

THE WATERFORDMEN'S ASSOCIATION, LONDON

Patron : The Most Rev. Dr. COHOLAN, D.D., Bishop of Waterford & Lismore

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Vice-Chairman : W. Barron,

Hon. Secretary : J. Griffin,

Hon. Treasurer : A.J. Jones,

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1. LOCAL EVENTS AT HOME -

- (a) Waterford's New Mayor : Alderman Richard Jones was elected Mayor of Waterford for the year 1959 - 1960. The election had a unique result in that the first voting was as follows (I.F.) :
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| Alderman "Paddy" Browne (I.F.)  | : 5 votes |
| Cllr. John Griffin, N.T. (Lab.) | : 5 votes |
| Ald. R. Jones (Ind.)            | : 5 votes |

The names of the three candidates were then placed in a hat when it was agreed that the first name drawn was to be the name of the candidate Cllr. Griffin, as he facetiously remarked subsequently, was "the victim of the hat trick". A final vote was then taken between the remaining two contestants with the following result :-

Ald Browne 6 Votes  
Ald Jones 9 Votes

Alderman Jones was thereupon duly declared Mayor of Waterford for the ensuing 12 months and was inducted to this high office by the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. T.J. Fitzpatrick who did not seek re-election.

(b) Election of Chairman of the Waterford County Council

Mr Michael Morrissey, Solicitor, Tramore was re-elected Chairman, Waterford County Council for a further period of twelve months.

We tender to both these gentlemen our warm congratulations

(c) Waterford Corporation Member's Resignation

Alderman Thomas A. Kyne, T.D. who is one of the Association's Vice-Presidents has asked the the Waterford City and Connolly branches of the Labour Party who had selected him as a candidate for the municipal elections to accept his his resignation as he was feeling the strain of regular attendance at Corporation meetings, the Dail and other public duties too great.

The Alderman's resignation will be much regretted by all Waterfordmen

(d) Discontinuance of the Fishguard - Waterford Passenger Service

The following is an extract from a letter received from the Department of Industry of Industry and Commerce of the Irish Government by the Hon Secretary in reply to the Association's OFFICIAL protest:)

"Regarding the discontinuance of the Fishguard/Waterford passenger service, it is understood that the decision of British Railways to terminate this service was taken in the light of the continuing heavy losses of the service and following discussions with with the local interests concerned. Whilst the Minister has no statutory function in the matter he has urged on British Railways the importance of ensuring that adequate provision will be made on the Fishguard/Rosslare route to cater for all passengers and accompanied motor cars diverted from the Fishguard route.

British Railways have assured him that they expect no insuperable difficulties in catering for the diverted traffic on the Rosslare/Fishguard service."

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