

L1A4/PH/1/19/3 (1)

29th July, 1939.

Dear Mr. Hurson,

When speaking to you of Hospitalisation in Limerick, I overlooked discussing the financial side of the Regional Hospital as it appears to me. If there is established a really high class hospital and if the specialists for this Hospital are paid from public funds, the average cost per bed would be nearly £3: 0: 0 per week. I am basing this figure on the present average cost per bed per week in the Voluntary Hospitals in Eire which is approximately £2: 2: 0 per week. At present the cost per bed in the City Hospital, Limerick is about £1: 11: 0 per week so that the additional cost to the City for the Regional Hospital would be about £6,786, i.e. 90 x £1: 9: 0 per week. If the services of the specialists for the Regional Hospital could be secured on a voluntary basis the saving to be affected would be considerable. I desire to place this fact before you.

I agree that the services we are giving could not be compared with the services in an up-to-date Regional Hospital but if we can obtain the latter services at a little more than the present cost I think we should try every avenue of approach.

Yours sincerely,

J. Hurson, Esq.,
Secretary,
Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
DUBLIN.

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J. Purcell
Sec. John's Hospital

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S. C. A. R. A.

I desire to inform you that, acting on representations made to me, I have decided to call a public meeting ~~at 8 o'clock~~ to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Limerick, on Friday the 28th day of October, 1938, at the hour of 8 o'clock, P.M., for the purpose of protesting against the treatment meted out to the Voluntary Hospitals in the City by the Hospitals Commission.

I would feel grateful if you could so far vary to attend this meeting and take part in its proceedings as it is considered that the matter ^{to be discussed} is very important and needs the very serious attention of the Citizens.

Yours in anticipation
W. J. L. M. J.

Friday 28th Oct. 1938. at 8 PM.

Public meeting on above date.

see Mr Conlan to notify
T.D. Public Bodies. Trades & Labour
Bodies. (at City Hall)

~~Don't Miss~~

Catholic & Protestant Bishops
Medical Doctors etc

Members of Council

W. Donnelly
City Cym - 28.

Russell
Sec.
St. John's Hospital.

J. McConade
Chairman
Catholic Council.

His Lordship,
Judge E. J. O'Connell, K.C.
Circuit Court Judge,
Court of Appeals

J. M. Hood, B.A.
District Judge,
Court of Appeals

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Catholic Mission.

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J. H. O'Connell, Esq., Chairman
J. O. Par. Sec. Charles

J. M. W. Neill, Esq.
J. C. C. C. Esq., Sec. Herbert Good

Development
Council

Dr. J. J. Keane.
Bishop of Limerick.
Rt. Rev. Dr. Charles - Key drive

Dr. J. J. Sullivan.
Hon. Sec. Borrougham
Hospital.

Dr. J. J. L. O'Connell
Hon. Sec. Medical
Council

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

12th July, 1939.

Dear Sir,

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the

Joint Hospitalization Committee
County Council 82 *Connell St*
to be held in the ^{County} Council Chamber, ~~Town Hall~~,
at 3:15 o'clock, on *Friday, 14th inst.*

BUSINESS:

*Consideration of the Engineer's
plans of the Regional Hospital*

(By Order),

City Manager and Town Clerk.

McKern's, Link.

The Mayor

and Deputy, Y.D., P.C.

Councillor P. Donnellan, P.C.

H. J. Hayes, Y.D.,

P. F. Quinlan.

City Manager.



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(By Order),

J. J. BERKERY,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

McKern's, Link.



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ROINN AN TAOISIGH
DEPARTMENT OF THE TAOISEACH

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
DUBLIN

23adh Meitheamh, 1939

PERSONAL:



Dear Mr. Berkery,

Re the Taoiseach's letter of the 12th instant.

The copy which I have seen in the Irish Press reads "I have received" etc. Is this correct? The "have" is omitted from the carbon copy in this Office.

Sorry for troubling you.

Yours sincerely,

P. S. O'Meara

Jas. J. Berkery Esq.,
City Manager,
Office of the City Manager &
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

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typed as 'I have
received' & then
changed. I
may have put
up the first
copy for
signature
(P.S.)*



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ROINN AN TAOISIGH
DEPARTMENT OF THE TAOISEACH

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
DUBLIN

12adh Meitheamh, 1939

A Chara,

I received your letter of the 10th ultimo, containing the resolution of the Limerick City Council. I have since been in communication with the Department of Local Government and Public Health and have learned that as the Minister has already discussed the matter with two previous deputations, and sent the Hospitals Commission to inquire into the situation on the spot, he is fully acquainted with all the facts. The Minister's considered opinion is that the scheme suggested by the Hospitals Commission is the best having regard to all the facts of the situation and of course especially, the need of the citizens of Limerick and the people of the surrounding areas for improved hospital facilities.

I think I should add that from the facts as I know them I share the Minister's view. I feel, accordingly, that it would hardly be justifiable to put the deputation to the expense of coming to see me when there seems so very little likelihood of a change of decision. I would, of course, welcome the sending of a deputation if I thought it would help to get those concerned to give their whole-hearted support to the scheme put forward by the Hospitals Commission so that the work on the proposed Regional Hospital might be begun with general approval and without further delay. It seems to me a pity that there should be any difficulty in regard to a scheme which would give to the people of Limerick and the surrounding areas a first class hospital service and make it really one of the principal hospital centres in Ireland. Before sending you a final reply, however, I shall discuss the matter personally with the Minister immediately on his return from the U.S.A.

Mise, le meas,

Éamond de Valera

Bainisteóir na Cathrach,
Oifig Bainisteóra na Cathrach
agus an Árd-Chléirigh,
Halla na Cathrach,
LUIIMNEACH.



*Noted
B.B. 19-6-39.*



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ROINN AN TAOISIGH
DEPARTMENT OF THE TAOISEACH

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
DUBLIN

29adh Iúil, 1939



Comrad
A Chara,

Further to my letter of the 12th ultimo, I have taken the matter up with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. I understand that he is replying direct to you.

Mise, le meas,

Éamon de Valera

Bainisteóir na Cathrach,
Oifig Bainisteóra na Cathrach
agus an Árd-Chléirigh,
Halla na Cathrach,
LUIMNEACH.

Noted
DB. 8/8/39.

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Comme

8adh Lughnasa, 1939.

A Chara,

The Secretary desires me to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo
regarding Hospitalisation in Limerick.

Mise, le meas,

m. o' leard' le'

Rúnaí Priomhaidheach.

James J. Berkery,
City Manager & Town Clerk,
Limerick.



Etn-shreagra ar an litir seo, is mar seo ba chóir é stiúradh:—

(Any reply to this communication should be addressed to:—)

An Rúnaidhe,
(The Secretary),

fe'n uimhir seo:—
(and the following number quoted:—)

P. 25700/39
Luimneach



Éire

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ROINN RIAGHALTAIS ÁITEAMHAIL AGUS
SLÁINTE POIBLIDHE
(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House).

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

31st August, 1939.



A Chara,

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health has had before him your letter of the 20th June last forwarding proposals in connection with the Hospital Scheme for the Limerick Area and the staffing of the proposed new Regional Hospital, and the Minister desires me to say that he has given this matter very full consideration and he has come to the decision that the suggestions submitted by you would not be workable. The Minister is therefore unable to give approval to your scheme.

Mise, le meas,

Tomás na Chéirí

Leas Rúnaí

City Manager and Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

Dan Bourke
12-9-39.

L/AH/PH/1/19/3 (10)

15th September, 1939.

Dear Sir,

City I desire to inform you that at the Meeting of the Limerick/Council held on 12th instant a discussion took place regarding the Regional Hospital Scheme. I reported that I had submitted certain proposals to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health which I felt if adopted would meet the demands of the citizens regarding the City Voluntary Hospitals, without interfering with the erection of the Regional Hospital. I received a communication from the Department, however, stating that the Minister has come to the decision that my suggestions are not workable.

The Council having discussed the matter very fully decided to consider my proposals in detail at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee, with a view to making further representations to the Minister. Pending a final decision by the Minister it was decided that the Council's representatives should not attend Meetings of the Joint Hospitalization Committee and in the circumstances I would suggest that you would not summon a Meeting without in the first instance dropping me a line or giving me a phone call.

Yours faithfully,

City Manager.

J. King, Esq.,
Secretary,
Limerick County Board of Health & Public Assistance,
Newcastlewest,
CO. LIMERICK.

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PROPOSED WORKS

Regional Hospital Site

ATTITUDE OF DEPARTMENT

Interesting references were made to the proposed Regional Hospital project at the meeting of the Limerick Co. Council on Saturday, Mr. M. O'Dwyer, Chairman, presiding.

The Manager reported that in connection with the request made by the Council to the Minister for Local Government last June "to allow the work of development on the site of the Regional Hospital to proceed," the following letter, dated 16th October, had been received from the L.G. Department:—

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of 15th July last and previous correspondence in connection with the proposed development work on the site of the Limerick Regional Hospital and to state that he considers that the development work to be proceeded with immediately should be restricted to the levelling of the site to formation level and dumping the spoil for refuse later in embankments, together with the laying out, pitching, wedging and blinding of the road foundation. It will be necessary for the architect to prepare full contract documents for this work and the documents when prepared should be submitted to the Department for approval.

"I am also to suggest that it would be desirable to ease the reverse curve on the main approach road and to widen all roads to 20 feet by eliminating the four foot paths. A path might be provided to the outpatients department, but if so, it should be on the right hand side of the road and not as shown.

"The architect should be requested to mark on the plans, the radii and tangent points of all horizontal and vertical curves."

Reporting on this letter the Co. Manager went on:—

"I am asking Mr. Sheahan to proceed with the necessary plans and documents immediately.

"Progress has also been made with the arrangements for the provision of sewerage and of water supplies to the Hospital. The City Manager believes it may be necessary to bring the water main to Garrowen Reservoir, although it had been hoped to connect at Carey's Road to the Corporation supply. The Engineer is endeavouring to locate this water main in the position which will serve the intervening areas in the best manner.

"The proposal in connection with the disposal of the sewerage is to have a new pumping station and to pump the sewerage of Ballinacorra and the Regional Hospital to a point on the main river.

"It is probable if water and sewerage supplies become available in this district, that a large number of houses will be erected. We are asking the city authorities to keep a close eye on the type of development to be allowed here in view of the necessity of maintaining a reasonable standard in proximity to the hospital."

The Chairman said that the Council would be well advised to wait for the report of Mr. Sheahan before discussing the points raised.

Manager—That is the better course to adopt. Those things are very technical.

The Council decided to postpone discussion on the Manager's report until the report of Mr. Sheahan was before them.

TO TRY ONCE MORE

Corporation And City Hospitals

FURTHER EFFORT TO BE MADE

At the meeting of the Limerick Corporation on Tuesday night, the Mayor (Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.) presiding,

The following letter was read from the Department regarding the proposed hospitalisation scheme:—

"The Minister for Local Government has had before him your letter of 20th June last forwarding proposals in connection with the hospital scheme for Limerick area, and the staffing of the proposed new Regional Hospital, and the Minister desires me to say that he has given this matter very full consideration and he has come to the conclusion that the suggestions submitted by you would not be workable. The Minister is, therefore, unable to give approval to your scheme."

THE RECOMMENDATION.

Mr. Keyes, T.D., asked the Manager what was his recommendation to the Department.

Manager—Briefly, my recommendation was that the voluntary hospitals be retained—that they be made auxiliaries of the Regional Hospital, and that the Regional Hospital be staffed by visiting doctors instead of a resident medical staff.

Mr. Keyes, T.D., said that the treatment meted out to Limerick was scandalous. He was as anxious as anyone else to have the Regional Hospital, but he would not have it at the expense of the two voluntary hospitals that had served the needs of the citizens for over a century. He could not use enough of adjectives to condemn the tyrannical, dictatorial attitude of the Minister. He proposed a resolution that the Council's representatives on the Joint Committee be withdrawn.

Ald. Reidy, T.D., seconding, said that the Department had treated Limerick scandalously, and the only effective reply the citizens could give was to withdraw from the scheme altogether. They should have no more to do with it. If they had they would be incurring useless expense.

Mr. Bourke supported, and said that when they had a Regional Hospital before both County Limerick and County Clare broke away from it. They would do the same again if it suited them.

NEW MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Hartney said he was as anxious as any one else that the voluntary hospitals be retained. That was the desire of the citizens. The position, however, had changed very considerably of late. There was now a new Minister for Local Government and, perhaps, Mr. Rutledge would be more amenable to reason than his predecessor. If that resolution was adopted it would mean the abandonment of the voluntary hospitals as well as the Regional Hospital. One more effort should be made to get justice done to the city, and with that end in view he suggested the withdrawal of the resolution, and that the Mayor and the other deputies see the new Minister for Local Government at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Keyes said that he was not wedded to the resolution. If a better plan could be put forward he would be quite satisfied.

Ald. Goodwin said he was in favour of Mr. Hartney's suggestion. He was not one hundred per cent. in favour of the regional scheme, because he did not know what it was or what it would cost the city.

MAYOR'S PROMISE.

The Mayor also appealed to Mr. Keyes to withdraw the resolution, and promised that he would approach the Minister without delay and endeavour to arrange for the reception of a delegation of citizens. If he failed, the Council could then take drastic action.

Mr. Donnellan—A time limit should be fixed. This thing is going on too long.

After further discussion it was decided to adjourn the consideration of Mr. Keyes's resolution and to withdraw the Council's representatives on the Joint Committee for the present.

THE HOSPITALS' SERVICE

By J. C. FLOOD, M.D., M.Ch.

THE advent of the Hospitals' Trust focussed a great amount of world attention on the Irish hospitals. Unfortunately this attention was directed rather prematurely to its objective and a too enthusiastic optimism has been replaced both at home and abroad by deferred hope. This is not to suggest that much has not yet been done; but much still remains in contemplation and curiously enough, the Dublin Voluntary Teaching Hospitals for which the Trust Money were originally intended have not yet been enabled to extend and modernise their services to the public to the same extent as some of the provincial poor law hospitals. Schemes which are designed to effect radical changes and, it is hoped, improvement in the Dublin Voluntary Hospitals are in process of implementation and we hope that these will prove an advance on existing conditions.

Throughout the country there are two main classes of hospitals catering for the needs of the community. One of these, the small District Hospitals, which are a development analogous to that of the so-called "Cottage Hospitals," are somewhat uneven in their distribution and in the extent of the services which they provide, whilst the relatively more important County Hospitals represent a development in the decentralisation of hospital services, of which only the efflux of time will determine the wisdom. These hospitals are rate aided and controlled by the local authorities. Many of the newer ones built out of Hospitals' Trust funds are excellent examples of what small hospitals should be. In most of them excellent work is done for the sick poor. Their defect lies in the difficulty of obtaining for them the services of adequately qualified medical staffs. First-class specialist services, radiological, pathological, and so on, are required. The ablest surgeons and physicians require these auxiliary services if they are

to do really first-class work. It has not been found generally possible to provide these services locally, for, apart from the difficulty of paying such specialist, there is also the difficulty of supplying them with sufficient work to constitute that degree of constant experience which the specialist requires to maintain his competence. In consequence of this defect in the county services, the staff of those hospitals must pass on a substantial proportion of their cases to central hospitals for specialised investigation and treatment, whilst in respect of the remainder, they have to perform themselves the duties of a whole group of specialists, and it says much for their energy and enthusiasm that most of them manage so well in face of such obstacles. Thanks to the Trust, these hospitals no longer suffer from defective and obsolete equipment, and it is to be hoped that more extended specialist services will be made available in regard to them in the future.

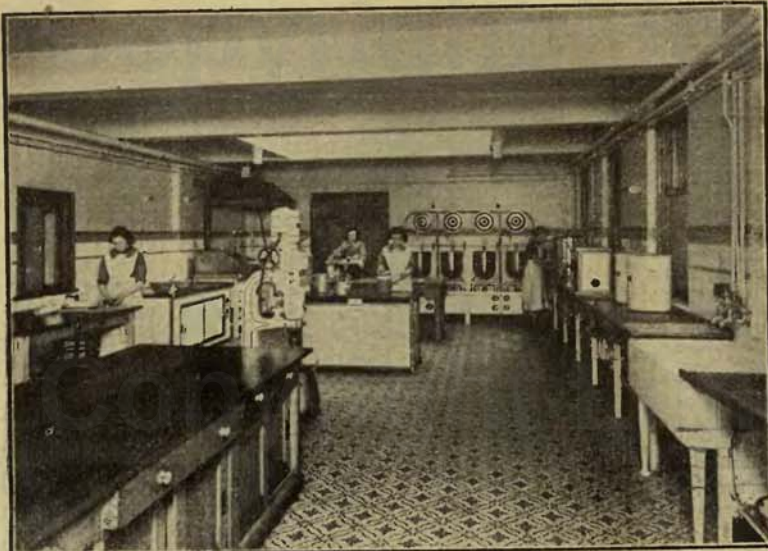
In addition to these general hospitals scattered systematically throughout the country, a number of specialised institutions, such as Sanatoria, Orthopaedic Hospitals and the like, have benefited enormously from the Hospitals' Trust funds in recent years, and, in the development and distribution of these highly specialised institutions which are just as essential as the general hospitals, the Hospitals' Commission has been most favourably criticised and one can only express the wish that the further developments contemplated in this regard will achieve a speedy implementation. In regard to all these classes of hospitals, the Hospitals' Commission has had the advantage of working on a system already operative and well understood by its overlords and the Ministry for Local Government, and these two bodies, the Ministry and the Commission, have been enabled to expand the existing service without increasing the burden of the rates and taxes.

THE problems of the Voluntary Teaching Hospitals in Dublin and Cork are different. These hospitals were established by private philanthropic effort and their services are directed to the carrying out of well defined charitable trusts. In some instances, religious as well as purely material consolation for the sick poor has been the guiding spirit of their endowments, and for this reason their complete absorption into a State-controlled system could occur only as a breach of trust, and a negation of the fundamental idea underlying their foundation. In other instances no clash of objective would occur if they were to become part of a directly State-controlled hospital system, such as that which is to be found in the Local Government hospital service. There is, however, another aspect of the Voluntary Hospitals service which is of paramount importance. These hospitals form the ultimate court of appeal in difficult and unusual cases, in the sense that cases which present unusual problems in diagnosis or which require highly specialised treatment are referred to them and they must, therefore possess more highly qualified staffs and a full range of specialists or laboratory services. It is not sufficient that their services be as competent as is required for ordinary cases; they must be prepared to deal with every class of case requiring something more than average competence. Not merely is this essential in the interests of the patients admitted to their wards, or treated in the out-patient department, but it is equally important in another way, because it is in these hospitals that the future doctors of the nation receive their training in practical clinical medicine and surgery, and on the efficiency of the work done there and the teaching given to them there, will their ultimate competence in practice depend, and in the long view, the health of the nation depends on the general practitioner or family doctor. In the past



Mr. J. C. Flood, M.D., M.Ch.

these hospitals maintained a standard of efficiency in their staffs and in their teaching such that students trained in them were justly appraised at a high level abroad, and the future of the Irish medical schools depends on a continuance of that tradition. It is, therefore, to be hoped that in the development which the Hospitals' Commission envisages for them, due regard will be had to this aspect of the services they render and have rendered voluntarily to the public weal. Their past has been glorious and, without any of the advantages of sweep funds, they have achieved an enviable position. It is, therefore, not too much to hope that increased financial opportunity will not divert them unwisely from the traditional path which has proved so successful up to date. In this regard it is hoped that the Hospitals' Commission will share all its accumulating experience with that accumulated by the Voluntary Hospitals already, and that a measure of cordial co-operation may open up a new golden age for the Irish Medical Schools.



ELECTRIC KITCHEN AT SCHOOL OF NURSING, JERVIS STREET HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.

Electricity in Hospitals

Results prove the economy and efficiency of electricity, the high standard of hygiene attending its use and the value of these factors in the running of hospitals. In addition to services which are allocated to electricity as a matter of course—lighting, lifts, signalling, small appliances, etc.—there is a steadily growing use of this fuel for heating, cooking, water-heating, laundry, sterilisation.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF IRISH HOSPITALS WHICH ARE MAKING EXTENSIVE USE OF ELECTRICITY FOR THESE LATTER SERVICES:—

Children's Hospital, Temple Street, Dublin.
City of Dublin Skin and Cancer Hospital, Hume St., Dublin.
Coombe Hospital Annexe, Dublin.
Jervis Street Hospital School of Nursing, Dublin.
National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, Dublin.
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Dun Laoghaire.
Peamount Sanatorium, Co. Dublin.
Richmond Hospital, Dublin.
Royal City of Dublin Nurses' Home, Baggot St., Dublin.
St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire.
Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin.
Teach Ullain, Charlemont Street, Dublin.
Clare Mental Hospital, Ennis.
Bon Secours Hospital, Cork.
County Home and Hospital, Cork.
Mount Desert Sanatorium, Cork.
District Hospital, Kanturk.
District Hospital, Mallow.
Ballinasloe Mental Hospital.
Galway Central Hospital.
County Infirmary, Kildare.
St. Conleth's Sanatorium, Firmount, Kildare.
Central Hospital, Kilkenny.
District Hospital, Portlaoighise.
District Mental Hospital, Castlebar.
Mayo County Home and Hospital, Castlebar.
District Hospital, Tullamore.
County and City Infirmary, Waterford.
Westmeath County Hospital, Mullingar.
District Mental Hospital, Ennisecorthy.
District Hospital, Gorey.
District Hospital, New Ross.

**ELECTRICITY
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37 MERRION SQUARE
DUBLIN**

which the individual sees an unmistakable link between the decline in tuberculosis and the discovery of the actual causal agent—the tubercle bacillus itself. Methods of attack which the fuller knowledge of the morbid anatomy of the disease engendered and gradually built up into the fully fledged anti-tuberculosis programme of to-day are not to be denied the honours of the struggle.

Notification; the Tuberculosis Dispensary; the Sanatorium for treatment of selected cases; the Preventorium for the protection of predisposed contacts; the Hospital for surgical intervention where indicated and the segregation of the hopeless case; the Working Colony for the conservative treatment of hopeful cases; the Care Committees which concern themselves mainly with the social side of the problem; to the anti-tuberculosis machine of which these are the main component parts the medical mind gives practically all of the credit.

Again, there are those who can see little good, if any, accruing from what might be termed specific medical effort. Microscopes, medicines and medical management in general, get little respect from this group. The apophthegms of the apostles of applied science in medicine are in this company either entirely ignored or lightly dismissed with the non-consoling comment, "That's just nurses' and doctors' talk." To this group the whole solution to the problem lies along the general lines of raising the level of real wages, improving housing and a general levelling out of the national wealth. Members of this school of thought are not slow to point out that the check in the ascent of the tuberculosis death-rate, a check which was immediately followed by a remarkable rate of decline which persisted to the Great War years, is known to have corresponded accurately to the period of the most rapidly increasing prosperity in the modern history of this country. Also, the well recognised excessive death-rates from tuberculosis among the working classes when compared with the higher social grades make this disease largely a "class" disease and therefore a social evil rather than a medical problem.

Finally, there is that select group—represented by the biologist—a superior class of being who spends all of his waking hours in pure scientific reasoning; the emotions, hope or despair, do not influence his mental processes. The interpretation of the array of facts concerning death from tuberculosis by either physician or sociologist must necessarily be suspect to him. No more need be said than that the scepticism of some members of this group as to the maintenance of the downward trends in tuberculosis death-rates early in evidence in this century has not been supported by the events.

That there has been a more or less continuous decline in the tuberculosis death-rate in Eire in this century so far, there is no doubt, no matter from what cause or group of causes, but there is yet considerable room for improvement on even the most recent figures. In the Annual Report of the Registrar-General for 1937 the deaths listed against all forms of tuberculosis for Eire are 3,639, representing a rate of 1.23 per 1,000 of the population. In that year the tuberculosis deaths accounted for 8 per cent of the total mortality from all causes, an advance no doubt on even as recent a figure as that for 1901, when tuberculosis accounted for 15 per cent of the total mortality. Undoubtedly there has been a pronounced absolute fall in the number of deaths from this cause. Moreover, an interesting relative change in the position of the three first causes of death in order of magnitude may be noted in the following table which covers the period 1911 to 1937.

TABLE 1.

Disease	No. of Deaths	Rank No.
1911		
Tuberculosis (all forms)	6,653	1
Cancer	2,427	2
Heart Disease	2,043	3
1937		
Tuberculosis (all forms)	3,639	2
Cancer	3,708	1
Heart Disease	7,875	3

Inspection of the above table shows at a glance the pronounced alteration of the placings of these three chief killers. Tuberculosis in that brief time has fallen from the position of an easy first to a very good third. Heart disease now leads from tuberculosis by practically as much as tuberculosis led from heart disease in 1911. Cancer occupies the mid position in both years, but in 1937 shows a nett increase of about 2.5 per cent in its toll out of the total deaths from the three causes at the end of the period.



Dr. William P. O'Callaghan.

Table 2 shows the actual numbers of deaths from both cancer and tuberculosis (all forms) in 1901 and in 1937 with their respective percentage increase and decrease.

TABLE 2.

	1901	1937	p.c. change
Death (all forms)	8,541	2,639	174 decrease
Cancer Deaths	1,882	3,708	97 increase

From inspection of this table, and at the same time fully regarding the possibility at any rate of considerable change in the age-constitution of the population of Eire, it is apparent that although cancer only exceeded tuberculosis as a cause of death in 1936, the old order will not be again restored in this generation. Long distance forecasts on what the relative positions of three causes of death such as these will be in the distant future would be quite unwarranted in the light of our present knowledge.

This much can be said, however, about tuberculosis, that approximately 8 per cent of the present deaths per annum from this cause could be rapidly eliminated. These are the deaths due to the bovine variety of the tubercle bacillus which in the majority of cases originates from the milk of infected dairy herds. It is impracticable just now to hope for a nation-wide milk-supply from herds free from this infection, but efficient pasteurization can render such infected milk safe, whilst at the same time making no material difference to its food value. The prospect of an early reduction of more than 300 deaths per annum, apart from the annual decrement which may reasonably be expected to continue in the deaths from the human variety of the tubercle bacillus, is an attractive one indeed.

And here it must be pointed out that although the trend in the tuberculosis death rate in Eire is now a favourable one for the conditions prevailing since the opening of the twentieth century, the complete eradication of a disease with a natural history like phthisis, is truly difficult to envisage.

A rapid succession of large-scale wars, with their consequent undoing of the economic machine, would certainly have repercussions in this, as in so many other respects. In fine, the decline in tuberculosis at present evident may continue in the present circumstances for some years to come, but a decline in Western civilisation will certainly not go hand in hand with a decline in tuberculosis.

THE CHEMICAL MANUFACTURER'S CONTRIBUTION TO MEDICAL HISTORY

Side by side with the great medical discoveries of the last decades The British Drug Houses Ltd., have made their contribution to modern medicine by manufacturing and marketing the newly discovered substances in a form suitable for medicinal use.

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VITAMINS. Following immediately upon the publication in *The Lancet* of a method of preparing vitamin D The British Drug Houses produced the pure vitamin, and the practical value of preparations of this was demonstrated in the clinical treatment of rickets in children. Since then research on the preparation of the other vitamins has continued and has resulted in not only the issue of the pure vitamins themselves but also of products of universal value such as Radio-Malt, Radiostoleum and Multivite.

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St John's at any time of the year
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11/11/1913 (15)

L/AH/PH/1/19/3(16)

24th June, 1939.

Dear Mr. Murray,

I have your letter of the 23rd instant and in reply desire to inform you that in the Taoiseach's letter of the 12th inst., which I received the opening sentence reads: "I received your letter of the 10th ultimo".

The letter was therefore incorrectly quoted in the Irish Press.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

P. S. Murray, Esq.,
Assistant Private Secretary,
Department of the Taoiseach,
Dublin.



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L/44/PH/1/19/3 (17)

ROINN AN TAOISIGH
DEPARTMENT OF THE TAOISEACH

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
DUBLIN
23adh Meitheamh, 1939

A Chara,

I am directed by the Taoiseach
to acknowledge the receipt of your
letters of the 20th and 21st instant,
with enclosures.

Mise, le meas,

P. S. O'Sullivan

PRIVATE SECRETARY.

D. Bourke Esq., T.D.
Mayor,
Office of the Mayor,
LIMERICK

*Ein-shreagair ar an litir seo, is mar seo b'is
choir é aistriúadh:—*

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*An Rúnaidhe
(The Secretary)*

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ROINN RIAGHALTAIS AITEAMHAIL AGUS
SLAINTE POIBLIDHE
(Department of Local Government and Public Health).
TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House).
BAILE ATHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

21adh Meitheamh, 1939.

Dear Mr. Berkery,

I have received your letter of the 20th instant
in regard to the Hospital proposals for Limerick
area and I am very thankful for the extensive
suggestions put forward by you. They will be
examined carefully in this Department.

Yours sincerely,

J. J. McArdle

James J. Berkery, Esq.,
City Manager and Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

L1A4/24/1/19/3 (19)

21st June, 1939.

My dear Taoiseach,

Further to my letter of yesterday, I enclose for your information copy of a letter which I have received today from the Limerick Men's B. & S. Association, New York regarding Barrington's and St. John's Hospitals, Limerick.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor.

Eamon, de Valera, Esq., B.Sc., LL.D., Ph.D., T.D.,
Taoiseach & Minister for External Affairs,
Government Buildings,
Dublin.

L1941/24/11/19/3.(20)

20th June, 1939.

Dear Mayor,

Herewith I am sending you as requested letter to An Taoiseach regarding the Hospitalisation Scheme. Will you please sign the letter and post same in enclosed envelope to An Taoiseach.

Yours sincerely,

The Right Worshipful,
Alderman D. Bourke, T.D.,
Mayor.

L/A/H/PH/1/19/3(21)

20th June, 1939.

Dear Mr. McArdle,

I am sending you copy of suggestions made by me last week relative to Hospitalisation for Limerick Area. I have discussed the suggestions with the Hospitals Commission, the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, Limerick County Borough, the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, the Board of Barrington's Hospital and with some of the Medical Profession in Limerick. All seem to think that the suggestions can be welded into a suitable Hospital Scheme for Limerick Area. The Barrington's Board gave general approval to the suggestions subject to discussion on the details of the proposals.

I shall be glad if you will kindly submit the suggestions to the Minister for his consideration. If the proposals are agreeable to the Minister it may be possible to provide in the Public Assistance Bill at present before An Dail for any legislation required to implement the Scheme.

Yours sincerely,

T. J. McArdle, Esq.,
Assistant Secretary,
Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.

L19H/PH 1/19/3(22)

20th June, 1939.

My dear Taoiseach,

I am sending you suggestions which have been made by the City Manager for the settlement of the Hospital question in Limerick. These suggestions have been considered by the Hospitals Commission, by the Bishop of Limerick, by the Medical Staff in Limerick and by the Board of Barrington's Hospital, and all seem to think that it is a reasonable approach to the solution of our difficulties.

I would like if you would discuss the matter with the Minister for Local Government and endeavour to have the matter amicably adjusted on these lines.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor.

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Eamon de Valera, B.Sc., L.L.D., Ph.D., T.D.,
Taoiseach & Minister for External Affairs,
Government Buildings,
Dublin.

L1A4/124/1/19/3(23)

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOSPITALISATION IN LIMERICK AREA.

1. That a Regional Hospital be established with 250 beds as suggested by the Hospitals Commission.
2. That a Fever Hospital be established with 100 beds as suggested by the Hospitals Commission.
3. That St. John's and Barrington's Hospitals shall remain as affiliated Hospitals to carry on as at present. No Capital expenditure in the nature of expansion or improvement of these Hospitals to be permitted unless the Minister for Local Government so decides.
4. Regional Hospital to be controlled by Management Committee consisting of representatives from County Board of Health, City Council, St. John's Hospital and Barrington's Hospital with an independent Chairman. Chairman to be from County and from City each alternate year. (Suggested Membership - 9 from County, 3 from City, 3 from St. John's and 3 from Barrington's).
5. Medical Superintendent of Regional Hospital and other permanent doctors on the Staff not to be allowed private practice in the Hospital or outside.
6. Hospital Medical Staffs of Barrington's and St. John's and County Infirmary to be also on Regional Hospital Staff on same terms as they act on the aforesaid Hospitals and for this concession they are to be allowed to treat private patients in the Regional Hospital when accommodation permits.
7. Local Government Act relative to employment of officials who are members of a public authority to govern Joint Committee.
8. The Hospitals Commission to guarantee a maximum of £1,000 per annum towards any deficit that may accrue in St. John's or Barrington's Hospitals but only for actual running expenses.
9. For this latter concession the Joint Committee of Regional Hospital to have a right to 20 beds in both St. John's and Barrington's at all times during the year for dispensary patients, such patients to be sent by Medical Superintendent Officer of Regional Hospital or dispensary doctors; any number in excess of 20 to be paid for on a basis to be agreed upon.
10. Appointments to permanent Medical Offices of Regional Hospital to be available in first instance for existing officers in Institutions to be abolished.
11. School Medical Officer, Tuberculosis Officer and Resident Medical Officer, Mental Hospital to have the right to act as Visitant Consultants to Regional Hospital.
12. Provision to be made in Scheme for Maternity Hospital and ^a ~~Resident~~ ^{Specialist} Medical Officer of Maternity Hospital to have right to act as visiting consultant to Regional Hospital, Maternity Hospital to be governed by Joint Committee and if thought desirable representation to be given on Committee to a member of Maternity Hospital Committee.
13. If at any time the Joint Committee of Regional Hospital are of opinion that Barrington's or St. John's Hospitals are not providing the 20 beds as specified the Minister to be empowered to hold Inquiry and if allegation substantiated Hospital Commission to have the right to refuse or reduce annual contribution.

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..... June 24th 1939



Dear Manager,

Confirming our telephone conversation of yesterday, the Managing Committee of above will be pleased to meet you in Board Room at 11.a.m. Nov.19th to discuss Hospital situation.

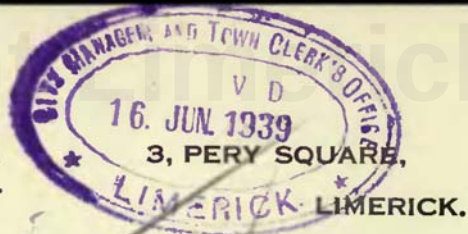
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W. J. O'Sullivan
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Dear Mr Barber,

Would you please
let me have, today if possible,
a summary of your
scheme for the settlement
of the hospital question
in Limerick.

Thanking you for
the kind interest you
have taken in the matter.

Yours

Yours Sincerely,

A. J. Deane

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Mayor of Limerick
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Dear Sir

The Limerick Men's Benevolent and Social
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adopted the following resolution:

"This Association, satisfied that the
closing of the long established clinics of Barringtons
and St John's Hospitals, respectively of Limerick
City, will cause undue suffering and hardship to the
poor people dependent on said clinics, fully appre-
ciate, endorse and support the laudable efforts of
the Mayor and Corporation to have the order closing
the clinics speedily rescinded."

Very truly yours

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

P J Ferguson

Wm Geary

John Glynn

John O'Malley

E Forsythe

Michael Dalton
President

L1A4/PH/1/17/3 (27)

7th June, 1939.

Dear Mayor,

I endeavoured to-day to arrange an appointment with the Hospital's Commission, but I understand that they will be in Navan on to-morrow. Dr. Cooney promised to ring me up and let me know if he could arrange an interview on Friday morning. I informed him you were in the Dail and possibly he may have spoken to you himself.

However, I will call on you at An Dail on to-morrow at 12 o'clock and we can then make further arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Alderman D. Bourke, T.D.,
Leinster House,
Dublin.

L1A4/PA/1/19/3(28)

HOSPITALIZATION SCHEME
DIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY JOINT COMMITTEE.



Newcastle West.

6th. April, 1939.

PROPOSED NEW REGIONAL HOSPITAL.

A Chara,

I beg to transmit herewith, as directed by the above Committee at meeting held on the 31st. ult., copy of letter dated the 13th March, 1939, No.P.346/3/39, received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in reply to query of the Joint Committee in regard to the amount of Grant which will be available from the Hospitals Trust Fund for the purposes of the proposed New Regional Hospital.

Mise, le meas,

N. J.

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Mr. M.F. Donnellan,
Acting City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

DB. 11/4/39.

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN.

Marta 13, 1939.

P.346/3/39
Lulmneach.

A Chara,

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health has had before him your letter of the 2nd instant, forwarding a copy of Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee for the proposed Regional Hospital at Limerick, and with reference to the inquiry of the Committee in regard to the amount of the Grant which will be made available from the Hospitals Trust Fund for the purpose of providing this Hospital, the Minister desires me to point out that there appears to be an agitation in Limerick in favour of providing extensions to the voluntary hospitals in the City

In their first General Report the Hospitals Commission, after discussing the desirability of hospital co-ordination in Limerick, went on to recommend strongly that further large expenditure on the existing hospitals should not be entertained, and then stated that they considered that "hospital development in this area should take the form of one central hospital situated convenient to Limerick City, to serve the needs of the latter and Limerick County and in addition the neighbouring counties".

In their special report on Limerick City and County dated 1st. May, 1936, the Commission again adverted to this matter, and reiterated what had been stated in the first General Report, that in their opinion the expenditure of monies derived from the Hospitals Trust Fund on the Voluntary Hospitals in Limerick City would be a dissipation of funds that could not be justified by the results that could be hoped to be obtained.

The Minister decided to accept these recommendations, and proceeded to make arrangements for the provision of a large Regional Hospital at Limerick. The Minister could not undertake to finance extensions to the Voluntary Hospitals in addition to providing the Regional Hospital, but he observes that some of the pressure in favour of those extensions comes from sources that were party to the agreement that the Regional Hospital should be provided.

The Minister is prepared to arrange for a generous Grant towards the cost of the new Regional Hospital, but he is reluctant to make a definite allocation until he is assured that it will be accepted by all parties concerned as meeting the hospitals claims of Limerick area.

Mise, le meas,

(Sgd) Tomas MacArdgail

Leas Runai.

The Secretary,
Limerick Regional Hospital
Joint Committee.

L/AH/PAH 1.1/19/3 (3c)

10th May, 1939.

A Dhuine Uasail,

I desire to inform you that the Limerick City Council at their meeting held last evening had before them the attached copies of correspondence which passed between the Acting City Manager, and the Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the Limerick Hospitalization Scheme.

The Council expressed their keen disappointment at the refusal of the Minister to call the suggested conference, and resolved in view of the vital importance to the City of the Hospitalization Scheme and in the interests of the Citizens especially the sick poor, to appeal to An Taoiseach.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously and I am to transmit same to you, and to request that you will place same before An Taoiseach:-

"That we, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Limerick Corporation, appeal to An Taoiseach (Mr. E. deValera), himself a Limerick man, to receive a deputation representative of the Citizens for the purpose of hearing first-hand suggestions in support of our Voluntary Hospitals being retained and made to benefit by allocation of finance from Sweepstake funds".

Mise, le meas,

City Manager.

The Private Secretary
to An Taoiseach,
Government Buildings,
DUBLIN.

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(The Secretary),

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ROINN RIAGHALTAIS ÁITEAMHAIL AGUS

SLÁINTE POIBLIDHE
(Department of Local Government and Public Health),

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House).

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

24adh Aibreán, 1939.

A Dhuine Uasail,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant in regard to the proposed Hospital works at Limerick, and I am to state that the Minister does not see any necessity for the suggested conference to discuss this matter.

The Hospital situation in Limerick and its neighbourhood has already been investigated and the Minister is fully informed of all the facts.

Mise, le meas,

Conor MacLennan
Leas Rúnaí.

The Acting City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

14th April, 1939.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Local Government
& Public Health,
DUBLIN.

A Dhuine Uasail,

I desire to inform you that at a meeting of the Limerick City Council held last evening I submitted a copy of your communication, dated 13th ultimo, Ref: P.346/3/39, Luimneach, addressed to the Secretary, Limerick Regional Hospital Joint Committee, and which was referred by that Committee to the Council for their observations.

The Council gave very full and careful consideration to the views of the Minister, as conveyed in your letter, and asked me to point out that when they approved in principle in July, 1936, of the recommendations of the Hospitals Commission for a Hospitalization Scheme for the City of Limerick, they stipulated that the establishment of the Regional Hospitals should not obviate the desirability or necessity for continuing the existing voluntary hospitals in the City. Their views were conveyed to the Minister in the City Manager's letter of the 24th July, 1936.

Nothing what has happened since has caused the Council to change their views, and in fact the attitude they then adopted has been endorsed by all representative public bodies in the City. As well, at least two public meetings, fully representative of the citizens, and attended by (amongst others) His Lordship, the Bishop of Limerick (Most Rev. Dr. Keane), the Rt. Rev. Dr. King-Irwin, Bishop of Limerick, the local clergy, representatives of the medical and legal professions, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Harbour Board, Trades Council, Development Association, etc., were held, and were emphatic in declaring that the position of the Voluntary Hospitals should not be jeopardised.

The Council, apart from their own views, cannot ignore such strong expressions coming from representative citizens of all shades and whilst they are most anxious that the erection of the Regional Hospitals should be proceeded with, in the interests of the sick poor, they feel that an opportunity should be afforded of discussing the position of the Voluntary Hospitals with the Minister.

The Council have, therefore, requested me to put their views before the Minister, and to urge that a matter of such vital importance to the citizens of Limerick, calling for far reaching social and financial decisions requires most careful and deliberate consideration. The question of the future Hospital requirements of the City so vitally affects every citizen that the Council feel that it is not possible to deal with the matter further at this stage by correspondence.

They, therefore, respectfully urge the Minister to call a Conference of all parties concerned to discuss the whole question of Hospitalization for Limerick City. They are confident that as the matter is of such grave importance that he will accede to their request, and they suggest that a conference, presided over by the Minister, and attended by representatives of the Hospitals Commission, the Limerick Corporation, the Joint Regional Hospital Committee, and the Citizens' Hospital Committee would afford an opportunity for a frank exchange of views and reaching an amicable agreement on the points at issue.

Mise, le meas,
ACTING CITY MANAGER.

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Corporation of Limerick.

From THE CITY MANAGER & TOWN CLERK. To SECRETARY, CITY HOME & HOSPITAL.

Date 22nd Oct., 1938.

SUBJECT PROPOSED NEW REGIONAL HOSPITAL.

Attached find (copy of) communication, dated 20th inst. Ref:

from J. King, Secretary.....

of Limerick County Board of Health & Public Assistance.....

for your information.....please.

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Coirte na Sláinte agus Conzanta Puiblí, Co. Luimnige

(LIMERICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE)

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(JOHN KING)

Rúnaí

(SECRETARY)

Superintendent Registrar of Births,
Deaths and Marriages for the County
of Limerick.

TELEPHONE: NEWCASTLE WEST 6.

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(SECRETARY'S OFFICE)

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(NEWCASTLE WEST)

20th. October, 1938.

Proposed New Regional Hospital.

A Chara,

Adverting to entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee dealing with the Hospital Scheme for Limerick City and County at meeting held on the 29th. October, 1937, and to a further entry in Minutes of Proceedings on the 22nd. July last, regarding the appointment of Mr. Patrick J. Sheehan, M.R.I.A.I., A.M.I.C.E., as Architect, I wish to state that I have this day received sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to Mr. Sheehan's appointment, as Architect for the proposed New Regional Hospital. Copies of the Minutes referred to herein have already been sent to the late City Manager and Town Clerk.

Mise, le meas,

Wm. J. Sheehan
Rúnaí.

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(Any reply to this communication should be addressed to :—)

An Rúnaidhe,
(The Secretary),

fén uimhir seo :—
(and the following number quoted :—)

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Luimneach.



saorstát éireann



ROINN RIALTAIS ÁITIÚLA AGUS SLÁINTE PUBLÍ
(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

6adh Abrán, 1938.

A Dhuine Uasail,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer again to your letter of the 14th ultimo in regard to the proposal of the Limerick City Council to send a deputation to this Department in connection with the question of the Hospital developments in the city, and I am to state that the Minister is fully aware of all the circumstances. He has already discussed the matter with representatives of the Hospitals concerned and he does not consider that the present situation calls for further discussions with members of the Corporation.

Mise, le meas,

Wm. J. MacDonagh
Leas Rúnaí.

The City Manager and Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

18.4-1938

Fin-shreagra ar an litir seo, is mar seo ba chóir é stiúradh :—

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(The Secretary),

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(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

24adh Márta, 1938.

A Dhuine Uasail,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant in regard to proposed hospital developments in Limerick, and I am to state that the matter will have the Minister's attention.

Mise, le meas,

Wm. J. MacLennan
Leas Rúnaí.

The City Manager and Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

L1A4/14/1/19/3(40)

14th March, 1938.

A Dhuine Uasail,

I desire to inform you that at the last Meeting of the Limerick City Council a discussion took place regarding the recommendation contained in the Hospitals Commission's Report that no further grants from the Hospitals Trust Fund be made available for the two voluntary Hospitals in the City (Barrington's and St. John's). It is the opinion of the Council that if the recommendation is acted upon it will mean the scrapping of these Hospitals or their reversion to Nursing Homes. The Council believe that this would be a most retrograde step. It would deprive the poor of the City of an indispensable service.

The Council understand that when a deputation from the two Hospitals waited on the Minister in 1936 an assurance was given that the Hospitals Commission would be asked to again visit Limerick and re-examine the position, but this has not been done.

The Council take a very serious view of the situation and would be glad if the Minister would consent to receive a deputation consisting of the Right Worshipful, Alderman D. Bourke, T.D., Mayor, Alderman J. Reidy, P.C., Councillor M. J. Keyes, T.D. and Councillor J. M. Casey, P.C., to discuss a matter which so vitally affects the citizens.

Mise, le meas,

City Manager.

The Secretary,
Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
DUBLIN.



CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Office of the City Manager and Town Clerk,
Town Hall.

17th November, 1937

Dear Sir,

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the
Joint Hospitalization Committee

County

to be held in the Council Chamber, ~~Town Hall~~ at 82,

**O'Connell Street at 12 o'clock noon on
Friday, 19th instant.**

BUSINESS :

To consider the report of the Engineer
and M.S.O.H., on the sites offered for the
proposed General Hospital and Fever Hospital.

(By Order),

T. C. O'MAHONY,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

McKern's, Limk.

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Linnish City Home Hospital as
Site for proposed New Regional Hospital

- (1) No. of acres in lands and premises 12 acres
statute.
- (2) amount available for site for New Regional
Hospital 8 acres and the additional
land required may be secured from
the land which adjoins the Institute
and is presently owned by Mr John
McNamara. The Mayor Sir, Linnish
- (3) the following services are already provided
- (a) Sewerage
 - (b) Water.
 - (c) Electric Lighting.
 - (d) Gas.
- (4) The proposed site is situated on County
Linnish and adjoins the County High
Road of Linnish. It is off the main Road
from Linnish to Ennis, and there
is a double Bus Service to it. The distance
is less than 1 mile from ~~the~~
Ennis Station.
- (5) As the New Regional Hospital will be run
by members of a Religious Community
there is a convent and chapel already
available to accommodate them.
- (6) I am sure the new County Council
Office and Court House they provided at
the site offered by Mr. McNamara, the

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The Hospital is built on the site
would be in easy reach of the Hospital
and it would also be in easy reach of the main road
Hospital and this is a great benefit in the main road

- (7) The lands and buildings of the
Hospice & Hospital are vested in the State
and there is only a provision of
£70 a year payable in respect of
same.
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L/AH/PA/1/19/3(44)

LIMERICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

TELEPHONE: LIMERICK 466.

PATRICK J. SHEAHAN.
M.R.I.A.I., A.M.I.C.E.I.,
Architect and Engineer to
Limerick Co. Board of Health

Engineers and Architects Office,
47 O'Connell Street,

Limerick, 19th November, 1937

PJS/ER

HOSPITALIZATION SCHEME FOR LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY

REPORT ON SITES OFFERED.

A Chara,

We have inspected all the sites offered in above and now wish to report as follows:-

<u>OWNER :</u>	<u>TOWNLAND:</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
✓ Mr. Ml. O'Halloran, South Hill, Rathbane	Rathbane..	B 100 This site should be considered for Fever Hospital. <i>and on same basis</i>
Mr. C.S. Barry, Coolraine House, Limerick.	Coolraine.	X The location of this site not considered suitable for General or Fever Hospital.
Mrs. D. Hartigan, Ballynanty House, Limerick.	Ballynanty.	X ditto.
Limerick Utility Society.	Westfields.	X ditto.
Mr. D. O'Brien, Ballycummin, Mungret.	Ballycummin.	A1 Site suitable for General or Fever Hospital, but distance from city considered somewhat great. B1
P. O'Sullivan, & Son, 88, O'Connell Street, Limerick.	Moylish.	X The location of this site not considered suitable for General or Fever Hospital.
Mr. Ml. Quaid, Dooradoble, Mungret.	Dooradoble.	(A) This site considered in every way suitable for General Hospital.
John Cahill, Secretary, Limerick Race Co., Limerick.	Ballinacurra.	X Site too restricted for General Hospital, and undesirable as to location for Fever Hospital.
Mrs. H. Doran, Caherdavin, Limerick.	Caherdavin.	X The location of this site not considered suitable for General or Fever Hospital.

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Architect and Engineer to
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Engineers and Architects Office.

47 O'Connell Street

Limerick. 19th November, 1937

PJS/ER

OWNER:

TOWNLAND:

REMARKS:

Link Corporation

Farranshone

X

Location not considered suitable for General Or Fever Hospital.

J.R.Nolan,
Kilbane,
Castletroy.

670
840
875
1385

Castletroy.

B'

Site suitable for Fever Hospital, but distance from city somewhat great.

John McMeMahon,
Kilmurry,
Castletroy.

Castletroy.

71875
B'

ditto.

Patrick Gleeson,
Clondrina,
Limerick.

Shamabooly.

X

Location of site considered un-suitable for General or Fever Hospital.

Denis Crehan,
St.Patrick's Rd.,
Singland.

Singland.

B
250

Site suitable for Fever Hospital.

Jas.B.Nolan,
Newcastle,
Kilmurry.

1600
910
2510
105
1405

Newcastle

B'

Site suitable for Fever Hospital, but distance from city somewhat great.

Mr.Cussen,
Rockmount,
Janesboro

~~Janesboro~~
Rathbane

B
250

Should be considered for Fever Hospital.

Mr.Cuneen,
New Road,
Singland.

1600
700
1300

Newcastle

B'

Suitable for Fever Hospital, but distance from city somewhat great.

Alfred Sexton,
64,O'Connell St.,
Limerick.

Courtbrack.

X

This site considered unsuitable for General or Fever Hospital.

Mise, le meas,

Signed

COUNTY M.O.H.

ARCHITECT.

L/AM/PH/1/19/3 (46)

HOSPITALIZATION SCHEME FOR LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY.

GENERAL HOSPITAL AND FEVER HOSPITAL.

LIST OF SITES OFFERED IN RESPONSE TO ADVERTISEMENT.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Sites offered for.</u>	<u>Quantity of land offered.</u>	<u>Price per Statute Acre.</u>
Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Scuth Hill, Rathbane.	General Hospital and Fever Hospital .	10 to 14½ acres 5 to 7 "	£100. £100.
Mr. C.S. Barry, Coolroane House, Limerick.	do.	----	£180.
Mrs. D. Hartigan, Ballynanty House, Limerick.	do.	----	£200.
Limerick (1933) Utility Society, Ltd. per J.F. Hartigan, Auctioneer.	General Hospital	19 acres.	£150. plus 5% Commission
D.O'Brien, Ballycummin, Mungret.	General Hospital	15 acres	£100.
Messrs. P.O. Sullivan & Son Solicitors, 88, O'Connell St., Limerick. For Owner.	General Hospital and Fever Hospital	----	£200 £250.
Mr. M.A. Quaid, Doonadoyle, Mungret.	do.	-----	£e-
Mr. John Cahill, Secretary, Limerick Race Co., Limerick.	General Hospital	10 acres adjoining public road. 15 acres further west.	£600. £300.
Mrs. H. Doran, Caherdavin Limerick.	General Hospital	15 to 20 acres.	£60.
Limerick Corporation, Limerick.	General Hospital	Surplus land available at City Home and Hospital (in addition to vacant land ad- joining).	---
Mr. John R. Nolan, Kilbane, Castletroy.	General Hospital and Fever Hospital.	10 to 15 acres 5 to 7 acres.	£100. £125.
Mr. John McMahon, Kilmurry, Castletroy.	do.	----	----

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2.

Name.	Sites offered for.	Quantity of Land offered.	Price per Statute Acre.
Messrs. Dundon & Treacy Solicitors, Limerick. For Owner: Patrick Gleeson, Clondrina.	General Hospital and Fever Hospital.	Quantity required.	£100.
Mr. Denis Crehan, St. Patrick's Road, Singland.	do.	10 acres. 6 acres.	£250. ✓ £225.
Mr. P. G. Collins, Solicitor, Limerick. For Owner: James B. Nolan, Newcastle, Kilmurry.	do.	Quantity required.	----
Mr. Michael Cussen, Rockmount, Janesboro', Limerick. For M. & J. Cussen.	do.	Quantity required.	£250.
Mr. Michael Cunneen, New Road, Singland.	General or Fever Hospital.	15 acres.	£100.
Mr. Alfred J. Sexton, Auctioneer, 64, O'Connell St. Limerick. For Owner.	General Hospital and Fever Hospital.	Quantity required.	----



CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Office of the City Manager and Town Clerk,
Town Hall.

17th November, 1937

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(By Order),

T. C. O'MAHONY,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

McKern's, Limk.

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1/11/1937(49)

Coirte na Sláinte agus Conzanta Puiblí, Co Luimnige
(LIMERICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE)

seán macconríog
(JOHN KING)
Rúnaíre
(SECRETARY)
Superintendent Registrar of Births,
Deaths and Marriages for the County
of Limerick.
TELEPHONE: NEWCASTLE WEST 6.



oifis an rúnaíre
(SECRETARY'S OFFICE)
Caisteán nuair tíar
(NEWCASTLE WEST)

12th. November 1937

HOSPITALIZATION SCHEME FOR LIMERICK
CITY AND COUNTY.
ADVERTISEMENT FOR SITES.

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith copies of letters received from the following offering sites for Hospitals to be provided under above Scheme:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Sites offered for.</u>
John Cahill, Secretary, Limerick Race Co. Limerick.	General Hospital.
Mrs. H. Doran, Caherdavin, Limerick.	General Hospital
Limerick Corporation.	General Hospital
John R. Nolan, Kilbane, Castletroy.	General Hospital and Fever Hospital.
John McMahon, Kilmurry, Castletroy.	do.
Messrs. Dundon & Treacy, Solicitors, Limerick. For Owner: Patk. Gleeson.	do.
Denis Crehan, St. Patrick's Road, Singland.	do.
P. G. Collins, Solicitors, Limerick. For Owner: James B. Nolan.	do.
Michael Cussen, Rockmount, Janesboro', Limerick.	do.

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2.

Name.

Michael Cunneen,
New Road,
Singland.

Alfred J. Sexton,
Auctioneer,
64, O'Connell St.,
Limerick.
For Owner.

Sites offered for.

General or Fever Hospitals.

General Hospital and
Fever Hospital.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary.

T.C.O'Mahony, Esq.,
City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

L1AH/PH/1/1913(51)

COPY/

LIMERICK RACE COMPANY LTD.

Offices:

Greenpark Racecourse,

Limerick.

Nov.11th. 1937.

To J.J.King, Esq.,
Secretary,
Co. Board of Health,
Newcastlewest.

Re Hospitalization Scheme.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the terms of your advertisement I am instructed by the Directors of the Limerick Race Co. to offer fifteen statute acres of the company's property at Greenpark held under lease for ever at an annual rent of £100. (one hundred pounds) for 136 statute acres. Should the Selection Committee be desirous of acquiring about ten acres adjoining the public road which has been planned for building purposes but not yet developed the tender per statute acre is six hundred pounds. Should they wish to acquire the whole fifteen acres further to the west the tender is three hundred pounds per statute acre.

I am,

Yours truly,

(Sgd) Jn.A.Cahill.

Secy.

COPY/

CAHERDAVIN,

Nr. Limerick.

11/11/37.

J.J.King, Esq.,
Board of Health Offices,
Newcastlewest, Co. Lmk.

Dear Sirs,

I have for sale 15 to 20 acres of land suitable for the
Hospital premises as advertised for in Lmk. Leader, at £60. per acre.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) Mrs. H. Doran.

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COPY/

CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL,
LIMERICK.

Reference No. IO80/1937.

11th. November, 1937.

Limerick Hospitalization Scheme.

A Chara,

With reference to the advertisement for sites for proposed General Hospital, the Corporation of Limerick desire to have the City Home and Hospital Site examined with a view to ascertaining whether the surplus land there available together with such additional amount from the vacant land adjoining, as would be required, could be utilized

In the event of this site being considered suitable from the Engineering and Medical points of view, it has several outstanding advantages - it is conveniently situated, sewers, watermains, electricity and gas are provided, and it has a good Chapel and Convent

The whole site occupies about 12 acres, and it is estimated that about 8 acres could be made available towards the site for the new hospital.

Mise, le meas,

(Sgd) John Quilligan.

Runaidhe.

J.J.King, Esq.,
Secretary,
Limerick County Board of Health and Public Assistance,
County Home,
Newcastle-West,
CO. LIMERICK.

L/AH/PH/1/19/3(54)

COPY/

KILBANE,
CASTLETROY,
NR. LIMERICK.

11/11/37.

J.J.King, Esq.,
Sec. Co. Board of Health,
Newcastle West.

Dear Sir,

I beg to tender for sites for two hospitals as advertised:-

Ten to fifteen acres at £100. per acre.

Five to seven acres @ £125. " "

The land is high and dry with lighting and water on same. I am also registered owner and title is in order.

Faithfully yours,

(Sgd) John R. Nolan.

COPY/

KILMURRY,

CASTLETROY,

LIMERICK

J.J.King, Esq.,
Board of Health,
Newcastle West.

Dear Sir,

Re your advertisement I can offer a site for Fever Hospital
and also for a General Hospital on the main Limerick Dublin Road
~~two~~ miles from Limerick City. If interested I will quote you a
reasonable price.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) John McMahon.

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COPY/

101, O'CONNELL STREET,
LIMERICK.

11th. November, 1937.

The Secretary,
Limerick County Board of Health,
Newcastle West,
Co. Limerick.

Hospitalization Scheme for Limerick
City and County.

Dear Sir,

We are instructed by Mr. Patrick Gleeson, Clondrina, Limerick, to inform you for the information of the Joint Committee that he is prepared to sell for the above purpose the ~~required~~ amount of his lands situate at Caherdavin Cross near Limerick and which are held in Fee simple subject to Land Commission annuity, at about £100. per acre.

Yours faithfully.

DUNDON & TREACY.

COPY/

ST. PATRICK'S ROAD,
LIMERICK

11. 11. 37.

Limerick Hospitalization Scheme
Advertisement for Sites.

To J.J.King, Esq.,
Secretary,
Co. Limerick Board of Health,
Newcastle West.

Sir,

I, Denis Crehan, beg to offer:-

- (a) Ten statute acres for £250. per st. acre.
- (b) Six statute acres for £225. per st. acre.

The location of same is at St. Patrick's Road in the townland of Singland and is fee simple property.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) Denis Crehan.

COPY/

11, GLENTWORTH STREET,

LIMERICK.

10TH. Novr. 1937.

Re: Hospitalization Scheme.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Owner Mr. James B. Nolan, of Newcastle Kilmurry, Limerick, I am writing you with reference to your recent advertisement re above.

My client can let you have the required area of land running along and fronting the main Dublin-Limerick road and situate about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the City of Limerick.

Water from Corporation Reservoir and Electric Light are on the lands. My client cannot quote you a figure as he cannot know what portion of the lands may suit you.

The lands are very much above road level, and of dry limestone nature, the most suitable land for Buildings. The lands are held by my client in Fee Simple.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) P.G. Collins.

John King, Esq.,
Secretary,
County Board of Health,
Newcastle West,
Co. Limerick.

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COPY/

ROCKMOUNT,

JANESBORO8,

LIMERICK.

9/II/37.

J.J.King, Esq.,

Dear Sir,

Referring to advertisement in local papers looking for land for the building of two Hospitals we can offer you land at Rathbane, South Hill.

If you are interested it is only a question of appointing a day and time to inspect the lands and maps.

We will offer you this land at Two Hundred Pounds per acre and also some very good building land Freehold at Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds per acre for what you require.

We may also state the County Sewerage is going through this land.

Yours Faithfully,

(Sgd) Michael Cussen

for M. & J. Cussen.

COPY/

NEW ROAD,

SINGLAND,

LIMERICK.

10.11.37.

The Secretary,
Board of Health,
Newcastle West.

Dear Sir,

In reply to advertisement for sites of Fever and General Hospitals which appeared in Wednesday's edition of "The Irish Press".

I have fifteen statute acres of high land situate at Kilmurry Newcastle, about a mile from the city boundary on the side of the Dublin Road and offer site for either Fever or General Hospital out of same at £100. per acre.

Rent per annum £6.10.0.

P.L.Valuation £18. 0.0.

Any further particulars of title may be obtained from Mr. O'B. Kelly, O'Connell St., Limerick.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) Michael Cunneen.

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64, O'CONNELL STREET,
LIMERICK.

10th. November, 1937.

J.J.King, Esq.,
Board of Health Offices,
Newcastle West,
Co. Limerick.

Limerick Hospitalization Scheme.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your advertisement for sites in above matter, I am instructed by the Owner to put before you the following particulars:-

My client is the Owner of about 49 acres of land, situate at Courtbrack, South Circular Road, in the County of Limerick. These lands have a frontage to the Dock Road and the Long Avenue, are bounded by the Limerick Race Course, are approached by the Dock Road or South Circular Road and adjoin the City Boundary. They have an excellent elevation, with the advantage of being connected with the Main City Sewer (only recently completed) city water supply and electric light laid on.

With regard to the price, it would be impossible for me to quote a price on behalf of my client until such time as he knows how much of his lands and which part of same would be required.

I would be glad if your Committee could arrange to inspect the lands and point out which portion of same would be suitable, and then a price could be arranged.

The following is the tenure of the entire holding:- "Part of the Lands of Courtbrack, South Circular Road, containing 49 acres, 2 roods, and 17 perches, I.P.M. subject to a yearly Fee Farm Rent of £166. 3. 1. Held in Fee.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) Alfred J. Sexton.

LIAM/PH/1/19/3 (62)

Coirte na Sláinte agus Conzanta Puiblí, Co. Luimnige

(LIMERICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE)

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(SECRETARY'S OFFICE)

Caisteán nuair tair

(NEWCASTLE WEST)

10th. November 1937



HOSPITALIZATION SCHEME FOR LIMERICK
CITY AND COUNTY.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR SITES.

A Chara,

I send you herewith copies of letters received from the following offering sites for Hospitals to be provided under above Scheme;

Name.

Sites offered for.

D. O'Brien,
Ballycummin,
Mungret.

General Hospital.

Philip O'Sullivan & Son,
Solicitors,
88, O'Connell St.,
Limerick.

General Hospital and
Fever Hospital.

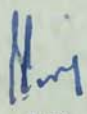
For Owner.

M.A. Quaid,
Dooradoyle,
Mungret.

do.

Mise, le meas,

T.C. O'Mahony, Esq.,
City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.


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COPY/

BALLYCUMMIN,

MUNGRET,

LIMERICK

9.11. 37.

Re Hospitalization Scheme Co. Limerick.

Dear Sir,

I have read your advertisement on the newspapers and in reply I beg to state that I would be prepared to sell to your Committee 15 statute acres of my lands at Ballycummin in the vicinity of Raheen Church. My price is £100. per statute acre subject to apportioned part of the annuity to be redeemed by your Committee; provided we agree on the particular site.

I can point out the sites to your Committee if you will kindly make an appointment with me. I should be pleased if you would make an appointment to meet me on the lands on (say) Monday next at 2 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) D. O'Brien.

COPY/

88, O'CONNELL STREET,

LIMERICK.

9th. November, 1937.

J.J.King, Esq.,
Secretary,
Board of Health,
Newcastle West.

Re: Limerick Hospitalisation Scheme.
Lands of Moylish, North Liberties, Limerick.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your advertisement for site in connection with above we are instructed by the Owner to offer for your consideration a site for (a) in said advertisement on the above lands and if said site is accepted a further site for (b) in said advertisement on the terms following.

As a site for a General Hospital our client is prepared to accept a sum of Two hundred pounds (£200) per statute acre and as a site for a Fever Hospital our client will let you have a site at a price of Two Hundred and fifty pounds (£250) per acre statute.

The lands of Moylish comprise 73 statute acres held under annuity of £44.10.4. payable to the Irish Land Commission and having a valuation on lands of £118.

The lands of Moylish are situate in the North Liberties of Limerick within a quarter mile from the City boundary and fronting the public road. The lands are on an elevated position with a southerly aspect and are ideally situated as the location etc., for a hospital.

In the event of these lands being chosen as the site or sites the annuity will be apportioned by the Irish Land Commission between the lands remaining in the hands of the Owner and the portion acquired.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) Philip O'Sullivan & Son.

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DOORADOYLE,

MUNGRET,

CO. LIMERICK.

8th. Nov. 37.

TO/
L.K.King, Esq.,
N.C.West.

Dear Sir,

Re your advertisement for Hospital Site.

I invite inspection of my lands for same situate at above
address.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) M.A.Quaid.

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(NEWCASTLE WEST)

8th. November 1937

HOSPITALIZATION SCHEME FOR LIMERICK
CITY AND COUNTY.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR SITES.

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith copies of letters received from the
following offering sites for Hospitals to be provided under above
Scheme:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Sites offered for.</u>
Mr. Michael O'Halloran, South Hill, Rathbane.	General Hospital and Fever Hospital.
Mr. C.S. Barry, Coolraine House, Limerick.	do.
Mrs. D. Hartigan, Ballynanty House, Limerick.	do.
Limerick (1933) Utility Society Ltd., per Mr. J.P. Hartigan, Auctioneer.	General Hospital.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary.

T.C.O'Mahony, Esq.,
City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

● COPY/

South Hill,

Rathbane,

Co. Limerick.

November 4th. 1937.

J.J.King, Esq.,
Board of Health Offices,
Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your advertisement of November 1st. inst. namely
Limerick Hospitalization Scheme.

I wish to offer a site of from 10 acres to 14 acres 2 Roods
and 33 perches statute at £100. per statute acre for General Hospital.

The site is on very good elevation and situated on the top
of South Hill on the main road to Fedamore. Most convenient to City
Water Main New Jamesboro Sewerage Scheme, Railway Goods and Passenger
department and within five minutes walk of the City boundary.

The Electricity Supply and Gas main are each in direct line
with the front of said site.

Regarding the title I hold a farm of 62 statute acres of which
the portion I offer forms part I hold it from the Land Commission
subject to a payment of £34. 6. 6. per annum.

Please acknowledge application.

Yours truly

(Sgd) Michael O'Halloran.

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COPY/

SOUTH HILL,

RATHBANE,

Co. LIMERICK.

November 4th. 1937.

J.J.King, Esq.,
Board of Health Offices,
Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your advertisement of November 1st. inst. namely Limerick Hospitalization Scheme.

I wish to offer a site of five to seven acres statute for Fever Hospital at £100. per statute acre.

The site is on very good elevation and situated on the top of South Hill on the main road to Fedamore, most convenient to City Water Main new Janesboro Sewerage Scheme, Railway Goods and Passenger department and within five minutes walk of the City boundary.

The Electricity Supply and Gas main are each in direct line with the front of said site.

Regarding the title I hold a farm of 62 statute acres of which the portion I offer forms part I hold it from the Land Commission subject to a payment of £34. 6. 6. per annum.

Please acknowledge application.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) Michael O'Halloran.

L/AH/24/1/19/3(69)

COPY/

COOLRAINE HOUSE,
LIMERICK.

5th. November, 1937.

J.J.King, Esq.,
Board of Health Offices,
Newcastle West.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your advertisement for sites for the General and
Fever Hospitals.

I beg to inform you that I am prepared to offer a portion of
my land at Coolraine at from £180. per acre. This land is freehold in
the County Health district of Limerick No. I. Electoral Division of
North
Limerick/Rural just outside the City Borough on the rise of ground
adjoining the Limerick to Ennis Main Road overlooking the Shannon within
easy connecting distance of the City Sewerage scheme, water and electric
light connections.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd) C.S.Barry.

L1AH/PH/1/19/3(70)

COPY/

BALLYNANTY HOUSE,

LIMERICK.

5.11.37.

J.J.King, Esq., Sec.,
Board of Health,
Newcastlewest.

Dear Sir,

Re Limerick Hospitalization Scheme. I beg to offer sites as required, price £200. per statute acre being very near City healthy and southern aspect mountain air etc. any further particulars can be had if required.

Yours truly

(Mrs).

(D. Hartigan.

COPY/

51, O'CONNELL STREET,

LIMERICK.

6th. November, 1937.

J.J.King, Esq.,
Secretary,
Limerick Co. Board of Health,
Newcastle West.

re Site for General Hospital.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your advertisement for a site for a General Hospital adjacent to Limerick City under the Limerick Hospitalization Scheme, I am offering for sale by Private Treaty for the Limerick (1933) Utility Society, Ltd., portion of their lands at Westfield, North Circular Road, Limerick, containing about 19 acres 1 rood 7 perches, Statute Measure, free of rent.

These lands have a frontage to the North Circular Road of approximately 1700 feet, depth at one side about 300 feet and at the other about 367 feet and at rear about 1604 feet. They are sound dry lying and fairly level and most suitable for building purposes. They are situate in a nice quiet healthy locality overlooking the River Shannon and in my opinion is a most suitable site for a General Hospital. Convenient to the City, being adjacent to the City Bus stop and also City Water, Sewerage, Gas and Electric Light.

I can offer all or portion of these lands at £150. per statute acre plus 5 per cent Auctioneer's commission.

I shall be pleased to supply map or any further information required.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) J.P.Hartigan.

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Lish Press 1st November 1937

LIMERICK HOSPITALISATION SCHEME.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR SITES.

Applications are invited for offers of suitable sites adjacent to Limerick City for the following hospitals under the proposed Limerick Hospitalisation Scheme.

(a) Ten to fifteen acres statute for General Hospital

(b) Five to seven acres statute for Fever Hospital.

Offers stating price, per statute acre, location, and particulars of title will be received by the undersigned up to but not later than 12 noon on Friday, 12th November, 1937.

By Order,
J. J. KING.

Board of Health Offices,
Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.

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TELEPHONE: NEWCASTLE WEST 6.



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(SECRETARY'S OFFICE)

caisleán nuair tian
(NEWCASTLE WEST)

9th. December 1937

HOSPITALIZATION SCHEME FOR LIMERICK
CITY AND COUNTY.

FEVER HOSPITAL SITE..

A Chara,

I send you herewith copy of letter dated the 8th. inst.,
No. P. 100829/37 received from the Minister for Local Government
and Public Health in regard to above.

Mise, le meas,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Runaidhe'.

Runaidhe.

T.C.O'Mahony, Esq.,
City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH, (74)

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN.

8adh Nodlaig, 1937.

P.100829/37
Luimneach (Pb).

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th. ultimo forwarding Minutes of Proceedings of Joint Committee representing Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance and Limerick Corporation at meetings held on the 19th. and 26th. ultimo in connection with the question of the hospital scheme for Limerick City and County. In reference thereto, I am to request that the Minister may be furnished with an Ordinance Sheet showing the sites in respect of which tenders were received in connection with the proposed fever hospital and indicating in the order of merit the three most suitable sites.

Mise, le meas,

(Sgd) S. O'Donovan.

a.s. Runai.

Secretary,
Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance.

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(SECRETARY'S OFFICE)

Caisteán nuair tian

(NEWCASTLE WEST)

9th. December 1937



HOSPITALIZATION SCHEME FOR LIMERICK
CITY AND COUNTY.

GENERAL HOSPITAL SITE.

A Chara,

I send you herewith copy of letter dated the 8th. inst.,
No. P. 100829/37 received from the Minister for Local Government
and Public Health in regard to above.

Mise, le meas,


Runaidhe.

T.C.O'Mahony, Esq.,
City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

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2/AH/PH/1/19/3(76)
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH,

CUSTOM HOUSE,

DUBLIN.

P. 100829/37
Luimneach (Pb).

8adh Nodlaig, 1937.

A Chara,

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Mise, le meas,

(Sgd) S.O'Donovan.

a.s. Runal.

Secretary,
Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance.

L1AH/PH/1/19/3(77)

26th November, 1937.

VERY URGENT.

Joint Hospitalization Scheme.

A Chera,

I have been notified this morning that the Board of Health will be able to discuss with us to-day the report of the Architect and Law Agent on the offer of sites. The Meeting will be held in the County Council Chamber at 3 o'clock and it is requested that you make a special effort to be present.

This short notice is regretted, but I was notified of the matter myself only this morning.

Yours, le mes,

City Manager.

The Right Worshipful, Ald. D. Bourke, T.D., Mayor.
Councillor M. J. Keyes, Market's Field Tce.
Councillor P.F. Quinlan, "Kylemore", Ennis Rd.
Councillor P. J. Donellan, Lansdowne,
Elderman J. Reidy, P.C. Corbally,

MAURICE F. NOONAN,
SOLICITOR.
BOARD OF HEALTH,
COUNTY LIMERICK.

T.C.O'Mahony Esq.,
City Manager,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

A Chara,

NEWCASTLE WEST.
1888 EVERY THURSDAY.



RATHKEALE,
CO. LIMERICK.

BRANCH OFFICE AT NEWCASTLE.

25th November 1937.

re: Site General Hospital.

I enclose you herewith copy letter which I have written
to Mr. King, Secretary Hospitals Committee with copy letter from
Messrs. Dundon & Treacy attached, which will come before the
Meeting on tomorrow.

Mise, le meas,

M. F. Noonan

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25th November 1937.

John King Esq.,
Secretary,
Hospitals Committee,
County Home,
Newcastle West.

Re: Site- General Hospital-
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A Chara,

I beg to report that, pursuant to instructions from the Committee, I arranged an interview with Mr. Quaid for Monday afternoon at Mr. Sheahan's office.

At that interview Mr. Quaid came down in price to £250. per acre. I informed him that this figure was still out of all proportion to the true value.

I pointed out to him several aspects of the case and also pointed out to him on the map the plot proposed to be acquired if his price was reasonable.

Mr. Quaid put forward an argument that all his land was suitable for building and development purposes. I pointed out to him that the Committee, if he were reasonable, would acquire portion of the inner field, which could not be used for development, and I asked him if he could see his way to put a different price per acre, on each field.

I also pointed out to him that the Committee were in a position to acquire lands compulsorily, but I thought that they would give owners of sites every facility before putting the Compulsory Powers in motion. When I pressed him to further reduce his offer, he finally said that his best and final offer was

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25th November 1937.

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£200. per Statute acre. He referred me to several sites that were sold in the locality lately, and the prices obtained for them. I informed him that I thought £200. was still far beyond the margin the Committee could go to, and that any arrangement made by the Committee, was entirely subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health.

I also pointed out to him that the Committee was anxious, if at all possible, to submit a price to the Minister that he could not turn down. I again asked Mr. Quaid to consider the position, and gave him until Wednesday to write to me. He promised to do so, and I have received a letter this morning from his Solicitors, Messrs. Dundon & Treacy, copy of which I enclose which speaks for itself.

re: Compulsory Powers.

As directed I have looked into this matter, and find that in the first instance, it will be necessary to obtain a Statutory position for the Committee, which of course can be obtained from the Minister, and then proceed to have an Act of Parliament passed giving the Committee compulsory powers.

While the question of obtaining Statutory Powers from the Minister would take a reasonable time, I fear that the procedure to have an Act of Parliament passed, giving Compulsory Powers, would take a very long time.

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25th November 1937.

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In the circumstances, therefore, I would advise the Committee, if at all possible, to acquire the sites by agreement with the owners.

Mise, le meas,

(Sgd) M.F.Noonan.

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(82)

Copy/

101, O'Connell Street,
Limerick.
Novr. 24th 1937.

Maurice Noonan Esq.,
Solicitor,
Rathkeale,
Co. Limerick.

Limerick Joint Hospital Scheme.
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Dear Sir,

We act for Mr. Michael A. Quaid, and are instructed by him to write you for the information of the Committee dealing with this matter that he is prepared to sell in fee simple and free from incumbrances that portion of his lands of Dooradoyle, Mungret, Limerick, to the required extent (15 to 20 acres statute) and at the price of One hundred and ninety pounds per acre being part of the two fields bounded by Daly's Borheen which extends along the entire ~~xxxxxxx~~ Southern Boundary of said two fields with a frontage to the Public Road, Limerick to Patrickswell, and the Northern boundary to run as nearly as possible parallel to the said Borheen. The sale to be subject to the consent of the Land Commission and apportionment of acreable annuity on plot to be sold which Mr. Quaid will redeem.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, and advise us acceptance.

Yours faithfully,
Dundon & Treacy
Per J. Dundon.

Éin-shreangra ar an litir seo, is mar seo ba chóir é stiúradh :—

(Any reply to this communication should be addressed to :—)

An Rúnaidhe,
(The Secretary),

fé'n uimhir seo :—
(and the following number quoted :—)



SAORSCÁT ÉIREANN

ROINN RIALTAIS ÁITIÚLA AGUS SLÁINTE PUBLÍ
(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

24th November, 1937.

Dear Mr. O'Mahony,

I have received your letter of the 23rd instant in regard to your proposed visit to the office.

I will be glad to see you any day you call.

Yours sincerely,



T. J. Mc Ardle

T. C. O'Mahony, Esq.,
City Manager and Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

L/PH/PH/1/17/3(84)

23rd November, 1937.

Dear Mr. McArdle,

I hope to be at the Department some day next week and should like to discuss the Hospitalization position with you. The matter is proceeding very satisfactorily now, as the County Board of Health and the Corporation have reached Agreement on the points of proposed representation and chargeability.

I have written to Mr. Hurson asking if it would be convenient for him to see me for a short time on Tuesday next. If so I shall be there that day, if not on such other day as he selects.

Yours sincerely,

T. J. McArdle, Esq.,
Asst. Secretary,
Department of Local Government
& Public Health,
DUBLIN.

L1A4/P44/1/19/3 (85)

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

FROM THE CITY MANAGER & TOWN CLERK TO Secretary, City Home & Hospital

DATE 16th November, 1937.

SUBJECT ~~Inspect the~~ Site of New General Hospital

Attached find (copy of) communication dated 15th instant

(Ref: C.McD/TH from Messrs. Sheahan & Clery

of 47 O'Connell Street, Limerick

for your ~~report~~ attention please.

L194/04/11/19/3 (86)

28th October, 1937.

HOSPITAL SCHEME FOR LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY.

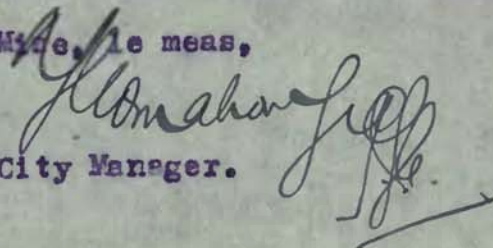
A. Chara,

I desire to refer to my letter of the 15th instant in regard to the above and to inform you that I have now arranged for this Conference to take place at 2.30 p.m. on to-morrow (Friday), at the County Council Chambers, 82 O'Connell Street.

As suggested in the final paragraph of my letter I consider it advisable to have a preliminary discussion in my Office at the hour of 12 noon to-morrow.

I trust you will find it convenient to attend.

Yours, &c meas,


City Manager.

Sent to:-

The Mayor, Alderman J. Reidy Councillors Donnellan, Keyes & Quinlan

11/10/1937 (87)

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TELEPHONE: NEWCASTLE WEST 6.

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(SECRETARY'S OFFICE)

Caisteán nuad tiar

(NEWCASTLE WEST)

27th. October 1937

HOSPITAL SCHEME FOR LIMERICK
CITY & COUNTY.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th. inst., with reference to meeting to be held in connection with above and wish to state that the hour 2.30 p.m. on the 29th. instant as mentioned will also be suitable for my Board.

Yours faithfully,

Kevin
Secretary.

T.C.O'Mahony, Esq.,
City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.



L1A4/P4/1/19/3(88)

26th October, 1937.

Dear Dr. O'Sullivan,

I return herewith letter dated 23rd inst., which you received from the Hospitals Commission regarding the purchase and demolition of a slum dwelling which abuts on the grounds attached to Barrington's Hospital, the contents of which I have noted.

Yours faithfully ,

City Manager .

Dr. M. J. O'Sullivan,
Hon. Secretary,
Barrington's Hospital,
LIMERICK.

L1A11/24/1.1/19/3 (89)

26th October, 1937.

HOSPITAL SCHEME FOR LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY.

Dear Sir,

I desire to refer to your letter of the 14th instant in regard to the meeting of the Representatives of your Board and the Limerick Corporation to discuss the above matter, and to confirm my telephone conversation with you that the hour of 2.30 p.m. on the date mentioned, viz., 29th instant will be more suitable to the representatives of the Corporation. I shall be glad to hear from you that you have been able to arrange for this time.

Yours faithfully,

City Manager.

J. King, Esq.,
Secretary,
Limerick County Board of Health & Public Assistance,
Newcastle West,
Co. Limerick.

21A4/241.1/19/3(90)

15th October, 1937.

HOSPITAL
~~HOUSING~~ SCHEME FOR LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY.

A Chara,

I enclose for your information copy of letter dated the 14th instant which I have received from the Secretary, Limerick County Board of Health.

I purpose having the hour of the Meeting changed to 2.30 p.m. If this hour does not suit you, please let me know by return when I will endeavour to fix a time suitable to everybody.

It would be advisable to have a discussion before meeting the County representatives and I suggest that we meet in my Office at 12 noon on the above date.

Wise, le meas,

City Manager.

The Mayor.

Alderman J. Reidy, PlC.

Councillors P. Donnellan, P.C.

M. J. Keyes, T.D., and P. F. Quinlan.

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(SECRETARY'S OFFICE)

Caisleán nuao tíar

(NEWCASTLE WEST)

14th. October 1937

HOSPITAL SCHEME FOR LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY.

A Chara,

The Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance had before them for consideration at meeting held on the 8th. inst., your letter of the 25th. ultimo, in connection with above.

My Board have directed me to state that they are prepared to meet Representatives of the Corporation and yourself for the purpose of discussing this matter generally and they have suggested, as a suitable date, Friday the 29th. instant, at 1 o'clock p.m., at the County Council Chamber, 82, O'Connell St., Limerick. I would be glad to know if the suggested date, hour and place will suit you.

Mise, le meas,

Runaidhe.

T.C.O'Mahony, Esq.,
City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

Corporation's Representatives

The Mayor, City Manager, Aldermen Glady, P.C., Councillors
O'Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Keys, J.D., and P. J. Ginnlan.

Fís-fhreagra ar an litir seo, is maí seo ba chóir é stánuadh :-

Any reply to this communication should be addressed to :-

An Rúnaidhe,
(The Secretary),

Se'n uimhir seo :-
(and the following number quoted :-)



SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN

11/19/1937
ROINN RIALTAIS ÁITIÚLA AGUS SLÁINTE PUBLÍ
(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

P. 81,354/37
C.B. Luimnighe.

30th September, 1937.

Dear Mr. O'Mahony,

I have received your letter of the 25th instant in regard to the proposed Hospital Scheme for Limerick City and County.

As regards the Joint Committee I am afraid that for the present it can only act as an advisory body. It is the intention that before the Joint Hospitals are functioning there will be statutory power to constitute a joint committee to control the Hospitals. As the law stands at present there is no such power, So that while the Committee can meet and consider matters and report to the Bodies concerned, it will be necessary for the County and City Authorities to arrange that one or other of them will be responsible for such matters as acquisition of land, taking contracts, appointment of Clerk of Works etc.

It does not matter which body undertakes this responsibility as all the approved expenditure will be met out of the Hospitals Trust Fund. This latter information, however, has not yet been officially disclosed, so that you need not mention it locally for the present.

If there are any other points on which you desire information I will be glad to give any assistance I can.

Yours Sincerely,

Y.J. McArdle

T.C. O'Mahony Esq.,
City Manager & Town Clerk,
Limerick.

L1AH/PH/11/19/3(93)

Coirte na Sláinte agus Conzanta Puiblí, Co. Luimnige

(LIMERICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE)

seán macconríos

(JOHN KING)

Rúnaíre

(SECRETARY)

Superintendent Registrar of Births,
Deaths and Marriages for the County
of Limerick.

TELEPHONE: NEWCASTLE WEST 6.

oifis an rúnaíre

(SECRETARY'S OFFICE)

Caisteán nuad tiar

(NEWCASTLE WEST)

27th. September 1937

FG/BW.

HOSPITALIZATION SCHEME.

A Chara,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th. inst., in regard to above and shall bring it before the meeting of the Board of Health for consideration.



Mise, le meas,

P. S. Phary

Acting Secretary.

The City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

2/AM/PH/1/17/3(94)

25th September, 1937.

P.78548/37.
Luimnighe.

Dear Mr. McArdle,

With reference to the Department's letter of the 20th instant in regard to the proposed appointment of a joint Committee representing the Limerick Corporation and the Limerick County Board of Health to deal with the question of a Hospital Scheme for Limerick City and County, I have communicated with the County Board of Health with a view to having a Meeting arranged between the County and City representatives (copy herewith).

I am anxious to know whether the Department have considered how the proposal for constituting a joint committee of management for the hospitals is to be put into effect. Hospital administration in the City including the appointment and control of officers is, of course, a function of the City Manager, and I am rather doubtful regarding the exact powers of the members of the Corporation on the joint Committee.

I am raising this matter solely for the purpose of removing any ambiguity which may exist and you may take it that there is no question at issue between the Council and myself regarding our respective powers.

Perhaps you would be so good as to favour me with your observations at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

T. J. McArdle, Esq.,
Assistant Secretary,
Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
DUBLIN.

L/AH/AH/1/19/3(95)

25th September, 1937.

A Chara,

I desire to inform you that I have received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health copy of your Minute dated 11th of June last regarding your Board's consideration of the recommendations of the Hospitals Commission, on the question of a Hospital Scheme for Limerick City and County.

The Limerick City Council and I have considered your Board's resolution and are satisfied that it offers a basis on which negotiations can proceed with a view to putting the proposed co-ordinated Hospitalization Scheme into effect.

Will you please be so good as to consult with your Board and suggest to me a convenient time and place at which representatives of the Corporation and I may meet them for the purpose of considering this matter generally.

Mise, le meas,

City Manager.

The Secretary,
Limerick County Board of Health & Public Assistance,
County Home,
Newcastle West,
CO. LIMERICK.

Fin-shreangra ar an litir seo, is mar seo ba chóir é stiúradh :—

(Any reply to this communication should be addressed to :—)

An Rúnaidhe,
(The Secretary).

fé'n uimhir seo :—
(and the following number quoted :—)

P. 78,548/37

Luimneach.



SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN

ROINN RIALTAIS ÁITIÚLA AGUS SLÁINTE PUBLÍ
(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

20th September, 1937.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant in regard to the appointment of a Joint Committee to deal with the question of the Hospital Schemes for Limerick City and County, and I am to state that the Minister presumes that the representatives of the Limerick City Council will now get into touch with those appointed by the County Council.

Mise, le meas,

Conas na chuid

Leas Runai.

The City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall, Limerick.

L1A4/PH/1.19/3(97)

15th September, 1937.

A Dhuine Uasail,

I desire to refer to your letter of 23rd ultimo,
Ref: P.67031/37 (Pb) Luimnighe, regarding the proposed
co-ordinated hospitalization scheme for the County and
County Borough of Limerick, and to inform you that this
matter ~~has~~ considered at a Meeting of the Limerick City
Council held last evening at which representatives
were appointed to act on the working Committee to be
formed for the purpose of carrying out the necessary
preliminary arrangements in connection with the proposals.
These representatives are prepared to meet those of the
County Board of Health on any suitable date.

Mise, le meas,

City Manager.

The Secretary,
Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
DUBLIN.

L/A4/PH/1/19/3(98)

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

A Monthly Meeting of the Council was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, Limerick, on Tuesday, 14th day of September, 1937.

ROLL CALL.

The Roll was called at 7.40 o'clock p.m., when the following members answered:—

In the Chair—The Right Worshipful, Alderman D. Bourke, T.D., Mayor.

Aldermen J. McInerney, P.C., and J. Reidy, P.C.

Councillors M. Daly, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., D. J. O'Malley, Solr., and P. F. Quinlan.

Officers present—The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Surveyor.

COUNCIL MINUTES.

It was proposed by Councillor Quinlan, seconded by Councillor Hartney, and resolved:—

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council, held on 13th July, 1937, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

It was proposed by Councillor Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Quinlan, and resolved:—

That the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee, held on the 26th August, 1937, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

It was proposed by Councillor Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Quinlan, and resolved:—

That the Minutes of the Tenders Committee, held on 30th August, 1937, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted.

TENDERS FOR HALF-YEARLY SUPPLIES— CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL.

Twenty-five tenders for the Half-yearly Supplies for the City Home and Hospital, together with the one tender for the position of Stocktaker in the same Institution, were

handed in at the meeting. These were duly placed in the Tender Box and referred to the Tenders Committee to open.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Quinlan, and resolved:—

That a meeting of the Tenders Committee be held on the following morning at 11.30 o'clock a.m.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Submitted Monthly Financial Statement as prescribed by Section 16 (2) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, showing the position of the Corporation's Accounts on the 31st day of August, 1937. Noted.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

On the motion of Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Hartney, the Departmental Reports for the four weeks ended 28th August, 1937, were adopted.

LOAN FOR ROAD WORKS.

It was proposed by Councillor Keyes, seconded by Alderman Reidy, and resolved:—

That Our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Munster and Leinster Bank, 66 South Mall, in the City of Cork, for the repayment of the sum of £4,875 to be advanced by them to us for Road Works.

LOAN FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF RIVER WALL AT LOCK QUAY.

Submitted communication, dated 26th August, 1937, Ref.: R/RG/37, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the sanction of the Minister for Finance had now been received to the making of a Grant from the Road Fund of 50 per cent. of the cost of the reconstruction of the River Wall and Road at Lock Quay, subject to a maximum Grant of £5,000. As the tender of the South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Ltd., which had been accepted for the work amounted to £9,592 13s., the City Manager pointed out that it would be necessary to obtain the balance by way of loan and accordingly it was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Donnellan, and resolved:—

That authority be, and the same is hereby granted, under Section 12 (1) (a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, to the borrowing of a sum not exceeding £5,000 for the purpose mentioned above.

HOSPITALISATION SCHEME.

The following correspondence was submitted, viz.:—

“Department of Local Government and Public Health,

Custom House,

Dublin,

23rd August, 1937.

P. 67031/37 (Ph)

Lutimneach.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 4th instant regarding the proposed co-ordinated hospitalization scheme for the County and County Borough of Limerick, and to enclose for your information an extract from the Minutes of the meeting of the Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 11th June relative thereto.

Mise, le meas, J. COLLINS.

The City Manager and Town Clerk,
Town Hall, Limerick.”

(“Extract from Minutes of the Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 11th June, 1937.

Limerick Hospitalization Scheme.

No. P. 37361/37

18/5/37.

Stating that the Minister has had under consideration the representations put forward on behalf of the Board on the 4th inst. in regard to the proposed Regional Hospital at Limerick, and he desires to say that in his opinion the combination of the Regional Hospital with the County Hospital for Limerick City and County would provide a more efficient institution and he would not be prepared to the suggestion that there should be a separate County Hospital in addition to the Regional Hospital.

As regards the accommodation to be provided in the proposed Hospital to meet as far as possible the wishes of the Board, the Minister is prepared to agree to the provision of 250 beds in the Hospital instead of 200 as originally contemplated.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Hartney, seconded by Mr. J. McCormack, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

- (1) That we approve of the erection of a new General Hospital of 250 beds adjacent to Limerick City to serve the general hospital needs of Limerick City and County, this is also to be a Regional Hospital centre for the areas recommended in the report of the Hospitals Commission, dated the 1st May, 1936, and that the cost of maintenance be on a capitation basis.
- (2) That we approve of the erection of a new Fever Hospital adjacent to Limerick City to serve the needs of Limerick City and County and that the cost of maintenance be on a capitation basis.
- (3) That we approve of the conversion of the existing County Hospital at Croom into a Tuberculosis Hospital for advanced and moderately advanced cases to serve the needs of Limerick City and County and that the cost of maintenance be on a capitation basis.
- (4) That the Committee of Management of those hospitals be composed of representatives from the Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance and Limerick City, and that representation on this Committee be proportionate to population, valuation or both, or proportionate to that existing at present in the Committee of Management of Limerick District Mental Hospital.

That a Working Committee be immediately formed for the purpose of carrying out the necessary preliminary arrangements in connection with the proposal and that ten members of the Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance be on this Committee together with the representatives from Limerick City and that representation on this Committee be proportionate to population, valuation or both or proportionate to that existing at present in the Committee of Management of Limerick District Mental Hospital.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Keyes, and resolved:—

That the conditions set out in the extract quoted above from the Minutes of the Limerick County Board of Health be generally adopted as a basis for negotiation and that the following be nominated to act on the Working Committee, viz.:—

The Mayor, Alderman Reidy, Councillors Donnellan, Keyes and Quinlan with the City Manager.

CAREY'S ROAD SLUM CLEARANCE AREA.

The City Manager reported that he had received the following preliminary report from Dr. J. C. Troy, Medical Officer of Health for No. 3 Dispensary District, viz.:—

"As M.O.H. of Limerick No. 3 Dispensary District, I beg to report that there is an unhealthy area in my district. The area comprises Carey's Road, Upper and Lower; Dixon's Lane, Boherbuoy, part of Edward Street from the corner of Carey's Road to the corner of Stokes' Lane, Barry's Lane, Pigott's Lane, King's Lane, McArdel's Lane, Young's Lane, Richardson's Lane, Henry Place, Sparling's Lane, Glover's Lane, Walsh's Lane (off Carey's Road), Donnelly's Lane, Lee's Lane, Punche's Lane, Pump Lane, Anderson's Court, the Cottages off Dixon's Lane, Johnson's Row, Ballalley Lane, Ballalley Place, Lower Brown's Lane, Coffey's Range, Upper Brown's Lane, Stokes' Lane, that part of Roxboro' Road (Nos. 15 to 27), adjoining Upper Carey's Road.

The area largely consists of a network of laneways, nearly all very narrow, so that proper ventilation of the area is impossible. The density of houses per acre is too high from the Public Health point of view. Most of the houses are too small, and are in bad repair. They are ill lighted and inadequately ventilated. Many have no sanitary accommodation.

The conditions prevailing are injurious to the health of the people in the area, and I recommend that the area be cleared.

J. C. TROY, M. O. H.,
Limerick No. 3 Dispensary District."

The City Manager stated he was having the necessary maps and documents prepared with a view to having the question of a Clearance Order for this area considered. He would in due course submit a building plan for the rehousing of the people in the area, together with a plan for rebuilding the area to be demolished.

On the motion of Alderman Reidy it was agreed to defer for consideration of Dr. Troy's report until the City Manager is in a position to submit plans, etc., as stated above.

LADY'S LANE AND PALMERSTOWN CLEARANCE AREAS.

Arising out of a discussion the City Manager stated that the future use of these areas was having the special

attention of the Town Planning Expert appointed to undertake the general survey of the city, including the extension of the City Boundary.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

His Worship, the Mayor, referred to the urgent necessity for introducing Traffic Laws for the city under the Road Traffic Act, 1934, and on the motion of Councillor Keyes, seconded by Councillor Hartney, it was decided to request the Garda Authorities to frame the requisite laws suitable for the city.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following matters were referred to the City Manager for consideration:—

- (1)—The widening of roadway at Lock Quay.
- (2)—The removal of the Electric Standard at Lock Quay to another position.
- (3)—The concreting of Ballalley Place, Garryowen.
- (4)—The erection of boundary walls at the approach road to the O'Dwyer Bridge.
- (5)—The concreting of laneway off Ennis Road to rear of Clannaurice Avenue.
- (6)—The repair of damaged walls at Murnane's Dumping Ground, Park.
- (7)—The elimination of the hump on roadway near Sarsfield Bridge.
- (8)—The removal of hump at Railway Crossing, Mulgrave Street.
- (9)—The removal of vegetation growing on River Walls at Charlotte Quay and George's Quay.
- (10)—The provision of a modern Catalogue for the Carnegie Library.
- (11)—The regular outside painting of Corporation dwellings.
- (12)—The public lighting of Corbally Road from Mill Road Corner to Athlunkard Street.
- (14)—The provision of extra light in Long Avenue.
- (14)—The provision of an extra light at St. Joseph's Street.
- (15)—The provision of an extra light at Brewery Road.
- (16)—The cleansing and re-opening of Swimming Pool at rear of Public Baths on Island Bank.
- (17)—The verdure on the Buttresses of Sarsfield Bridge.

CONDOLENCE.

It was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Quinlan, and resolved:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be extended to the Lady Mayress of Cork (Mrs. Sean French) on the premature demise of the late Lord Mayor of Cork (Alderman Sean French).

It was proposed by Councillor Donnellan and unanimously resolved:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be extended to Mr. John O'Neill, Castle View Gardens, on the death of his father, the late Mr. David O'Neill.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, and unanimously resolved:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be extended to Mr. D. McNamara, City Surveyor's Department, on the death of his mother.

It was proposed by Councillor Hartney and unanimously resolved:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. Michael Dickenson, Prospect, on the death of his father.

It was proposed by Councillor Hartney and unanimously resolved:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be extended to Mrs. L. Kennedy, Donnellan's Buildings, Prospect, on the death of her husband, Mr. Leo Kennedy.

It was proposed by Alderman McInerney and unanimously resolved:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Barry and family on the death of her husband, the late Lieutenant David Barry, Fire Brigade.

It was proposed by Councillor Keyes, seconded by Councillor Donnellan, and unanimously resolved:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. George McDonagh, Chief Reporter. "Irish Independent."

It was proposed by Councillor Hartney, and unanimously resolved:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas McDonagh.

A True Record.

T. C. O'MAHONY,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

McKEENE, LMK.

L1AHLPH 1/1/19/3(99)

Ean-íreagra ar an litir seo, is maí seo ba chóir é aistriúdh:—

(Any reply to this communication should be addressed to:—)

An Rúnaidhe,
(The Secretary),

Is é sin uimhir seo:—
(and the following number quoted:—)



SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN

ROINN RIALTAIS ÁITIÚLA AGUS SLÁINTE PUIBLI
(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

P.67031/37 (Pb).
Luimneach.

ackd 24/8/37



23rd August, 1937.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 4th instant regarding the proposed co-ordinated hospitalization scheme for the County and County Borough of Limerick and to enclose for your information an extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 11th June relative thereto.

Mise, le meas,

Rollins

a.s. Rúnaí.

The City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

COPY/

LIAH/PH/1/19/3(100)

Extract from Minutes of the Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 11th June, 1937.

Local Government Department Correspondence Committee
Limerick Hospitalization Scheme.

No. P. 37361/37

18/5/37.



Stating that the Minister has had under consideration the representations put forward on behalf of the Board on the 4th inst. in regard to the proposed Regional Hospital at Limerick, and he desires to say that in his opinion the combination of the Regional Hospital with the County Hospital for Limerick City and County would provide a more efficient institution and he would not be prepared to agree to the suggestion that there should be a separate County Hospital in addition to the Regional Hospital.

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On the proposition of Mr. J. Hartney
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L1A4/PA/1/19/3
(101)

4th August, 1937.

P.14625/37 Pb.
Luimneach.

A Dhuine Uasail,

With reference to your letter of 24th February last and previous correspondence, regarding representations made by the Limerick County Board of Health to the Minister on the proposed co-ordinated hospitalization scheme for the County and County Borough of Limerick, I desire to be informed whether the Minister is in a position to indicate how the matter now stands with the Limerick County Board of Health, and whether there is any prospect of making progress with the scheme in the near future.

Mise, le meas,

City Manager.

The Secretary,
Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.

Sent to:-

L1A4/PA4/1/19/3(102)

Ald. James Reidy, T.D., Corbally, Limerick.
Cr. M. J. Keyes, T.D., Market's Field Tce., Limerick.
Robt. Ryan, Esq., T.D., Loughgur, Holy Cross, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.
Donnchadh O'Briain, Cluineah, Ballingarry, Co. Limerick.
Tadhg Crowley, Esq., T.D. Ballylanders, Co. Limerick.
Geo. C. Bennett, Esq., T.D. Rathanny, Hospital, Co. Limerick.

12th April, 1937.

A Chere,

I purpose calling a Conference of the Bail representatives of Limerick to consider ways and means of expediting the inauguration of the Hospitalization Scheme for the County and City as recommended by the Hospitals Commission.

It is unnecessary for me to point out the necessity for an improved hospital service and the desirability of making available as soon as possible the very considerable amount of employment which the buildings should provide. The Schemes are well under way in most of the other Counties and I am anxious to ascertain if we can do anything to get going here.

Will you please let me know if you are prepared to attend and if the suggested time - 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 24th inst. - is suitable for you. The Conference will be held in my office in the City Hall.

A reply as quickly as possible is requested.

Yours, la mess,

Mayor.

13/4/37
Ald. Reidy, please
time suitable

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(Any reply to this communication should
be addressed to :—)

An Rúnaidhe,
(The Secretary),

Is é uimhir seo :—
(and the following number quoted :—)

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ROINN RIALTAIS ÁITIÚLA AGUS SLÁINTE PUBLÍ
(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin).

24th february, 1937



A Dhuine Uasail,

With reference to your letter of the 19th
instant in regard to the proposed scheme of Hospitals
for Limerick City and County, I am directed by the
Minister for Local Government and Public Health to
enclose for your information a copy of a letter
addressed to the Limerick Board of Health and Public
Assistance in the matter.

Mise, le meas,

Thomas MacDonagh

a.s. Runai.

The City Manager and Town Clerk,
City Hall,
Limerick.

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(104)

P. 14,625/37
Limerick.

24th February, 1937

A Chara,

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health has had under consideration the resolution of the Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance of the 12th instant in regard to their proposal to send a deputation to this Department to discuss the question of the Hospital Scheme for Limerick City and County.

The Minister observes that the Board consider that the proposed joint hospitals should be completely under their control, and he desires me to state that the Limerick County Borough Authorities hold the view that they are entitled to representation on any Committee in control of these hospitals.

The Minister considers that this matter is one for discussion between the County and City Authorities in the first instance, and he would suggest that a conference of representatives of both bodies should be arranged with a view to reaching agreement on the points at issue.

Mise, le meas,

A.S. Runal.

The Secretary,

Limerick Board of Health
and Public Assistance.

County Home,

Newcastle West.

L1A4/24/1/19/3 (105)

P.13149/37 (Pb)

19th February, 1937.

A Dhuine Uasail,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant with extract from the minutes of proceedings of the Limerick County Board of Health on the 17th instant in regard to the proposed provision of new Hospitals for Limerick City and County. The suggestion that the new Hospitals should be entirely under the control of the County Board, without any representation for the City, is too absurd for serious consideration and that Board must be perfectly well aware that they can never establish such a proposition.

It is ~~deplorable~~ that the provision of an efficient hospitalization service for the sick poor of this area, and the availability of the very considerable amount of employment which the scheme would provide should be held up on such a flimsy pretext. Nobody will deny the right of the County Board to protect the interests of their ratepayers by seeking adequate representation and an equitable basis of charge, but what they demand for themselves they cannot deny to the City. Their objection to "any system of joint or dual control and authority" is petty and appears to be based on no more substantial ground than a policy of non co-operation with the City at any price.

In my opinion it would be advisable if the Minister would receive representatives of both the County and City to discuss this matter at his convenience. No advance will be made with the proposals until both sides are brought together, and as far as I can gather only the Minister can succeed in doing that.

Mise, le meas,

City Manager.

The Secretary,
Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.

EXTRACT FROM "THE HOSPITALS COMMISSION FIRST GENERAL
REPORT - 1936"

C. - DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO AREAS POSSESSING MORE THAN
ONE HOSPITAL ENGAGED IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES AND NOT
INCLUDED UNDER "A" OR "B",

(I) LIMERICK:

(a) General Hospitals.

There are four General Hospitals in Limerick City,
which has a population of 39,000. They are:

Barrington's	...	...	61 beds.
The County Infirmary	...	...	49 "
St. John's	...	...	69 "
The City Home and Hospital	...	...	60 "

Barrington's and St. John's are Voluntary hospitals.
The County Infirmary is a Semi-Voluntary hospital, the Limerick
County Council contributing £1,494. annually to its support.
The City Home and Hospital is under the control of the Limerick
Corporation and is maintained by the rate-payers of the city.

There is, in addition a large County Hospital containing
149 beds, under the control of the County Limerick Board of
Health and Public Assistance. It is situated at Croom about
10 miles from Limerick City. There is a whole time County
Surgeon in Charge. The hospital buildings comprise the old
Croom workhouse which has been adapted to serve as a hospital
and considerable sums of money have been expended on it for
this purpose. Notwithstanding this expenditure, it is still
far from conforming to the minimum standards of a General
Hospital, and it is extremely doubtful if further expenditure
on the present buildings would ever bring about this result.
Its location at Croom was mainly dictated by the existence there,
at the time the County Hospital Scheme was introduced, of a
workhouse deemed capable of being adapted for use as a hospital
at minimum cost, and has little to commend it. Practically all
patients and relatives from East and West Limerick reach the
Croom hospital through Limerick City, which possesses admirable
rail, road and river communications.

St. John's Hospital - is situated in the City. It is a
Voluntary hospital founded in 1780. It has expended
approximately £10,000. on improvements since the advent of the
Sweepstakes.

The County Infirmary: Although this institution is
situated in Limerick City, it is a County Institution. It is
a small hospital possessing 49 beds. It has expended
approximately £23,650. on improvements since the advent of
the Sweepstakes.

Barrington's Hospital is, like St. John's, a Voluntary
hospital, also situated in the city. It was founded in 1829
It has expended approximately £28,300. on improvements, and

a new Nurses' Home is nearing completion.

These three latter hospitals have submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health claims for building and equipment amounting to a total of approximately £319,700. In respect of these claims they had received from Sweepstake Funds, prior to the passing of the Public Hospitals Act, 1933, the sum of £116,514.10. 0. None of these possesses facilities that would enable it to be developed on lines approaching to modern ideas.

(b) Special Hospitals:

The Maternity Hospital, Bedford Row: This is the only Special hospital in Limerick. It is a small building and wholly unsuitable as a hospital. A site adjoining the existing building was secured with the object of erecting additional accommodation. It had received from the Sweepstake Funds, prior to the passing of the Public Hospitals Act, 1933, the sum of £33,326. 14. 4.

All these hospitals, including the County Hospital at Croom, have been referred by the Minister to the Commission for investigation and report. In addition, the Minister has expressed his desire that the Commission's recommendations for the erection of Regional Hospital Centres might be further explored in regard to the Limerick Area.

From the point of view of hospital co-ordination, the continued existence of four small General Hospitals in Limerick City and a comparatively large County Hospital at Croom could not be justified. All the arguments previously enumerated when discussing co-ordination in the country generally, and in Dublin and Cork cities, apply a hundred-fold to this area. The size of the existing hospitals in the City, the nature of the buildings in the County Hospital and its inconvenient location, combine to render any attempt at logical development of these hospitals impossible. The well-nigh ideal location of Limerick City, strategically situated as it is to serve the hospital needs of a considerable portion of Munster, renders the provision of efficient hospital services in this area highly desirable.

The Commission, would, therefore, strongly recommend that further large expenditure on these hospitals should not be entertained. It considers that hospital development in this area should take the form of one Central Hospital situated convenient to Limerick City, to serve the needs of the latter and Limerick County and in addition the neighbouring counties. Such a hospital would provide all the central and special services and adequate medical staff required for a Regional hospital at considerably less cost, and with much greater efficiency than can the existing hospitals, however much money is expended on them. This development would entail the scrapping of the County Hospital at Croom which might be utilised as a County Home and Infirmary for chronic and incurable cases.

Regarding the Maternity Hospital, Bedford Row, the advantages of having this hospital as an efficient unit in a hospital scheme for Limerick are considerable, particularly in view of the fact that there is at present no maternity bed provision in the City Hospital. The Bedford Row Hospital, containing 26 beds, is under Voluntary management. Its present location is extremely unsuitable and the accommodation is inadequate. The Hospital Board has acquired a new site on which it proposes to build a new hospital of 49 beds. As the new hospital would continue to supply the maternity needs of the cases for whom the Local Authority has a statutory obligation, it is desirable that a

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system of management should be devised to give adequate representation to the Public interests concerned, and to ensure that the new hospital will function satisfactorily in connection with Local Authority hospital schemes for the area.

A new Maternity hospital for Limerick will be required to serve the Regional Area of which Limerick is the centre, and, as the number of beds required cannot be gauged accurately at this stage, the plans should provide for easy extension, should further beds be needed.

During its visit of inspection to the Limerick Hospitals, the Commission endeavoured to point out to the Authorities of the existing Voluntary and Semi-Voluntary hospitals the advantages of an amalgamation of these hospitals, but without success. The Medical Staffs in particular were strongly of opinion that a large central hospital combining the activities of existing hospitals would not be a forward step. Whatever justification there may exist for this view among lay men and women on the Boards of these hospitals, its existence amongst the Medical Staffs is regrettable in the extreme and completely at variance with progressive hospital and medical opinion in other countries. The amount of money already expended on improvements to these hospitals has no doubt largely influenced the Boards, both lay and medical, against centralisation. Yet there is no doubt that further large capital expenditure on them can never make them really up-to-date hospitals and should not be encouraged.

Ein-fhreagra ar an litir seo, is mar seo ba chóir é siúradh:—

(Any reply to this communication should be addressed to:—)

An Rúnaidhe,
(The Secretary),

Is é sin an uimhir seo:—
(and the following number quoted:—)

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ROINN RIALTAIS ÁITIÚLA AGUS SLÁINTE PUBLÍ
(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

18adh Feabhra, 1937.

A Ghara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enclose an extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance, on the 12th instant in regard to the proposed providing of new Hospitals for Limerick City and County, and I am to state that the Minister would be glad to have your views on the suggestion that the new Hospitals should be entirely under the control of the County Board.

Mise, le meas.

Wm. J. MacDonagh
a.s. Runai.

The City Manager &
Town Clerk.

Municipal Buildings,
Limerick.

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"EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LIMERICK BOARD
OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AT MEETING HELD ON
12th. FEBRUARY, 1937."

Hospitalization Scheme.

P. 2651/37

12/1/37.

Reference to entry in Minutes of the 11th. ultimo in regard to the proposal to send a deputation to the Department in connection with the proposed New Central Hospital at Limerick and requesting that the Minister may be furnished with a statement giving particulars of the representations which the Deputation propose to make.

Order:- We wish to discuss with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health our views on the report and recommendations of the Hospitals Commission in so far as they concern the County Health District of Limerick.

There is urgent need for increased hospital accommodation in the County of Limerick and we fully realise the urgent necessity for a new General Hospital, Fever Hospital and Tuberculosis Hospital. We however, consider that we are, in equity, entitled to have under our own control institutions for the treatment of our patients and we are further of opinion that such a system of control would be far more satisfactory than any system of joint or dual control and authority. The desire of this and previous boards to provide adequate and better accommodation for county patients is amply demonstrated by the fact that a sum of £35,000. acquired by way of loan has been expended since 1923, on the existing hospital at Croom.

It is not possible to put in writing details of the Board's views on this important matter and we consider that the only way in which it can be satisfactorily dealt with is by a general discussion on the subject between the Minister and the suggested deputation. We, therefore, respectfully request that the Minister be so good as to receive this deputation.

"I CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE EXTRACT FROM MINUTES
OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LIMERICK BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC
ASSISTANCE AT MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH. FEBRUARY 1937"

SIGNED:- J.King
Secretary

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Coirte na Sláinte agus Conzanta Puiblí, Co. Luimnige

(LIMERICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE)

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(JOHN KING)

Rúnaí

(SECRETARY)

Superintendent Registrar of Births,
Deaths and Marriages for the County
of Limerick.

TELEPHONE: NEWCASTLE WEST 6.

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(SECRETARY'S OFFICE)

CAISLEÁN NUADÓ TIAR

(NEWCASTLE WEST)

10th. December 1936

HOSPITALIZATION SCHEME.

Dear Mr. O'Mahony,

With reference to your letter of the 4th. inst., in regard to above, I wish to state that I hope to be able to go to Limerick some day next week and will call to see you. I will let you know later on the date on which I will call.

Sincerely yours,



H. King
Secretary.

T.C.O'Mahony, Esq.,
City Manager,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

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4th Dec., 1936.

Dear Mr. King,

I would like to see you regarding the proposed Hospitalization Scheme and would be glad if you would advise me of the day and hour you could come to Limerick to discuss the matter.

Yours sincerely,

City Manager.

J. King, Esq.,
Secretary,
Limerick County Board of Health & Public Assistance,
Newcastle West,
CO. LIMERICK.

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14th October, 1936.

Dear Mr. Barry,

I received your letter of 12th instant regarding the Hospitalization Scheme. This matter has not yet reached the stage where your offer might be considered.

I am, however, filing your letter.

Yours faithfully,

City Manager.

C. S. Barry, Esq.,
Coolraine House,
Limerick.

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Notice of motion unanimously approved by the Board of Governors of St. John's Hospital and Barrington's Hospital Limerick.

Notice of Motion from St. John's Hospital Limerick.

" That approval of the erection of large new Central Hospital should be given on the understanding that the existing position of the Voluntary Hospitals be not interfered with and that their right to substantial grants from the Sweepstakes Fund for future necessary developments and sufficient endowment be not denied".

In support of the motions the following memoranda are submitted.

- (1) Statement of the Medical Staffs of St. John's and Barrington's Hospitals Limerick.
 - (2) Views expressed by the Management Committee of St. John's Hospital.
 - (a) The people want choice of Doctors and Hospitals.
 - (b) The money derived from Sweepstakes at the disposal of the Hospitals Commission is not public money.
 - (c) The denial of any part of the Sweepstakes Fund to St. John's or any other voluntary hospital which has done and is doing valuable work for all classes is a breach of faith. The Hospitals have been encouraged to go a certain distance, as it were enticed to the centre of a stream and left there.
 - (d) The future of the Medical Profession was endangered. The non-medical members of the Management Committees have worked for rich and poor. The Doctors on the Staffs, by the existence of Voluntary Hospitals, have been aided in their private practice and as a result have been able to give valuable free service, with the abolition of the voluntary Hospital system this free service would necessarily be lost.
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Eis-sheangra ar an lár seo, is mar seo ba
chár é stáruadh :—

(Any reply to this communication should
be addressed to :—)

An Rúnaidhe,
(The Secretary),

fé'n uimhir seo :—
(and the following number quoted :—)

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Limerick



ROINN RIALTAIS ÁITIÚLA AGUS SLÁINTE PUBLÍ
(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

SAORSTÁT ÉIREANN



A Chars,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Govern-
ment and Public Health to enclose for your information
a copy of a letter addressed to the Limerick Board of
Health and Public Assistance in regard to the proposed
hospital scheme for Limerick City and County.

Mise, le meas,

Tomás MacDónnchú

a.s. Rúnaí.

The City Manager & Town Clerk,
Municipal Offices,
LIMERICK.

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25th November, 1936.

A. Chara,

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health has had before him the Minutes of Proceedings of the Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 30th ultimo containing an entry from which it appears that the question of the proposed hospital scheme for Limerick City and County was further adjourned and the Minister desires me to state that he would be glad to have this matter finally settled as early as possible. He would point out that there is an urgent need for improved fever hospital accommodation in the County.

Yrse, to meas.

Thomas MacDonagh
a.s. Runai.

The Secretary,
Limerick Board of Health
and Public Assistance.

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COOLRAINE HOUSE,
LIMERICK.

12th October 1936.

Dear Mr O'Mahony
On considering recent reports
regarding the erection of an Hospital
adjacent to and in the suburbs of Limerick
it struck me that there may not be
a more suitable site than the lands
of ^{the} above which the owners would sell.
An inspection of same and your views
on the matter would be appreciated
Yours faithfully
C. J. Barry

The Medical Staffs of St. John's and Barrington's Hospitals, LIMERICK, having considered the Report of the Hospital Commission for the years 1933-34 at joint meetings held at Barrington's Hospital on April 3rd & 29th, 1936; unanimously approve of the following statement.

S T A T E M E N T.

The Medical Staffs are of opinion that in any scheme of Hospitalization proposed for Limerick, provision should be made for the continuance of the existing Voluntary Hospitals.

In holding this opinion the Medical Staffs are not unmindful of the fact that large sums have already been expended on the improvement of these Hospitals (part of which expenditure in the case of St. John's Hospital has been undertaken since the appointment and with the approval of the present Hospitals Commission) but their opinion is chiefly based on other considerations, which are as follows:-

I. The existence of more than one General Hospital in Limerick at present gives the individual patient the opportunity of a free selection of the Hospital which he or she would prefer to enter for treatment when required. It is believed that this privilege is highly valued by the citizens; and rightly so.

It is obvious that the abolition of all existing Hospitals and their replacement by one large Hospital will automatically abolish this free choice, since the patient must either enter the one available Hospital or remain without the necessary treatment.

II. Large numbers of poor persons receive free treatment in the out-patient departments of the existing Hospitals, where such patients are easily able to attend daily, owing to the convenient situation of these Hospitals in or near the most populous areas of the city. The transfer of these services to a new Hospital which must of necessity be outside the City, would inflict considerable hardship on these patients; especially the very poor who could ill afford a daily bus fare.

Further Barrington's Hospital is recognised as the chief Accident Hospital for the City; and for this purpose a central site is important, as is noted by the Hospitals Commission in its report on Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin. (Page 15).

III. It is believed that the present system of Voluntary Hospitals should be conserved as far as possible. This system gives an opportunity to charitably-minded persons to contribute freely to the care of the sick poor, both by donations of money, and by personal service as Governors. This undoubtedly forms habits of Christian

Charity and good citizenship, and promotes harmony between the different classes of citizens - all of which is of prime importance to the State.

The concentration of all hospital services in one large Institution, the support of which would presumably be a direct charge upon the rates; would practically remove all incentive to private charity, and forego the above advantages; which the Medical Staffs believe to be not less important though their value cannot be assessed in terms of money.

IV. It is noted that the Report praises the Voluntary Hospital system in Dublin, (Page 16); and it is claimed that the Limerick Voluntary Hospitals have been foremost in efficiency and service in this area. A study of the statistical information furnished in the Report shows that no charge of extravagance can be made against these Hospitals, the cost per bed being in fact, somewhat below the average for the Sacrostat.

While both Hospitals receive a contribution from the City Rates it will be seen from the same statistics (page 122) that this is not nearly equivalent to the free services rendered to the poor.

V. While fully cognisant of the advantages, real and theoretical, which may be derived from centralisation of hospitals services, the Medical Staffs believe that the above points deserve weighty consideration.

Further, it is noted that one of the reasons for such centralisation judged by the Commission to be most important in the cases of Dublin and Cork, namely efficient medical teaching (pages 12 & 29), does not apply to Limerick, since there is no Medical School in the City.

Consequently the advantages of complete centralization would be definitely greater in these areas than in Limerick; nevertheless, it is precisely in these areas (namely Dublin and Cork) that the continuance of almost all the existing Voluntary Hospitals is recommended by the Commission.

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An Rúnaidhe,
(The Secretary),

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(and the following number quoted:—)

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ROINN RIALTAIS ÁITIÚLA AGUS SLÁINTE PUBLÍ
(Department of Local Government and Public Health).

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM
(Custom House),

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

31st July, 1936.



A Dhuine Uasail,

With reference to your letter of the 24th instant in regard to the scheme of hospitals suggested by the Hospitals Commission for Limerick City and County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it would be impossible for him to say at this stage in what proportions the local bodies concerned would be represented on the Governing Body of the suggested regional Hospital or what would be the effects of the scheme on local rates and finances.

Existing officers of the Limerick Corporation who occupy pensionable offices are protected by the superannuation codes relating to their particular cases.

Mise, le meas,

Comairleach

a.s. Ranaí.

The City Manager & Town Clerk,
City Hall,
LIMERICK.

P. 93199/36.
Luimneach.

24th July 1936.

A dhuine uasail,

I desire to refer to your letter of the 5th ultimo, regarding the recommendations of the Hospitals Commission on the question of a hospitalization scheme for this City. The Matter is not a "reserved function" of the Limerick City Council, but in view of its far reaching importance I arranged for the Council to discuss it at a special meeting on 21st instant. Copies of the Commission's report which accompanied your letter under reply were previously circulated to all members of the Council.

I was directed to inform you that, as the suggested scheme is represented to the Council as being the best in the interests of the sick poor of the City which the Hospitals Commission, after exhaustive and expert examination could devise (and it is assumed that the Minister accepts it as such), the Council are prepared to approve of it in principle.

Before definitely committing themselves to its adoption, however, the Council desire to have further information regarding :-

- (1) The estimated effect of the scheme on the Corporation's finances and rates (the Minister is aware of the heavy burden at present imposed on the City by public assistance).
- (2) The proportion of representation and control which the Corporation will have over the suggested regional hospitals.
- (3) The manner in which the rights of existing officers of the Corporation affected by the scheme will be safeguarded.

In the opinion of the Council the foregoing points, and

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others of a nature which it appears unnecessary at this stage to detail, could best be dealt with at a conference comprised of representatives of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Limerick County Board of Health, and the Limerick Corporation. It is considered that in so far as the Limerick County Board of Health is concerned, the proposed conference is more likely to be agreed to if the suggestion were to come, in the first instance, from the Minister.

In regard to the voluntary hospitals of the City, I am to inform you that in the opinion of the Council the establishment of the regional Hospitals recommended by the Commission will not obviate the desirability or necessity for continuing the existing voluntary hospitals of the City, and in their opinion such Hospitals deserve the continued financial support of the Commission.

Mise, le meas,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

The Secretary,
Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
DUBLIN.

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COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL OF LIMERICK,

Town Clerk's Office,

City Hall,

18th July 1936

Dear Sir,

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the
General Purposes Committee

to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7 30 p.m.,
o'clock, on **Tuesday 21st instant.**

Business :

To consider report of the Hospital
Commission on the Hospital situation in
Limerick City and County, copies of which
have been already circulated amongst the
members.

(By Order)

T. C. O'Mahony.

City Manager and Town Clerk and Sec. of Committees.

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pital. At present they have no such right in the case of Bedford Row Hospital, although such cases have never been refused admission. When he is in a position to do so he will submit details of the financial and other aspects of the Scheme. In the meantime, he asked for the provisional approval of the Committee.

It was then proposed by Councillor Keyes, seconded by Alderman Reidy, and resolved:—

That we approve of the principle of the Scheme for a new Maternity Hospital for the city as outlined by the City Manager.

TENDERS FOR DISTILLERY HOUSING SCHEME.

The City Manager suggested that it might be advisable to postpone the meeting of the General Purposes Committee, due to be held on Thursday, 23rd July, owing to the Annual Regatta. It would, however, be necessary to make arrangements to receive the tenders for the Distillery Housing Scheme which were to have been handed in at that meeting. It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Casey, and resolved:—

That the meeting of the General Purposes Committee be not held on Thursday, 23rd July, 1936, and that the tenders for the Distillery Housing Scheme be received by His Worship, the Mayor, on Friday, 24th July, 1936, at 11.30 a.m.

CONDOLENCE.

It was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, and unanimously resolved:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Councillor P. Bourke, and the relatives of the late Mr. Patrick Bourke, Singland; to the relatives of the late Dr. Sheahan, and to the relatives of the late Mr. Martin Sheahan.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Bourke, seconded by Councillor Hartney, and unanimously resolved:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. P. Hogan, T.D.

It was proposed by Councillor Casey, and unanimously resolved:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mrs. Walsh.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

A True Record.

T. C. O'MAHONY,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Special Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Limerick, on Tuesday, 21st day of July, 1936, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:—

In the Chair—The Right Worshipful, Alderman D. Bourke, T.D., Mayor.

Aldermen J. McInerney, P.C., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C. Councillors P. Bourke, P.C., J. Casey, P.C., M. Daly, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D., and P. F. Quinlan.

Officers present—The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the Acting Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, the Resident Medical Officer and the Secretary, City Home and Hospital.

HOSPITALS COMMISSION'S REPORT.

The Mayor stated that the meeting had been specially summoned to consider the Report, dated 1st May, 1936, of the Hospitals Commission on the Hospital situation in Limerick City and County. Copies of the Report had been circulated amongst the members.

The Report deals very fully with the general hospitals under the direct control of the Local Authorities of Limerick City and County. The Commission is strongly of opinion that to bring about logical co-ordination of hospital facilities in the Limerick area, and to achieve in the area, because of its geographical importance, a major hospital centre for a considerable portion of Munster, nothing short of the drastic reorganisation outlined in the Report will suffice.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS :

The following is a summary of the recommendations contained in the Report:—

1. The erection of a new general hospital of 200 beds adjacent to Limerick City to serve the General Hospital needs of Limerick City and County and to be a Regional Hospital Centre for Clare, Tipperary, and, perhaps, North Kerry. The site and plans of this hospital to provide for future extension should experience warrant an increase in beds.

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2. The erection of a combined City and County Fever Hospital, adjacent to Limerick City. This hospital to contain 90 beds.
3. The utilisation of the existing General Fever and Tuberculosis Hospitals in the Limerick City Home for City Home purposes solely, including an Infirmary.
4. The conversion of the existing County Hospital in Croom into a combined City and County Tuberculosis Hospital for advanced and moderately advanced cases.
5. The combined City and County Hospital Authorities to take over the County Infirmary with all its assets, and to administer them in the interests of the combined scheme.

VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS.

As the situation regarding the Voluntary Hospitals in Limerick City are considered to have been sufficiently dealt with in the first General Report, they are not further considered in the Special Report now submitted, except to reiterate that, in the Commission's opinion, the expenditure of monies derived from the Hospitals' Trust Fund on these hospitals, would be a dissipation of funds, that it would not be justified by the results that could be hoped to be obtained.

The Committee had before them the statement issued by the Medical Staffs of St. John's and Barrington's Hospitals, Limerick, on the first General Report of the Hospitals' Commission, in which they (the Medical Staffs) expressed the opinion that in any Scheme of Hospitalization proposed for Limerick, provision should be made for the continuance of the existing Voluntary Hospitals.

CITY MANAGER'S STATEMENT.

The City Manager said that he had given the Hospitals' Commission Report his careful consideration. The questions at issue were not "a reserved function" of the Council under the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, but, in view of their far-reaching importance, he desired to have the Committee's views on the recommendations contained in the Report.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION.

The Report was then discussed at length. In view of the fact that its recommendations were represented to the Committee as the means of providing the best possible Hospitalization Scheme in the interests of the sick poor, they indicated that they are prepared to approve of it in principle. They disagree, however, with its references to the Voluntary Hospitals of the city. In the Committee's opinion the desirability or necessity for such Hospitals will not be obviated by the provision of the Regional Hospitals specified in the Report, and should continue to receive financial assistance from the Commission.

Before finally approving of the Report, the Committee desired further information on the following points:—

1. The probable effect of the Scheme on the Council's Finances and Rates.
2. The proportion of representation to be allowed to the Corporation on the Committee of Management of the proposed Hospitals.
3. The manner in which the rights of existing officers of the Corporation affected by the Scheme will be safeguarded.

In the opinion of the Committee it would be desirable that a Conference should be held between representatives of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Limerick County Board of Health, and the Corporation, to discuss the foregoing and other aspects of the Report.

On the proposition of Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Donnellan, it was resolved:—

That the City Manager and a Sub-Committee, consisting of His Worship, the Mayor, Alderman McInerney, Councillors P. Bourke, Casey, and Quinlan, arrange to embody the foregoing decisions in a report, and that same be communicated to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

NEW MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

The City Manager stated that a Scheme is also in contemplation for the building of a new Maternity Hospital in the city. He is not yet in a position to go into details, but could say that the Hospital will be administered by a Committee representing the Corporation and the existing Bedford Row Hospital Committee, with an independent Chairman to be nominated by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The Corporation would have the right of having the poor treated in the new Hos-

This concluded the business of the meeting.

A True Record.

T. C. O'MAHONY,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

In accordance with the provisions of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, and the Limerick County Borough (Estimate of Expenses) Order, 1936, made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the 1st February, 1936, the Annual Rates Meeting of the Council, having been duly convened, was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, Limerick, on Thursday, 16th day of April, 1936, at the hour of 7.30 p.m., the following members of the Council being present, viz. :—

In the Chair—The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. M. Casey, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen D. Bourke, T.D., J. McInerney, P.C., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors P. Bourke, P.C., J. Dalton, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, J. C. Hickey, D. O'Malley, Solr., and P. F. Quinlan.

Officers present—The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the Law Agent, the City Treasurer, the City Engineer, and the Secretary, City Home and Hospital.

An apology for unavoidable absence was read from Alderman Goodwin.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

The City Manager submitted his Estimate of Expenses for the service of the financial year to end on 31st March, 1937, and reported that Notice of Deposit of same had been duly issued. The Estimate provides for :—

Estimated Gross Expenditure	£160,229
Estimated Receipts	52,400

Net Expenditure being the amount to be raised by Rate

£107,829

which will require a Rate of 25/9d. in the Pound.

The City Manager reported that the Estimate had been fully discussed in Committee.

The following are matters arising out of the discussion :—

STREET CLEANSING.

Submitted report, dated 16th April, 1936, from the City Engineer, giving particulars of the cost of Street Cleansing by Motor Lorries and Horse-drawn Vehicles. Noted.

WATER CHARGES.

The City Manager, in reply to Councillor Donnellan, stated that he has at present under consideration the question of Water Charges in Limerick County Borough with a view to affording relief to persons who are paying for domestic water in their Municipal Rate, and in addition, are paying on meter for all water consumed on their premises. He undertook to advise the Council when a decision has been reached.

CITY DISPENSARY.

Councillor Bourke complained that he found no improvement at the City Dispensary since he last called attention to the matter.

The City Manager stated that he had visited the Dispensary and had interviewed the Doctors. The matters complained of by Councillor Bourke were receiving his careful consideration, and he would keep the Council advised of any action he may deem it necessary to take.

HOSPITALS COMMISSION.

Alderman Reidy referred to Item 250 of the Estimate which provides for the payment of £915 by way of Grants to the City Hospitals, and called attention to the recommendation contained in the recent report of the Hospitals Commission that the City Hospitals would be amalgamated or a Central Hospital set up in Limerick County Borough. He took grave exception to the recommendation, and suggested that the Council should protest against same.

The Mayor explained that the Medical Officers attached to the City Hospitals were making reports to their respective Governing Bodies regarding this recommendation, and he suggested that consideration of the matter by the Council be deferred until the Governing Bodies have discussed the Commissions recommendations.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Alderman Bourke, and unanimously resolved:—

That we, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Limerick acting by the Limerick City Council, and pursuant to the provisions of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, do now adopt without amendment the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year to end on 31st March, 1937, now presented to us by the City Manager pursuant to Section 35 of said Act, and dated 21st day of March, 1936, and we determine in accordance with said Estimate so adopted TWENTY FIVE SHILLINGS AND NINE PENCE in the Pound as the Rate in the Pound of the Municipal Rate to be levied for the several purposes specified in said Estimate.

(The Resolution above as signed and sealed in Council is attached to and forms part of this Minute).

CONDOLENCE.

It was proposed by Councillor Donnellan, and carried unanimously:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. J. Glynn, on the death of her husband.

It was proposed by Councillor Hartney, and carried unanimously:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. J. Feehan, on the death of his wife.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, and carried unanimously:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. W. Curtin, on the death of his wife.

It was proposed by Councillor Quinlan, and carried unanimously:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Gloster, on the death of her husband.

It was proposed by Alderman McInerney, and carried unanimously:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Shortt, on the death of her husband.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, and carried unanimously:—

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. John Corboy, on the death of his uncle, the late Mr. Looney.

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