

Selection Of Candidates

Throughout the City and County of Limerick the forthcoming election to the Dail has aroused considerable interest, and the campaign promises to be one of the most strenuous of recent years. Up to the present the various parties that intend to put forward candidates have been most active in every portion of the city and county, and within the next week a vigorous campaign will be in progress in the constituency. It seems to be certain that between fifteen and twenty candidates will contest the seven vacancies.

At the last election the representation allotted to Limerick City and County was confined to six seats, while one portion of the entire area was included in Kerry. At that time the constituencies consisted of Limerick City, East Limerick and West Limerick and Kerry. Under the Dail's new electoral legislation, however, the number of seats has been increased to seven, and the constituency has been defined as Limerick City and County, embracing the borough and the eastern and western portion of the county.

The present representatives are as follows;—Limerick City, Mrs. O'Callaghan (anti-Treaty), and Mr. M. P. Colivet (do.); East Limerick, Dr. Richard Hayes (Treaty) and Colonel Liam Hayes (do.), and West Limerick and Kerry, Mr. Con Collins (anti-Treaty) and Mr. Eamonn Roche (do.). It is right to mention that at the Dail meeting following the signing of the Treaty at the Peace Conference in London, Mr. Con Collins voted against the acceptance of the Treaty, but since that time he has taken no part in the political situation, and does not intend to seek re-election.

The other existing representatives, with the exception of Colonel Liam Hayes, will, as far as can be learned, be candidates at the forthcoming elections, though some of the number may be nominated for constituencies outside of Limerick city and county.

The Farmers' Party will be represented by four candidates, who were recently selected at a large Convention of delegates from branches of the Farmers' Union. Those candidates are Mr B. Laffan, Kiltonan, Chairman of the Limerick County Council; Mr P. K. Hogan, Herbertstown, Chairman of Limerick Farmers' Union; Mr J. Quaid, M.C.C., Feenagh, and Mr W. H. O'Brien, Foynes.

Labour will be officially represented in the contest by Mr M. Keyes, N.U.R.; Mr G. O'Callaghan, N.T.; Mr P. Clancy, Grango, and Mr W. O'Brien, Transport Workers Union.

It is generally believed that a large number of independent candidates will seek the suffrages of the electors. Mr A. Mackey, M.C.C., Castleconnell, intends to go forward in this capacity, and has already issued his election address. The other independent candidates will include Dr M. R. Cleary, Hospital, Coroner for East Limerick; Mr P. H. Madden, Hospital; Mr J. O'Riordan, Chairman of the Kilmallock Rural Council. The name of Mr Thomas Lundon, who was the Parliamentary representative of East Limerick in the British Parliament for a number of years, is also mentioned, but there is no confirmation of the announcement that he will be an independent candidate.

Up to the present the Republican nominees for the constituency have not been chosen, but they are expected to be announced in the immediate future. It is stated in reliable quarters that Mr Colivet will go forward, and in all probability Mrs O'Callaghan will also seek re-election. As already mentioned, Mr Con Collins will not contest the election, but a nomination may be lodged for Mr Eamonn Roche, who is at present in an internment camp. It is reported that Mr Sean Carroll, Castleconnell, a prominent member of the Republican organisation, will be a candidate, but this report has not been confirmed.

The City and County branches of Cumann na nGaedheal selected their nominees at a Convention held at Limerick Town Hall on Saturday. It was a very large and representative gathering, and its deliberations were marked by the utmost unanimity and enthusiasm. Notwithstanding a recent decision not to seek re-election, Dr Richard Hayes, one of the sitting members, acceded to the general wish of the Convention to be nominated, and it was then agreed to put forward the following candidates: Dr R. Hayes, T.D.; Mr James Ledden, P.C.; Mr Patrick K. Walshe, Chairman County Agriculture Committee; Mr John Nolan, P.C., and Mr John Smith. Colonel Liam Hayes, another sitting member, will not seek re-election.

The proceedings at the Convention, which was conducted in private, aroused a good deal of public interest, and it was the general opinion that the organisation had chosen excellent representatives.

At the conclusion of the proceedings an official report was issued in the following terms: A Convention of Limerick branches of Cumann na nGaedheal was held at the Town Hall, Limerick, to-day, Rev. James O'Carroll, C.C., St John's Cathedral, presiding. There was a very large and representative gathering of delegates from the areas of Limerick city, East Limerick, and West Limerick. The attendance included Dr R. Hayes, T.D., while Mr J. Burke, T.D., Tipperary, was present on behalf of the Standing Committee of Cumann na nGaedheal. Mr John Quilligan, hon. secretary of Limerick Cumann na nGaedheal, acted as secretary to the meeting. A letter was read from Rev. M. Hayes, C.C., Newcastle West, regretting his inability to be present owing to church duties. A discussion took place as to the number of candidates to be put forward for election to the Dail, and after two polls it was decided that the number be five. The following candidates were then chosen: Dr Richard Hayes, T.D., Lansdowne Road, Dublin; Mr James Ledden, P.C., William-street, Limerick; Mr John A. Smith, P.C., Rathanny, Co. Limerick; Mr John Nolan, South Cappagh, Foynes, and Mr P. K. Walshe, Bilboa, Cappamore. The meeting was then engaged for some time in the making of arrangements for the conduct of the election.

LIMERICK

Limerick, Saturday.

Mr. B. Lucas, County Returning Officer, accompanied by his legal adviser, Mr. E. Leahy, sat in the County Courthouse, Limerick, from 11 to 1 o'clock on Saturday, to receive nomination of candidates for the Limerick Parliamentary Constituency.

The following were nominated:—

Cumann Na nGaedheal—Richard Hayes, Medical Doctor, Lansdowne road, Dublin. Proposed by T. Markham, Lake View, Rathkeale; seconded by John Joseph O'Mahony, Rathkeale. He was nominated in nine other papers. James Leddin upholsterer, William street, Limerick, proposed by Rev. J. J. O'Carroll, St. John's Cathedral, Limerick; seconded by Wm. O'Sullivan, William street, Limerick. He was nominated in eight other papers. John A. Smyth, farmer, Rathanny, Hospital, proposed by Rev. John Lee, P.P., Kiltinane; seconded by the Rev. Cors. Mangan, C.C., Kilmallock. He was nominated in nine other papers. John T. Nolan, farmer, South Cappa, Foynes, proposed by Rev. M. Hayes, C.C., Newcastlewest; seconded by John Finn, Rathkeale. He was nominated in eight other papers. Patrick Walsh, farmer, Bilboa, Cappamore; proposed by Rev. M. Hayes, C.C., Newcastlewest; seconded by Dr. P. Moloney, Cappamore. He was nominated in seven other papers.

Farmers' Union—Bartholomew Laffan, farmer, Kilveven, Cahirconlish, proposed by Margaret Hennessy, Ahabeg Row; seconded by John McCormack, Keyanna. He was nominated in two other papers. Patrick K. Hogan, Farmer, Rathjordan, Herbertstown; proposed by John Coudon, Herbertstown; seconded by Tobias Byrne, Knockainoy West. He was nominated in three other papers. William H. O'Brien, farmer and auctioneer, Cooltomin, Shanagolden; proposed by John O'Brien, Foynes, seconded by Ellen Walsh, Corgrig. He was nominated on four other papers. John Quaid, farmer, Cloonlar; proposed by Denis O'Malley, Drombanny; seconded by Patrick Meaney, Cahernorry. He was nominated in two other papers.

Labour—Patrick Clancy, carpenter, Grange, was proposed by Michael Madden, Grange, and seconded by John Donovan, Grange. He was nominated on three other papers. Matthew Murphy, junr., labourer, Knockaderry, seconded by Patrick Scanlon, Knockaderry. He was nominated on two other papers. Michael Keyes, carpenter, Mulgrave street, Limerick, was proposed by James Casey, Bowman street, Limerick, and seconded by James Carr, Sir Harry's Mall, Limerick. He was nominated in two other papers. Seamus O'Brien, Labour Organiser, Mountkennett House, Limerick, proposed by John Sheehan, Church street, Limerick, seconded by Jeremiah O'Connell, Old James street, Limerick. He was nominated in three other papers.

Sinn Fein—Kate O'Callaghan, widow, St. Margaret's Villas, Limerick, proposed by Lena Keane, Moore's lane, Limerick, seconded by Agnes Daly, Ardevin, Ennis road, Limerick. She was nominated in three other papers. Michael P. Colivet, Accountant, 1 Castleview Gardens, Limerick, proposed by Patrick Doyle, Pennywell road, Limerick, seconded by James A. Hennessy North Strand, Limerick. He was nominated in four other papers. James Colbert, farmer, Templeatha, proposed by Timothy Scanlon, Athea, seconded by James Ward, Rathkeale. He was nominated on seven other papers. Sean Carroll, labourer, Castleconnell, proposed by William Wall, Bruff, seconded by David Kiely, Shannon street, Limerick. He was nominated in six other papers.

Independents—William J. Larkin, President Irish Tenants' Association and Limerick City Workers' Housing Association, 27 Sherrard Avenue, Dublin; proposed by John Crotty, Pennywell, Limerick, seconded by Cornelius Ryan, St. Patrick's Villas, Limerick. He was nominated in one other paper. Michael R. Cleary, Medical Doctor, Hospital, proposed by Dr. James Brennan, Patrickswell, seconded by Edmund Canty, Gatoon, Knocklong. He was nominated in one other paper. Anthony Mackey, farmer and businessman, the Fisheries, Castleconnell, proposed by Edmond Ryan, Ballyvarra, seconded by Robert Richardson, Ballyvarra. He was nominated in 20 other papers.