

<i>Number of seats ...</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Candidates</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Electorate</i>	<i>79,340</i>
<i>Votes cast</i>	<i>52,328</i>
	<i>(1,518 spoiled)</i>
<i>Quota</i>	<i>6,350</i>

The Limerick count commenced at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at the County Courthouse, and it was 9 o'clock when the result of the first scrutiny was declared.

Doctor Hayes, Cumann na nGaedheal, was easily in front and received considerably more than the quota. Next came James Leddin on the same ticket, then Anti-Treaty and Labour with the Farmers' candidates far down and Independents at the bottom of the poll.

When it was known that Dr. Hayes had obtained the greatest number of votes the people outside cheered heartily. The following was the result of the first count:—

DR. E. T. HAYES (C. na nG.) ...	10,498
Mr. James Leddin (C. na nG.) ...	6,355
Mr. J. Carroll (Anti-Treaty)	5,946
Mr. J. Colbert (Anti-Treaty) ...	4,842
Mr. W. J. Murphy (Labour)	3,332
Mr. P. Clancy (Labour)	3,305
Mr. Laffin (Farmers)	1,656
Mr. G. Quaide (Farmers)	1,619
Mr. M. Keyes (Labour)	1,549
Mr. J. A. Smythe (C. na nG.) ...	1,547
Mr. P. K. Hogan (Farmer)	1,537
Mr. M. P. Colivet (A.-Treaty) ...	1,519
Mr. G. T. Nolan (C. na nG.) ...	1,476
Mr. P. Walshe (C. na nG.)	1,254
Mr. W. H. Breen (Farmers) ...	1,143
Mrs. O'Callaghan (A.-Treaty) ...	1,097
Mr. Leavy (Independent)	907
Mr. James O'Brien (Labour) ...	674
Mr. J. Larkin (Independent) ...	466

Dr. Hayes, having secured the quota, was declared elected by Mr. S. K. Lucas, Returning Officer. His surplus votes will be distributed to-day, when Mr. Leddin unquestionably will be returned.

MRS. O'CALLAGHAN OUT

PROGRESS OF THE COUNT

Electorate, 80,000 / Seats 7
 Total Poll, 52,328 / Quota 6,350

At 9 a.m. yesterday the counting of the votes was continued. There were a large number of people present, nearly all the candidates and their agents being in attendance. A start was made with the distribution of Dr. R. F. Hayes' surplus papers (his poll was 10,468), when Mr. Jas. Ledden (C. na nG.) received 1,920, and was declared elected. His total poll was 8,216.

The position then was:—

Carroll (A.T.) 5,979	Keyes (Lab.) ... 1,711
Colbert (A.T.) 4,580	Colivet (A.T.) 1,525
Murphy (Lab.) 3,441	O'Brien (Far.) 1,193
Clancy (Lab.) 3,385	Walshe
P. K. Hogan (Far.) ... 1,932	(C. na nG.) 1,491
Nolan (C. na nG.) ... 1,898	O'Callaghan (A.T.) ... 1,105
Smyth (C. na nG.) ... 1,873	Clery (Ind.) ... 956
Laffan (Far.) ... 1,851	O'Brien (Lab.) 685
Quaide (Far.) 1,731	Larkin (Ind.) ... 499
	Mackey (Ind.) 136

EIGHTH SCRUTINY.

None of the candidates having reached the quota, Mr. J. O'Brien was eliminated. After the distribution of his papers Mr. R. Mackey and Mr. W. J. Larkin were in turn knocked out, and after the distribution of their papers the poll stood:—

Carroll 6,065	Murphy 3,540
Clancy 3,409	Nolan 3,404
Clery 988	J. O'Brien ... 766
Colbert 4,889	W. H. O'Brien 1,216
Colivet 1,551	O'Callaghan ... 1,129
Hogan 1,964	Smyth 1,995
Keys 1,868	Quaid 1,759
Laffan 1,894	Walshe 1,612

On the eighth count, after Mrs. O'Callaghan had been eliminated, Mr. Carroll was elected. The position then was:—

Carroll 6,451	Colivet 2,157
Colbert 5,121	Keyes 2,124
Murphy 3,763	Laffan 1,973
Clancy 3,716	Quaide 1,785
Nolan 3,505	Walshe 1,678
Hogan 2,167	O'Brien 1,273
Smyth 2,159	

10th COUNT.

Messrs. W. H. O'Brien and Walshe being eliminated, the tenth count resulted:

Colbert 5,317	Laffan 2,197
Colivet 2,223	Murphy 3,855
Clancy 3,793	Nolan 4,176
Hogan 2,382	Quaide 2,207
Keyes 2,224	Smyth 2,933

The next candidates to go out were Mr. Laffan and Mr. Colivet, and the result of the twelfth count was:

Colbert 7,061	Murphy 3,936
Clancy 3,929	Nolan 4,504
Hogan 3,541	Quaide 2,460
Keyes 2,495	Smyth 3,080

Mr. Colbert was then declared elected. It is almost certain that Mr. Nolan will be elected on the next count, and the final phases will very likely be divided between the Labour and Farmers.

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FINAL RESULT

Limerick, Friday.—The scrutiny was carried out during the night, and concluded at seven o'clock this morning.

When Colbert's surplus had been distributed and Smith eliminated, the position was—

Nolan (Govt.)	7,361
Clancy (Labour)	5,184
Hogan (Farmers)	5,167
Murphy (Labour)	4,729

Nolan was declared elected, and his surplus papers were distributed as follows—Hogan, 765; Clancy, 176, and Murphy 45, leaving the position of the candidates thus—

Clancy	5,360
Hogan	5,932
Murphy	4,774

Murphy was then eliminated, and his papers having been transferred, the result of the distribution was—

Clancy	7,697
Hogan	6,024

Mr. B. K. Lucas declared Mr. Clancy, and Mr. Hogan returned.