am not certain.—Mr. Ruane: Your memory is not good sometimes.—Mr. M. McDonogh: The meeting acted on a circular from the Local Government Board.

Mr. Morris: It did not come before the Finance Committee.—Accountant: I have no recollection of the Finance Committee.—Mr. Ruane: You have no recollection! Sure this is the way it was done. How is it you have the minutes of the County Council meeting and not of the Finance Committee?—Accountant: I was not asked to have the minutes of the Finance Committee.—Mr. Ruane: Unless Mr. Fogarty produces the minutes of the Finance Committee, I propose a vote of censure on the members who were at the meeting of the Council on the occasion.

Secretary: I have the minutes of the meetings of the Finance Committee for the period between January 12, '17, and April 12, '17, and there is nothing about it on them.—Mr. Ruane: You were not here at the time. They kept you in the dark.—Accountant: I deny the Finance Committee ever ordered it.—Mr. McKeigue: When I asked you the question you said it came from the Finance Committee.—Accountant: What I said was that the thing came up on a circular from the Local Government Board?—Chairman: And I say that appeared on the agenda.—Mr. Ruane: I want to know the name of the members present at the meeting when the investment was made.

The Secretary read the names.—"You'd think they came in for it," commented Mr Ruane.—The Accountant said that if they sold the stock now it would only realise £4,593 15s., a loss of £156 5s. on the bargain.—Mr. M. McDonogh: If you hold on the £12 10s. will wipe out that.

Mr. O'Dea proposed that the stock be sold, and that the Council suffer the loss.—Mr. Killeen characterised the buying of the War Loan as a "disgraceful transaction." It was a degradation and a shame to the county that they should have any money invested in the War Loan or anything else to help a pagan, brutal, military Empire." "Mr. McDonogh may laugh," continued Mr. Killeen, "but——

Mr. M. McDonogh: Don't mind Mr. McDonogh. He can laugh when he likes.—Chairman: I rise to a point of order. I know several small tenant farmers who put in money in the War Loan.—Mr. Ruane: If they did it was their own private property.

Mr. Killeen: This Council represents a county that is thoroughly Republican, and I, for my own part, protest against a shilling on the Council's money being invested in rotten British War Loan.—Mr. Ruane: I propose that the action of these members be condemned.—Mr. Killeen seconded.—Chairman: The whole Council is condemned so.

Mr. M. McDonogh: You seem to forget that there is not a penny of your money in that; you are only collateral security for it. If you sell it now you will involve the Council in a loss of £150, and there is no occasion for it. The world has travelled a long way since 1917.—Mr. Killeen: Thank God! We are Republican to-day.—Chairman: Notice of motion will have to be given if you want it to be sold.—Mr. M. McDonogh: If it be sold you will have to put up with the loss—not the ratepayers.—Mr. Killeen seconded Mr. O'Dea's proposition that the stock be sold.—Mr. Dwyer: Have you not involved the rates of the county as security for the British Government?—Chairman: We have.—Mr. Dwyer: Well, we condemn that action.

Chairman (to Mr. O'Dea): If it was your own private property you would not sell it at a loss.—Mr. Killeen: I would sell it out if it were mine.—Mr. M. McDonogh: You might. I see as good patriots as you are and when it comes to money they take British or any other money. Money is money, no matter where it comes from—British or not.—Mr. Killeen: We do not get British money, whatever about British punishment.

Mr M. McDonogh said the whole thing was "electioneering talk," and they worked it for all it was worth.—Mr. Ruane said they would give notice of motion to have the vote of censure passed.—Mr. Dermody: That will not bring us any farther. Are not we all as good Irishmen as you?—Mr. Ruane, referring to a remark of Mr. McDonogh, said that gentleman seemed to think he was monarch of all he surveyed.

Mr. M. McDonogh: You seem to think you are a monarch, anyway.—Mr. Ruane: You are an arch-monarch.—Mr. M. McDonogh: If you were like me there would be nothing to stand you.

The Chairman said it was unfair to himself to have personal remarks flung at one another by the members, as that Council had always conducted its business with dignity.—Mr. Killeen said it was Mr. McDonogh who started the personalities, and they had to reply.—Mr M McDonogh: I never indulged in personalities.—Mr. Ruane: All the brutality is coming from Mr. McDonogh.—The discussion then ended.

THE GRANITE QUARRY.

The Council approved of the arrangement whereby it was to have the use of the Shantalla granite quarry at a rent of £423 a year.—Mr. Killeen: How many members of the Council are shareholders in that?—Mr. M. McDonogh: I am a shareholder in the Granite Co. I lost some thousands on it, but you are not paying for the metal to us. You are paying to the Congested Districts Board. Only for the action I took that quarry would be gone to a North of Ireland man. I wanted to keep the ownership here for the benefit of the County Council.—Mr. T. C. McDonogh: I am another shareholder in the Granite Company.—The Accountant said the Congested Districts Board were mortgagees of the quarry which they let to the Council for a rent of the amount of the mortgage, the rent to be paid direct to the mortgagees.—Mr. M. McDonogh: The shareholders do not come into any of it.—The Secretary informed Mr. McKeigue that it was only those districts in which roads were being steamrolled or where the granite was otherwise used that contributed to paying for the quarry.

The Council decided to invite the members of the Commission into the Resources and Industries of Ireland (of which Mr. Darrell Figgis is Secretary) to attend the quarterly meeting of the Council on that day fortnight.

It was agreed to advance Mr. G. Lee, Co. Surveyor, £275 to purchase a motor car, the loan to be repaid in instalments.

Notification was received that Mr. P. Lyons, Graigue, had been elected Chairman of the Mountbellew Rural District Council in room of Mr. M. Wall, and became, therefore, a member of the County Council.

THE ELECTIONS.

The Returning Officer for the county was directed to order the elections for county

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# REVOLVER RULE

EX-SOLDIER'S AMAZING STORY OF ATTACK BY NEIGHBOURS.

SHOT NEAR SPIDDAL.

ALLEGED WAYLAYING BY A DOZEN MEN.

WOUNDED MAN'S STORY.

Four Men Remanded in Custody.

At outrage for which no direct motive can be assigned occurred on the road at Loughaunbeg, Spiddal, near the scene of the mine explosion, in which nine fishermen were blown to pieces on the afternoon of June 16, 1917. As Patk. Thorton, Loughaunbeg, an ex-private of the Connaght Rangers, who was wounded at Neuve Chapelle and invalided out of the army in November, 1915, was proceeding home from Watters's public-house with his brother at 10 p.m. on Monday night, he was, as alleged, accosted by a party of a dozen men, beaten and shot in the right hip, his assailants departing and leaving him lying on the roadside as two cars came along. With the assistance of his brother he made his way back to the public-house where he was attended by Dr. Loftus, M.O., Spiddal, at midnight on Monday. On Tuesday morning his brother notified Sergeant Rodgers, Spiddal, and following this four men from the neighbourhood—Patrick Feeney, Brian Feeney, Wm. Feeney, and John Folan—were arrested, and remanded, while the police are making a vigilant search for a fifth. Thornton was conveyed to the Workhouse Hospital, Galway, on Tuesday afternoon, and depositions were taken before Mr. Joseph Kilbride, R.M., the same evening. On Wednesday morning the injured man was removed to the County Infirmary where an operation took place for the extraction of the bullet.

INJURED MAN'S STORY.

Patrick Thornton in a deposition made in the Workhouse Hospital, before Mr. Kilbride on Tuesday night, and in the presence of Patk., Brian and Wm. Feeney, the accused, stated that on the 2nd February he was in the public-house of Patk. Watters, Loughaunbeg, along with his brother, Martin Thornton. They left at 10 p.m. When they had gone a short distance in the direction of home, two men jumped before them on the road whom he identified as Wm. Feeney and John Folan. The latter first "sparred with him." Wm. Feeney struck him with a stick and stones on the head. Peter O'Malley came along and fired a revolver shot at him about one yard distant from where he was standing.

"I fell to the ground," continued witness. "The last man to strike me with a stick while I was on the ground was Brian Feeney, whom I now see present and identify. I saw him there last night. He struck me with a stone on the top of my head just before I was shot with the revolver. That is all I remember the three men did to me. There were about twelve men there altogether. I have known the three defendants now present all my life. Patk. and Brian Feeney are my next door neighbours; John Folan is also a next door neighbour. I know Peter O'Malley very well. He is an Irish teacher, and lives at Corraunore East. I also know Wm. Feeney very well. He lives about a quarter of a mile from me in the same townland. It was very bright last night at the time of the occurrence. I did not strike anybody."

Thornton added that he was invalided from the army on November 22, 1915. He had been employed in England for about three years, and came to his home in Loughaunbeg last Christmas Eve. Two shots were fired at him by Peter O'Malley. His brother was knocked down and kicked. He saw Brian Feeney attacking his brother by striking him with a stick. His brother was within three or four paces of him at the time the shot was fired. The man who fired was standing on the south side of the road. Witness's brother was in front of him. He knew a revolver very well and saw it in the hand of the man who fired. When he fell, two side-cars came along and he tried to get out of their way, and the twelve men scattered away then. He walked back to Watters's public-house where he remained until brought in there that afternoon.

Cross-examined by Peter Feeney and Brian Feeney, witness said he was perfectly sure they were there.

The three accused, Patk. Feeney, a small farmer's son from Loughanbeg; Brian Feeney, his brother, and Wm. Feeney, also a small farmer's son from the neighbourhood, were thereupon remanded in custody.

On Wednesday morning John Folan, Loughaunbeg, was conveyed to Galway under strong escort, and remanded in custody on the application of Sergeant Rodgers, who has charge of the case.

GALWAY SHIPPING.

DUTY OF MERCHANTS TO TAKE ACTION.

Harbour Board Chairman Visits Ministry of Transport.

Mr. M. McDonogh, J.P., Co.C., Chairman, presided at the meeting of the Harbour Commissioners on Tuesday. The other members present were: Messrs. T. Grealy, J. T. Millar, T. C. McDonogh, M. J. Campbell.

The Secretary informed the meeting that the plans in regard to the docks, etc., were ready for forwarding to the Ministry of Transport.—Chairman: That is what he wants at present.

The Secretary read communications on the subject from the Transport Ministry in which it was stated that Mr. McDonogh had called at the offices of the Ministry in regard to the matter.

The Secretary also read a letter from the Controller of Cross-Channel Transportation (Coal Department) in reference to a resolution from the Board requesting that coal be sent to Galway by ship. The Controller stated that he was looking into the matter, but pointed out that at the present moment there was a very severe shortage of coal all over Ireland owing to various reasons, but everything possible was being done to increase the imports. With regard to the question of direct shipping he stated that it was the wish of his Department that coal for the West of Ireland be discharged at ports on the west coast, but ship-owners did not want to send their ships on such long voyages at the present time, and it was not the policy of the Controller to direct shippers to load any particular cargo or go to any certain port. He suggested that the Galway merchants endeavour to get into communication with the shippers themselves, and get them to load cargoes for Galway. If ships were secured and there were any difficulty in getting coal, he would do anything he could in the matter.

ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT.

IN THE ABBEY LANE HOUSES' CASE.

At Galway Petty Sessions on Monday, before Messrs. J. Kilbride, R.M. (Chairman), J. S. Young, and O'Connor Byrne, the cases of John Curran against the tenants of the houses in Abbey-lane, Galway, for possession, was called.—Mr. O'Dea, solr., appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Kelly, solr., for the defendants.

Mr. Kelly asked for a dismiss as the notices to quit had not been served seven clear days before the date of expiration. The notices had been served on the 5th inst. about eight o'clock, p.m., to quit on 12th inst.—Chairman: Is there a case stated that the notices must have been served seven clear days?—Mr. Kelly: Yes.

The Chairman read the law bearing on the matter, and held against Mr. O'Dea, who argued that the notice to quit did not expire until midnight on the 12th.—After some further argument on the point, the magistrates decided to adjourn the cases for a week for Mr. O'Dea to look further into the law on the question.

# URBAN COUNCIL

SCRAPS OF PAPER TO SCRAP OLD COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

LESSONS IN PROCEDURE.

RE-ELECTED COUNCILLORS INTRODUCE SUBTLE SITUATIONS.

CHAIRMAN AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

MR. NICHOLLS DEFEATED FOR TECHNICAL COMMITTEE.

OPEN VOTING DEMANDED.

Mr. T. Rea Co-opted For East Ward After Division.

Mr. Martin Redington made a successful protest against the introduction of ballot voting at the second meeting of the new Galway Urban Council yesterday, when Mr. Thomas Rea was co-opted a member of the Council for the East Ward, Mr. T. C. McDonogh having decided to sit for the South Ward.

One of the first acts of the Council (over which Dr. Walsh, Chairman, presided) was to adopt the provisions of a circular from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, by reducing, under threat from the Department that the financial grant would be withdrawn, the number of members appointed on the Technical School Committee from 26 to 13. The only members who voted against the change were Messrs. M. Moloney, T. C. McDonogh, M. T. Donnellan, P. Curran, W. Flaherty, M. Redington, J. Griffin, and J. Lee.

The Chairman proposed a new plan in regard to the Council committees. The whole Council are to act on all the committees with the exception of the Technical Committee, Port and Sanitary Committee, Cemeteries Committee, and School Attendance Committee. Messrs. M. McDonogh, P. Curran, F. J. Bailey, J. Griffin were the only old Nationalist members who survived on any of these committees. Then when it came to the appointing of committee to go into the accounts in connection with the election expenses, Mr. Moloney was proposed but declined, saying he was not mentioned on any of the other committees. "I am disqualified," he said, laughing. Mr. Redington also declined to act. Mr. T. C. McDonogh was proposed "No, thank you," he replied, "I was not on the list to-day, so there is no use in putting me on now. I am much obliged to you.'

The Chairman's proposition was that at the meetings on the second Thursday in every month the Council will act as a committee to transact business in regard to roads, lighting, the Square, and allotments, etc. On the third Thursday it would consider business in regard to the slaughter-house, cinemas, waterworks, public health, etc. On the fourth Thursday it would go into finance, buildings, etc. If urgent matters cropped up, and the presiding Chairman permitted, these matters could also be considered at these meetings. Then on the first Thursday in each month the ordinary monthly meeting of the Council would be held and reports received regarding the work relating to all the committees. The committees could also be given power to entail certain expenditure if necessary—previously this amount was confined to £2. The Chairman said that if they went electing committees consisting only of certain members it would leave a certain amount of ill-feeling, no matter how nicely they did it.

Mr. Moloney said that the new rule made very little difference from the procedure obtaining heretofore. As for the old members feeling aggrieved even if they were shoved off the committees he, for one, would not be dissatisfied. The old men had given a big lot of their time attending to the business of these committees.—Mr. Redington asked what would happen if they required a special committee at any time, and the Chairman said the standing committee of the whole Council could appoint a sub-committee.—Mr Connolly seconded the Chairman, and the proposition was agreed to.

"I think the Department is very wise in doing that," said the Chairman explaining its request to have the number of members on the Technical Committee cut down or the grants would be stopped.

Mr. Redington did not want to give in to the Department so easily. "That is only their opinion," he said. "It is not in the Act of Parliament. They have no power to enforce that request. They are holding out a threat that if we do not kneel down to them and obey them in every way, they will withold the money. I am against complying with that. We are kept down too much by boards in Ireland, and we ought to fight against them."—Chairman: I'd be against them myself, but, in my opinion, it is a wise suggestion, no matter who it comes from.—Mr. Redington: If you do not show a bit of backbone against these fellows, you will have them riding over you every day.—Regarding the difficulty of getting a quorum at meetings of the committee, Mr. Cooke said, amidst laughter, they only attended when there was a job on. He would support Mr. Redington's contention only that it would be useless.

Mr. Connolly proposed that the committee number thirteen—seven from the Council and six outsiders.—Mr. Walsh seconded.

Mr. Redington proposed that it be left at the original number, and Mr. M. T. Donnellan seconded.

Mr. W. Flaherty (to the Chairman): Anything proposed by you should be carried. There is no use in proposing an amendment.—Chairman: I did not propose it at all.—On a show of hands, Mr. Connolly's proposition was carried.

Mr. McDonogh: I propose that Professor Rishworth be appointed on the committee.—Mr. Donnellan proposed Mr. Eraut.—Mr. Connolly proposed Most Rev Dr O'Dea, Rev. H. J. Foley, S.J., and Rt. Rev. A. J. Considine, Adm., V.G., and Mr. G. S. Nicholls, solr.—Mr Naughton proposed Mr. Coleman.—Rev. P. Davis, P.P., was also proposed.

A ballot vote was taken, when Mr. Nicholls was found to have got the lowest number of votes, and accordingly the other six were elected.

For the seven members of the Council to act on the committee Mr. Connolly (reading from a slip of paper) proposed the Chairman, Messrs. O'Dea, M. Walsh, M. J. Cooke, P. Naughton, P. Colohan, and Mrs. Hardiman.—Mr. Lee seconded.—Mr. Curran proposed Mrs. Nicholls but she declined to act.—Mr. W. Flaherty: I believe the job is not worth the trouble.—Chairman: Honestly it is not.—Mr. Connelle's motion was passed.

Mr. Cooke asked that the Council direct that the number of members to form a quorum be reduced from five to three.—The Chairman said that was for the committee.—Mr. Donnellan thought that three members would be too small a number to have the responsibility.—Mr Lee: I think you are right. If they are so anxious in going on, more than three should turn up.—"I did not see many anxious," observed the Chairman.

Mr. P. J. Webb, Secretary of the school, said that Council had power to fix the quorum. It was difficult to get a quorum of five, and the staff were without their salaries very often.

Mr. Redington: You cannot change the number. If Mr. Webb wants to have it done, it will have to be done in another way. If there is a standing rule to have five you cannot change it.—Chairman: There is no standing order.—Mr. Cooke proposed that the quorum be three, and Mr. Connolly seconded.—Mr. Curran said that by changing the quorum the outside members of the Committee would have no voice in it.—Chairman: It is a small matter.

"I protest against it," said Mr. Redington, warmly. "It is illegal to do it without notice of motion. It is a standing order that five be a quorum.—Chairman: I have decided against you.—"No matter what you decide, with all respect to you," continued Mr. Redington; "you cannot rescind a resolution without notice of motion, and then that motion will have to be carried by two-thirds of a majority."—Chairman: As Chairman of the meeting I decide that Mr. Cooke's motion is in order. If Mr. Redington wishes he can take steps to have it decided otherwise.—Mr. Redington: I merely make a protest; I do not care.—Chairman: That is a different thing to saying you cannot do it.

"I say you cannot," persisted Mr. Redington.—Mr. Cooke's motion was passed, Messrs. Donnellan and McDonogh voting against it.

"These are of a different line," said Mr Moloney, jocosely, when Mr. Grehan (reading from a slip of paper) proposed that the following be appointed on the Port Sanitary Committee: Messrs. M. McDonogh, Curran, Bailey, Cooke, M. Flaherty, Lee, M. Walsh, and Connolly.—The motion was passed.

The Chairman said the next was the Cemeteries Committee, and Mr. Martin Flaherty got up and (also reading from a slip) proposed the names of Messrs. Cooke, Coogan, Connolly, Colohan, Griffin, M. McDonogh, Bailey Curran, and Faller.—Mr. McDonogh said that certainly Mr. Faller should be on that Committee, as he interested himself in it.—Mr. Curran: He did a lot for it.—Passed.

"Mr. Cooke is the only one of the old committee that has survived," remarked the Chairman, when Mr. Walsh proposed that the following act on the School Attendance Committee: Mrs. Hardiman, Mrs. Nicholls, Messrs. Colohan, Connolly, and Cooke.—M. Curran: Would there be room on it for Mr. Lee?—Mr. Cooke: Mr. Walsh made a mistake in proposing Mrs Nicholls. He should have left it to some other gentleman to propose her.

Mr. Colohan declining to act on the committee, Mr. Lee was appointed in his stead, and Mr Walsh's proposition was thereupon passed.—Mr. W. Flaherty made the novel suggestion that the Labour members should be paid for acting on the committees if they had to attend four or five meetings in a week.

On Mr. Redington explaining how the Milk Supply Committee originated, it was agreed not to change its personnel except to add the names of Mrs. Hardiman and Mrs. Nicholls.

"There is a Profiteering Committee," said the Secretary, amidst laughter.—Mr. Cooke: Those are the publicans (laughter).—The Secretary said before the Committee was complete two lady members would have to be added.—"We have them here," remarked Mr. Moloney, and the two lady members of the Council were then appointed on it.

It was decided to divide the order for the workmen's oilskins between the two drapers who tendered, Mr. Brennan and Mr. Sweeney.—Mr. Lee asked why the oilskins had not been got in the bad weather, and the Secretary explained that no tenders were received.—Mr. W. Flaherty: I cannot see why Mr. Lee comes here to tell you that the bad weather is over (laughter).—Mr. Redington: He is an astronomer likely (renewed laughter).

CO-OPTION.

Mr .Cooke proposed that Mr. T. Rea be co-opted on the Council.—Mr. Naughton seconded.

Mr. Redington thought they should have a man from the East Ward, as it was there the vacancy existed, and proposed Mr. Thomas Brown, the runner-up.—Mr. Donnellan seconded.

Mr. W. Flaherty proposed and Mr. McDonogh seconded that Mr. Shields be elected.—Mr. Cooke: It is very strange for the Secretary of a Labour Union to go against a Labour man.—Mr. W. Flaherty: I am not doing so.

Preparations were being made to have the voting by ballot when Mr. Redington protested, and said co-options always took place by open voting.—Chairman: I am in favour of it always.

On a poll there voted:

For Mr. Rea: Messrs. J. Coogan, Cooke, Lee, Naughton, Grehan, Curran, Walsh, Connolly, M. Flaherty, Colohan, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. Hardiman, and the Chairman—13.

For Mr. Shields: Messrs. T. C. McDonogh, Moloney, J. S. Young, and W. Flaherty—4.

For Mr. Brown: Messrs. Donnellan and Redington—2.—Mr. Griffin had left before the poll took place.—Mr. Rea was accordingly declared elected.

Mr. Redington: It is all the same; the arrangement was made beforehand. That was enough.

Mr. Walsh: I do not think it a fair thing to say that it was arranged beforehand.—Mr. Redington: I saw the lists that were supplied to the different members for each thing. Anyone could see the lists.

A letter was read from Mi. O'Toole, Abbey-lane, applying for his former job under the Council.—The Town Steward said he would take him on when he had a vacancy.

Mr. Cooke proposed a resolution (when a letter from Mr. M'Cullagh was read on the subject) condemning the action of Mr. Fallon, Abbergate-st., in purchasing "over the heads of the tenants," Messrs. M'Cullagh, Roche, and Miss Tully, their houses in Williamsgate-st., and directing that copies of the resolution be sent to all the Councils in the county, and to the trades bodies in Galway. "Nobody will have a house to live in if this is allowed to go on," said Mr. Cooke, stating that the system of buying houses when the tenants of the same wanted them for themselves should be put down with a strong hand.—Mr. Connolly seconded, saying it would not be tolerated in any town in Ireland but Galway.

Mr. Redington: There are more cases than that, but there is no notice at all of some people.—Mr. Moloney supported the resolution, which was passed.

Reports were read from the Borough Engineer and the Town Steward.

The question of allotments was adjourned for a week.—Mr Connolly thought they should not be taken up, but Mr. Young said that if the Council decided to build houses they would have to be taken up.—Mr. Redington: You have put off the committee all the outsiders who gave great help in that scheme.

With reference to the election expenses, the Chairman suggested that a small committee be appointed to check the accounts.

"Back again to the old system," ejaculated Mr. Moloney.—Chairman: It is not. This is a special work.

Mr. Redington was asked to act on the committee.—"I will do no such thing," he said. "I decline to have anything to do with it."—Mr. Moloney's name was proposed.—Mr. Moloney: No; I am also disqualified. I was not mentioned on any of the committees that came up to-day.—The Chairman suggested Mr. McDonogh, but that gentleman replied: No, thank you; I was not on any of the lists to-day, so there is no use in putting me on now. I am much obliged to you.—The following were appointed: Messrs. Cooke, Connolly, Lee, Walsh, Young, and M. Flaherty.

"I don't know if you went round to see your friends in the North Ward the same as I did," said Mr. Young to the Chairman when suggesting that the stones at Corrib terrace be removed.—Chairman: I had a conversation with Mr. Binns over it.—The engineer was directed to get the stones removed to a suitable place.

The Arbor Day Committee and the Town Steward were ordered to report to the next meeting as to the number of trees that were procured and had not been planted, and the preparations generally made in regard to the afforestation scheme inaugurated some time ago.

Technical School Fire.

A fire broke out in the back portion of the Technical School at Dominick-st. on Wednesday, and damage to the extent of £80 was done to the building.

Accident at Four Corners.

On Saturday afternoon a little girl named Josephine O'Halloran, Lower Abbeygate-st., was knocked down by a car at the Four Corners, and slightly injured.

# TRIED BY MILITARY

MR. M. A. MARTYN, B.E., CHARGED AT COURTMARTIAL.

MOTOR WITHOUT PERMIT.

REFUSED TO RECOGNISE THE COURT OR REMOVE HIS HAT.

THE OPERATIONS OF D.O.R.A. IN IRELAND.

Mr. M .A. Martyn, B.E., assistant surveyor, Portumna, charged by courtmartial at Ronmore Depot with having driven a motor car at Portumna without a permit on December 30, 1919, refused to recognise the moral right of the court to try him, and entered an emphatic protest against the treatment which he had received since his arrest. He declined to remove his hat, which was then taken off by the military. He displayed complete indifference in the proceedings.

Captain Jones, prosecuting, said motors had been used in the commission of crime and outrage; hence the Order. He asked that serious notice be taken of the offence, because accused deliberately violated the law.

"I went out on the road and put up my hand to stop accused," said Constable Gilmartin in evidence, "but he only increased his speed, and I narrowly escaped being run over." Later on witness with another constable found the motor in accused brother's yard, the engine being still warm. Seen by witness in his mother's house, accused ordered him to clear out, and refused to answer questions.

Constable Griffin and Sergeant Matthews were also examined.

"Illegal, unconstitutional, and utterly unjustifiable" was the accused's description of the Motor Order in an address to the court, and as bearing out this view he cited decisions of Mr. Justice Shankey, England. It was time, he said, some limit should be put to the woefully misapplied operations of D.O.R.A. From the point of view of harassing and hamstringing the people there was no extent to which it might not be used in the name of "justice." Soldiers under it might be given power to enter churches, monasteries, and convents, as they did before in this country, desecrate the altar and cast out the priests, monks, and nuns. It was being used to crush industrial enterprise. If the Irish people had Job's patience they could not tolerate much longer such a gross abuse of power.

"I protest most strongly," he went on, "against my detention in a living hell now for nearly one month for having simply driven a motor car." Accused was proceeding to refer to the state of affairs in America when he was stopped by the court.

Sentence will be promulgated.

# "PSEUDO PROFESSOR"

AN ANONYMUS WRITER WHO RAISED THUNDER AT TUAM.

Mr. Ml. Dwyer in Bourbon Guise.

At the meeting of the Tuam District Council on Saturday, the Chairman (Mr. P. Dermody) said that it would not be fair to close the meeting without making some remarks upon and condemning the letter that appeared in the "Connacht Tribune" last week in reference to the Tuam election. He was not a Sinn Feiner——

Mr. Kennedy: More shame for you.

Mr. Dermody: I might be as good an Irishman as you are, although you are Vice-Chairman. I must say, gentlemen, that it wasn't a fair charge to bring against some of the members of Sinn Fein. We have some of the local Sinn Fein leaders members of this board, and the remarks in the letter in the "Connacht Tribune" towards them were very wrong.

Mr. A. B. O'Connor produced a copy of the paper, and the Clerk read the letter as follows:

"In the coming District and County Council elections it behoves the Nationalists of the Tuam Union to put forward men of known honesty and integrity, having the moral courage to speak out and condemn the actions of that noisy crowd, yclept Sinn Fein, whose only effective policy is, as so forcibly described by the respected parish priest of Donaghpatrick, murder and theft. The County Division of Tuam for the County Council is in the hollow of the hand of Mr. F. B. McDonogh, solr. if he would accept, provided his position of Coroner would not interfere. If it should, then Mr. Patrick Murphy, of Shop-st., Tuam, would be an easy first to any opposition organised against him.

"The ratepayers of the country are sick and tired of such an expensive play-toy as Sinn Fein. From its inception it was only fit for children, fools, and rogues, and I regret to say that the latter body are in the majority. Away with the whole vile thing. Irish Nationalists of the County Galway! put your house in order and show to the rest of Ireland that the West is awake."

Mrs. Costello: It was signed "Pseudo-Professor."

Mr. Dwyer: I am a humble man, and Vice-President of the Sinn Fein Club in Tuam, and I will go into the field against any of them or either of them at the coming elections for the Co. Council and District Council to represent the Tuam division, and I defy any man to come up and defeat me, either Kenny or the "peeler," and when I come back again to this board, I will remember the "Connacht Tribune" and this "Professor." We will deal with him, or any man writing behind our backs. We are a humble ratan, and hold the dignity of a Republic, and will defend our rights and ambitions, and Mr. Kenny, of the "Connacht Tribune," in Galway, or his so-called "Professor," will not be allowed to throw this language on the Tuam Nationalists, who will live longer than Mr. Kenny or the "Connacht Tribune." Remember when the contracts come up here again for printing, the "Tribune" will be left out of it, and the "rogues" will be here.

# MYSTERIOUS LADY

WHOSE SON AND AN IMMENSE FORTUNE WERE SAVED AT GALWAY.

PLUCKY CITY GIRL.

RECEIVES A REWARD OF FIVE POUNDS.

Romantic Rescue On Canal Bank.

Walking along the Canal near the lane leading from Henry-st., Galway, on Wednesday week, the 28th January, Miss Eileen Baker, eldest daughter of Captain and Quartermaster Baker, Eyrecourt, was startled to see a little boy, who was running after a ball, disappear into the water. It was the quiet part of the afternoon. Not a soul was near. Promptly Miss Baker dashed down the iron ladder which is at the spot, and, catching the boy by the hair she dragged him ashore.

A lady and gentleman at once ran towards her, and were profuse in their thanks, declaring that they would have lost an immense fortune if the boy had been drowned. They ascertained Miss Baker's name, but did not give their own.

So the incident rested until yesterday, when Miss Baker received the following letter from Mr. G. E. Hibberand, D.I., R.I.C.: "I have much pleasure in forwarding you the enclosed letter, together with the £5 note mentioned, and I would like to add my congratulations to those of the writer, whose identity is unknown to me."

The letter enclosed, which was addressed to "R.I.C., Galway," and contained a five pound note to be conveyed to Miss Baker, was signed by (Mrs.) J. Hennessy, and congratulated the City on the quickness and bravery of Miss Baker. "We passed the University College," the letter continued, "and stopped to look at it. We left the little boy in the car, but he escaped and followed his ball along the canal, and was apparently looking for it, when he fell in. This young lady happened to pass, and, going