Leitrim County Council

EDUCATION BILL CONDEMNED.

THE Co. SURVEYOR'S REQUEST

NOT ACCEDED TO

Mr M Murphy (Chairman) presided at the quarterly meeting of the above Council on Wednesday last, and the other members in attendance were—Messrs B Kean, J P, P Gaffney, M Carter, J Costello, J McGurran, M McGrath, M Curran, T Fallon, J Connolly, F Rooney, M Devaney, J P, J O'Rorke (Spencer Harbour), J J Keaney, J P, T McGovern, J P, D Flynn, J P

Mr C Dolan (Secretary); Mr J Delany, (Solicitor); and Mr E O'Neill Clarke, Co. Surveyor were also in attendance

No Power to Sanction

The Secretary read a letter from Mr P H Whitney, Cleen, asking for a refund of rates paid on a holding not occupied by him for the last 30 years.

The Secretary added that the application was so novel that he forwarded the letter to the L G Board who wrote stating that they had no power to sanction a refund of such rates

Fire for Kesh Petty Sessions House

The Secretary said he received a letter from the Clerk of the Keshcarrigan Petty Sessions asking the Co Council to provide coal, and he replied that they were only liable to pay rent. The petty sessions clerk had written to the L G Board who wrote stating that under Section 76 of the Grand Jury Act it was incumbent on the Council to provide fuel and light for the courthouse

Chairman—Was it ever done before?

Secretary—Not for 100 years

The Secretary added that he had consulted their solicitor on the matter, and on his advice he asked the Council to make a minute to the following effect—that the Council were only liable to light and heat a courthouse where Assizes or Quarter Sessions were held, or where such buildings were the Council's property; that under the Section of the Act £10 was the limit of the expenditure allowed

The Elections.

The Secretary then reached the correspondence on the forthcoming elections and on he handing a letter to the chairman too initial, and which dealt with the duties of presiding officers, Mr Gaffney demanded that the letter be read, and said it was not fair to slip it over without reading it, as many of the councillors had not heard the matters dealt with before

The Secretary then read a letter dealing with the election, which it stated should be held on the 1st June or seven days earlier, and dealing with the annual meetings

Secretary—As you are at that you may as well fix the date

Chairman—Can you suggest anything?

The Secretary said he suggested that all the elections be held on the one day. Monday, the 31st May, would be a suitable day and would give the returning officer time to have his count over by the end of the week.

Mr Kean and Mr Fallon agreed that that was the most satisfactory course, and on the proposition of Mr Curran, seconded by Mr O'Rourke, Monday, the 31st May, was fixed as the date for the election of county and rural councillors in Co Leitrim

When the Secretary asked who would propose the resolution fixing the date Mr Gaffney said—"Some member who expects to get in."

Mr Flynn—You will have another regiment

Mr O'Rorke—Devil a d—n I care whether we do or not

Mr Gaffney—Will some one propose that the elections be adjourned for another year

Mr Kean—You were long enough nominees of the Government (laughter).

A further letter was read directing that no expense in connection with the elections or any appointments made until further orders