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Dáil Éireann.

An Ceud Tionól, 21 Ianuar, 1919

Táinig na Teachtaí i gceann a chéile i nDún-Mhéinne Baile Átha Cliath ag a 3-30 iar nóin.

1. Ceann comhairle i gcóir an lae.

Seóirse Plunncéad (Bíocán de Chúirt an Phápa, agus Teachta ó Thuaisceart Ros Comáin)—Molaimse don Dáil Cathal Brugha, an Teachta ó Dheisibh Phortláirge do beith mar Ceann Comhairle againn indiu.

Pádraig Ó Máille (an Teachta ó Connmaicne Mara)—Is bród mór damhra chun leis an dtairgrin sin.

Dar sin do gaibh Cathal Brugha ceannuir na Dála agus adubairt:—

"A cháirde, tá obair cháchtach le déanamh annso indiu, an obair is tábachtaighe do sinneadh in Éirinn ón lá táinic na Gaeidil go hÉirinn, agus is naoithe an obair í. Daoine go bfuil bócaí acu ar Dia ireadh sinn go léir, daoine a chuireann suim i nduighidh Dé, agus tá brighe sin duit chóir dúinn congnamh d'iarraidh ar Dia i gcóir na hoibre atá againn le déanamh. Iarrfad anoir ar an easaonc is dúchaitighe dár mhair riamh i nÉirinn, an tAthair Micheál Ó Flannagáin, guidhe chum an Spioraid Naoimh dúinn chum sinn do réidhiú ar ár lear ar an mbóthar atá againn le gabháil.

"Agus, a cháirde, pé cineál cheirdim atá ag éinne annso, iarrfad ar gach n-aon paidir do chur suas chum Dé, ó íochtar a chroidhe chum cabair do tabairt dúinn indiu. Glaodaim anoir ar an Athair Micheál Ó Flannagáin.

Do táinig an tAthair Ó Flannagáin i láthair na Dála agus do léig an paidir seo i n-ár ndiaidh:

"Tair, a Spioraid Naoimh, ar-lion croidhe t'fhiosaon, agus adain ionnta teine do ghrádha.

"Cuir chugainn do Spioraid agus cruthóchfar iad agus athnuadhfaidh Tú aghaidh na talmhan.

"Guidhimis:

"A Dhia, do theagaisc croidhe na bhfiosaon le lonnradh an Spioraid Naoimh, tabair dúinn, fan Spioraid ceudna, go mblaisfimid an ceart agus go mbéidh fiorghairdeachus orainn de bhrí a fóláir sin. Trí Íosa Criost ár dTighearna. Amen."

2. Cléireach i gcóir an lae.

An Ceann Comhairle—Tá ceathrar cléireach uainn i gcóir gnóthe an lae, agus molaim dib—

Diarmuid Ó hEigeartaigh, Risteárd Ó Foghludha, Seán Ó Núnáin, agus Pádraig Ó Siochfáin—An toil lib glacadh leó-san? [Is toil]

Iadsan nách fuil le déanamh acu indiu ach éirteacht, is cuiche san athdhim labairt anoir. Is amhlaidh is feárr do gach duine acu san eintiúghas do déanamh, is cuma cad deirtear ar an nDáil. Déirim go bfuil foinnt daoine i láthair nách tuigeann an Gaedhilg: de dearcaidh an tróigh sin oibreacair atá in Éirinn le fada. Tá fonior, a lán Éireannach ann nách tuigeann teanga a dtire féin, agus tá brighe sin tá orm cúpla focal do rádh inis Sasbéarla fiobhlaé: We desire that there shall be no cheering whatever.

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AN CEANN COMAIRLE—Léigfead síos ainmneacha na nDaoine a fuair cuireadh chun na Dála. Á bhfuil i láthair freagróidh dá n-ainmneacha, agus éinne nách fuil annso geobhaidh mínuighadh ina thaobh ó n-ár gcléireach.

Co. Aontroma (Thoir)	Lt.-Col. McCalmont	ar láthair
,, (Meadh.)	Major H. O'Neill	,,
,, (Thuaidh)	Major P. Kerr-Smiley	,,
,, (Theas)	Capt. C. C. Craig	,,
Co. Árdh Macha (Meadh.)	J. R. Lonsdale	,,
,, (Thuaidh)	Lt.-Col. A. Allen	,,
,, (Theas)	S. Ó Dongaile	,,
Co. an Doire (Thuaidh)	Dr. H. Anderson	,,
,, (Theas)	Denis Henry	,,
Dún na nGall (Thiar)	E. J. Kelly	,,
Co. an Dúin (Thoir)	D. D. Reid	,,
,, (Meadh.)	Col. Sir J. Craig	,,
,, (Thuaidh)	T. W. Browne	,,
,, (Theas)	Jeremiah McVeigh	,,
,, (Thiar)	D. M. Wilson	,,
Co. Fearmonach (Thuaidh)	E. M. Archdale	,,
Béal Feirste (Cromac)	W. A. Lindsay	,,
,, (Duncairn)	E. Carson	,,
,, (Falls)	Joseph Devlin	,,
,, (Ormeau)	Thomas Moles	,,
,, (Pottinger)	Capt. H. Dixon	,,
,, (Shankhill)	S. MacGuffin	,,
,, (St. Ann's)	T. H. Brown	,,
,, (Victoria)	T. Donald	,,
,, (Woodvale)	R. J. Lynn	,,
,, (Queen's University)	(Mr. Whitla)	,,
Co. Thír Eoghain (Thoir Thuaidh)	T. J. S. Harbison	,,
,, (Thiar Thuaidh)	Art Ó Gribbóg	fé ghlas ag Gallaibh
,, (Theas)	Mr. Coote	ar láthair
Cathair Phort Láirge	Capt. W. Redmond	,,
Iolfreoil Áth Cliath	A. Samuels	ar láthair
,,	Dr. R. Woods	,,
Rath ó Maighne (Áth Cliath)	Sir M. Dockrell	,,
Iolfreoil na hÉireann	Eóin Mac Néill	i láthair
Áth Cliath (Pembroke)	Dearbhuma Mac Seapaillt	fé ghlas ag Gallaibh
,, (Maoin Séamuis)	Seoras Mag Craic	,,
Co. na Mídhe (Theas)	Éamonn Ó Dubhgáin	i láthair
,, (Thuaidh)	Liam Ó Maoilíosa	ar bídhigh ag Gallaibh
Co. Ceatharloch	Séamus O Lionáin	fé ghlas ag Gallaibh
Co. an Chabáin (Thoir)	Art Ó Gribbóg	,,
,, (Thiar)	Pól Ó Gallagáin	,,
Co. an Chláir (Thoir)	Éamonn de Valéra	,,
,, (Thiar)	Brian Ó hUiginn	,,
Áth Cliath (Cluain Tarbh)	Risteárd Ó Maolchatha	i láthair
Áth Cliath (Faiche an Choláiste)	Seán T. Ó Ceallaig	,,
Cuan na Mara	Pádraig Ó Máille	,,
Cathair Chorcaighe	S. S. Breathnach	,,
,,	Liam de Róiste	ar láthair
Co. Chorcaighe (Thuaidh)	Pádraig Ó Caoimh	fé ghlas ag Gallaibh
,, (Thoir)	Dáithí Ceannt	ar láthair
,, (Meadh.)	Toirdealbhach MacSuibhne	fé ghlas ag Gallaibh
,, (Thoir Thuaidh)	Tomás Ó Fiaich	,,
,, (Theas)	Micheál Ó Coileáin	ar láthair
,, (Thiar)	Seán Ó hAodha	i láthair
,, (Thoir Theas)	Diarmuid Ó Loingsigh	ar bídhigh ag Gallaibh
Doire Colmcille	Eóin Mac Néill	i láthair
Dún na nGall (Thuaidh)	Seoras Ó Dochartaigh	,,
,, (Theas)	Peadar Mac an Táoidh	,,
,, (Thiar)	Seoras Mac Suibhne	,,
Co. Áth Cliath (Thuaidh)	Proinsias Ó Laoidéir	fé ghlas ag Gallaibh
,, (Theas)	S. Fabán Uí Dubhcaigh	i láthair
Co. Fearmanach (Theas)	Seán Ó Mathghamna	fé ghlas ag Gallaibh
Co. na Gaillimhe (Thoir)	Liam Ó Maoilíosa	ar bídhigh ag Gallaibh
,, (Thuaidh)	An Dr. Ciorog	fé ghlas ag Gallaibh
,, (Theas)	Proinsias Ó Fatharta	,,

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Roinn an Chuain (Ard Cliath)	Pilib Ó Seanacáin	i láthair
Co. Ciarraighe (Coir)	Piarás Béarla	,,
,, (Cuain)	Dr. S. Ó Cruadhlaoich	fé chlár ag Gallaibh
,, (Cear)	Fionán Ó Loingsigh	,,
,, (Ciar)	Aindrias de Staic	,,
Co. Cill Dara (Cuain)	Domhnall Ó Buachalla	i láthair
,, (Cear)	Art Ó Concubair	fé chlár ag Gallaibh
Co. Cill Choinnigh (Cuain)	Liam Mac Corgair	fé chlár ag Gallaibh
,, (Cear)	Séamus Ó Meagher	ar láthair
Co. Portláirge	Cathal Bruga	i láthair
Co. na hIar-Mhidhe	Labhrás Mag Fionnghaill	fé chlár ag Gallaibh
Co. Loch gCarmáin (Cuain)	Roger Sweetman	i láthair
,, (Cear)	An Dr. S. Ó Riain	,,
Co. Liatromma	Séamus Ó Dúlaing	fé chlár ag Gallaibh
Co. Luimnighe (Coir)	An Dr. R. Ó hAodha	,,
Co. Luimnighe (Ciar)	Concubar Ó Corleain	i láthair
Cathair Luimnighe	M. P. Colivett	fé chlár ag Gallaibh
Co. an Longphuirt	Seoras Mac Aonghusa	,,
Co. Lughmhaighe	Seán S. Ó Ceallaigh	i láthair
Co. Mhuigheó (Coir)	Eamonn de Valéra	fé chlár ag Gallaibh
,, (Cuain)	An Dr. Ó Cruadhlaoich	i láthair
,, (Cear)	Liam Scerr	fé chlár ag Gallaibh
,, (Ciar)	Seoras Mac Giolla Bhrighde	,,
Co. Muineacáin (Cuain)	Eamán de Blaco	,,
,, (Cear)	Seán Mac an tSaoi	,,
Co. Ros Comáin (Cuain)	S. N. Pluncead (Count)	i láthair
,, (Cear)	Énri Ó Deoláin	aplátaim
Co. Shligigh (Cuain)	S. S. Mac Flannchada	fé chlár ag Gallaibh
,, (Cear)	Alastar Mac Cába	,,
Co. Thiobraid Árann (Cuain)	Seoras Mac Donnchada	,,
,, (Coir)	Piarás Mac Canna	,,
,, (Meath)	Séamus S. De Burca	i láthair
,, (Cear)	P. A. Ó Maoldomhnaigh	,,
Co. Cill Mantáin (Ciar)	R. C. Barton	,,
,, (Coir)	Seán Cochingham	fé chlár ag Gallaibh
Co. Ó Failghe	An Dr. P. Mac Cartáin ar dibirt ag Gallaibh	
Co. Laoighe	Caoimhghin Ó hUiginn	i láthair
Ard Cliath (St. Michan's)	Micheál Mac Scáin	,,
,, (Faithche Sciopáin)	Tomás Ó Ceallaigh	,,
,, (Naomh Pádraig)	Countess Markievicz	fé chlár ag Gallaibh

AN CEANN COMAIRLE—Braitheann fiú a lán de rúnaibh fén d'ainmnighead ná fuilid annso. Do fuaireadar cuireadh cum teacht i láthair cum an ruaig do chur ar an nGall agus níor glacadar an cuireadh. Mar adubairt Tiodóid Dolly Teón, na daoine fén in Éirinn nach fonn leo obair do déanamh ar mhaithe le hÉirinn, ní fúláir é déanamh ina n-éagmuis. Agus déanfar é.

Tá mórán eile gur léigeadh a n-ainmneacha agus iré an fheasna do fuaireas ina dtaobh ná go bfuilid fé chlár ag Gallaibh. Is eól dúinn go bfuil an Gall cheana éis iad do gabháil is iad do chur i bpriosún gan éan chóir do chur ina leith. Agus na "gairtéirigh" do rinne an obair sin, fén iad na daoine d'fógraidh don domhan gur ab iad féin cáinte na náisiún mbeag. Agus i bpriosún i Sasana iread atá an bean is misneamhla 'r is cróda dár rugadh riamh in éin tír, i. an Chonntaoir Markievicz.

Léigfead dúinn anois :—

4. DUNREACT DÁLA ÉIREANN.

AN CEUD ALT.

Beidh iomlán comhachta chun dlighe deunamh ag Dáil Éireann agus iré beidh san Dáil ná teachtaí toghta ag muinntir na hÉireann ó fhna dáileannaibh atá san tír fé láthair.

AN DARA HALT.

1. Beidh iomlán comhachta ghnímh éan thráth acha go mbeidh i bpeadhmannuis san Aireacht an thráth sin.

2. Iré beidh san Aireacht ná Prioim-aireach, toghta ag Dáil Éireann, agus ceathrar Aireach eile, eadon :

Aireach Airgid.
,, Gnóthaí Dúchais.
,, ,, Coigcrioch
,, Cosanta.

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Is é an Príom-Aireac ainmneócaidh an ceathrar Aireac eile, agus beidh de comhacht aige iad do chur ar feadhmannus.

3. Is éigean do gach Aireac beic n-a Teachta ran Dáil agus beidh sé freagarthach i gcomhnuidhe don Dáil.

4. Is éigean ainmneacha na nAireac do chur sé bhágaid na Dála ag an gceud tionóil tagháir don Príom-Aireac a n-ainmniughadh, i gcóir a nveimhniughe.

5. Beidh an Príom-Aireac i bpeadhmannus com luath is a cosgar é, agus beidh na hAiriughe eile i bpeadhmannus com luath agus a beimneócaidh an Dáil a n-ainmneacha.

6. Is féidir don Dáil an Aireacht nó éan duine oefna hAiriughe do chur ar peadhmannus le nearc bótaí má chuireas formhór iomlán pé roghidhinn d'éan coirce chuige sin in ireabh teacht lá roimh pé.

An Tríomhadh Alt.

Ceann Comhairle cosgha ag an Dáil i nagaidh na bliadhna, nó Ceann Ionaid cosgha i nagaidh na bliadhna, muna mbíonn an Ceann Comhairle i láthair, a beidh i gceannas gach tionóil den Dáil. Ní beidh infeadhma i gcóir na n-ionad so acht Teachtaí de'n Dáil. Má bíonn an Ceann Comhairle agus an Ceann Ionaid ar láthair, ceapfaidh an Dáil luchd ionaid nó cosgaidh riabh Ceann Comhairle Sealadach.

An Ceathramhadh Alt.

Seasaidh an tAireach pé airgead a beidh uaidh de bárr bóta an Dála. Beidh an tAireach freagarthach don Dáil ran airgead a geobhar mar sin agus leagfaidh sé cúntaisí mionchruinnighe ar gach eam an airgid pé bhágaid na Dála dá uair sa bliadhain —um Samhain is um Bealtaine Scrúdaighe nó Scrúdaighe cosgha ag an Dáil a deunfaidh an mionchruinneadh. Ní féidir éin Teachta den Dáil do cosgadh mar Scrúdaighe.

An Cúigmhadh Alt.

Dunfeacht fealadach é seo agus is féidir é d'acharughadh ag foláthram pé roghidhinn do cabhair d'éan coirce chuige sin, feacht lá roimh pé.

An Ceann Comairle: Ní fuláir duinn beirt do beic againn cun ran do chur i gceart ar comair na Dála, agus iarraim ar Seán T. Ó Ceallaig, an Teachta ó Fairche Coláiste Átha Cliath, an tairgrin do déanamh.

Seán T. Ó Ceallaig: A Chinn Comairle is a Theachtaí, cuirim fo pé nduil mbhágaid. Is eól dúinn gur dunfeacht fealadach é, tá pé leigthe againn go léir. Níl ann acht a bfuil riachtanach dúinn go fóill. Innan uain atá ag teacht beidh againn, gan amhras, é do chur i méad agus a lán neithe do chur ann chum oibre na hEireann de déanamh. Tá an duille deiridh againn dá bualadh chum an Saoirsidhe do buanughadh, agus tá againn a leithéid seo de dunfeacht do cheapadh ionnus go ndéanfaidhe riaghadh mar dhuit féin. Déarfadh duine, b'éidir, go bfuil méide in earnáil inta Dunfeacht. Tuigimid sin, acht tá admháil inta Cúigmhadh mír againn ná fuil ann acht fuid fealadach, agus beidh sé de cead ag éin Teachta ó am go ham tairgsint do chur isteach chum malairt nó feabhas do chur ar an rócal mar is gádh. Tuigeann gach n-aon go mbeidh cúigear d'Aireacht againn, i.e. Árd-Aireach is ceathrar eile, go mbeidh cúram na hoibre orca agus éin pointe a baineann le n-a ngnó féin do chur os comair na Dála agus a beic freagrach i dtaobh gach nidh a baineann le n-a gcúram.

Is foirt linn an oireadh sin d'ár gcáirdibh do beic ar ceal againn annso indiu, ach ní finne is cionntach acht an namhaid. Dhá mhaith linn againn congnamh is comhairle na gcarad sin go léir, acht caithfeam dul ar agaidh le cionnsaigh Saoirsidhe Éireann agus an búdh do riaghadh mar a éigeann linn a déanamh.

Molaim dhá an Dunfeacht so agus tá muinighin agam go dtoileóchaidh sidh leir mar fheacht fealadach, agus tá súil agam i nDia go bfuilimid ag dunughadh Saoirsidhe Éireann agus go mairfidh sé go brách.

Seán Ó hAodha, an Teachta ó Iarthar Chorcaighe: Is ádhar mór dámha cur leis an dtairgsint seo do cuireadh os ár gcomhair ag Teachta Fairche Átha Cliath. Tá pé leigthe againn go léir agus tá súil agam go n-aontoghaidh sidh é.

An Ceann Comairle: An toil leis an Dunfeacht so d'aontughadh? ["Is toil."]. Deirimse gur aontuigeadh ran d'aontughadh.

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5. Faisnéis neamspleádúcuis.

An Ceann Comairle: Iarraim orraibh eirighe in bur seasamh go léigfead an Fairnéir Neamhspleádúcuis:

De bhrígh gur bhuail do muinntir na hÉireann beic n-a saor náirighin.

Agus de bhrígh nár seachain muinntir na hÉireann riamh le seacht gcéad bliadain ó dhúlradh d'ainnrmacht Gall agus ó cuir ina coinnibh go minic le neart airm.

Agus de bhrígh ná fuil de dhunadar agus ná raib riamh de dhunadar le dhighe Sasana ran tír seo acht foiréigean agus calaois, agus ná fuil de taca leis ach seal lucht airm i n-aimhdeóin deaghdhola muinntire na hÉireann.

Agus de bhrígh go ndeárna Saor-Arm na hÉireann Saorstát Éireann d'fhoghlaimt i mBaile Átha Cliath Seachtmain na Cásca 1916 ar son muinntire na hÉireann.

Agus de bhrígh go bhfuil muinntir na hÉireann lán-cheaptha ar neamhspleádúcus iomlán do bhaint amach agus do choimeád dhóibh féin d'fhonn leas an phobuil do chur chun cinn, an ceart d'aithne ar a bhonnaibh, an thíochán i nÉirinn agus caradas le náisiúnaibh eile do chur i n-airithe dóibh féin agus féineachus náir únta do cheapadh go mbeidh toil na ndaoine mar bhunadar leis agus cothrom cirt is caoitheamhlacta dá dhán ag gach duine i nÉirinn.

Agus de bhrígh go ndeárna muinntir na hÉireann agus finn i mbéal bé nuasa de réalt an domain feidhm a bhaint ar an Oiltheagh, thi na Nodlag 1918, chun a dheaghdhadh de bheir aghaidhibh gur thoil leo beic dílear do Shaorstát Éireann.

Ar an adhbar seo, .i., na Teachtaí atá tofta ag muinntir na hÉireann agus finn i nDáil Comairle i dteannta a céile, bunughadh Saorstáit d'athbheimniughadh i n-ainm náisiún na hÉireann agus finn féin do chur fá gearaibh an beimniughadh seo do chur i bhfeidhm ar gach slighe ar ár sceamar.

Órduighmid ná fuil de comhacht ag éinne ach amháin ag na Teachtaibh tofta ag muinntir na hÉireann dlighe déanamh gur thoil do muinntir na hÉireann géilleadh dóibh, agus ná fuil de pháirlimeint ann go mbeidh an náisiún umhal dó ach amháin Dáil Éireann.

Deaghdhuighmid ná fuilingeócha mid go brách an cumhangcar atá dá déanamh ag an ainnrmacht Gallda ar ár sceapt náisiúnta agus éiligimid ar Chaméal na Saranach imtheacht ar fad ar ár dtír.

Éiligimid ar gach saornáisiún ar domhan neamhspleádúcus na hÉireann d'admháil agus fógraimid gurab éigean ár neamhspleádúcus chun thíochán a chur i n-airithe do'n domhan.

I n-ainm muinntire na hÉireann cuirimid ár gcinneamhaint fé comaince Dhia an Uile-Comhacht do chuir mirneach agus buan-threaramhacht i n-ár rinnreas chun leanamhaint leó go dtí an lá na céadta bliadain i gcoinnibh tíoránacta gan thruaigh gan taire; agus de bhrígh gur móide ár neart an ceart a beic againn ran throid d'fhágadar marbh oifigeacht againn,aithcuingimid ar Dhia á beannacht do bhronnadh orainn i gcóir an threara deighidh den chomhrac go bhfuilmid fé gearaibh leanmhaint dó go dtí go mbainfam amach an traoighe.

An Ceann Comairle: Iarraim ar an dTeachta ó Dheiscreabt Átha Cliath an Fairnéir do léigeadh dúinn inghan bhfraingeir.

Seóirse Gabáin uí Dubcaig, an Teachta ó Dheiscreabt Átha Cliath:

DECLARATION D'INDEPENDANCE.

Nous, représentants élus du peuple irlandais réunis en assemblée nationale: Attendu que le people irlandais est de droit un peuple libre;

Attendu qu'il n'a jamais cessé pendant sept cents ans de répudier l'usurpation étrangère et qu'il l'a maintes fois repoussée par les armes;

Attendu que le gouvernement anglais, en ce pays, est fondé aujourd'hui, comme toujours par le passé, sur la force et la fraude et qu'il se soutient par l'occupation militaire en dépit de la volonté déclarée du peuple;

Attendu que la République irlandaise a été proclamée à Dublin le lundi de Pâques, 1916, au nom du peuple irlandais, par l'armée républicaine irlandaise;

Attendu que le peuple irlandais a la ferme volonté de parvenir à son indépendance complète et de la maintenir afin d'assurer le bien commun de ses citoyens, de rétablir la justice, de pourvoir a la défense du pays, d'assurer la paix intérieure et l'amitié de toutes les nations, et de créer une constitution nationale ayant pour base la volonté du peuple

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avec droits égaux et opportunités égales pour tous les citoyens;

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Attendu qu'au début d'une nouvelle ère dans l'histoire, les électeurs ont saisi, dans les élections générales de décembre, 1918, la première occasion de déclarer par une majorité écrasante leur inébranlable fidélité à la République irlandaise; Nous ratifions, au nom de la nation irlandaise, l'établissement de la République irlandaise et nous nous engageons, nous et nos concitoyens, à rendre cette déclaration efficace par tous les moyens en notre pouvoir;

Nous décrétons que les représentants élus de peuple irlandais sont seuls compétents pour faire des lois susceptibles d'obliger le peuple irlandais et que l'assemblée nationale irlandaise est la seule à laquelle le peuple doive obéissance;

Nous déclarons solennellement que le Gouvernement de l'Irlande par une puissance étrangère est une attainte à notre droit national que nous ne tolérerons jamais et nous sommons la garnison anglaise d'évacuer notre pays;

Nous demandons que notre indépendance nationale soit reconnue et appuyée par toutes les nations libres du monde et nous affirmons que cette indépendance est dorénavant une condition préalable et essentielle de la paix internationale.

Au nom du peuple irlandais, nous mettons humblement notre avenir aux mains du Tout-puissant qui donna à nos pères le courage et l'inébranlable fermeté à travers de longs siècles d'une implacable tyrannie, et forts du bon droit de la cause qu'ils nous ont transmise, nous appelons la bénédiction divine sur cette dernière étape de la lutte que nous nous sommes engagés à mener jusqu'à la liberté.

An Ceann Comhairle: Iarrfaimid ar an dTeachta ó Dheirceart na Mide an Fairnéis do léigeadh dúinn inár Sacrdeupla.

Eumonn ó Duibgáin, an Teachta ó Dheirceart na Mide:

This is the English translation of the Declaration of Independence:—

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

Whereas the Irish people is by right a free people:

And Whereas for seven hundred years the Irish people has never ceased to repudiate and has repeatedly protested in arms against foreign usurpation:

And Whereas English rule in this country is, and always has been, based upon force and fraud and maintained by military occupation against the declared will of the people:

And whereas the Irish Republic was proclaimed in Dublin on Easter Monday, 1916, by the Irish Republican Army acting on behalf of the Irish people:

And Whereas the Irish people is resolved to secure and maintain its complete independence in order to promote the common weal, to re-establish justice, to provide for future defence, to insure peace at home and goodwill with all nations and to constitute a national polity based upon the people's will with equal right and equal opportunity for every citizen:

And whereas at the threshold of a new era in history the Irish electorate has in the General Election of December, 1918, seized the first occasion to declare by an overwhelming majority its firm allegiance to the Irish Republic:

Now, therefore, we, the elected Representatives of the ancient Irish people in National Parliament assembled, do, in the name of the Irish nation, ratify the establishment of the Irish Republic and pledge ourselves and our people to make this declaration effective by every means at our command:

...

We ordain that the elected Representatives of the Irish people alone have power to make laws binding on the people of Ireland, and that the Irish Parliament is the only Parliament to which that people will give its allegiance:

We solemnly declare foreign government in Ireland to be an invasion of our national right which we will never tolerate, and we demand the evacuation of our country by the English Garrison:

We claim for our national independence the recognition and support of every free nation of the world, and we proclaim that independence to be a condition precedent to international peace hereafter:

In the name of the Irish people we humbly commit our destiny to Almighty God who gave our fathers the courage and determination to persevere through long centuries of a ruthless tyranny, and strong in the justice of the cause which they have handed down to us, we ask His divine blessing on this the last stage of the struggle we have pledged ourselves to carry through to Freedom.

An Ceann Comhairle: A Cheachtai na Dála, cuirfid fíb ó n-a bfuil dearbaighte annso go bfuilmid fearta anoir le Sasana. Díoð a fiop fan ag an raogal, agus ag daoine go mbaineann an fóéal leo. Pé níð a ciocfaið ar a bfuil páirte annso—imirt anma nó bár—tá deire le pé na cairnte n Éirinn, agus má'r maic é ir micid é—tá deire le páiméir.

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Tá teachtairí ó furmhór a dtuil de náisiún fa dhomhan, ag Deifrailler mar seo, agus is é fuid a chuig ann iad, ar a n-admháil féinig, ná cum fioccáin do déanamh do cinid an domhain ionnus ná beadh a cuilleadh gádha le cogadh choidce airis. Deirimidna leó anoir, agus fan go dána, má táid dá sine, go scaicfeadh dtigeadh do déanamh ar an sceangal so idir an dúta so is Sarana. Muna ndéintear fan ni beidh aon fioccáin ann.

Accuingim oifrail ionntaoidh do beit agaid ar a céile. Tá lámh Dé in ár n-obair: is léir fan ar ais cáisla le dá bliain anuas. Dá bliain is an Cáise seo d'imeig Cafainn do bunuigeadh Saoirstát Éireann. Ni gádha duinn anoir act fearam le céile, molad is buidheadar le Dia. Cuimir le céile agus ná déineadh éinne finn do deigilt, agus ni baogal duinn.

Iafraim ar an dTeachta ó Oifcean Ciarraige cur leis an dtairgfint.

PIARAS BEASLAOI (ó Oifcean Ciarraige): Is mór an onóir damsa gur iarfadh orm cur leis an ndeafbú ar Fairnéir Saoirstát Éireann. Di fé d'amantar agamsa is as cuid agaibhe a beit láithreach nuair d'bunuigeadh na Saoirstát Seachtmain na Cárca 1916, agus bi laochraidhe eróda ann an uair sin—na daoine do sinn gniomh do féin a dtuairime. Ni maireann na théinfir sin indiu: an namaid do mairfid iad. Act na théinfir úd d'iad fé ndeara fréal an lae indiu. Act bioð gur mór an truaig ná fuiliu na laochraidhe sin in ár measc annsa is deimhin duinn go dtuil fhiorainn gach n-aon aca annsa in ár dteannta ar an nDáil seo, agus le congnamh Dé leanfaimíd an rómpla d'fágadar san in ár gcomair.

Deireann an Fairnéir go scuirfam cum c.nn an Saoirstát ar gach fluige atá in ár gcumar. Ciallaigeann san gniom, agus ni braighmíd reasnad ó éingniomha, is cuma cad is deire duid, prionsún nó dortad fola. Agus tá muinighin ag muinntir na hÉireann arainn-na, agus againn-na arta san. Déanfaid an Dáil Éireann gach éin-nid cum raoirre do dairt amach agus cum an Fairnéir seo do cur cum críce.

AN CEANN COMAIRLE: Iafraim oifrail éirighe in dur fearam agus breithe na móide seo do rád im' diaid:—

> "Aontuigmid an Fairnéir Neamhspleádúcuir seo agus cuirimid Sinn Féin fá gearaid ár nóiceall do déanamh cum i cur i dtreirom ar gach fluige ár ár gcumar."

Do finneadh amlaid.

6. TOSCAIRÍ CUM COMHÁLA NA SIOCÁNA.

AN CEANN COMAIRLE: Iafraim ar an dTeachta ó Conmaicne Mara cuid d'ainmniugad mar Toscairí i gcóir Comhála na Sioccána.

PÁDRAIG Ó MÁILLE: A Cinn Comairle is a muinntir na Dáila, tá brón mór orm ainmneacha cuid do molad daoib mar Toscairí ó Saoirstát Éireann go Comhdáil na Sioccána, .i.

1. Éamonn de Valéra, ceann muinntire na hÉireann;
2. Seóirse Pluinnceád, ár ndeaschára atá ag troid d'Eirinn le fada, fear atá tar éis mórán pianóir d'fagáil ó'n nGall;
3. Arc Ó Griofa, duine atá ag obair d'Eirinn le breis mór is fiche bliain, fear do threórnig muinntir na hÉireann cum fearam le na ndúcais féin, agus cum Éire do fearad ón nGall.

Den cuid atá luaidte agam, is léir daoib go dtuil beirt aca ná fuil i láthair: táid i bpriosún i Sarana: act má tá droch-fhear ag an Saranac orta ní mar sin do Gaedhlaib, agus iré mo chuimse-re ná féadfaimíd cuid de feileamhnaise d'fagáil le cur ag triall ar Comhdáil na Sioccána inna dtimcheall. Na daoine atá bailighe annsúd ó náisiúnaib an domhain táid siad dá leigint orta go dtuil fonn orta cum raoirre do tabairt do gach náisiún fa domhan, beag is mór. Act na teachtairí seo againne, beid ar a gcumar an méid seo innsint daib—muna dtugaid raoirre d'Eirinn go mbainfid na Gaedhil féin amach a raoirre. Tá fearadh inna teangaid Gaedhilge, go mbeireann Dia congnamh daib seo cabhruigear leó féin, agus tá fé ar aisne againne cabhrugad linn féin an Saranac do fuagad ar an dcis.

AN DOCTÚIR SÉAMUS Ó RIAIN, an Teachta ó Deircear Loch Garman: Is mór an cúis áchair damsa cur leis an dtairgfint seo atá anoir ór comair na Dáila. Is maith is eól don Dáil an cuid atá ainmnighte; tá a n-ainm is a gcliú ar eolus ag an ndúcais go léir agus ni gádha dam eimniú do rád cum iad do molad dib. Duideachar le Dia, tá an cuid aca flán: tá Seóirse Pluinnceád annso i láthair, agus le congnamh Dé ni fada go dtí go mbéid Éamonn de Valéra is Arc Ó Griofa annso com maith.

AN CEANN COMAIRLE: An toil lib gabáil leis an dtuid so mar toscairí go Comhdáil na Sioccána? ["Is toil"] Tá san aontuighte d'aonguth.

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7. scéal ó dáil éireann chum saor-náisiún an domain.

an ceann comhairle: tá foghnuighe againn fcéal do chur ó'n Dáil chum Saornáisiún an Domhain, agus iarraim ar an dTeachta ó Lughaidhe é léigeamh dúinn.

seán ó ceallaigh, an Teachta ó Lughaidhe: Aobhar onóra damhra a beith orm an Scéal atá againn dá chur chum na Saor-Náisiún do léigeadh. Seo dib é:—

scéal ó dáil eireann chum saor-náisiún an domain.

Do Náisiúnaibh an Domhain: Beatha agus Sláinte.

Tá Náisiún na hÉireann tar éis a faoisre do forfógairt, tá a teachtaí togtha tar éis teacht i nDáil Chomhairle i bpoblachtach na tíre an t-aonmhadh lá fichead de mhí Eanair, 1919. Thioctá fúd, chum Saoirtheach Éireann do chosnughadh, iarraim fí ar gach náisiún dílis náisiúntacht Éireann féin do athnúdh agus a beith de thuairdh aici an náisiúntacht fosa do theimhiughadh i Láthair Comhdála na Sitheánna.

I gcúrfaidh náisiúntachta, tá teighilt ó bonn eatar Éire agus Sacfa i dtaobh cineadh ir teangan, béar ir nós ir reiligiún. Náisiún de na náisiúnaibh ir ársa 'fan Eórap uile ir eadh Éire, agus na tréithe ir buan di tárd flán iomflán aici fós i n-aimdeoin an fóiréigin Gallda atá ag thuighadh uirthe le feacht gcéad bliadhain. Níor readil fí riamh uaithe na buadha ir dúthchar di, agus níor leig fí riamh do fé dul cairthe gan an náisiúntacht ir buan di féin ar leithligh do dearbhadh go dána ó Fabhlitar Gall i leith go dtí an tráth ir déadhnaighe dhár glac fí clairdeamh go cróga i mbliadhain a 1916.

I gcúrfaidh eadarnáisiúntachta, ir i Éire geata na Fairrge Móire; ir i Éire daingean deiridh na hEórpa fá'n Iarthar; ionad ir eadh i mar a thuideann raonta tháchtála le céile ó Oirthear agus Iarthar: ir éigean di beith neamhspleádach i gcómhair Saoirse na Fairrge; ir éigean a cuanta beith ar oscailt i gcómhair gach uile náisiún i n-aonadh a mbeith fé rmacht Sacfan féin amáin. Táid na cuanta úd follam thiomaoin le fada de bhrigh gurab é meán Sacfan agus lucht creághta a tosnaigh Éire do coimeád mar fciath coranta i gcómhair móruighthe Sacfa agus a himpreátha. Dá bhrigh sin, i n-ionad dunthairte agus corainn do teacht don Eórap agus do dimeirce de bharr dealuighe an oileáin seo ir amhla daintean feidhm airgi chum an domhan mór do coimeád fé comhacht Sacfan ar leithligh.

Tá Éire ag aithéarbadh don domhan nuadh go atá ag á

fcaoileadh féin ón gcosgadh go mbaineann náisiúntacht ársa léi, agus ir móide a dócar go ngéillfear dá fcéal de bhrigh go gcreidheann fí gur Saoirse agus ceart atá mar dhun ar Dhúthchas na Náisiún; gur cóir do pobalaibh cuthuighadh le céile, ór ársa, ar fon an Chirt ir i gcoinnibh gach buadha dá dtéigeann go dlúth leir an tiorránacht; gur deimhin nach de barr buanmhacht arm ar maithe le impireacht a buanócar an thiocfáin 'fan Eórap acht de barr fmacht riaghaltair a cearthain i ngach tír le faoifoil faerthine; agus gur deimhin fór ná cuirfear deireadh corúche leir an fhiorcosgadh fo roir Éire agus Sacfa chum go nglanfaidh lucht airm Sacfan ar talamh na hÉireann go bhráth na bfeicthe.

Dá mbrigh fo uile, agus de bhrigh, mór-mór, gur "Sinn Féin Sinn Féin" foircéal an thaoisigh inniu ir go bhfuil féin na Saoirse láimh linn do réir gach gealladhna, tá ceapta go daingean dionghálta ag Éirinn gan géilleadh corúche do fmacht eachtrannach. Ór an aobhar fóin iarraim fí ar gach náisiún dílis cuthuighadh léi 'fan éileamh atá cuirta aici roimpe, 'fé fin Saoirse i n-iomflán agus Saoirtheach Saerálach. Nil ceapt ná cóir ag Riaghaltar Sacfan i nÉirinn, ni fuil de bun riam le fmacht Sacfan i nÉirinn acht calaoir, ni féroir a buanughadh ná a coimeád ar fiubhal, féin, gan arm uachtárach. Dá dearfaidh fin ir mian le hÉirinn rearadh i Láthair Sacfan ag Comhdáil na Náisiún i dtreo go bfeicfid an raogal an fcéal atá eadarta, go ndéanfaidh an domhan mór bheitheamnar ar an éagcóir atá ar fiubhal ag Sacfaib agus an ceapt atá ag dul do Éirinn ir go ngealltar do thuinnicir na hÉireann pé congnamh a dearfócaid uaca chum a raoisre do buanughadh do Dheoin Dé.

an ceann comhairle: Iarraim ar an dTeachta ó Tuairceapt Rorcomáin an fceul do léigeadh dúinn inra bFraingeir.

seóirse plunceud, Diocan, an Teachta ó Tuairceapt Rorcomáin:

APPEL AUX NATIONS.

Aux Nations du Monde! Salut fraternel!

La nation irlandaise ayant proclamé son indépendance nationale fait appel à toutes les nations libres par l'organe de ses représentants élus, réunis en assemblée nationale dans le capitale d'Irlande ce 21 janvier, 1919, et leur demande d'accorder leur appui à la République irlandaise en reconnaissant à l'Irlande la qualité de Nation et son droit de faire valoir ses titres de nation au Congrès de la Paix.

Au point de vue intérieur, la race irlandaise, la langue irlandaise, les moeurs irlandaises, les traditions irlandaises sont foncièrement distinctes des éléments analogues en

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Angleterre; l'Irlande est une des nations les plus anciennes de l'Europe et elle a conservé forte et intacte son intégrité nationale à travers sept siècles d'oppression étrangère; elle n'a jamais renoncé à ses droits nationaux, et, durant les longs siècles de l'usurpation anglaise, elle a affirmé hardiment à chaque génération, et dernièrement encore par son glorieux appel aux armes de 1916, ses inaliénables droits de nation.

Au point de vue international, l'Irlande est la clef de l'Atlantique; l'Irlande est le dernier avant-poste de l'Europe du côté occidental; l'Irlande est le point de convergence des grandes voies commerciales qui relient l'Europe a l'Amérique. La liberté des mers exige son indépendance; ses beaux ports, au lieu de rester exclusivement aux mains de l'Angleterre, doivent s'ouvrir au commerce mondial. Ses ports sont actuallement déserts et sans vie pour la seule raison que la politique anglaise a pris le parti bien déterminé de garder l'Irlande comme une stérile place forte dans l'intérêt du développement de l'Angleterre, si bien que la situation géographique de cette île loin d'être utile a l'Europe et a l'Amérique et loin de les garantir, sert exclusivement aux desseins de domination mondiale de l'Angleterre.

Aujourd'hui, à la face du monde transformé par la guerre, l'Irlande affirme derechef ses droits authentiques de nation. Elle le fait d'autant plus hardiment qu'elle accepte la liberté et la justice comme principes fondamentaux du droit international, qu'elle reconnaît que la coopération loyale des peuples est le meilleur moyen de faire valoir l'égalité civile contre les privilèges acquis des tyrannies établies, que rien n'assurera une paix durable en Europe tant que la domination militaire sera maintenue an profit des puissances impérialistes, que cette paix demande que dans chaque pays le pouvoir soit fondé sur la libre volonté d'un peuple libre, et enfin que l'état de guerre actuel entre l'Irlande et l'Angleterre ne pourra prendre fin qu'au moment où les troupes anglaises auront définitivement évacué ce pays.

C'est pour ces motifs, entre autres, qu'au début de cette ère qui promet la "self-determination" et la liberté, l'Irlande ayant pris l'inébranlable résolution de ne plus souffrir la domination étrangère, fait appel à chacune des nations libres pour appuyer les droits qu'elle a, comme nation, à l'independance absolue sous la forme républicaine, nonobstant les prétentions injustifiées de l'Angleterre, dont le seul titre dérive de la fraude et dépend d'une écrasante occupation militaire; elle demande à être mise en présence de l'Angleterre en séance publique au Congrès des Nations, afin que le monde civilisé, ayant jugé entre le mauvaise foi anglaise et le bon droit du peuple irlandais, engage son appui permanent pour assurer l'indépendance de l'Irlande.

An Ceann Comairle: Iappaim ap an dTeachta ó Iarthar Cille Manntáin an Sceul do léigeadh dúinn i Sacsbeurla.

Riobárd Bartún, an Teachta ó Iarthar Cille Manntáin:

MESSAGE TO THE FREE NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

To the Nations of the World! Greeting.

The Nation of Ireland having proclaimed her national independence, calls, through her elected representatives in Parliament assembled in the Irish Capital on January 21st, 1919, upon every free nation to support the Irish Republic by recognising Ireland's national status and her right to its vindication at the Peace Congress.

Nationally, the race, the language, the customs and traditions of Ireland are radically distinct from the English: Ireland is one of the most ancient nations of Europe, and she has preserved her national integrity, vigorous and intact, through seven centuries of foreign oppression; she has never relinquished her national rights, and throughout the long era of English usurpation she has in every generation defiantly proclaimed her inalienable right of nationhood down to her last glorious resort to arms in 1916.

Internationally, Ireland is the gateway of the Atlantic. Ireland is the last outpost of Europe towards the West: Ireland is the point upon which great trade routes between East and West converge: her independence is demanded by the Freedom of the Seas: her great harbours must be open to all nations, instead of being the monopoly of England. To-day these harbours are empty and idle solely because English policy is determined to retain Ireland as a barren bulwark for English aggrandisement, and the unique geographical position of this island, far from being a benefit and safeguard to Europe and America, is subjected to the purposes of England's policy of world domination.

Ireland to-day reasserts her historic nationhood the more confidently before the new woeld emerging from the War, because she believes in freedom and justice as the fundamental principles of international law, because she believes in a frank co-operation between the peoples for equal rights against the vested privileges of ancient tyrannies, because the permanent peace of Europe can never be secured by perpetuating military dominion for the profit of empire but only by establishing the control of government in every land upon the basis of the free will of a free people, and the existing state of war, between Ireland and England, can never be ended until Ireland is definitely evacuated by the armed forces of England.

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For these among other reasons, Ireland—resolutely and irrevocably determined at the dawn of the promised era of self-determination and liberty that she will suffer foreign dominion no longer—calls upon every free nation to uphold her national claim to complete independence as an Irish Republic against the arrogant pretensions of England founded in fraud and sustained only by an overwhelming military occupation, and demands to be confronted publicly with England at the Congress of the Nations, in order that the civilised world having judged between English wrong and Irish right may guarantee to Ireland its permanent support for the maintenance of her national independence.

AN CEANN COMHAIRLE: Déanfaidh an Teachta ón Ollphoblacht Náisiúnta is ó Chathair Dhoire Colm Cille rún do cheistiúint don Dáil.

EOIN MAC NÉILL, an Teachta ón Ollphoblacht Náisiúnta is ó Chathair Dhoire Colm Cille: A Chinn Chomhairle is a mhuintir na Dála, tagraim orthaidh glacadh leis an pcéal atá againn dá chur ag triall ar Shonáisiúnaibh an Domhain. Táimid ag tagairt orthu cadhnuighthe le Saoirse Éireann. Ní amhlaidh atáimid ag tagairt orthu Saoirse do chur ar bun i nÉirinn—tá san déanta cheana. Nílimid ag tagairt orthu rinn do chur fé éan comhoin acu: táimid ag tagairt orthu iad féin do chur fé comhoin acu féin. Molaimid doibh é rin do déanamh ó cheart, agus muna ndéinid rud é cionnus atá a fhios acu ná go dtiocfaidh an lá go mbeadh an pcéal chomh dona acu féin is mar atá in Éirinn le na céadta bliain. Ar mhaithe leo féin ireadh atáimid ag tagairt orthu fearamh le cúis na hÉireann fé láthair.

Rud eile, nílimid-na fé comhoin ag éannáirithe eile. Ar a malairt de chuma atá an pcéal—is beag náirithe fa dheoidh na fuil fé comhoin againn-na. An náirithe is cheithe ar dheoidh inniu, an náirithe is mó atá ag cheadadh ar chaoi na faoithe, bíodh go bhfuil an fhíoch le déanamh fós acu, i. Stáiteanna Aontaithe Meiriceá, muna mbeadh an cathair do fuaireadar fan ó Éirinn infan threanaimhsir ní beadh faoithe ná ceart acu féin. D'iadh muinntir na hÉireann do chuir an cathair sin dóibh nuair a bhíodar go mór ina fádha, agus muna mbeadh conghnamh na nGaedhal is fhíochaidh an cheirt do puis Éireannaigh leo anonn go hAmeiriceá ní éiocfaidh le lucht an U.S.A., faoithe do bainc amach dóibh féin.

Agus maidir le náirithe eile: is fada do mhuinntir na hÉireann ag cathaoirt dóibh an nídh ba luachmhaire acu. Nuair bí Leighinn is cheirdeam fé bhláth i nÉirinn chuig rí Leighinn agus cheirdeam do rinn cinnidh eile agus fanntuid d'éileamh ina n-ionadh. Chuir rí Fáilte giamh poimh gach cheithreamh ó gach aon pháirt den domhan: nuair a thángadar go hÉire chuig rí ceathartha dóibh, chuig rí leathia dóibh in airde, do bhonn rí orthu gach maitheas dá raibh aici. Agus intiu nuair iompuighthe rí cúlta cum tagairt orthu fearamh leis an gceart ní comhoin acu aici dá éileamh orthu acht cothrom na féinne.

Is cheart dá fuil daoine ó gach náirithe bíodh inniu, mar do b'fhearrde a gcuid eolais ar an gceart. Dá mbeidís in Éirinn inniu agus ann dheiscinte ainnio atá níos lionmhaire go mór ná mar a bí ins tír éinne le reacht gcéad bliain anuas, ón gcéad lá do thánig an Saranach anall. Agus dá cóir a fhios a beit ag na náirithe gurab é an pácc go bpeiliid ann, earbaid uighre a beit ar thuinntir na hÉireann. Muna mbeadh rin, ní fearfocaid an t-ainm ran don treachtmain amáin.

AN CEANN COMHAIRLE: Cuirfid an Phiom-Teachta ó Chathair Corcaighe leis an dTaighrin.

SÉAMUS BREATHNACH: Tá mórchur mór orm-sa an cás do beit agam ar chur leis an dTaighrinn reo.

AN CEANN COMHAIRLE: An toil leis an nDáil glacadh leis an méid rin? ["Is toil"] Tá sé glacaithe d'aontoil.

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AN CEANN COMAIRLE: Iarraim ar an dTeachta ó Oirtheas Chiarraighe Clár Oibre Poblacánaighe do léigeann dúinn.

PIARAS BÉASLAÍ, an Teachta ó Oirtheas Chiarraighe: Is é seadad do cearad an Clár so ac d'é ár dtuairim gur fearr é deunamh fé seadad ná beit dá éagmuis:

Dearbuighimid,i mbriathraibh forfóghra Saorstáit Éireann go bruil sé de ceart ag muinntir na hÉireann realt na hÉireann do beit aca agus cinneamhain an náisiúin do beit sé n-a fiar, agus nác féidir an ceart san do daine dibh; agus féin mar dubairt ár sgeul Uachtarán Pádraig Mac Piarais, dearbuighimid gur ceart go mbead, ní amáin fir agus mná na hÉireann, act ádhbar maoine na hÉireann sé fiarad an náisiúin, idir talamh agus gurtal na hÉireann, gác fadar maoine agus gác gléar cun maoin do foláirne dá bruil san tír; agus aitheghnaimid an fiu d'fógairt an Piarrac gur dual go mbéad toirc ag ceart an pobuil cun leasa an pobuil ar ceart an duine cun feilbe sé leis.

Dearbuighimid gur mian linn an ceart, an traoighe agus cothrom do các a beit mar buntacai le riaghlughad na tíre, agus ná fuil d'uphádar le buanughad Riaghaltais ná saoirchoiliughad na ndaoine cuige.

Dearbuighimid go bruil sé de dualgar ar gác fear agus gác mnaoi beit umal, oiligh, freagarthác agus fhearúlach don Pobalacht; agus go bruil sé de dualgar ar an náisiún feuchaint cuige go mbeid caoi ag gác duine san tír ar a ceart agus a acfuinn féin do cur i dteidm ar maithe le leas an pobuil. Mar cúiteam ar fheagha is fhearúil na ndaoine, dearbuighimid i n-ainm an tSaorstáit, gur dual do gác duine a dion féin de coiméd saoirsáin an náisiúin a beit aige.

Is é an príomchúram a beid ar Riaghaltas an tSaorstáit ná gleura foláirne cun leas coitchinn. Leas fhiosrúcháin agus leas inntleachta na teanntaí do cur i n-dirice dóibh; feuchaint cuige ná beid an t-ocras ná an fuacht ag goilleamhaint ar éin teann de ceal bia, eudaigh ná dín eile; act go brághaid siad gác cóir agus gleus ir gáb dóibh cun teagaisc agus caitheamh ceart do cabhairt doibh i gcóir na haithe a beid le deunamh aca mar comhaltai den tSaorstát Saeidheal.

Is follus do Saorstát Éireann nác foláir an dúiche Sráinne iarracht a dainnean le Tuisce na mDocc i nÉirinn agus gác a ngabann leis de céimnior ir de náire, do cur ar ceal, agus plean éifeachtach éigin do ceapad a beid oireamhnác don tír cun aire ceart do cabairt do fean-daoinib agus do lagaid an náisiúin, daoine a cuilleann fhearúil agus buideachar ón náisiún i n-iomad tairbhe agus neamhduime. Ná ceannta fon, beid sé de cúram ar an Saorstát gach gleus ir áit dar gáb a cur i dteidm cun fláinte an pobuil agus leas coitchinn an náisiúin, agus leas anama an náisiúin dá bárr do cur i n-dirice dóibh.

Beid sé de dualgar orainn cadhnughad le meudughad furtail an náisiúin, an talamh a deunamh níor toirchmhla ag ir níor iontraochduighe; mianac na hÉireann, a portaig móna, a cuid iarnaig, a bealaig uirce, agus a cuanta do cur cun cnice i gceart cun tairbhe muinntire na hÉireann

Beid sé de dualgar ar an Saorstát gác nid ir gáb do deunamh cun áit ndéantúsa d'aitheghcáinte ir do neartughad agus feuchaint cuige go raothróchar iad do réir "comhar oibre" ar an gcuma ir feárr 'r ir oireamhnaighe 'r ir mó nasgaid i dtairbhe do các. Cuirfar feadhmannaig ó Éirinn go cionta cás leas d'fonn ceannuigeacht agus eráchtáil do cur cun cinn idir Éire agus na cionta úd, a nasgaid i leas don tír seo agus dorna cionta eile. Nuair a cadhnfaid an Saorstát sé eráchtáil an náisiúin, idir dioluibeacht agus ceannuibeacht, do riaradh, beid sé de dualgus ar an Saorstát gan biadh ná earrai eile go bruil gáb leo do leigint tar leas ó Éirinn go mbeid a leoghócain facta ag muinntir na hÉireann, agus a fáid i dtairce aca i gcóir an ama le teacht.

Beid sé de cúram ar Riaghaltas an Náisiúin, leis, a iarraid ar Riaghaltasai cionta eile cadhnughad agus comoibriughad ar com-céim leo cun dúiche i dteadh gnáchaogail agus gnáth-oibre an pobuil do ceapad a cuirfid feadhar mór ar an gcóruighad saoghail ir saothair a bionn le fágail ag lucht oibre.

AN CEANN COMAIRLE: Iarraim ar an dTeachta ó Fairche Sciadna an clár do léigeann dúinn i Sacrbeurla.

TOMÁS Ó CEALLAIGH, Seanóir Cathrach, an Teachta ó Fairche Sciadna:

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DEMOCRATIC PROGRAMME.

We declare in the words of the Irish Republican Proclamation the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies to be indefeasible, and in the language of our first President, Pádraig Mac Phiarais, we declare that the Nation's sovereignty extends not only to all the men and women of the Nation, but to all its material possessions, the Nation's soil and all its resources, all the wealth and all the wealth-producing processes within the Nation, and with him we reaffirm that all right to private property must be subordinated to the public right and welfare.

We declare that we desire our country to be ruled in accordance with the principles of Liberty, Equality, and Justice for all, which alone can secure permanence of Government in the willing adhesion of the people.

We affirm the duty of every man and woman to give allegiance and service to the Commonwealth, and declare it is the duty of the Nation to assure that every citizen shall have opportunity to spend his or her strength and faculties in the service of the people. In return for willing service, we, in the name of the Republic, declare the right of every citizen to an adequate share of the produce of the Nation's labour.

It shall be the first duty of the Government of the Republic to make provision for the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of the children, to secure that no child shall suffer hunger or cold from lack of food, clothing, or shelter, but that all shall be provided with the means and facilities requisite for their proper education and training as Citizens of a Free and Gaelic Ireland.

The Irish Republic fully realises the necessity of abolishing the present odious, degrading and foreign Poor Law System, substituting therefor a sympathetic native scheme for the care of the Nation's aged and infirm, who shall not be regarded as a burden, but rather entitled to the Nation's gratitude and consideration. Likewise it shall be the duty of the Republic to take such measures as will safeguard the health of the people and ensure the physical as well as the moral well-being of the Nation.

It shall be our duty to promote the development of the Nation's resources, to increase the productivity of its soil, to exploit its mineral deposits, peat bogs, and fisheries; its waterways and harbours, in the interests and for the benefit of the Irish people.

It shall be the duty of the Republic to adopt all measures necessary for the recreation and invigoration of our Industries, and to ensure their being developed on the most beneficial and progressive co-operative and industrial lines. With the adoption of an extensive Irish Consular Service, trade with foreign Nations shall be revived on terms of mutual advantage and goodwill, and while undertaking the organisation of the Nation's trade, import and export, it shall be the duty of the Republic to prevent the shipment from Ireland of food and other necessaries until the wants of the Irish people are fully satisfied and the future provided for.

It shall also devolve upon the National Government to seek co-operation of the Governments of other countries in determining a standard of Social and Industrial Legislation with a view to a general and lasting improvement in the conditions under which the working classes live and labour.

An ceann comairle: Iarraim ar an dTeachta ó Cluain Tarbh an méid sin. do chur i dtairgsin don Dáil.

Risteárd Ó Maolcatha (Cluain Tarbh): A Chinn Comhairle agus a luchd na Dála,deirimse an clár seo a tairgsin dib agus iarraim oraibh glacadh leis go fonnmhar agus a bhfig do chur i bpeirdm go beacht i ndiaidh nginiomhaidh agus i ndiaidh ndlighidh Tá ár dtír agus ár muinntir le fada fé daoirmacht agus fé ceangal ár náimad. Táimidne indiu ag briseadh na sceangal agus ag cur na rmachta ar neamhnidh, acht tá rian na sceangal agus na hannrmachta uirce. Siad an obair agus an tráchtáil mór-chuirli na tire. Inrna cuirlib sin a téidheann fuil na tire.an fuil sin a chugann beatha agus flaithe dá corp agus rpionadh dá hanam. Táid siad ran i leic na bhuidhe agus na bfirce againn de dáirr na hannrmachta. Nil an pic ceapt ra bfuil agus dá dáirr ran tá atanna gránda ann annro agus annrúd ar corp na tire, inrna catarachaib, inrna bailtib, agus fé'n dtuaith féin. Comhacta dúinne na hatanna ran an galar a nagaid i méid agus a téanpaid, b'féidir,ar dtír do thabhú maga leigtheap é. Má tá uainn ár dtír a thaipeachtaint agus beit beo i dteannta i d'fuargailt caithimid i flánú. Deirimíp é go cruinn agus go h-ealadhta Tuigimíp go cruinn ra gnó ran cad it ár dtír ann—an Éire seo a dionn mar tairdheam agus mar tainngeapacht ag an uile duine dá clainn ó thír a dige. Tuigimíp gur ab i an tír seo, áluinn mar a dein Dia í, tairdir le paodar a muinntire, geal le na ngáire, aoibinn le n-a meidir, naomhta le n-a gcpeideamh agus a ndeag-mhúinn. Tuigimíp gur ab i an mhuinntir seo againn ag maipeachtaint go

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meirbneac agus go fiocfaidhe imeasg an traidhbhir a bhonn Dia uphta agus fá oibhiú cun a gcoduigthe. Agus nuair a cuirfimid cun an oibhiú fan do péirdeas agus do fiaslú, deimnimir é an fhige a corgfaidh éinne de lucht miorgair agus foghla ar cheaca ag guid an traidhbhir dóid féin agus ag boctanú na ndaoine.

Ní féidir le náisiún beic faor an faid agus tá an cuid is lugha dá mhuinchir gan faoisidhe. Ní féidir le náisiún beic beo agus 'na beataid an faid agus a dhúlteuigtear d'aon cuid der na daoine a gcion ceapt féin den mhaoin agus den traidhbheas a bhonn Dia ofainn go léir cun finn a deunamh beo, agus cun na beatha buanú ionainn. Dá bhig fin iappaim oraib glacad leir an páp seo. Cuirimir i dteidhm i nár peacfaid é, agus bíod cuimhne againn i n-ár ngniomharcaid i gcomhnuide ar na daoine gur cúpam dúinn iad do ceagarg agus do coraint.

CONCUBAR Ó COILEÁIN, An Teachta ó Iarthar Luimnig: Do léigeadh an clár sa dá ceangain agus dá bhig fin is beag duine annso ná cuigeann an fócal. Is mór an t-ádhar damhsa cur leis an traidhgfin. Dá mhaid liom a cur ar a fúilib do lucht na Dála cad é a ndualgas i dtaob an cláir seo. Do cuireadh or bun gcomhairle indiu mórán nióce, agus iré bun ndualgas an cúrsa do leanamhaint go dlúth. Agus dá mhaid liom a cur ina luige ar mhuinnir na tíre gur cóir dóid cadhnuga go dian is go dlúth, ionnas go mbeadh ar a gcumas é cur i ngniom mar ba cheart.

AN CEANN COMHAIRLE: Do chualabair go léir an méro fin. An coil lib glacad leir an dtraidhgfin? ["Is coil"] Tá glacaide leir d'aonguid.

9. GNÁC-RIAGLA NA DÁLA.

AN CEANN COMHAIRLE: Ni bacfar le gnácriagla na Dála indiu, act rocpócfar iad an cead lá eile.

10. CUR AR ACTÓ.

AN CEANN COMHAIRLE: Táimid cum na hoibre do cur ar actó go dtí leathuair tar éis a trí amáireac, act beid cruinniugad priobáideac againn annsoin.

EOIN MAC NÉILL (ón Oifreoil Náisiúnta, is ó Cathair Doire Colmcille):—Cuirimse leis an dtraidhgfint fin. [Do glacad leir d'aonguid.]

D'eirig An Dáil ar an dtionól ar a 5.20 iar nóin.

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PRIVATE MEETING.

(2nd Meeting of An Dail)

The House assembled for private session at 12.30 p.m. on the 22nd January. 1919.

Count Plunkett took the chair on the motion of an Teacta O' Cuan na Mara (P. O'Maille) seconded by an Teacta on Faitche an Colaiste (Sean T. O'Kelly).

The Roll of members was called over by the Clerk and the following teactai answered to their names:-

Clontarf.	R. Mulcahy.
College Green.	Sean T. O'Kelly.
Cuan-an-mara.	P. O'Maille.
Cork City.	J.J. Walsh.
Cork West.	Sean O'h-Aodha
Donegal N.	S. O'Doherty.
" S.	P.J. Ward.
" W.	S. McSweeney.
Harbour	P. Shanahan.
Kerry East.	P. Beasley.
Kildare North.	D. O'Ruachalla.
Limerick West.	C. O'Coileann
Louth.	J.J. O'Kelly.
Mayo North.	Dr. Crowley
Meath S.	M.J. Duggan.
Queen's County.	Kevin O'Higgins.
Roscommon N.	Count Plunkett.
St. Stephen's.	Alderman Kelly.
Tipperary Mid.	J.A. Burke
" S.	P. Moloney.
Waterford. S.	Cathal Brugha.
Wexford N.	R. Sweetman.
" S.	Dr. Ryan.
Wicklow W.	R.C. Barton.

Letters and telegrams of congratulation on the declaration of Independance of the Irish Republic received.

Mr. T.J. Marbison teacta for N.E. Tyrone wrote acknowledging invitation to attend an Dail which invitation he stated he should decline for various reasons. He expressed his entire sympathy with the demand of Ireland for a hearing of her just Cause at the Congress of the Nations. The facts of the letter were obliged to be published.

STANDING ORDERS.

The draft standing orders (copy attached) were approved of and ordered to be circulated to the members.

SECRETARIAT.

It was decided that the appointment of clerks to the House be left to the speaker and that they be paid at the rate of £2. 2s. 0d. per day while the House is in session.

PEACE CONFERENCE DELEGATES' SUBSTITUTES
and
DELEGATES' STAFF.

A select Committee consisting of Sean O'hAodha, C. O'Coileain, P. O'Maille, R.C. Barton, & Sean T. O'Kelly were appointed to consider and report on the above.

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Substitute members for members in jail.

It was decided that the Executive of the Dail should first consider the question and then report to the Dail.

DAIL MINISTRY.

Cathal Brugha was appointed President of the Ministry pro.tem.

The meeting here adjourned in order to enable the President to submit the names of the officers of the Ministry in accordance with Article 2 (Clause B.) of the Constitution. On resuming the President submitted, and the Dail approved, of the following nominations to the Ministry:-

Finance Minister.....E. McNeill.
Home Affairs.....M. Collins.
Foreign Affairs.....Count Plunkett.
National Defence.....R. Mulcahy.

(The Teacta from East Kerry, P. Beaslai, dissenting in regard to the Finance Minister.)

WHIPS.

Official whips were not considered necessary.

SUPPLY.

A vote of credit empowering the Finance Minister to raise £2,000 for necessary expenses was carried on the motion of the Teacta from St. Stephen's (Ald. Kelly) seconded by the teacta from Donegal N.

SPEAKER.

Sean T. O'Kelly was selected speaker of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER.

The appointment of Deputy Speaker was deferred to next meeting.

PUBLICATION.

It was decided to announce in Irish that an Executive had been elected in accordance with the Constitution.

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DAIL EIREANN.

MIONTUAIRISC AN TIONOIL, 1 Abran, 1919.

Thainigh lucht na Dala le cheile i dTigh Ard-Mheire Ath Cliath, ar a 11:45 r.n.

TOGHA CINN COMHAIRLE.

Thairg an Teachta ba shine, Seoirse Pluincead - Biocan de Chuirt an Phapa - (Roscoman Thuáidh) Sean T. O Ceallaigh d'ath-toghadh mar Cheann Comhairle.

Do glacadh leis sin d'aon toil.

TOGHADH CINN COMHAIRLE SEALADAIGH.

Ar thairgsint Sheoirse Pluincead - Biocan de Chuirt an Phapa - (Roscoman Thuaidh) do toghadh Sean O Ceallaigh (Lughmhaidhe) mar Cheann Comhairle Sealadach, agus toisc gan eisean a bheith i lathair, do toghadh Liam de Roiste (Cathair Chorcaighe) mar Cheann Comhairle le h-aghaidh an lae.

Do ghaibh Teachta Cathmach Chorcaighe ceannas na Dala.

TOGHA CLEIRIGH AGUS FO-CHLEIREACH.

Mar fhreagra ar cheist on gCeann Comhairle dubhairt an Priomh-Aireach gur toghadh

Diarmuid O hEigeartaigh,
Sean O hUinain,
Padraig O Siothchain, agus
Sean O Murthuile,

mar chleirigh i gcoir an tSeiseoin agus i rith na seachtaine.

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AN DAIL EIREANN

Minutes of Proceedings 1st April, 1919.

The House assembled in the Oak Room of the Mansion House at 11-45 a.m.

ELECTION OF CEANN COMHAIRLE

Count Plunkett (N. Roscommon) as senior member moved that the appointment of Sean T. Ua. Ceallaigh (College Green) as Ceann Comhairle be confirmed.

Motion unanimously agreed to

ELECTION OF CEANN COMHAIRLE SEALADACH

On the motion of Count Plunkett (N. Roscommon) Sean Ua Ceallaigh (Louth) was appointed Ceann Comhairle Sealadach, and, in his absence, Liam de Roiste (Cork City) was elected Chairman for the day.

The Deputy for Cork City accordingly took the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND ASSISTANT CLERKS

In reply to a question from the Chair, the Priom-Aireach stated that the following clerks had been appointed for this session and during the week:-

Diarmuid O hEigeartuigh.
Sean Ua Nunan.
Padraig O Siohain
Sean O Muirthile

The Roll of Members having been called over, the Ceann Comhairle Sealdach took the Chair.

MOTION TO EXCLUDE STRANGERS.

Risteard O Maolchatha (Clontarf) moved:-

"During the present Session, the House, (except when meeting in the Round Room) shall sit in private from 11 a.m.

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Glaodhadh Rolla na dTeachtai agus ansan chuaidh an Ceann Comhairle Sealadach i gceannas an chruinnighthe.

ADHBHAR RUIN AC COSC AN PHOBAIL.

Thairg Risteard O Maolchatha (Cluain Tairbh):

"Seisean Priomhaideach a bheidh ann an turas so (ach amhain le linn tionolta sa tSeomra Cruinn). Tionolfar an Dail gach la o na 11 r.n. go dti na 2 i.n., agus o 3:30 i.n. go dti na 7 i.n.; agus ni leagfar d'einne de lucht cuairde bheith i lathair gan cead speisialta on gCeann Comhairle."

Cuireadh san fe bhraghaid na Dala agus glacadh leis.

CEISTIU NA N-AIREACH.

1. Na Gaimhligh i Sasana.

Liam Mac Cosgair (Cathair Chill Choinnigh): "Ta beirt Eireannach i gcarcar Reading Shasana - Mac an Astair agus O Ruairc - bhfuil aon ghleas ann chun iad do scaoileadh?"

An Priomh-Aireach: "Scriobh an cheist sin agus freagochar i i mbaireach."

2. TIONOLTA NA DALA GO LUIGH SEO.

Deasmhumhan Mac Gearailt (Pembroc): "An feidir eolas d'fhaghail ar ar thuit amach ag cruinniughthibh na Dala roime seo?"

An Priomh-Aireach: "Geobhfar gach eolas na thaobh san o thuarasgbhalaibh na nAireach a leighfear ni ba dheannaighe."

TUARASGBHALA NA N-AIREACH.

Do leigheadh Tuarasgbhala na n-Aireach so .i.

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to 2 p.m. and from 3-30 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily, and that no visitor be admitted unless by special permission of the Ceann Comhairle.

Question put and agreed to

QUESTIONS TO THE AIREACHT

1. Irish Prisoners in England.

Liam MacCosgair (Kilkenny City). There are two Irishmen in Reading Gaol - MacNeatry and O'Rourke. Is there any machinery for securing their release?

The Priom-Aireach. Give written notice of that question and it will be answered to-morrow.

2. Previous Proceedings of Dail.

D. MacGearailt (Pembroke). Is there any means of finding out what transpired at former meetings of Dail?

The Priom-Aireach. The required information will be available from the Ministerial reports which will be presented later.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

The reports of the following Ministers having been read:

The Priom-Aireach,.
The Aireach Arigid
The Aireach Choigchriche, and
The Aireach Chosante,

their formal adoption was moved by Art O Griobhtha (E. Cavan) seconded by t. MacSuibne (Mid Cork) and after discussion agreed to.

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An Priomh-Aireach,

An tAireach Airgid,

An tAireach Coigcriche, agus

An tAireach Cosanta,

Thairg Art O Griobhtha (Gabhan Thoir) go nglacfaidhe leis na tuarasgbhalaibh, d'aontuigh Toirdealbhach Mac Suibhne leis seo agus tareis conspoide do glacadh leo.

COSTASAI NA D-TEACHTAI - ADHBHAR RUIN.

Thairg Cathal Brugha (Co. Phortlairge) an adhbhar ruin seo leanas, agus d'aontuigh Seosamh Mac Donnchadhh (Tiobrud Arann Thuaidh) leis:-

"Na Teachtai on dtuaith a chuirfidh a n-ainmneacha ar 'Liosat Speisialta' a bheidh ag Cleireach an Chirn Chomh-airle, iocfar na costasai traeneacha bheidh ortha ag teacht agus ag dul thar n-ais o chruinnighthibh na Dala dhoibh; agus agus aisiocfar a gcostas Ostuidheachta leo ar son an fhaid a bheid ar cruinnighthibh na Dala ach e eileamh ar an gCleireach laetig de cheitheighear. Cuirtear an Riaghail sin mar Gnath-Riaghail a 15 ins na Gnath-Riaghalacha, agus biodh uimhir a 16 ag sean-Riaghail a 15 feasta; na Teachtai on dtuaith a chuir-fidh a n-ainmneacha sa 'Liosta Speisialta' le linn an tSeiseoin ag ar deineadh an Riaghail sin, beidh na geumas tairbhe mr na Riaghlach san a bheith aca le linn an tSeiseoin seo."

(Muineachan Theas)

Thairg Sean Mac an tSaoi/mar fo-run ar sin:

"Iocfar costas traeneach - an tricmhadh gradx - le gach Teachta o n-a ghnath-ionad comhnuidhthe, agus fairis sin, iocfar cuig scillinge deag sa lo leis mar chostus Ostuidheachta an fhaid a bheidh se i lathair ag an Dail."

D'aontuigh an Countes de Markievicz (Ceanntar Naomh Padraig) leis sin, ach tairgeadh siar e ar gheallamhaint on

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MOTION RE. PAYMENT OF DEPUTIES EXPENSES.

The following motion standing in the name of Cathal Brugha (Waterford Co.) was moved by him and seconded by Joseph MacDonagh (Tipperary North).

"That the railway fares of journeys to and from Dail meetings of Deputies from the country who have previously entered their names in a "Special List" to be kept by the Chairman's clerk and the hotel or lodging expenses of those Deputies while attending Dail meetings shall be re-imbursed to them on application to be made to the Clerk within a fortnight, and that the foregoing order be inserted in the Standing Orders as Standing Order 15., and that the Standing Order hitherto numbered 15 be re-numbered 16, and that Deputies from the country entering their names in the 'Special List' during the Session at which this Order is made shall be entitled to the benefit of this Order in respect of the present Session".

Sean Mac an tSaoi (Monaghan South) moved as an amendment:-

"That each Deputy attending Sessions of the Dail be allowed the 3rd class return railway fare from his ordinary place of residence, and, in addition, be paid a maintenance allowance of 15/- per diem during his attendance at the 'Dail'". Amendment seconded by Countess Markievicz (St. Patrick's) but withdrawn on the undertaking of the Priom-Aireach that it would be understood that no Deputy should receive more than 3rd class return railway fare and 15/- per diem maintenance allowance.

A further amendment was moved by Liam de Roiste (Cork City) and seconded by P. O Caoimh (Cork North) to the effect that "The Constituencies be asked to maintain their Deputies so as to enable them to attend meetings of "Dail Eireann" ". This amendment was withdrawn on the Priomh-Aireach agreeing to prefix the words "as long as it is necessary" to his motion, and the original motion thus amended was put and carried.

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bPriomh-Aireach na faigheadh Teachta ar bith thar chostas an triomhadh ghrad ar an dtraen, na thar cuig scillinge deag sa lo i gcoir Ostuidhechta.

Thairg Liam de Roiste (Cathair Chorcaighe) fo-run eile agus d'aontuigh Padraig O Caoimh (Corcaig Thuaidh) leis. Seo e an fo-run:- "Iarrtar ar Lucht na nDail-Cheannter costasai a dTeachtai fein d'ioc chun go mbeadh na geumas bheith i lathair ag cruinnighthibh na Dala." Tairgeadh diar an fo-run seo ar gheallamhaint on bPriomh-Aireach go gcuirfeadh se na focail "an fhaid is a bheidh gadh leis" i dtosach a ruin fein. Glacadh leis an adhbhar ruin ansan tareis na focail sin do chur ann.

CEAD IRIS DAIL EIREANN DO CHRAOBHSCAOILEADH.

Thairg Conchubhar O Coileain (Laimneach Thiar):-

"Ceadnightear 'An Leabhran Oifigeamhail (Uimh.1)' na bhfuil beagt-chuntas ar imtheachtaibh na Dala ag an gcead Seiseon Poiblidhe, do chraobhscaoileadh don phobul gan mhoill, ar 2/6 an choip; agus cuirtear eagarthoireacht agus foillsiu nimhreach a do - na mbeidh cuntas ar imtheachtaibh an chead Sheisecin Phublidhe eile - fe churam an Teachta on Iar-Mhidhe (Labhras Mac Fhionnghail).

D'aontuigh Padraig O Maille (Cuan na Mara) leis sin agus do glacadh leis.

Do seur an Dail ansan go dti a 3:30 i.n.

LEASU AR NA GNATH-RIAGHALACHA.

Leasu ar Ghnath-Riaghail 7a.

Thairg Seoirse Gabhanach O Dubhthaigh (Ath Cliath Theas

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MOTION TO SANCTION ISSUE OF OFFICIAL GAZETTE

C. O Coileain (West Limerick) moved:-

"That 'The Official Gazette' (No 1) recording the transactions of the first public Session of Dail be authorised for immediate issue to the public at 2/6 per copy, and that the editing and issuing of a second number, recording the transactions of the next public Session be entrusted to the charge of the Deputy for Westmeath (L. Ginnell)".

Motion seconded by P. O Maille (Connemara) put and agreed to.

The House thereupon adjourned to 3-30 p.m. in the afternoon.

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12. AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS.

Motion to amend Standing Order 7a.

Gabhan O Dubthaigh (South Co. Dublin) moved to amend Standing Order 7a by striking out the first paragraph down to the words"at which he moves" (inclusive) and inserting the fords following in lieu of the words struck out, viz:- "A Deputy proposing a motion shall give one day's written notice of the Motion to the Chairman or his Clerk".

This Motion was seconded by Countess Markievicz (St Patrick's) and put and carried

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MOTION TO AMEND STANDING ORDER 12a.

Eamonn de Valera (East Clare) moved and Gabhan O Dubhaigh (S. Co. Dublin) seconded to amend Standing Order 12a by substituting therefor the following:-

"A quorum for conducting business at a meeting of Dail

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"Leasuightear Gnath-Riaghail a 7a mar seo: scriostar an chead mhir go deire na bhfocal 'ag a thairgeann se' agus cuirtear na focail seo in ionad na bhfocal a scriosadh: 'Beidh ar gach Teachta ag a mbeidh adhbhar ruin le tairsgint fogra lae na thaobh do thabhairt don Cheann Chomhairle no do Chleireach."

D'aontuigh an Countess de Markievicz (Ceanntar Naomh Padraig) leis sin agus do glacadh leis.

Leasu ar Gnath-Riaghail a 12a.

Thairg Eamonn de Bhalera(Clar Thoir), agus d'aontaigh Seoirse Gabhanach O Dubhthaigh (Ath Cliath Theas) leis seo:-

"An meid seo leanas do cinr in ionad Gnath-Riaghlach a 12a: 'Se lion gnotha le h-aghaidh oibre ag cruinniu den Dail na leath na dTeachtai a shighnfidh an Rolla agus ata in Eirinn agus na fuil cose ortha bheith i lathair do dheascaibh oibre an namhad, no fiche Teachta, pecs uimhir aca san is mo.'"

Thairg Labhras Mac Fhionnghail (Iar-Mhidhe):

"Biodh an lion gnotha i gcoir gnotha Riaghluighthe no gnotha choitcheannta fe mar ata luaidhte san adhbhar ruin, ach ma tharluigheann gan an meid sin do bheith saor, biodh deichneabhar mar lion gnotha le h-aghaidh mionghnotha."

Nior aontuigh eimne leis sin.

Cuireadh an t-adhbhar ruin fe bhraghaid na Dala agus glacadh leis.

Leasu ar Gnath-Riaghail a 13.

Thairg Seoirse Gabhanach O Dubhthaigh (Ath Cliath Thead agus d'aontuigh Eamonn de Bhalera (Clar Thoir) leis seo:-

"Scriostar focail Gnath-Riaghlach a 13 agus cuirtear na n-ionad: 'Go dti go bunofar gnath-Riaghaltas tionolfar an

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shall consist of one half of the Deputies who have signed the Roll and who are in Ireland and not prevented from attendance by enemy action, or of twenty Deputies, whichever shall be the greater number".

Amendment moved by

L. MacFiongail (Westmeath) "That a quorum for legislative and general business be as laid down in the resolution, but in the event of this number not being free Ten be the quorum for administrative purposes". Was not seconded.

The original motion was then put and carried.

AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 13.

GABHAN O DUIBHAIGH (Dublin Co. South) moved and EAMONN De VALERA (East Clare) seconded that:-

"Standing Order 13 be amended by striking out the present text and substituting the following clause:- 'Until normal Government is established, Dail shall meet in private and strangers shall be excluded, except that a visitor may at any time be invited to be present by the Chairman and that accredited representatives of the Press may be present whenever Dail shall by resolution have determined to sit in public Session'".

This Motion was withdrawn and the following amendment was on the Motion of COUNTESS MARKIEVICZ (St. Patrick's) and seconded by JAMES O'MARA (South Kilkenny) passed viz:-

"That Standing Order No. 13 be amended by transposition (ie. that it should read) 'Visitors introduced by a Deputy and authorised representatives of the Press may be present during the sitting of the Dail, unless the Dail by resolution or the Chairman otherwise determine'".

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Dail go priomhuidheach, agus cosefar ar ainne de lucht cuairde bheith i lathair; ach amhain go bhfeadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle cuire do thabhairt do dhuine bheith i lathair aon uair. Beidh cead ag teachtairi dleaghthacha os na muachtain bheith i lathair nuair ise toil na Dala Seisean Puiblidhe bheith acu."

Tairgeadh sior an t-adhbhar ruin san agus do glacadh leis an bhfo-run so ar thairgsint An Chountes de Markievicz (Ceannt ar Naomh Padraig) agus Seamus O Meadhra (Cill Choinnigh Theas) ag aontu leis:-

"Biodh Gnath-Riaghail a 13 mar seo: 'Leagfar do lucht chuairde fuair cead o Theachta agus do teachtairi dleaghthacha na muachtan bheith i lathair le linn tionoladhan na Dala muna gcoisefidh an Dail no an Ceann Comhairle iad.'"

Leasu ar Ghnath-Riaghail a 8(f).
(Clar Faoir)

Rinneadh de Bhalera/do thairg, agus an Countes de Markievicz (Ceannt ar Naomh Padraig) a aontuigh leis seo:-

"Scriostar Gnath-Riaghail a 8(f), agus cuirtear na ionad:

8 (f) Ainmneochar na Teachtai ar bheith ag tagairt doibh do reir a nDail-Cheannt ar.

8 (g) Ni bheidh de chead ag Teachta ar bith fogha pearsanta do thabhairt fe Theachta eile na ainni tarcuisneamhail a radh na thaobh.

Aithleitseochar na mireanna G, H, I, J, K, mar seo: H, I, J, K, L."

Do glacadh leis sin.

Leasu ar ghnath-Riaghail a 1(b).

Rinri O Beolain (Roscoman Theas) a thairg agus Seoirse

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AMENDMENT TO 8 (f)

EAMONN DE VALERA (East Clare) moved and COUNTESS MARKIEVICZ (St. Patrick's) seconded that Standing Order 8 (f) be amended by substituting therefor the following:-

8 (f) Deputies shall be referred to by the names of their constituencies.

8 (g) No Deputy shall make a personal charge against another nor use offensive remarks about another.

The existing clauses G, H, I, J, K, to be re-lettered h, i, j, k, l, respectively.

Motion put and carried.

AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 1. (b).

A motion by ENRI O BEOLLAIN (S. Roscommon) seconded by Gabhan O Dubhthaigh (South Co. Dublin) to amend Standing Order 1 (b) by adding the words "and may be accompanied by an authorised English translation" was withdrawn upon an undertaking being given that all notices and pronouncements would be issued bilingually.

PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE STANDING ORDERS.

SEAN MAC AN tSaoi (Monaghan South) moved and Joseph MacDonagh (Tipperary North) seconded - "That a Standing Order be adopted providing that 'All reports and where possible, all notices of motion to be considered by the Dail shall be printed and be available for perusal by the Deputies, at least on the morning of the Session at which the said reports or notices of motion are to be considered"

This motion was withdrawn upon an undertaking being given that copies of such documents shall be available for perusal at the Clerk's table one hour before the opening of each Session.

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Gabhanach O Dubhthaigh (Ath Cliath Theas) d'aontaigh leis seo:

"Cuirtear na focail 'agus geobhfar aistriu ughdarasach i mBearla bheith in aoinfheacht leis' le Gnath-Riaghail a 1(b)." Nior gabhadh ar aghaidh leis sin mar tugadh geallamhaint go gcaomhneoilfidhe gach fogra agus gairmeoile i nGaedhlig agus i mBearla.

AUGUISIN DO CHUR LEIS NA GNATH-RIAGHALACHA.

Thairg Sean Mac an tSaoi (Muineachan Theas) agus d'aontaigh Seosamh Mac Donnchadha (Tiobrad Arann Thuaidh) leis seo:

"Glactar le Gnath-Riaghail nuas .i. 'Clobhuailfear gach tuarasgbhail, agus ma's feidir e, gach folaireamh a bheidh le teacht fe bhraghaid na Dala, agus beid le faghail le h-aghaidh a soraduighthe ag na Teachtaibh, an chuid is deannaighe dhe, ar mhaidin an lae na mbeidis le teacht os comhair na Dala.'"

Tairgeadh siar e sin nuair a fuaireadh geallamhaint go mbeadh coipeanna des an paipeir sin le faghail on gCleireach nair a chloig sul a dtosnochadh obair an tSeisein.

Leasu ar Gnath-Riaghail 4(c).

Ar thairgsint Sheamuis Bhreathnaigh (Cathair Chorcaighe An Countes de Markievicz (Géanntar Naomh Padraig) ag aontu leis do leasuigheadh Gnath-Riaghail a 4 (c) mar leanas:-

"Tosnofar ar gnc na Dala ar an am ceapaighthe ma bhionn lion gnotha i lathair."

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AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 4 (c).

On the motion of J. J. Walsh (Cork City) seconded by Countess Markievicz (St. Patrick's) it was agreed to amend Standing Order 4 (c) to read as follows:-
"The business of Dail shall commence at the appointed time provided that a quorum be present".

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Persuant to seven days notice of motion

AMENDMENT TO 2 (d)

GABHAN O DUBTHAIGH (South Co. Dublin) moved and P. O'MAILLE (Connemara) seconded that Clause 2 (d) be amended by the insertion after the word "President" of the following words viz:- "Or during the meeting at which the President shall himself have been elected to his Office".

Question put and carried.

ADDITION TO ARTICLE 2.

GABHAN O DUBTHAIGH (South Co. DUBLIN) moved and CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) seconded that Article 2 of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the following Clause viz:- 2 (g) "The President may himself in writing nominate from among the Members of the Ministry a President Substitute who shall act in his place and exercise all his powers (including the power to nominate a President-Substitute with Presidential Status, and the power to nominate Substitute Ministers) in the event of the President becoming unable by reason of enemy action, or absence abroad, or illness, or other emergency, to perform the functions of his office; if occasion arises for the President-Substitute to assume office he shall act as President of the Ministry until the President

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LEASUIGHTHE AR AN MBUN-REACHT.

(nior bhfolair fogra seacht la chuige seo).

LEASU AR 2 (d).

Seoirse Gabhanach O Dubhthaigh (Ath Cliath Theas) a thairg, agus Padaraig O Maille (Cuan na Mara) d'aontuigh leis seo:- "Leasuightear Mir 2(d) mar leanas: Na focail 'no le linn an chruinnighthe ag a dtoghfar an Priomh-Aireach feins do chur i ndiaidh an fhocail 'Priomh-Aireach.'"

Do glaeadh leis sin.

AUGUISIN LE hALT A 2.

Thairg Seoirse Gabhanach O Dubhthaigh (Ath Cliath Theas agus d'aontuigh Cathal Brugha leis seo:- "Aguisin do chur le hAlt a 2.i. '2(g). Beidh cead ag an bPriomh-Aireach fein duine den Aireacht d'ainmniu tre scribhinn mar fhear ionaid don bPriomh-Aireach, beidh comhacht an Phriomh-Airigh aige sin (agus fir ionaid don bPriomh-Aireach agus dos na hAirigh eile d'ainmniu) ma tharluigheann na feadfaidh an Priomh-Aireach leanamhaint de ghno de bharr gnimh an namhaid, no de bharr breoiteachta, no de bharr bheith as Eirinn, no de bharr cuise ar bith eile. Ma tharluigheann go mbeidh ar Fhear Ionaid an Phriomh-Airigh a churam san do ghlacadh, beidh se na Phriomh-Aireach no go gceasfaidh an Priomh-Aireach ar a ghno no go n-eirigheann se as, no go dteipeann ar fein de bharr ghnimh an namhaid, de bharr breoiteachta, de bharr bheith as Eirinn, no de bharr cuise ar bith eile gno a oifige a dheanamh; ma tharluigheann aon trath gan aon Phriomh-Aireach na aon Fhear Ionaid do de bheith ann, no ma tharluigheann gan an Priomh-Aireach na a Fhear Ionaid bheith i ndan gno na hoifige do dheanamh,

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resumes his functions or resigns or until he himself becomes unable by reason of enemy action, absence abroad, illness, or other emergency, to perform the functions of the office; if at any time there is no President or President-Substitute or if there is no President or President-Substitute able to perform the functions of the Presidential Office, a meeting of Dail shall be convened to elect a President".

Question put and carried after discussion.

(The Deputy for East Clare - Eamonn de Valera (after his election as President) undertook that a President - Substitute should submit his nomination for approval by Dail after assuming office).

FURTHER ADDITION TO ARTICLE 2.

GABHAN O DUBTHAIGH (South Co. Dublin) moved and P. O'Maille (Connemara) seconded to further amend Article 2 by the addition of the following Clause:-

"2(h) Whenever any Member of the Ministry other than the President shall become unable by reason of enemy action, absence abroad, illness, or other emergency, to perform the functions of his office, the President may forthwith - and shall if the incapacity shall extend over thirty days - appoint another Deputy as Minister-Substitute to fill his place and exercise all his powers during his absence, but the name of every Substitute-Minister shall be submitted for approval to the next meeting of Dail after his appointment if the incapacity of the original Minister then continues".

Question put and carried.

ADDITION TO ARTICLE 2 (b).

EAMONN DE VALERA (East Clare) moved and M. O COILEAIN (Cork South) seconded that Article 2 (b) of the Con-

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tionolfar an Dail chun Priomh-Aireach do thoghadh.'"

Tarcis comspoide do glacadh leis seo.

Cheall Teachta Oirthir Chlair - Eamonn de Bhalera (tarcis e thoghadh mar Phriomh-Aireach) go gcaithfeadh Fear Ionaid an Phriomh-Airigh, tarcis tosmighthe dho ar ghno na h-oifige, a aimm do chur os comhair na Dala feachaint a nglacfaidhe leis.

AGUISIN EILE LE hALT A 2.

Thairg Seoirse Gabhanach O Dubhthaigh (Ath Cliath Theas) agus d'aontuigh Padraig O Maille (Cuan na Mara) leis seo:- "Cuirtear mir eile le halt a 2 .i.

'2(h). Aca treth na beidh i gcumas duine des na hAirigh gno a oifige a dheanamh, do bharr gnimh an namhaid, bheith as Airiam, breoiteachta, no cuise ar bith mhaí eile, beidh cead ag an bPriomh-Aireach - agus beidh se riachtanach air san do dheanamh, ma theigheann teorma an neamh-chumais thar triochad la -, Teachta eile do thoghadh mar Fhear Ionaid don Aireach san chun dul na ait, agus chun gach gno a bhaineann le na oifig do dheanamh an fhaid a bheith se amuigh; ach caithfidh aimn gach Airigh Iónaid do theacht fe bhraghaid na Dala ag an gcead cruinniu eile tarcis e thoghadh ma leanann neamh-chumas an Airigh go dti san.'"

Do glacadh leis sin.

LEASU AR ALT 2 (b).

Thairg Eamonn de Bhalera (Clar Thoir) agus d'aontuigh Micheal O Coileain (Corcaigh Theas) leis seo:-

"Alt 2(b) do leasu i dtreo go mbeadh se mar leanas:

'Beidh san Aireacht Priomh-Aireach a thoghfar ag an

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stitution should be amended to read as follows:-

"The Ministry shall consist of a President of the Ministry elected by Dail Eireann and not more than nine Executive Officers including:-

A Secretary of Finance.

A Secretary of Home Affairs.

A Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

A Secretary of National Defence.

each of whom the President shall nominate and have power to dismiss.

An objection that this motion was not within the terms of the notice was overruled.

The House divided on the proposed amendment and the motion was declared carried.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4.

GABHAN O DUBTHAIGH (South Co. Dublin) moved and CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) seconded to amend Article 4 by substituting for the words "twice yearly" the words "During the month of November 1919 and thereafter twice yearly"

Question put and carried.

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14. RESIGNATION OF MINISTRY.

The Priomh-Aireach tendered his resignation and that of his Ministry to the House, which after a vote of thanks had been proposed by A. Griffith (East Cavan) seconded by E. De Valera (East Clare) and passed with acclamation was accepted.

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15. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF DAIL.

On the motion of Cathal Brugha (Waterford Co.) seconded by P. O'Maille (Connemara) Eamonn De Valera (East Clare) was declared elected Priomh-Aireach. (President).

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Dail, agus gan thar naomhbhar Aireach ar a mbeidh

Aireach Airgid,

Aireach Gnothaidhe Duthchais,

Aireach Gnothai Coigeriche,

Aireach Cosanta.

Ise an Prionb-Aireach ainmneochaidh gach duine dhiobh, agus cead aige iad do chur as oifig.'"

Dubhradh go raibh an t-adhbhar ruin san ag dul thar an bhfolaireamh, ach do diultaigheadh do san.

Do glacadh leis an run.

MEABU AR ALT A 4.

Seoirse Gabhanach O Dubhthaigh (Ath Cliath Fheas) a thairg agus Cathal Brugha (Co. Phortlairge) d'aontuigh leis seo:- "Alt a 4 a leasu mar leanas: na focail 'le linn Mi na Samhna, 1919, agus na dhiaidh sin fe dho sa bhliain' a chur in iomad na bhfocal 'fe dho sa bhliain.'"

Do glacadh leis sin.

CRIOCH SEALA NA H-AIREACHTA.

Dubhairt an Prionb-Aireach gur mhian leis fein agus le na Airemcht oirighe an obair a n-oifige. Ar thairgeint Airt Ui Chriobhtha (Cabhan Thoir) agus Eamonn de Bhalora (Clar Thoir ag aontu leis, do glacadh - le bualadh bas - le run ag gabhail beidheachas leis an Airemcht, agus ansen do ceaduigheadh doibh oirighe an a gouiz oifige.

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The Ceann Comhairle having announced that the House would re-assemble at 2-30 p.m. on 2nd inst., the proceedings concluded at 7-5 p.m.

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TOGHADH PRIOMH-AIRIGH.

Ar thairgsint Chathail Bhrugha (Co.Phortlairge), agus Padraig O Maille (Cuan na Mara) ag aontu leis do toghadh Ramonn de Bhalera(Clar Thoir) mar Phriomh-Aireach.

D'fhogair an Ceann Comhairle go dtiocfadh an Dail le Cheile aris an dara la d'Abran, ar 2:30 i.n., agus cuireadh deire leis an obair ar 7:5 i.n.

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MIONTUAIRISC AN TARNA TIONOIL.

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Do ghaibh an Ceann Comhairle ceannas na Dala ar 2 : 55 i.n.

AINMNIU NA HAIREACHTA.

Do mhol an Priomh-Aireach ainmneacha na dTeachtai seo le h-aghaidh na hAireachta:

1. Aireach Gnothai Duchais.

Art O Criobhtha. Ar thairgsint Liaim de Roiste (Cathair Chorcaighe), Padraig O Maille (Cuan na Mara) ag aontu leis, do glacadh leis.

2. Aireach Cosanta.

Cathal Brugha. Ar thairgsint Sheosaimh Mhic Aonghusa, Piaras Beaslai ag aontu leis, do glacadh leis.

3. Co-Aireach Gnothai Coigcriocch.

Seoirse Pluincead. Ar thairgsint Airt Ui ~~Ghriobhtha~~ Ghriobhtha(Cabhan Thoir), Padraig O Maille (Cuan na Mara) ag aontu leis, do glacadh leis.

4. Aireach Oibre.

An Countes de Markievicz. Ar thairgsint Liaim de Roiste (Cathair Chorcaighe), Sean Etchingham (Cill Mhantain Thoir)ag aontu leis, do glacadh lei.

5. Aireach Deantus.

Eoin Mac Neill. Ar thairgsint Chathail Bhrugha, Sean Mac an tSaoi ag aontu leis, do glacadh leis.

6. Aireach Airgid.

Micheal O Coileain. Ar thairgsint Alasdair Mhic Chaba(Sligeach Theas), Einri O Beolain (Roscoman Theas) ag aontu leis, do glacadh leis.

7. Aireach

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MINUTES OF SECOND SITTING

2-55 p.m. 2/4/'19.

The Ceann Comhairle took his seat at 2-55 p.m.

NOMINATION OF MINISTRY

The following nominations to the Ministry were submitted by the Priomh-Aire~~sach~~ for the approval of the Dail:-

Secretary for Home Affairs.

Art O Griobhtha — proposed by Liam de Roiste (Cork City)

Seconded by P. O'Maille (Connemara)

Approved.

Secretary for Defence

Cathal Brugha — Proposed by J. MacGuinness (Longford)

Seconded by Piaras Beaglaoi (East Kerry)

Approved.

Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Count G. N. Plunkett — Proposed by A. Griffith (East Cavan)

Seconded by P. O'Maille (Connemara)

Approved.

Secretary for Labour

Countess Markievicz — Proposed by Liam de Roiste (Cork City)

Seconded by S. Stohingham (East Wicklow)

Approved.

Secretary for Industries

Eoin MacNeill — Proposed by Cathal Brugha (Waterford Co.)

Seconded by Sean MacEntee (S. Monaghan)

Approved.

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7. **Aireach an Riaghaltais Aiteamhail.**

Liam Mac Cosgair. Ar thairgsint Sheain Ui Mhathghamhnaigh (Fearmanach Theas), R. C. Bearton (Cill Mhantain Thiar) ag aontu leis, do glacadh leis.

STIURTHOIRI AIREACHT.

Ar thairgsint an Phriomh-Airigh do toghadh na Stiurthoiri seo:

Foillsiughchan.....Labhras Mac Fhionngail

Talamhuidhdacht.....R.C.Bearton.

STIURTHOIREACHT TRACHTALA.

Mar fhreagra ar cheist do chur Micheal Mac Stain (Ceanntar Naomh Mhicin), dubhairt an Priomh-Aireach go n-ainmneochadh se Stiurthoir ar Chursai Trachtala ag an gcead tionol eile.

CEISTIU MA M-AIREACH.

WAYS & COMMUNICATIONS BILL.

Liam de Roiste (Cathair Chorcaighe) (ar son Sheamuis Bhreathnaigh, Cathair Chorcaighe): "Cad tag da dheanamh i dtaobh an bhille ar a dtugtar 'Ways & Communications Bill?'" Nior freagaruigheadh an cheist, toisc gan an te bhi freagarthach bheith i lathair.

AIRGEAD I GCOINNIBH NA PREASALA.

Liam de Roiste (Cathair Chorcaighe) (ar son Sheamuis Bhreathnaigh, Cathair Chorcaighe):"Cad ta deanta i dtaoibh an Airgid i gcoinnibh na Preasala?"

Cathal Brugha (Co. Phortlairge) "Se lucht Sinn Fein a

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Secretary for Finance

Michael O Coileain — Proposed by A. McCabe (South Sligo)

Seconded by H. Boland (S. Roscommon)

Approved.

Secretary for Local Government.

Liam Mac Cosgair — Proposed by John O'Mahony (S. Fermanagh)

Seconded by R. C. Barton (W. Wicklow)

Approved.

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Propaganda ..... L. Ginnell

Agriculture ..... R. C. Barton.

DIRECTORATE OF TRADE & COMMERCE.

In reply to a question by M. Staines (St. Michan's) the Priomh-Aireach stated that he would nominate at the next sitting a Director of Trade and Commerce.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS.

WAYS & COMMUNICATIONS BILL

LIAM DE ROISTE (Cork City) (on behalf of J. J. WALSH Cork City) asked "What is being done in connection with the Ways & Communications Bill?" In the absence of the responsible Minister no answer was given.

ANTI-CONSCRIPTION FUND

LIAM DE ROISTE (Cork City) (on behalf of J. J. WALSH Cork City) asked "What has been done with regard to the Anti-Conscription Fund?"

CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) "It was the Sinn Fein

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chuaidh i bhfeidhl na h-oibre i dtaobh an airgid sin. Tiocfaidh ceist an Airgid in iomlan os comhair na Dala mar adhbhar ruin.

FULAIREAMH.

Do reir an fhulairimh a thug se do thairg Toirdhealbhach Mac Suibhne (Meadhon Chorcaighe) gur choir don Aireacht iarracht a dheanamh ar nuachtan laetheamhail do bhunu.

Cuireadh an cheist mar churam ar an Stiurthoir Foillsiuchain.

TUARASDAL NA N-AIREACH.

Thairg Cathal Brugha (Co. Phortlairge): "Ughdaras on Dail a bheith ag an Aireach Airgid tuarasdal do h-ioc le h-aon Aireach a thabharfadh iomlaine a chuid aimsire do ghno na hAireachta; an tuarasdal a bheith le faghail ar ordu scriobhtha an Phriomh-Airigh mar leanas: don Priomh-Aireach £1,000 sa bhliain, agus do gach Aireach eile tuarasdal na beidh thar £500 sa bhliain; agus fos, ughdaras a bheith ag an Aireach Airgid tuarasdal d'ioc le h-aon Aireach a thabharfaidh urmhor a chuid aimsire do ghno na hAireachta fe mar ordochaidh an Priomh-Aireach tre scribhinn do reir an tsocruighthe roimhraidhte; agus fos, ughdaras on Dail a bheith ag an Aireach Airgid an iocaidheacht cheadna a dheanamh le fear ionaid an Phriomh-Airigh agus le luch ionad na nAireach.

Dubhairt an te thairg an t-adhbhar ruin na feadfadh se fein iomlaine a chuid aimsire do thabhairt do ghno a oifige; da bhrigh sin na glacfadh se aon tuarasdal ach mhol se go bhfaigheadh fear ionaid a bheadh aige £300 sa bhliain.

D'aontuigh S. O Dolain (Liathdroma) leis an adhbhar ruin.

Tar eis chonspoide socruigheadh ar thairgsint Phadraig Ui Mhaille, agus (Cuan na Mara), agus Seosamh Mac Aonghusa (Longphort) ag aontu leis, an Comhaltas speisialta seo leanas

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Organisation which carried out the work in connection with the Anti-Conscription Fund. The whole question of Finance will arise on a separate motion".

NOTICES OF MOTION

In accordance with Notice of Motion T. MACSUIBNE (Mid-Cork) moved:-

"That the Ministry should endeavour to establish a daily paper".

The matter was referred to the Director of Propaganda.

PAYMENT OF MINISTERS.

CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) moved:-

"That Dail authorises the Secretary for Finance to pay to any Member of the Ministry undertaking to devote substantially his whole time to his official work a salary upon the President's written direction at the rate; in the case of the President, of £1000 per annum, and in the case of any other Minister, not exceeding £500 per annum; and to pay to any Member of the Ministry undertaking to devote the greater part of his time to his official work such salary as the President may in writing direct at a proportional rate: and that Dail further authorises the Secretary of Finance with the like direction to make similar payment to a President-Substitute and to Substitute Ministers".

The Proposer mentioned that as he himself could not give all his time to his official duties he would accept no stipend but would suggest that a substitute for him should be paid £300 per annum.

The motion was seconded by J. DOLAN (Leitrim).

After discussion it was decided on the motion of P. O'Maille (Connemara) seconded by J. MacGUINNESS (Longford)

"That the following select Committee be appointed to report on the question of the remuneration of Ministers:-

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a thogha chun tuairisc do thabhairt uatha ar thuarasdal na nAireach:-

Cathal Brugha (Co. Phortlairge),
Seosamh Mac Donnchadha (Tiobrad Arann Thuaidh),
Micheal Mac Stain (Ceanntar Naomh Mhicin),
Seamus O Dolain (Liathdroma),
Seosamh Mac Aonghusa(Longphort),
Liam de Roiste (Cathair Chorcaighe),
Tomas O Ceallaigh, Seanoir, (Faithche Stiophain),
Earnan de Blaghd (Muinseachan Thuaidh).

TEIDEAL NA DTEACHTAI.

Cheap an Priomh-Aireach go bhfeadfai feabhas do chur ar na tearmai a cheapadh mar theidealaibh do lucht na Dala.

Cuireadh an cheist mar churam ar Chomhaltas na dteideal.

SEISEON PUIBLIDHE.

Thairg an Priomh-Aireach an Seiseo Puiblidhe a chur ar ath-lo chun go bhfeadfai ceist Cumann na Naisiun do phleidhe, agus data an tSeiseoin d'fhagaint fen Aireacht agus a bheith ortha e luadh ag an gcead tionol eile.

D'aontuigheadh leis seo.

TOGHADH TIOBRAID ARANN THOIR.

Ar thairgsint Airt Ui Ghriobhtha (Cabhan Thoir), agus Labhras Mac Fhionnghail ag aontu leis, do socruigeadh Comhaltas speisialta do thoghadh, ar a mbeadh an triur Teachtai o CH Chonntae Thiobraid Arann, an tAireach Duithe, Labhras Mac Fhionnghail, Sean O Mathghamhnaigh, Liam Mac Cosgair, Toirdhealbhach Mac Suibhne, Seosamh Mag Craith agus Proinnsias O Fathaigh chun scruduighthe na ceiste i dtaobh duine do

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Cathal Brugha (Waterford Co.)

Joe MacDonagh (N. Tipperary)

M. Staines (St. Michan's).

J. Dolan (Leitrim)

J. MacGuinness (Longford)

L. de Roiste (Cork City)

T. O Ceallaigh (St. Stephen's Green)

E. Blythe (N. Monaghan).

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF DEPUTIES

The question of the accuracy of the designation of Deputies was mentioned by Eamonn de Valera (East Clare) and referred to the select Committee on terminology.

ARRANGEMENT FOR PUBLIC SESSION.

The Priomh-Aireach moved that the public session be postponed in order that Deputies may be in a position to discuss the League of Nations and that the fixing of the date be left to the Ministry to report at next sitting.

Agreed to.

EAST TIPPERARY VACANCY.

On the motion of A. Griffith (East Cavan) seconded by L. Ginnell (Westmeath) it was decided that a select Committee consisting of the three Deputies from Co. Tipperary, the Home Secretary, L. Ginnell (Westmeath), John O'Mahony, (S. Fermanagh), W. Cosgrave (Kilkenny City), T. MacSweeney (Mid-Cork), J. McGrath (St. James'), F. Fahy (S. Galway), be appointed to consider the question of the East Tipperary vacancy in conjunction with the question of dual seats and report at next sitting".

The suggestion of the Priomh-Aireach that Thursday be devoted entirely to meetings of Select Committees and

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thoghadh le h-aghaidh Thiobruid Arann Thoir maraon le ceist na dTeachtai a bhi toghtha le h-aghaidh da cheanntar, agus go mbeadh freagra on gComhaltas os comhair an chead thionoil eile.

Ar mholadh on bPriomh-Aireach d'aontuigheadh an Dardaoin ar fad a thabhairt do ghno na gComhaltas speisialta, agus gan tionol eile don Dail a bheith ann go dti a 10 a chlog, maidin Dé hAoine.

TEACHTAI AS LATHAIR, GEIMHLIGH COGAIDH & FUADACH NA LEANBH.

Thairg antAireach Duithe:- "Cuirtear Comhaltas speisialta ar bun chun cunntas a thabhairt uatha i dtaobh na dTeachtai ata i gcarcaraibh, na nGeimhleach nach iad agus na leanbh a fuadaigheadh le gniomhaidhthe Gall; i dtaobh na beirte ata i gcarcar Reading agus na bPriosunach ata fe ghlas in Albain: beidh ar an gComhaltas an triur Teachtai o Thiobrad Arann, an Countes de Markievicz, Earnan de Blaghd, Einri O Beolain, R.C.Bearton, Micheal O Coileain, an Dr. O hAodha, Eamonn O Dubhgain, agus Sean Mac an tSaoi."

D'aontuigh Seamus O Dolain (Liathdroma) leis sin agus do glaeadh leis.

Glaeadh le luthghair le tairgsint an Phriomh-Airigh:- " Go gcoimfeadfai ar bun an Comhaltas Gnotha a thoigh na Saorstatanaigh chun na bPriosunach do scaoileadh."

Do cuireadh na neithe seo leanas ar athlo go dti an chead tionol eile chun go mbeadh faghail ag an Aireacht nua ar iad do scrudu:

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that Dail should adjourn from this evening until 10 o'clock on Friday morning was approved.

ABSENT DEPUTIES PRISONERS OF WAR AND KIDNAPPED CHILDREN.

The HOME SECRETARY moved:-

"That a select Committee be appointed to make a report on the imprisonment of absent deputies and other Prisoners of War and as to children kidnapped by English agents; the two internees in Reading and prisoners in Scotland; the Committee to consist of the three Members for Tipperary, Countess Markievicz (St. Patrick's), E. Blythe (N. Monaghan), H. Boland (S. Roscommon), R. C. Barton (West Wicklow), M. Collins (S. Cork), Dr. Hayes (E.Limerick), E. J. Duggan (S. Meath), and Sean Mac an tSaoi (S. Monaghan)."

Seconded by J. Dolan (Leitrim), put and agreed to.

The proposal of the Priomh-Aireach that the Committee of Action originally appointed by the Republican Party to deal with Prisoners be ratified by the Dail was passed with acclamation.

The following items were postponed to the next sitting in order that the New Ministry might be enabled to consider them:-

(a) The case for the Peace Conference and League of Nations.

(b) Motion as to draft of Constitution of the proposed League of Nations.

(c) Motion for message to S. T. O Ceallaigh.

(d) Motion for message to Irish abroad.

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(a) Cuis na hEireann i gcoir Comhdhail na Siothchana agus Cumann na Naisiun.

(b) Adhbhar Ruin faoi Bhun-chrot Cumann Reacht Cumann na Naisiun.

(c) Adhbhar Ruin i dtaoibh Teachtaireachta chun Sheain T. Ui Cheallaigh.

(d) Adhbhar Ruin i dtaoibh Teachtaireachta chun na nEireannach i gcein.

RIACHALTAS AITEAMHAIL - TUARASCABHAIL AN AIRIGH.

Ar mholadh an Phriomh-Airigh d'ainmnigh an tAireach Riaghaltais Aiteamhla Comhaltas chun cabhruighthe leis chun tuarasgabhail i dtaoibha chuid oibre do chur le cheile: seo iad na Teachtai d'ainmnigheadh agus do toghadh:-

Tomas O Ceallaigh, Seanoir, (Faithche Stiopain)
An Dr. O hAodha (Luimneach Thoir),
An Dr. S. O Riain (Loch gCarmain Theas),
S.S.Mac Flannchadha (Sligeach Theas),
Proinnsias O Fathaigh(Gaillimh Thoir),
Art O Conchubhair (Cilldara Theas),
Proinnsias O Laoidhleis (Ath Cliath Thuaidh),
Seamus Breathnach (Cathair Chorcaighe),
Seamus O Dolain (Liathdroma),
Seosamh Mac Aonghusa (Longphort).

CURSAI AIRGID.

Thairg Cathal Brugha (Co. Phortlairge): "Gnath-riaghail a 14 a chur i leathtaoibh go dti La Samhna, 1919; agus go dti san, toisc a bhfuil de airgead ag teastail fe lathair, agus a dheacra a mheas an meid nach folair a chaitheamh le linn an Earraigh agus an tSamhraidh, ughdaras do bheith ag an Aireach

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.

On the suggestion of the Priomh-Aireach a Committee was nominated by the Minister for Local Government to assist him in preparing a statement of policy. The following names were submitted and approved:-

(Alderman T. Kelly (St. Stephen's Green), Dr. Hayes (E. Limerick), Dr. J. Ryan (S. Wexford), J. J. Clancy (N. Sligo), F. Fahy (S. Galway) A O'Connor (S. Kildare) F. Lawless (North Dublin), J. J. Walsh (Cork City), J. Dolan (Leitrim), J. MacGuinness (Longford).

FINANCIAL PROPOSALS

CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) moved:-

"That the Standing Order 14 be suspended until November 1st 1919 and that in the meantime in view of the exceptionally heavy budget required immediately and the impossibility of estimating the extraordinary expenditure to be incurred during the coming Spring and Summer the Secretary for Finance is hereby authorised without further reference to Dail to receive all monies which he can obtain from the proceeds of Anti-Conscription refunds, the issue of Republican Bonds; and all other sources for the purposes of Dail, and to apply those monies to such specific objects as the Ministry (when not reduced below five in number) shall unanimously approve".

R. MULCAHY (Clontarf) seconded the motion.

The following amendment proposed by E. Blythe (N. Monaghan) and seconded by F. Fahy (S. Galway) was accepted by Cathal Brugha and adopted:-

"That Standing Order 14 be suspended until November 1st 1919 and the Secretary of Finance is hereby authorised without reference to Dail to apply monies to such specific objects as the Ministry (when not reduced below five in

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Airgid, gan a thuille ceada on nDail, gach airgead is feidir leis a fhaghail, as na cistibh i gcoinnibh na preasala, o dhiolaidheacht Bannai an tSaorstait, agus ar gach slighe mindin eile; e ghlacadh ar son na Dala, agus an t-airgead san do chaitheamh do reir orduighthe aontola na hAireachta (agus gan nios lugha na cuigear aca i lathair)."

D'aontuigh Risteard O Maolchathaigh (Cluain Tairbh) leis sin.

Thairg Earnan de Blaghd (Muineachan Thuaidh), d'aontuigh Proinnsias O Fathaigh (Caillimh Theas) leis, agus do ghlac Cathal Brugha an fo-run so in ionad a adhbhar ruin fein:

"Cuirtear Gnath-Riaghail a 14 i leathtaoibh go dti La Samhna, 1919, agus biodh ughdaras ag an Aireach Airgid - gan a thuille ceada on nDail - airgead do chaitheamh ar gnothaibh na hAireachta ar ordu aontola na hAireachta (agus gan nios lugha na cuigear i lathair)."

Do glacadh leis sin.

Do cuireadh deire leis an dTionol ar a 6 i.n.

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number) shall unanimously approve.

The House adjourned at 6 p.m.

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D A I L E I R E A N N.

MIONTUAIRISC AN TIONOIL ar an gceathramhadh la d'Abrán, 1919.

Chuaidh an Ceann Comhairle Sealadach i gceannas an na Dala ar 10 : 26 r.n.

ADHBHAR RUIN AG COSC AN PHOBAIL.

Ar thairgsint Sheoirse Ui Dhubhthaigh (Ath Cliath Theas), agus Piaras Beaslai (Ciarraighe Thoir) ag aontu leis, d'aontuigheadh gur Seiseon priomhaideach de'n Dail a bheadh ann an la san, agus nar cheaduighthe d'aoinne de lucht cuaiteadh bheith i lathair gan cead speisialta on gCeann Comhairle.

CEISTIU NA N-AIREACH.

CUIRT FUIBLIDHE REIDHTIUCHAIN.

Sean O Mathghamhnaigh (Fearmanach Theas) "An neosaidh an tAireach Duithe don Dail, an bhfuil se ar aigne an Riaghaltais Cuirteanna Puiblidhe Reidhtiuchain do bhunu, mailleleis hArd-Chuirt chun ceisteanna mora do reidhteach, agus ma ta, cathain a bhunochar iad?"

D'fhreagair an tAireach Duithe go raibh Coiste a cheap an sean-Aireacht ag scrudu na ceiste sin, agus go dtiocfadh cunntas uatha os comhair na Dala ni ba dheannaighe.

MEADU CUIREADOIREACHTA.

Liam de Roiste (Cathair Chorcaighe) " An bhfuil scrudu deanta ag an Aireacht ar Mheadu Chuireadoireachta in

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DAIL EIREANN

Private Session 4th April 1919.

The Ceann Comhairle Sealadach took the Chair at 10-26 a.m.

MOTION TO EXCLUDE STRANGERS.

On the motion of Gabhan O DUBTHAIGH (South Co. Dublin) seconded by P. BEASLAOI (East Kerry) it was decided "That during the present Session Dail shall sit in private, and that no visitor be permitted to be present except by special permission of the Ceann Comhairle".

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS.

COURTS OF PUBLIC ARBITRATION

SEAN O'MAHONY (South Fermanagh) - "Will the Minister for Home Affairs inform the House if it is the intention of the Government to establish Public Arbitration Courts and a Supreme Court of Appeal to decide matters of litigation, and, if so, when?"

The HOME SECRETARY replied that a Committee had been set up by the previous Ministry to deal with this question and that a report would be submitted later.

INCREASED TILLAGE

LIAM DE ROISTE (Cork City) asked "Has the Executive considered the question of increased tillage in the country this year, and if so, will it give directions to the country during the next few weeks so that the acreage under crops may be increased while there is time?"

The MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS replied that the Director of the Agricultural Department would submit a report at next Session.

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Eirinn i mbliama, agus ma ta, an dtabharfar stiuru don tir go luath i dtreo is go meadochar an meid talmhan ata fo bharraibh sul a mbeidh se ro-dheanach?"

An tAireach Duithe "Tabharfaidh an Stiurthoir Aireacht na Talamhuidheachta tuairisc ar seo ag an gcead Seiseon eile."

STIURTHOIR TRACHTALA.

Do mhol an Priomh-Aireach Earnan de Blaghd (Muineachan Thuaidh) mar Stiurthoir Trachtala, agus ar thairgsint Sheain Ui Mhathghamhnaigh (Fearmanach Theas), A Mac Caba (Sligeach Theas) ag aontu leis, do ghlac an Dail leis an moladh san.

TUAIRISCI O NA COISTIBE SPEISIALTA.

1. TOGHADH THIOBRUID ARANN THOIR AGUS CHANNTAIR DISEACHA.

Do leigh an tAireach Duithe tuairisc an Chomhaltais-mar leanas:

"Lionfar easnaimh sa Dail ag cruinnighthibh deas na Comharlai a thoibh an sean-Teachta; caithfidh an Comhairle teacht le cheile agus fear ionaid do thoghadh ar an tslighe cheadna gur cheapadh an sean-Teachta i gcoir an toghtha, agus beidh ait sa Dail ag an duine ionaid no go mbeidh faghail ag lucht bhotai an Cheanntair Teachta do thoghadh."

Thairg Toirdealbhach Mac Suibhne (Meadhon Chorcaighe) e sin, agus d'aontuigh Padraig O Maille (Cuan na Mara) leis.

Tarcis conspoide fagadh an cheist mar churam ar an Aireacht ar choinghéall na raghfai chun cinn leis ar nos an mholta no go mbeadh caoi ag an Dail ar thairgsint na hAireachta na thaobh do scrudu.

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DIRECTORATE OF TRADE & COMMERCE

The Priomh-Aireach nominated:-

EARNAN DE BLAGHD (N. Monaghan) as Director of Trade and Commerce.

Approval proposed by Sean O'Mahony (N. Fermanagh seconded by A. MacCabe (S. Sligo) and passed.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

1. EAST TIPPERARY VACANCY AND DUAL SEATS

The Minister for Home Affairs submitted the following report from the Committee:-

"Vacancies in Dail shall be filled up by the body which selected the former member, which body shall re-assemble and select a substitute following the procedure of the previous selection which substitute shall represent the Constituency in the Dail until it is practicable to secure a poll of the people".

Adoption proposed by T. MacSuibhne (Mid-Cork).

Seconded by P. O'Maille (Connemara).

After discussion it was agreed to refer the question to the Ministry an undertaking being given that no action would be taken on the lines of the report until the House was afforded an opportunity of discussing the Ministerial proposal.

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2. PRISONERS OF WAR & KIDNAPPED CHILDREN.

The Home Secretary submitted the following report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the question of Prisoners of War and Kidnapped Children:-

"The Committee appointed to report on the case of the Child Connors and other Prisoners met this morning. The Member for South Tipperary arranged to have a full statement of the case made out and authenticated on the spot. On receipt of this statement the committee recommends

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2. GEIMHLIGH COGAIDH AGUS FUADACH NA LEANBH.

Do leigheadh an tAireach Duithe Tuairisc an Chomhaltais Speisialta a scruduigh ceist na nGeimhleach Cogaidh agus Fuadach na Leanbh. Ar thairgeint Liam de Roiste (Cathair Chorcaighe), agus Padraig O Maille (Cuan na Mara) ag aontu leis do glacadh leis an dtuairisc agus do socruigeadh e bheith ar Riaru na hOibre mar adhbhar chonspoide ag an Seiseon Puiblidhe.

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3. TUARASDAL NA N-AIREACH.

Thug an tAireach Cosanta tuairisc uaidh ar obair an Chomhaltais Speisialta a scruduigh ceist TUarasdal na nAireach mar leanas:-

"D'aontuigheadh a mholadh gan nios mo na £500 sa bhliain a bheith mar tuarasdal ag an bPriomh-Aireach, agus cead do bheith aige sin tuarasdal na raghadh thar £300 sa bhliain do dhiol le gach Aireach eile, agus go bhfaigheadh Congantoir don Aireach Cosanta an £300 sa bhliain a bheidh ag dul don Aireach san."

Thairg Liam de Roiste (Cathair Chorcaighe) agus d'aontuigh Conchubhar O Coileain (Luimneach Thiar) go nglacfaidhe leis an dtuairisc.

Thairg Tomas O Ceallaigh, Seanoir (Faithche Stiophain) agus d'aontuigh Art O Conchubhair(Cill Dara Theas) leis an bhfo-run so: "Biodh £600 sa bhliain mar thuarasdal ag an bPriomh-Aireach agus ~~£350 sa bhliain ag gach Aireach eile, leis na h-Airis eile. Dar~~ ~~mheon le Congantoir an Airigh Chosanta.~~"

Tharla conspoide do tharla aireamh i dtaobh an sceil, do glacadh leis agus/leis an bhfo-run. Glacadh ansan leis mar/d'aon toil.

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that representations on the case be made to the various foreign Consulates and all the Child Protection Societies throughout Europe and America, and to the Press. It further recommends that the child's father be brought to Dublin by Mr. Moloney and his views as to other action ascertained, and that if necessary a public meeting should be called.

The case of the prisoners Nestor and O'Rourke in Reading Jail was discussed. As they appear to be respectively Argentine and U.S.A. subjects it is recommended that representatives of these countries be communicated with and that Mr. Lynch should be asked to press attention to O'Rourke's case.

It is recommended that a full list of all prisoners with the sentences imposed on them and the charges against them should be immediately prepared and printed, and translated into French, Spanish, Italian, and possibly other languages, and circulated abroad.

The Member for North Monaghan undertook to prepare a statement as to the conditions in Belfast.

A report was received from Cork that the prisoners there are being treated as ordinary prisoners. The Committee desires to get reports from Sligo, Derry, and Limerick as to the conditions in those prisons for inclusion in the Statement to be issued to the world."

LIAM DE ROISTE (Cork City) proposed and P. O'MAILLE (Connemara) seconded that the report should be adopted and appear on the Orders of the Day for discussion at the public Session.

Question put and agreed to.

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TEIDEAL NA DTEACHTAI.

Ar mholadh an Airigh Deantus do cuireadh an cheist sán ar ath-lo.

CUR I GCOINNIBH NA HALLUMHAIREACHTA.

Dubhairt an tAireach Cosanta gurb e tuairim na hAireachta na faighfaidhe e chur do churam ar mhuinntir na tire fe lathair an rud do bhi ceapuithe do dheanamh. Da bhrigh sin nior doineadh aon rud i dtaobh an sceil.

SAOIRSE NA FARAIGE.

Thairg Eoin Mac Neill (Iolscoil na hEireann) agus d'aontuigh Alasdar Mac Caba (Sligeach Theas) leis an adhbhar ruin seo:-

"Ise ar dtuairim daingean gur ar Saoirse na hEireann thar aon ni eile a sheasuigheann Saoirse na Faraige. Ni le cead aon trath o Naisiun na hEireann a dheanfaidh Comhacht ar bith usaid do thalamh, do chostaibh na do chuantaibh Eireann chun lamh laidir ar an bhfaraige do chur i bhfeidhm ar dhaoinibh eile, ait ba choir a bheith na shaor-bhothar ag gach cine. Se ar dtoil go mbeadh an cead ceadna ag lucht gach Naisiuin chun trachtala i gcuanta agus i gcaladh-phuirt na hEireann, agus go gcurfai deire le comhacht na laimhe laidre ata ag cabhlacht agus ag loingeas Shasana a imirt ortha, ni is mor-dioghbhail duinne agus do naisiuin eile."

Do glacadh leis sin.

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PAYMENT OF MINISTRY

The Minister for Defence presented the report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the question of the payment of Ministers as follows;-

"It was decided to recommend that the salary of the Prime Minister be not more than £500 per annum, and that he be empowered to pay to each of the remaining Ministers a salary not exceeding £300 per annum, and that an Assistant to the Minister for Defence shall receive the £300 per annum allocated to that Minister".

Liam de Roiste (Cork City) moved the adoption of the report and C. Collins (W. Limerick) seconded.

Alderman T. Kelly (St. Stephen's Green) moved and Art O'Connor (S. Kildare) seconded an amendment "That the salary of the Prime Minister be £600 per annum and that power be given to pay up to a maximum of ~~the salaries of the other Ministers including the Assistant to the Minister of Defence be £350 per annum~~ £850 per annum to the remaining Ministers."

After discussion the House divided and the amendment was declared carried. The amendment was then put as a substantive motion and agreed to without a division.

DESIGNATION OF DEPUTIES

The Minister for Industries requested that this matter be left over and this was agreed to.

MOTION AS TO RESISTANCE TO USURPATION.

The Minister for Defence stated that the Ministry were of opinion that they would not at present be justified in calling on the country to carry out the proposals as contemplated.

Accordingly no action was taken.

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

Roin MacNeill (Ollscoil na hEireann) moved and A. MacCabe (S. Sligo) seconded the following motion:-

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CURSAI AIRGID.

Thairg an tAireach Cosanta agus d'aontuigh Labhras Mac Fhionnghail/leis (Iar-Mhidhe) go mbeadh ughdaras ag an Aireacht Bannai Saotstatacha do chur ar diol - a thabharfadh ~~xxxx~~ £250,000 isteach - ar mheadhanaibh o punt go mile punt.

Do glacadh leis sin.

SEISEON PUIBLIDHE.

Thairg an Priomh-Aireach, d'aontuigh Liam Mac Cosgair (Cill Choinnigh Thuaidh) leis agus do glacadh leis seo:-

"Seiseon puiblidhe den Dail a bheith ann ar an Dardaoin agus ~~xxxxx~~ ar an Aoine, an lOadh agus an lladh. la d'Abran."

D'aontuigheadh fairis sin an Comhaltas Speisialta so do chur ag feidhteach na choir:

Aireach Riaghaltais Aiteamhla,
Piaras Beaslaoi (Ciarraighe Thoir),
An tAireach Airgid,
Conchubhar O Coileain (Luimneach Thiar),
Risteard O Maolchathaigh (Cluain Tairbh),
An Ceann Comhairle.

FOILLSIU AINMNEACH NA NAIRNACH.

Ar thaigeint an Phriomh-Airigh agus Labhras Mac Fhionnghail/ag (Iar-Mhidhe) aontu leis, do socruigheadh ainmneacha na nAireach agus na Stiurthoiri do chur chun lucht na bpaipear nuaidheachta (gan innsint cad e an curam a bhi ar aon Aireach fe leith).

Ansan thairg Seosamh Mac Aonghusa (Longphort) agus d'aontuigh Alasdar Mac Caba leis: "Go gcuirfi cunntas ar

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" "We recognise that on the Independence of Ireland more than on any other single fact the Freedom of the Seas depends. It will never be with the consent of the Irish Nation that their land, its coasts and harbours, shall be made use of by any Power to dominate the ocean, which should be a free highway for all peoples. We desire that our ports and harbours should be equally accessible to all external nations, and that the present naval and mercantile monopoly over them exercised by England to our great detriment and the detriment of other nations shall be abolished".

Question put and agreed to.

FINANCIAL PROPOSALS

The Minister for Defence moved and L. Ginnell (Westmeath) seconded that "The Ministry be authorised to issue Republican Bonds to the value of £250,000 in sums of £1 to £1000.

Question put and agreed to.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC SESSION

Eamonn de Valera (Prime Minister) moved and W. T. Cosgrave (N. Kilkenny) seconded and it was agreed to "That the Dail sit in public Session on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th April".

It was further agreed that a select Committee consisting of the Minister for Local Government, Piaras Beaslaoi (E. Kerry), M. Collins (S. Cork), C. Collins (W. Limerick), R. Mulcahy (Clontarf), and the Ceann Comhairle, be appointed to make arrangements therefor.

PUBLICATION OF NAMES OF MINISTRY

On the motion of the Prime Minister seconded by L. Ginnell (Westmeath) it was agreed that the names of the Ministry

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ghno an tSeisoin Phriomhaidigh fe bhraghaid na Dala ag an Seiseon Puiblidhe."

Thug seisear Teachtai a bhotai ar thaobh an adhbhair beirt is
ruin sin agus/fiche na choinnibh. Thuit an run ar lar.

TOGHA FIR TEANGAN.

Thairg Piaras Beaslai (Ciarraighe Thoir) agus d'aontuigh T. Mac Suibhne (Meadhon Chorcaighe) leis seo: "Fear teangan do thoghadh chun aistrighthe do dheanamh nuair ba gha e ar oraideanna na Teachtai ag cruinnighthibh priomhaideacha na Dala."

Thairg Cathal Brugha (Portlairge) agus d'aontuigh Padraig O Maille (Cuan na Mara) leis an bhfo-run so: "Beidh cead ag an Teachtaibha rogha teangan do labhairt ag an Dail, agus ni toghfar aon fhear teangan go bhfeicfear ga a bheith leis."

Ghlac Piaras Beaslai leis seo agus deineadh run de.

COSTASAI SPEISIALTA NA DTEACHTAI.

Thairg an tAireach Airgid agus d'aontuigh T. Mac Suibhne (Meadhon Chorcaighe) leis: "Tabhfar cead costas bothair agus costuidheachta aon Teachta ioc ma darann an Aireacht no aon Aireach air teacht go Baile Atha Cliath no go h-ait ar bith eile chun cabhair no coghnamh do thabhairt dhoibh in aon ghno a bhaineann leis an Aireacht."

Do glaeadh leis sin.

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and Heads of Departments (without indicating their respective departments) be communicated to the Press".

Arising out of the previous question J. MacGuinness (Longford) moved and A MacCabe)(S. Sligo) seconded that a report on the business of the private Session be submitted to the Dail when it meets in Public Session.

The House divided and the motion was lost on a vote of six for and twenty-two against.

MOTION TO APPOINT INTERPRETER

In accordance with notice of motion P. Beaslaoi (E. Kerry) moved and T. MacSuibne (Mid-Cork) seconded:-

"That an official interpreter to appointed to translate Irish and English speeches at the private meetings of Dail when necessary".

Cathal Brugha (Waterford Co.) moved an amendment as follows which was seconded by P. O'Maille (Connemara) -

"That Deputies be free to use whichever language they prefer and that no interpreter be appointed until it is thus established that there is need for his services".

The amendment was accepted by the proposer and put and carried.

MOTION TO SANCTION PAYMENT OF DELEGATES SPECIAL EXPENSES

The Secretary for Finance moved and T. MacSuibne (Mid-Cork) seconded "That authority be given to pay the travelling and hotel expenses of Deputies who are summoned to Dublin or any other place by the Ministry or by an individual Minister for the purpose of giving advice or assistance on any official matter".

QUESTION put and carried.

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ROINNT NA TALMHAN ATA DIOMHAOIN.

Thairg A. Mac Caba (Sligeach Thear) agus d'aontuigh an Countes de Markievicz leis seo:

"Ceallan an Dail seo go gcuidfeochaidh si le h-ath-roinnt cothrom, iomlan de thalamh diomhaoin na hEireann ortha so na fuil ach an beagan talamhan aca, no ata gan talamh ar bith.

Aon cheannach a dhein daoine ar leithligh ar thalamh diomhaoin ins na ceanntair cumhanga, no ar thalamh eile ata riachtanach le h-aghaidh aon sciam sealbhuithe ar a chinnfidh an Dail, agus gur tharla an ceannach san o Luan Casca, 1916, ni ceadfochaidh an Riaghaltas Saorstatach an ceannach san anois na choidhche. Fogra an run so doibh suid a ghaibh moran talamhan chucha fein i gcoinnibh tola agus cirt na ndaoine le linn buadhartha na hEireann le deannaighe."

Tareis diospoireachta do tairgeadh siar an tadhbhar ruin seo ar ghealladhaint go scrudfochadh an Comhaltas se leanas an cheist in cinntheacht le Stiurthoir na ~~Talmhuidheachta~~ Talamhuidheachta:-

Padraig O Maille (Cuan na Mara),
S.S.Mac Flannchadha(Sligeach Thuaidh),
A. Mac Caba (Sligeach Thear),
Labhras Mac Fhionnghail(Iar-Mhidhe),
Domhnall O Buachalla (Cillidare Thuaidh),
S. Mac Donnchadha (Tiobruid Arann Thuaidh),
P. O Maoldomhnaigh (Tiobruid ARann Thear),
S. Etchingham (Cill Mhantain Thoir),
E.S.O Dubhgain (Midhe Thear),
S. Mag Craith (Ceanntar Naomh Sheamuis),
S.A.de Burca (Meadhon Thiobruid Arann).

Do scur an Dail ar a 6:40 um thrathona.

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DISTRIBUTION OF VACANT LAND

A. MAC CABE (S. Sligo) moved and COUNTESS MARKIEVICZ (St. Patrick's) seconded:-

"That this Assembly pledges itself to a fair and full re-distribution of the vacant lands and ranches of Ireland among the uneconomic holders and landless men.

That no purchase by private individuals of non-residential land in the Congested Districts, or other land essential for the carrying out of any such schemes of land settlement as the Dáil may decide upon, which has taken place since Easter Monday 1916, be sanctioned now or subsequently by the Irish Republican Government. That this resolution be taken as conveying a warning to those who have recently availed themselves of the crisis in National affairs to annex large tracts of land against the will and interests of the people".

After discussion this resolution was withdrawn; the question of a land policy to be considered by the Agricultural Department. For this purpose it was decided that a Committee consisting of:-

P. O'Maille (Connemara)
J. J. Clancy (N. Sligo)
A. McCabe (S. Sligo)
L. Ginnell (Westmeath)
D. O Buachalla (N. Kildare)
J. MacDonagh (N. Tipperary)
P. Moloney (S. Tipperary)
S. Etchingham (E. Wicklow)
E. J. Duggan (S. Meath)
J. MacGrath (St. James') Dublin
J. A. Burke (Mid-Tipperary)

be appointed to assist the Director of Agriculture in dealing with this matter.

The House adjourned at 6-40 p.m.

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D A I L E I R E A N N.

MIONTUAIRISC AN tSEISEOIN PHRIOMHAIDIGH, 17 MEITHEAMH, 1919.

Do tionoladh Seiseon Priomhaideach de Dhail Eireann in Arus Ard-Mheire Atha Cliath, Dia Mairt, an 17 la de Mheitheamh, 1919. Do ghaibh an Ceann Ionaid ceannas na Dala ar 9-47 r.n. (11-12 r.n. aimsir Gallda).

LEITIR ON bPRIOMH-AIRE, EAMON DE VALERA.

Do leigheadh an leitir seo 'nar nDiaidh on bPriomh-Aire:-

"Ainmnighim ART O GRIOBHTHA, an tAire um Gnothai Duithche, mar Phriomh-Aire Ionaid an fhaid a bhead as baile. Is leor mar dheimhniu ar a oireamhnaighe ata se le h-aghaidh na h-oibre agus ar a dhilse a chabhrochaidh an Dail uile leis, e bheith mar Uachtaran ar Chumann Sinn Fein.

Ni fheadar a bhfuil a leitheid de rud ceaduighthe dreir na Bunreachta, ach is doigh liom gur bhfearr e - i dtreo ~~na beadh~~ na beadh lion na hAireachta ro-bheag, agus chun go mbeadh go leor daoine de gach saghas tuairime ann - an t-easnamh san uimhir an fhaid do bheadsa amuigh do leigheas ar an gcuma so .i. duine des na Stiurthoiribh do bheith san Aireacht go sealadach, agus ma thoiligheann Dail Eireann chuige sin, ba cheart Earnan de Blaghd, an Stiurthoir Trachtala, do bheith na dhuine sealadach den Aireacht.

Se mo thuairim leis, gur ceart don Aireacht iarraidh ar an bPriomh-Aire Ionaid a thuarastal do ghlacadh, oir is cuma e no duine go mbeadh a chuid aimsire go leir aige a thabhairt don obair.

Ba cheart go mbeadh slighte oibre lan-ullamh le h-aghaidh an chead chruinnighthe eile den Dail ag na hAirigh ata i bhfeidhl Trachtala, Riaghaltais Aiteamhla, 7c; comhairli iondheanta gur ghlac an Aireacht leo, agus gur bhfeidir dul ar aghaidh leo laithreach, da nglacfadh an Dail leo. Ni folair duinn iarracht do dheanamh ar thosnu laithreach bonn ar an obair togala ata i gClar Sinn Fein do chur i bhfeidhm."

TOGHADH AN PHRIOMH-AIRIGH IONAID.

Do thairg CATHAL BRUGHA (Teachta Cho. Phortlairge) agus d'aontuigh SEOSAMH MAC AONGHUSA (Teachta Longphuirt) leis an run so:-

"Deimhnigheann an Dail ainmniu AIRT UI GHRIOBHTHA an tAire um Gnothai Duithche, mar Phriomh-Aire Ionaid an fhaid a bheidh an Priomh- Aire as baile."

Do glacadh leis sin.

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DAIL EIREANN.

MINUTES OF PRIVATE SESSION 17th JUNE, 1919.

Dail Eireann assembled in Private Session in the Mansion House on Tuesday 17th day of June 1919 at 9-47 a.m. (11-12 a.m. English time) the Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT DE VALERA.

The following letter from the PRESIDENT was read:-

"I hereby appoint the Secretary for Home Affairs, ART O'Griobhtha, as Deputy President in my absence. The fact that he is Vice-President of the political organisation clearly indicates him for the position and is an assurance that he will have the loyal co-operation of the whole Dail.

I do not know that there is any provision made for it in the constitution but I think it important, so that the number in the Cabinet may not be too small and that it may include a sufficiency of different types of opinion, to make good the deficiency in number during my absence by the temporary admission of one of the present extra cabinet ministers, and if this be ratified by Dail Eireann, Earnan de Blaghd, Minister for Trade should be thus admitted.

I am also of the opinion that the Deputy-President should be requested by the Cabinet to accept his salary, as in effect he will be giving all his time to the work.

For the coming meeting of the Dail, the ministers in charge of Trade, Local Government, etc., should have schemes - practical proposals sanctioned by the Cabinet and ready to be put into immediate operation if sanctioned by the Dail - fully prepared. We must endeavour to begin at once to put into operation the domestic and constructive side of the Sinn Fein programme."

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY-PRESIDENT

CATHAL BRUGHA(Waterford Co.) moved and JOSEPH MCGUINNESS (Longford Co) seconded:-

> "That the Dail ratify the appointment of ART O Griobhtha, Secretary for Home Affairs, as President-Substitute during the absence of the President".
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> Question put and agreed to.

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AN STIURTHOIR TRACHTALA A BHEITH SAN AIREACHT.

Do thairg CATHAL BRUGHA (Teachta Cho. Phortlairge) agus d'aontuigh TOIRDHEALBHACH MAC SUIBHNE (Teachta Meadhon-Chorcaighe) leis an-

"Glacann an Dail le hEarnan de Blaghd, an Stiurthoir Trachtala, mar dhuine den Aireacht."

Do chuir SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) i gcoinnibh an adhbhair ruin, mar da nglactai leis, go mbeadh beirt Aireach Trachtala ann. D'fhiafruigh se ar eirigh an tAire a toghadh cheana as an obair no ar cuireadh as feidhmeannas e.

D'fhreagair an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID go raibh dearmhad ionghantach a dheanamh ag an dTeachta, na raibh aon Aire Trachtala ann, ach gur lughde e lion na hAireachta Eamon de Valera bheith as baile. Ta Airex Tiuscail ann.

Do thairg SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuiscirt Thiobruid Arann)

"Na toghtar aon Aire chun go gcuirfear 16 b de Riaradh na hOibre fe chonspoid."

D'aontuigh SEAN MAC an tSAOI (Teachta Dh. Muineachain) leis seo. Ba mhaith leis fhaghail amach cad na thaobh na raibh an Priomh-Aire i lathair. Nior cuireadh an sceal i gcomhairle aoinne de lucht na Dala. Ni rabhthas ag tabhairt cothrom na Feinne dhoibh agus a radh na raibh fhios aca an raibh an Priomh-Aire imthighthe as Eirinn, no ca raibh se.

D'fhreagair an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID go mbeadh eolas an sceil ag gach Teachta sara scaipfeadh an Dail. Nior bhfalair glacadh le no diultadh dos na comhairlibh a bhi fe bhraghaid na Dala, agus do raghfai chun cinn no go nglacfai leis na comhairlibh athruighthe a bhi ag bun Riaradh na hOibre.

Dubhairt EOIN MAC NEILL (Teachta Iollscoil na hEireann) na raibh aon eolas speisialta aige fein le h-aghaidh an phuist a bhi aige. Bhi moran oibre deanta ag Earnan de Blaghd i gcursai Trachtala, agus ba mhaith leis Earnan a bheith na Aire. Do bhi an-bhaoghal ann .i. an fhaid a bheidhfi ag buachtaint neamhspleadhchais poilitiogh na hEireannx go mbeadh an neamhspleadhchas econoimice ag sleamhnu uatha.

Bhi cuigear i bhfabhar an bhfo-ruin agus beirt ar fhichead na choinnibh. Do glacadh leis an bun-run ansan.

RUN BUIDHEACHAIS LE SEANAID MHEIRIOCA.

Do thairg an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID an run buidheachais seo 'nar ndiaidh le Seanaid Mheirioca:-

"Is mian le Teachtai toghtha na hEireann ar a mbeith cruinnighthe i Seiseon den Dail doibh i mBaile Atha Cliath, an 17 la de Mheitheamh, 1919 - sara ngabhaid le h-obair an lae - a mbuidheachais do chur in iuil i dtaobh an ghnimh a dhein Dail na Stat nAontuighthe ar son na hEireann, agus go h-airithe, i dtaobh na run so gur ghlac Seanaid na Stat nAontuighthe leo:-

'Iarann Seanaid na Stat nAontuighthe go dian ar Chomhachtoiribh Siothchana Mheirioca i Versailles na Frainnce iarracht a dheanamh ar chead dfhaghail d'Eamon de Valera, Art O Griobhtha agus Seoirse Pluincead (Biocan de Chuirt an Fhapa) teacht i lathair

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INCLUSION IN THE MINISTRY OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE & COMMERCE

CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) moved and T. MAC SUIBHNE (Mid Cork) seconded:-

"That the Dail ratify the inclusion in the Ministry of Earnan de Blaghd, Director of Trade and Commerce"

JOSEPH MAC DONAGH (N. Tipperary) opposed the motion on the ground that this would mean two Ministers of Trade and Commerce. He asked if the Minister previously appointed had resigned or had been dismissed.

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The PRESIDENT replied that the Member was labouring under an extraordinary misapprehension. There was no Minister for Trade and Commerce, but the strength of the Cabinet had been reduced by Mr. De Valera's absence. There is a Minister for Industries.

J. MacDONAGH (N. Tipperary) moved:-

"That no Minister be appointed until 16B on the Orders of the day had been discussed".

S. MCENTEE (S. Monaghan) seconded. He asked for an explanation of the absence of the President. No Member of the Dail had been consulted. It was neither right nor fair to them that they should be unable to say whether the President had gone away, and where he was.

The PRESIDENT-SUBSTITUTE replied that before the Dail adjourned every member would be informed as to the facts. The proposals before the house must be carried or rejected, and until the revolutionary proposals appearing lower down in the Orders of the day were carried they would go on.

EOIN MacNEILL (Nat. University) said that he had no special fitness for the post he occupied. Mr. Blaghd had done a considerable amount of work in the Department of Trade and Commerce and he should be glad that he (Mr. Blaghd) should be appointed an active Member of the Ministry. There was great danger that while they were gaining the political Independence of Ireland they might lose it economically.

A Division was challenged and on the Amendment, and on a count of five votes for, and twenty-two against, the original question was then put and carried.

MOTION OF THANKS TO THE AMERICAN SENATE

The ACTING PRESIDENT moved the following resolution of thanks to the American Senate:-

"The duly elected representatives of Ireland assembled in legislative session in Dublin this 17th day of June 1919, before taking up the business of the day, desire to record their appreciation of the action of the Congress of the United States on behalf of Ireland, and in particular of the following resolutions adopted by the Senate of the United States:-

'That the Senate of the United States earnestly requests the American Peace Commission at Versailles to endeavour to secure for Eamonn de Val Valera, Arthur Griffith, and George Noble Count

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Comhdhail na Siothchana, chun Cuis na hEireann do chur fe bhraghaid na Comhdhala.

Agus fos, is maith le Seanaid na Stat nAontuighthe go mbeadh caoi ag muinntir na hEireann riaghaltas da roghadh fein do bhunu.'

Da bhrigh sin biodh 'na run: tugtar mar ordu do Riaghaltas Toghtha na hEireann buidheachas Naisiun na hEireann a chur in iuil do Dhail na Stat nAontuighthe, agus a fhogairt nach mian le muinntir na hEireann aon chur isteach a dheanamh ar chirt na ar threabhchais Naisiun eile, ach gur be a mian diograiseach bheith i siothchain cairdeamhail le Saor-Naisiunaibh an Domhain, agus bheith maraon leo; agus a dheimhniu do mhuinntir Mheirioca go leanaid fos, agus go bhfuilid do-bhriste, na ceangail fola agus caradais a tharla idir an da naisiun ins an aimsir go rabhdar fe chuing an aon-namhad."

D'aontuigh CATHAL BRUGHA (Teachta Cho. Phortlairge) leis agus do glacadh leis an run d'aontoil.

TRACHTAS DALTA AN PHRIOMH-AIRIGH AGUS OBAIR NA hAIREACHTA.

Do labhair AN PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID AGUS AN AIRE UM GNOTHAI DUITHCHE:-

Do chuaidh an Priomh-Aire thar lear ar chomhairle na hAireachta, dfhonn Cuis na hEireann do chur chum; mineochar an sceal san don Dail sara goriochnofar an Seiseon. An fhaid a bheidh se as baile is ceart duinn agus ise a mhian fein go raghaimis chun cinn chomh tapaidh agus is feidir e leis an obair ata romhainn. Da bhrigh sin, iarrfam ar an nDail comhairle a thabhairt duinn ar na meithibh ar a dtrachtfar i dTuarasgbhalaibh na nAireach. Nuair a bheidh na Tuarasgbhala curtha fe chonspoid raghfar ar aghaidh le Comhairlibh na hAireachta, agus ansan, le h-adhbhair run na dTeachtai eile.

CONSUIL.

Dalta bunu Consul i gCoigeriochaibh do scruduigh lucht na hAireachta an sceal go fear o aimsir an chruinnighthe dheiridh den Dail. Is leir duinn uile an gadhtar ata le Consulaibh. Da mbeadh a leitheidi againn le tamall anuas ni bheadh an oiread san duadha ag baint leis an obair i bParis. Dar leis an Aireacht gur cheart duinn feidheamannaigh creideamhnacha a bheith againn thar lear. Do thoigh an Aireacht Eamonn Bulfin cheana fein mar feidheamannach i dTir an Airgid; agus taid ag cuimhneamh ar tuille do thpghadh,duine aca le h-aghaidh na Stat nAontuighthe. Cuirfear comhairli fe nbhur mbraghaid maidir le bunu Consul agus go h-airithe, maidir le trachtail direach idir na Stat nAontuighthe agus an tir seo.

TALAMH.

TRachtfar ar an gceist seo i dTuarasgbhail an Stiurthoir Talambuidheachta. Ta dluth-cheangal idir ceist na Talmhan agus ceist na hImirce. Ta fhios againn gur be mian Riaghaltais Shasana cabhru leis an imirce mas feidir leo na caladh-phuirt d'oscailt i Mi na Nodlag so chughainn. Ta raidhte ag Ard-Runaidhe na nGall in Eirinn gurbe is mo ata ag cur ortha na an meid fear og ata sa tir seo. Nidh is mor-churam duinne an mian san, agus beidh ar an Dail e chur bun os cionn, Ta suil agam go gcuirfidh gach Teachta an speis is mo is feidir leis sa cheist seo.

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Plunkett, a hearing before the Peace Conference in order that they may present the case of Ireland.
And further, the Senate of the United States expresses its sympathy with the aspirations of the Irish people for a Government of their own choice'.

It is therefore resolved: that the elected government of Ireland be and is hereby directed to convey the thanks of the Irish Nation to the Congress of the United States; to declare that the people of Ireland cherish no designs on the rights or territories of other nations, but ardently seek to live in cordial peace with, and as one of, the Free Nations of the World; and to assure the people of America that the ties of blood and friendship which subsisted between both nations in the days of their subjection to one common oppressor have endured and are indissoluble."

CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

STATEMENT AS TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY OF THE MINISTRY.

ACTING PRESIDENT AND MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS:-

"The President has, by and with the advice of the Ministry, gone on a mission abroad, particulars of which will be communicated to the Dail before the conclusion of the Session. In his absence we should, and it is his desire that we should, proceed with as much speed as possible with our constructive programme. Accordingly we shall ask the Dail to deal with and advise on the questions of construction that will arise on the reports of the various Ministers. After the reports have been discussed the ministerial proposals will be proceeded with, and motions of which private members have given notice will then be taken up.

CONSULAR SERVICE

The question of the establishment of a Consular Service has received a considerable amount of attention from the Ministry since the Dail last met. The necessity for such a service is patent to us all. If we had had some such service, all the hard work at Paris would have been much easier. In the opinion of the Ministry there should be prominent representatives of Ireland abroad. Already the Ministry have appointed one representative to Argentina, Eamonn Bulfin; and they are considering the appointment of others, one of whom will be accredited to the United States. Detailed proposals will be laid before you in connection with the Consular Service and especially in connection with the question of direct trading between the United States and this country.

LAND

This matter will arise on the report of the Director of Agriculture. The land question is inseparably bound up with the question of Emigration. We know that the policy of the English Government is to encourage emigration from Ireland if they can open the ports next December. The Chief Secretary for the English Power in Ireland has stated that their chief difficulty arises from the pre-

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IASCACH

Cuirfear comhairli dfhonn cabhruighthe le h-Iascach na hEireann fe nbhur mbraghaid. Fe lathair is lugha a gheibhtear de bharr Iascaigh na hEireann na de bharr iascaigh aon tire eile ata ar bhruach na mara. Is amhlaidh a chuaidh toradh an iascaigh i luighead i ndiaidh ar ndiaidh fe churam Aireachta Ghallda, agus do thainigh luach £2,000,000 de bhreis ar thoradh iascaigh Shasana san am gceadna. Nil an Aireacht Ghallda chun cabruighthe le n-ar n-iascach-na; ta ar aigne aici e do mhilleadh. Taimidne chun cur chun na h-oibre seo go bunudhasach anois.

COILLTE.

Roim an cogadh ba lugha de thalamh na hEireann na de thalamh aon tire eile a bhi fe chrannaibh; agus le linn an chogaidh d'imthigh dothain 15 mbliana den dothain 20 blian de adhmad a bhi againn. Is measa Eire i gcursaibh adhmaid fe lathair na aon tir aithtreabhtha eile ach amhain Tir na hOidhre. Ise dualgas na Dala leigheas ar an sceal san dfhaghail.

CUIRTEANNA REIDHTEACHTA

Is ail linn go gcinnfeadh an Dail ar shlighe chun Cuirteanna Reidhteachta do bhunu i ngach conntae. Cuirfear moladh na thaobh so os bhur gcomhair.

IMEASC NIDHTHE EILE ar a dtrachtfar ta:-

(1) Teasbantas d'Earraibh agus de Ghustal na hEireann.

(2) Bunu Bord Trachtala.

(3) Bunu Seirbhis le h-aghaidh Lucht Tuarastal na mBord Puiblidhe.

Os rud e nach folair duinn na Buird Puiblidhe a bheith fe n-ar gcuram, caithfimid oibriu dfhonn greim dfhaghail ortha san na fuil fabharach duinn fe lathair, agus cabhair n-ar n-obair dfhaghail uatha san ata linn.

GNO AN TSEISEOIN

Ise is mian linn na Tuarasgbhala na nAireach do leigheadh indiu, agus iad do chur fe chonspoid amaireach. Ansan rachfar chun cinn le h-adhbhair run na hAireachta agus eile. Is doigh liom gur be seo an tslighe is fearr, acht is fen Dail ata socru an sceil, nidh nach ionghna.

An Ceann Comhairle: "Measaim gur be sin toil na Dala?"

Do cuireadh in iuil gur be.

Do leigheadh TUARASGBHALA os na hAireachaibh ata i mbun na ngnothai seo .i. Gnothai Coigcrioch, Tiuscail, Airgead, Riaghaltas Aiteamhail, Trachtail, agus Talamhuidheacht.

Toisc an Aire Oibreachais agus an Stiurthoir Craobhscaoileachain a bheith fe ghlas ag an namhaid nior frith aon Tuarasgbhala uatha, Nior bhfeidir don Aire Airgead na dan Stiurthoir Talamhuidheachta bheith i lathair, toisc faireachain an namhad, agus do leigh an Priomh-Aire Ionaid a dTuarasgbhala.

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ponderance of young men in this country. It will be the business of the Dail to take steps to thwart that policy which is a very serious matter for us. I hope that every member will give his best thought and consideration to this question.

FISHERIES

Propcsals for the advancement of Irish Fisheries will be laid before you At the present time the Irish Fisheries have the smallest yield of any maritime country in the world. Under the care of an English Department the yield has been steadily decreasing, while the yield from the English Fisheries has increased £2,000,000 in value during the same period. The English Department is not going to help our Fisheries; it is bent on destroying them. We are now going to take practical steps to deal with the matter.

FORESTRY

The percentage of the area of Ireland under woodland was the least of any country before the war, and during the war fifteen years of the twenty years supply has gone. Ireland is now worse off in this respect than any other inhabited country in the world with the exception of Iceland. It will be the duty of the Dail to find a remedy for this condition of affairs.

ARBITRATION COURTS.

We desire that a scheme should be worked out by the Dail for the establishment of Arbitration Courts in every County. Suggestions for a practical scheme will be brought forward.

OTHER MATTERS which will engage our attention are:-

(1) The question of an exhibition of Irish products and resources.

(2) The formation of Irish Boards of Trade.

(3) The establishment of a National Civil Service.

As control of the local bodies is essential to our policy , we must work to capture those which are not yet with us, and set to work with the co-operation of those which are with us.

BUSINESS OF THE SESSION

What we propose to do is to read all the ministerial reports to-day, and have the debates on them to-morrow. Then we will take up the ministerial motions and the other motions. This is suggested as the most satisfactory method of procedure, but it is of course, for the Dail to decide the matter for itself.

An Ceann Comhairle "I take it that the Dail approves?"

Members signified their assent.

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STIURTHOIR IONAID UM CRAOBHSCAOILEACHAIN

Do thairg an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID, agus d'aontuigh Liam Mac Cosgair (Teachta Thuaiscirt Chill Choinnigh) leis an run so:-

"Glacann an Dail le Deasmhumha Mac Gearailt (Teachta Phembroca) mar Stiurthoir Craobhscaoileachain an fhaid a bheidh Labhras Mag Fhionnghail fe ghlas ag an namhaid."

Do thairg Seosamh Mac Donnchadha (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobraid Arann), agus d'aontuigh Proinnsias O hAthaigh (Teachta Dheiscirt na Gaillimhe) leis an bhfo-run so .i. An cheist do chur siar no go socrofai i dtaobh an adhbhair ruin chun na Bunreachta d'atharu - 16B i Riaradh na hOibre. Do thuit san ar lar - 15 bhotai na choinnibh agus 11 bhotai na fhabhar.

D'fhiafruigh Seosamh Mac Donnchadha an e an fhaid a bheadh Labhras Mag Fhionnghail fe ghlas a bheadh Deasmhumha Mac Gearailt sa bhfeadhmannas so, agus an chun go dtiocfadh An Priomh-Aire thar n-ais a bheadh Earnan de Blaghd san Aireacht.

Dfhreagair an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID gur mar sin a bheadh.

Do glacadh leis an bun-run ansan.

BEAN MHIC FHIONNGHAIL.

Do thairg an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID agus d'aontuigh CATHAL BRUGHA (Co. Phortlairge) leis seo:-

"Ise toil na Dala dioladheacht dreir £250 sa mbliain do dheanamh le Bean Mhic Fhionnghail an fhaid a bheidh a ceile fe ghlas."

Dubhradh go mbeadh tuarastal Labhrais Mhic Fhionnghail ag dul don Stiurthoir Ionaid go dti go bhfillfeadh Labhras.

Do glacadh leis an run.

CURAI AIRGID : CUIS NA hEIREANN.

Do tharla roinnt diospoireachta ar Thuarasgbhail an Aire Airgid.

Dubhairt TOMAS O CEALLAIGH, SEANOIR CATHRACH (Teachta Faithche Stiophain) nar cheart airgead na Dala bheith i dtaisce i mBanno go mbiodh Brat Shasana os a chionn.

Be sin tuairim Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonnchadha (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobraid Arann) leis, agus d'aontuigh an Dail leis.

Do minigheadh gur mar ais a cuireadh £2,000 i mBanno na Mumhan agus Laighean, agus go dtogfai as e gan mhoill..

Do chuir SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) moran cheisteanna dalta an chunntais Airgid; agus os rud e na raibh an tAire Airgid i lathair do h-iarraidh air folaireamh i dtaobh na gceist do thabhairt. Dubhairt

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REPORTS of the Secretaries for Foreign Affairs, Industries, Local Government, Trade and Commerce, and Agriculture, were then read.

As the Minister for Labour and the Director of Propaganda were at the moment in the hands of the enemy they were unable to furnish reports. The Minister for Finance and the Director of Agriculture being prevented from attendance by enemy action, their reports were read by the Acting-President.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE-DIRECTOR OF PROPAGANDA.

TheACTING PRESIDENT moved and Mr. W. T. Cosgrave (N. Kilkenny) seconded:-

"That the Dail approve of the nomination of Mr. D. Fitzgerald (Pembroke) as Director of Propaganda during Mr. Ginnell's Absence through enemy action."

An Amendment proposed by Mr. J. MacDonagh (N. Tipperary) and seconded by Mr. P. Paby (Galway S.) that the question be deferred pending a decision on the motion to revise the constitution - 16B on the Orders of the Day, was defeated on a division by fifteen votes to eleven.

Mr. MacDonagh asked if this appointment was for the period until Mr. Ginnell's release, and if the appointment of Mr. Blythe was until the return of the President.

The ACTING PRESIDENT replied in the affirmative.

The original motion was then put and carried.

PROVISION FOR MR. GINNELL'S WIFE.

The ACTING PRESIDENT moved and CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) seconded:-

"That the Dail approve of ~~the~~ allowance at the rate of £250 per annum to Mrs. Ginnell during the period of Mr. Ginnell's imprisonment."

It was explained that the ordinary payment to Mr. Ginnell would be made to the Substitute Director until Mr. Ginnell returned.

Question put and agreed to.

FINANCE: IRELAND'S CASE

A general discussion took place on the Report submitted by the Secretary for Finance.

ALDERMAN T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) pointed out that it was not proper that the monies of Dail should be in the hands of a bank which flew the Union Jack.

This view was supported by Mr. McDonagh (N. Tipperary) and generally agreed to.

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se nar cheaduig an Dail riamh an tuarastal a bhi ag Gabhan O Dubhthaigh, agus gur mho e na tuarastal ne nAireach.

Do mhinigh CATHA BRUGHA (Teachta Cho. Phortlairge) nar ceapadh gur gadh cead d'iarraidh ar an Dail i dteobh an tuarastail a thabharfaoi d'Oificigeach, ach go ndeanfai amhleidh de mbe mhian leis an Dail san.

Dubheirt TOMAS O CEALLAIGH, SEANOIR CATHRACH (Teachta Faithche Stiophain) nar mhaith an cume e Teachtai do thoghadh mar Oificigh ar thuarastal gan cead ne Dala.

Imeasc na nidhthe a bhi sa Chunntas Airgid bhi costas clobhuailte "Eileamh Eireann," agus ar thairscint THOMAIS UI CHEALLAIGH, SEANOIR CHATHRACH (Teachta Faithche Stiophain) agus SEAN O MATHGHAMHNA (Teachta Dheiscirt Fearmanach) ag aontu leis, do glacadh leis an run so:-

"Orduigheann an Dail cead coin d'Eileamh Eireann a chur i gcle le h-aghaidh a seaivithe imeasc lucht na Dala."

OIRTHEAR THIOBRUID ARANN.

Dubhairt an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID gur chomhairligh an Comhaltas Speisialta a toghadh ag Cruinniu na Dala i Mi Abrain an t-eagnamh sa Dail a lionadh, agus gur mholadar gur bhe an taighe a bhfearr chuige sin na go dtoghfadh an Comhairle a thoigh Piaras Mac Ganna an Teachta nua. Do thein ar an Airecht aighe nios fearr chun an sceil a reidhteach a cheapadh o shoin. Toisc an Tuath Dala san bheith fe dhlighe Arm nior bhfeasach doibh aon taighe.

Do thairg M.P.Colivet (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe), agus d'Aontuigh SEAN ETCHINGHAM (Teachta Oirthir Chill Mhantain) leis go nglacfadh an Dail leis an gcomhairle.

Tareis roinnt diospoireachta, do thairg SEAN MAC an tSAOI (Teachta Dheiscirt Mhuineachain) "An toghadh do chur ar s*h-la go ceann se mhi."

D'aontuigh A. MAC CABA (Teachta Dheiscirt Shligigh) leis sin agus do mhol a chur leis "no go gcuirfidh an Riaghaltas Gallda toghadh ar siubhal ann."

Do mhol an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID an sceal dfhagaint fe churam Chomhaltas bhig, ar a mbeadh Teachtai Thiobruid Arann, agus SEAN MAC an tSAOI, maraon le triur den Airecht .i. Liam Mac Cosgair, Seoirse Pluincead agus Eamon de Blaghd.

Do glacadh leis an gcomhairle sin.

Do socruigheadh scur go dti 3.30 i.n., aimsir Ghallda.

Ar mholadh an PHRIOMH-AIRIGH IONAID do socruigheadh tuairisc an chruinnighthe a chur chun na Nuadhachtan.

RIARADH NA hOIBRE.

Do mhol an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID dul ar aghaidh le 16a agus 16 b ar Riaradh na hOibre le linn teacht le cheile tareis dinneir.

Do thairg SEAN MAC an tSAOI (Teachta Dheiscirt Mhuineachain) agus d'aontuigh SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) leis dul ar aghaidh leis an obair dreir an chlair.

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It was explained that £2000 had been lodged with the Munster & Leinster Bank for convenience and that it would be withdrawn without delay.

Mr. J. MAC DONAGH (N. Tipperary) asked several questions regarding items appearing on the Balance sheet, and in the absence of the Secretary for Finance, was asked to give notice of the questions. He complained that the salary paid to Mr. Gavan Duffy was never sanctioned by the Dail and was in excess of that paid to Members of the Ministry.

CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) explained that it was not considered necessary to submit the salary proposed to be paid to an Official to the Dail for approval, but if the Dail so desired, this would of course be done.

ALDERMAN T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) remarked that it was not a sound principle that Members of Dail should be appointed to salaried positions without the approval of Dail.

Arising out of thisitem in respect of the cost of printing "Ireland's CASE" Alderman T. Kelly (St. Stephen's Green) moved and John O'Mahony (Fermanagh S.) seconded :-

"That the Dail orders that 100 copies of Ireland's Case be printed for circulation amongst Members of Dail."

Question put and agreed to.

EAST TIPPERARY VACANCY

The ACTING PRESIDENT said that a select Committee appointed at the Dail meeting in April last had recommended that the vacancy in the Dail should be filled, and suggested that the best procedure would be for the body which selected the late Member, Pierce McCan, to select the new member. The Ministry had not since been able to evolve any more satisfactory system of dealing with the matter. As the Constituency was under Martial Law this would appear to be the only course open to them.

Mr. M. O. COLLIVET (Limerick City) moved and Mr. Etchingham (Wexford N.) seconded that the Dail approve of the proposal.

After some discussion Mr. McEntee (S. Monaghan) moved "that the Election be deferred for six months."

Mr. McCABE (S. Sligo) seconded, adding, "or until such time as the writ is issued by the English Government"

The ACTING PRESIDENT suggested that a small committee to consist of the Members for Tipperary and Mr. McEntee with three Members of the Ministry, Mr. Cosgrave, Count Plunkett, and Mr. Blythe, should again consider the question and report.

The suggestion was agreed to.

A Motion to adjourn until 3-30 p.m. English time was agreed to.

On the suggestion of the Acting President it was agreed that a report of the proceedings should be supplied to the press.

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Tarcis diospoireachta do cailleadh an run dan (16 - 3) agus ansan do h-aontuigheadh na Tuarasgbhala do chur fe chonspoid tarcis dinneir.

Do scuireadh ar 12.5 i.n. (1.30 aimsir Ghallda).

Do thainigh an Dail le cheile aris ar 2.20 (3.45 Aimsir Ghallda).

NA TUARASGBHALA FE CHONSPOID.

Dar le SEAN MAC an tSAOI (Teachta Dheiscirt Mhuineachain) gur thangathas ar chomhairlibh thabhachtacha le linn cainnte le Coimisiun Mheirioca, comhairli gur cheart a chur in iuil dos na Teachtaibh. Dfiafruigh se ar bhfior e gurbh e cuis filleadh an Rianaigh go Meirioca na toisc masla a tugadh do in Ameirioca no i bParis?

Dfiafruigh SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) cad na thaobh gur chuaidh an Priomh-Aire thar lear, ce chur Teachta Dheiscirt Roscomain go Meirioca agus cad chuige?

Dfiafruigh A. MAC CABA (Teachta Dheiscirt Shlighigh) ar tugadh aon iarracht chun an ghluaiseacht do bheith ar aon dul le gluaiseachtaibh in India agus in aiteannaibh eile 'na rabhthas ag cur i gcoinnibh rioghlu Shasana?

Dfhreagair SEOIRSE PLUINCEAD (Teachta Thuaiscirt Roscomain) agus dubhairt gurbh an-dheacair dul chun cinn i bParis i dtosach barratoise lucht Censoireachta na Frainnce bheith na gcoinnibh. Do cuireadh furmhor na deacrachta san ar neamhni. Bhi cabhair do fhaghail aca o lucht paipear agus leabhar sa bhFrainnc, go mor-mor o M. Treguáirs, fear go raibh a scribhinni ag deanamh moran maitheasa do chúis na hEireann. Do thainigh an Coimisiun Americanach go hEirann chun comhairle na hAireachta dfhaghail dalta na sligheo oibre, agus se an sceal a bhi aca ag dul thar n-ais doibh, na gurbh e eileamh na hEireann na Saorstat Gaedhealach. Dalta an Rianaigh, dreir mar a thuig se, chuaidh se siud thar n-ais chun tuairisc a thabhairt do mhuinntir Mheirioca ar staid na hEireann, agus ar cionnus mar eirigh leis.

Do cuireadh Teachta Dheiscirt Roscomain chun na Stat chun obair na nGaedheal-Chumann ansan do chomh-cheangail, agus chun ullamhuighthe le h-aghaidh Consul.

Bhiodar ag obair go cairdeamhail leis na cineachaibh eile ata fe chuing Shasana, ach do bhiothas an-churamach de, na deanfai aon dioghbhail do chuis na hEireann.

.Do chuir an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID i gcuimhne don Dail nar bhfolair aoinni i dtaobh Teachtairi do chur thar lear do choimead fe run. Ba leor mar theist ar an gcuma 'nar coimeadadh an run gur eirigh leis na Teachtairi dul i dtir. Bhi Muadhachtain na hIodaile ar fad ar thaobh na hEireann anois. Dubhairt an Breathnach, duine de Choimisiun Mheirioca, go raibh nios mo gleo a dheanamh ag Eirinn na ag na Naisiunaibh Beaga eile go leir. Bhi Teachtai Eireann chun Comhdhail na Siothchana tarias a chur in iuil don Chomhdhail na raibh de cheart ag Teachtaibh Shasana an Conradh Siothchana do shighniu ar son na hEireann, agus i gcionn tamaill eile eilecchar ar Naisiunaibh an Domhain admhail gur Saorstat Eire. Ni raibh aon cheangal idir an India, an Eigipt agus Eire. Bhio-

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ORDER OF PRIORITY OF BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT suggested that 16a and 16b on the Orders of the Day be taken up after the adjournment.

Mr. McENTEE moved and Mr. MAC DONAGH seconded that the original order of business according to the Agenda, be adhered to.

After discussion this proposal was negatived by sixteen votes to three and it was then agreed that the debates on the reports should be taken up after the adjournment.

The Dail adjourned at 12-5 p.m. (1-30 English time)

The House re-assembled at 2-20 (3-45 English time)

DEBATES ON REPORTS

MR. McENTEE felt that important decisions were arrived at in consultation with the American Commission - decisions with which Members would be acquainted. He asked whether it were true that Mr. Ryan's return to America was due to a slight he received either in America or in Paris?

MR. McDONAGH (N. Tipperary) asked why the President went abroad, and who sent the Member for South Roscommon to America and for what purpose?

MR. MacCABE (S. Sligo) enquired whether any steps had been taken to co-ordinate this movement with movements in India and other places where there is discontent against English domination?

COUNT PLUNKETT (N. Roscommon) in reply said that great difficulties had to be faced in Paris owing to the hostility of the French Press Censorship. These difficulties had in great measure been overcome. They had secured the aid of certain French Publicists, notably M. Treguiers, whose writings were of great service to the Irish cause. The American Commission had come to Ireland to be advised by the Ministry regarding policy and had returned to Paris with definite instructions that the demand of Ireland was an Irish Republic. Mr. Ryan had, as far as his information went, returned to America to report to the American People on the state of Ireland, and on the general progress of his mission.

The Deputy for South Roscommon had been sent to the United States to co-ordinate the activities of the various Irish Societies in America, and to pave the way for the establishment of consular relations.

They were working in harmony with the other subject nations of the British Empire, but great care was being taken that the cause of Ireland was not jeopardised in any way

The ACTING PRESIDENT replying to further questions reminded the Dail of the necessity of secrecy in matters such as the despatch of envoys abroad. The fact that the envoys had arrived proved that the secret was well kept. The whole

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dar ag comh-oibriu le cheile, ach is ag an Dail amhain a bhi an cumas ceangail a dheanamh.

RIAGHALTAS AITEAMHAIL.

Do tharla conspoid ghearr ar an dTuarasgbhail sin, agus ar thairgsint M.P.COLIBHET (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe) agus SEOSAMH O DOCHARTAIGH (Teachta Thuaiscirt Dhun na nGall) ag aontu leis, do socruigheadh copieanna de a chur chun Comhairli Ceanntar Sinn Fein, agus a iarraidh ortha sud gearr-chuntas air a chur chun na Nuachtadh na gceanntair.

Do mhol an tAIRE UM RIAGHALTAS AITEAMHAIL Comhaltaisi Faroiste do chur ar bun, chun riachtanaighe na dTighthe do chur ar a suilibh don bPobul.

TRACHTAIL.

Dalta na Tuarasgbhala san, dubhairt SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) nar bhfolair cosc a chur le h-obair na bhfeidheammach Gallda um earrai d'ordu.

Be tuairim SHEOSAIMH MHIC GIOLLA BRIGHDE (Teachta Iarthair Mhuighco) nar bhfolair tighthe mora trachtala do bhunu dfhonn cabhruighthe le trachtail yhar lear.

Do mhol SEAN MAC an tSAOI (Teachta Dheiscirt Mhuineachain) Banno chun cabhruighthe le Tiuscal do bhunu, agus do thagai RUAIDHRI SUATMAN (Teachta Thuaiscirt LOch Garmain) don us-aid a fheadfai a bhaint as abhnibh na hEireann.

Do mhol an DR. BRIAN CIOSOG (Teachta Thuaiscirt na Gaillimhe Gaillimhe) Coimisiun do thabhairt le cheile chun eolas a chnosach i dtaobh Gustail agus adhbhar Tiuscail na hEireann agus thug se folaireamh usidh dalta an sceil.

Do thracht SEAN O MATHGHAMHNA (Teachta Dheiscirt Fhearmanach ar a riachtanaighe a bhi se ceannach maith a bheith ar na deantusaibh ata ann fe lathair, go mor mor cois baile.

Dubhairt TOIRDHEALBHACH MAC SUIBHNE (Teachta Meadhon Chorcaighe) gur bhfearr deantusai nar ghadh moran airgid doibh do chur ar bun.

Do thagair SEAN ETCHINGHAM (Teachta Oirthir Chill Mhantain) agus SEOIRSE PLUINCEAD (Teachta Thuaiscirt Roscomain) i dtaobh deantus an ghloine do chur ar bun san Inbhear Mhor, agus ar chomhairle an PHRIOMH-AIRIGH IONAID, do socruigheadh an sceal a chur ar athlo go maidin lar na mhaireach, ar 9.05 (11 aimsir Ghallda). Do scuir an Dail ar 4.35 i.n. (6 i.n. aimsir Ghallda).

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Italian Press had now come round to the side of Ireland. Mr. Walsh, one of the American Commission, said that Ireland was making more noise than all the other small nations combined. The Irish Delegates to the Peace Conference had entered a caveat against England's attempt to sign the Peace Treaty on behalf of Ireland, and at a later date a demand for recognition of the Irish Republic will be made on the nations of the world. There was no alliance between India, Egypt, and Ireland. They were working in co-operation, but the Dail was the only body competent to make alliances.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A short discussion took place on the Report, as a result of which it was decided on the motion of M. P. COLLIVET (Limerick City) seconded by J. O'DOHERTY (N. DONEGAL) that copies of the report should be circulated to all Comhairli Ceanntair of Sinn Fein, with a request that a summary of same be supplied to the local Press.

THE SECRETARY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT also suggested the formation of Parish Committees to awaken local interest in the Housing Problem.

TRADE AND COMMERCE

Arising out of the report of the Director of Trade and Commerce Mr. J. MacDONAGH (N. Tipperary) referred to the necessity of counteracting the operation of English Trade Agents in Ireland.

Mr. MacBRIDE (W. Mayo) thought that the establishment of large distributing warehouses was essential to the development of export trade.

Mr. MacENTEE (S. Monaghan) suggested the establishment of an industrial bank and Mr. BURTMAN (N. WEXFORD) referred to the possibilities of utilising the water power of Ireland.

DR. CUSACK(N. Galway) suggested the appointment of an Industrial Commission to collect statistics regarding Ireland's Natural and Industrial resources, and handed in a Notice of Motion to this effect.

Mr. O'MAHONY (S. Fermanagh) pointed out the necessity of securing support for existing industries, particularly in the home market.

Mr. MacSWEENEY (Mid Cork) said that it would be best to concentrate on industrial schemes requiring a moderate amount of capital.

Reference having been made by Mr. ETCHINGHAM (E. WICKLOW) and COUNT PLUNKETT (N. Roscommon) to the possibility of starting an Irish Glass Manufacturing Industry in Arklow, the ACTING PRESIDENT moved the adjournment of the debate until 9-35 on the following morning.(11 o'clock)English time). This was agreed to and the House adjourned at 4-35 (6 p.m. English time)

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DAIL EIREANN.

MIONTHAIRISC AN TSEISEOIN PHRIOMHAIDIGH, 18 MEITHEAMH, 1919.

Do thainig an Dail le cheile aris i dTig Ard-Mheire Bhaile Atha Cliath, Dia Ceadaoin, an 18 la de Mheitheamh, 1919, ar 9.55 r.n. (11.20 r.n. aimsir Ghallda), agus an Ceann Iomaid na ceannas.

LUCHT CUAIRDE.

Dubhairt an Ceann Comhairle gur mhian le S.S.O Meachair, sean-chara d'Eirinn o Astrala, bheith i lathair ar feadh tamaill bhig.

Do ceaduigheadh don Uasal teacht i lathair.

COSC AR THUAIRISC NA DALA.

Mar fhreagra ar cheist do chuir T. O CEALLAIGH? SEANOIR Cathrach (Teachta Faithche Stiophain) dubhairt an PRIOMH-AIRE IOMAID gur cuireadh tuairisc ar imtheachtaibh an lae roimis sin chun na nuadhachtan, ach na ceadochadh Riaghaltas Shasana e chur i gcló. Bhiothas tareis coipeanna den tuairisc sin a chur thar lear cheana fein. Tathar chun an tuairisc a chur i gcló agus a scaipeadh nuair a bheidh deire leis an Seiseon.

TRACHTAIL.

Do leasnadh den chonsaoid ar thuarasgbhail an Stiurthora Trachtala, agus do cuireadh Tuarasgbhail an Aire Tiuscail na theannta.

Do mhinigh an STIURTHOIR cionnus cur chun marbhadh mart, agus chun diol na mairtfheola. Bhiothas ag deanamh scru-duchain dalta bunu tighe trachtala. Dubhradh leis go raibh roinnt fear saidhbhir in America agus suim acu i gcuraibh na hEireann, a bhi toilteannach diol as scrudu dalta Gustal na hEireann. Ni raibh ach aon taighe amhain dar leis, chun cosc a chur le h-iarrachtaibh na gComhlucht Gallda. Be aighe e sin na comhar oibre. Nior bhfolair an obair sin a dheanamh go curamach, i dtreo nar bhaoghal aon deighlt do theacht imeasc na ndaoine agus chun cabhair lucht oibre do choimead.

Do lean na daoine seo den diospoireacht .i. SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann), SEAN MAC AN TSAOI (Teachta Dheiscirt Mhuineachain), SEAN ETCHINGHAM (Teachta Oirthir Chill Mhantain), M.P.COLLIBHET (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe), agus TOMAS O CEALLAIGH, SEANOIR CATHRACH(Teachta Faithche Stiophain).

Be an tAIRE TIUSCAL an duine deirionnach a labhair sa diospoireacht, agus dubhairt go gcurfai roinnt comhairli fe bhraighaid na Dala ni ba dheanaighe. Do dheanfai gach a bhi ar a gcumas chun gan leigint do Choigeriochaigh Saidhbhre greim dfhaghail ar Thiuscail na hEireann. Bhi se deimhnightheach de na raibh aon taighe ach an Comhar, idir Comhar Tiuscal is Comhar Ceannuidheachta, chun cur i

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DAIL EIREANN.

MINUTES OF PRIVATE SESSION 18th JUNE 1919.

The House re-assembled in the Mansion House on Wednesday 18th day of June 1919, at 9-55 a.m. (11-20 a.m. English time) the Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

VISITORS

The Ceann Comhairle announced that the Hon. J. J. Meagher an old friend of Ireland from the Antipodes wished to attend the proceedings for a short time.

The Hon. Gentleman was admitted to the House.

PRESS REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

The ACTING PRESIDENT in reply to a question from Ald. T. Kelly (St. Stephen's Green) stated that a report of the previous day's proceedings had been issued to the Press, but was refused publication by the English Government. Copies of this report had already been sent abroad. Steps will be taken to have the report printed and circulated after the conclusion of the Session.

TRADE AND COMMERCE

The debate on the Report of the Director of Trade and Commerce was then resumed, and the report of the Secretary for Industries was taken in conjunction therewith.

The Director in reply to various speakers gave particulars regarding the establishment of the Dead Meat Industry. The question of establishing a distributing warehouse was receiving attention. A proposal had been made to him that a number of American millionaires who were interested in Ireland, were prepared to finance an investigation into Irish Resources. The Co-operative Movement seemed to be the only feasible method of combating Foreign Trusts and Combines. They should handle this matter with caresc as not to endanger the unity of the people, and so as to retain the support of the Labour Movement.

The debate was continued by Mr. MacDonagh (N. Tipperary), Mr. McEntee (S. Monaghan), Mr. Etchingham (E. Wicklow), M. P. Colliver (Limerick City), and Alderman T. Kelly (St. Stephen's Green).

The Debate was closed by the Minister for Industries who said that a number of concrete proposals would be submitted later in the Session. They would of course discourage the exploitation of Irish Industries by Foreign Captialists by every means in their power. He was convinced that the development of co-operation, both distributive and productive, was the only way to fight the Trust policy. He did not apprehend any danger of splitting their ranks by the adoption of this policy.

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gcoinnibh na gComhlucht Mor. Nior bhe a thuairim go ndeanfai aon deighilt ar na daoinibh da gouirti an modh oibre sin i bhfeidhm.

TUARASGBHAIL STIURTHOIR NA TALAMHUIDHEACHTA.

Do tharla consnoid ar an dTuarasgbhail sin ansan.

Do thracht LIAM DE ROISTE (Teachta o Chathair Chorchaighe) ar an ngadh do bhi feachaint chun meadu na cuiredoireachta.

Dubhairt ALASTAR MAC CABA (Teachta Dheisoirt Shligigh) nar mhor don Dail rud eigin ar leithligh do dheanamh dfhonn an talamh do roinnt ar na daoinibh.

D'innis SEAN ETCHINGHAM (Teachta Oirthir Chill Mhantain) cionnus mar bhi an sceal in Eastat Chlanncureidh: go raibh ar aigne an tighearna talamhan tri ghabhaltasai mora a dheanamh de, agus ar an gcuma sin go ndiolfadh se ceart an tionontaidhe, rud nareibh aon eileamh dleaghthach aige chuige.

Do chomhairligh SEOSAMH MAC GIOLLA BRIGHDE (Teachta Iarthair Mhuigheo) banno do chur ar bun dfhonn cabhruighthe le fearaibh oga gurbh ail leo talamh dfhaghail. Bhi SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann), ART O CONCHUBHAIR (Teachta Dheiscirt Chill Dara), agus PROINNSIAS O FATHAIGH (Teachta Dheiscirt na Gaillimhe) ar an gcomhairle gceadna.

Do mhol M.P.COLLIBHET (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe), iarracht a dheanamh ar obair dfhaghail in Eirinn dos na daoine a theidheann go Sasana gach bliain.

Dubhairt LIAM MAC COSGAIR (Teachta Thuaiscirt Chill Choinnigh) ar son an Stiurthoir Talamhuidheachta, nar ceapadh aon chomhairle dalta eastat Chlanncureidh go dti san , ach amhain go raghadh an Stiurthoir chun cainnte leis an tighearna talmhan.

Do socruigheadh - 23 na fhabhar agus 6 na choinnibh - go scuirfeadh an Dail go dti 1.35 i.n. (3 i.n. aimsir Ghallda) agus go leanfai don obair ansan go dti 4.35 (6 aimsir Ghallda), nuair a scuirfi go dti 6.5 (7.30 aimsir Ghallda).

Do thainig an Dail le cheile aris ar 8.5 (3.30 aimsir Ghallda).

TUARASGBHAIL AN CHOMHALTAIS DALTA OIRTHIR THIOBRUID ARANN.

Be Tuarasgbhail an Chomhaltais na:-

"Tareis scoil an easpaimh san Tusthdala san do bhraithniu, go rabhdar ar son aigne nar cheart Teachta do thoghadh i gcoir na h-aite fe lathair, toisc an nidh fe ndear an easpaimh, agus mar chomhartha ar Fhiaras Mac Cahna?

Do glacadh leis an Tuarasgbhail ar thairgsint LIAIM MAC COSGAIR (Teachta Thuaiscirt Chill Choinnigh) agus SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) ag aontu leis.

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REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE

The discussion on this report was then taken up.

LIAM DE ROISTE (Cork City) referred to the necessity for attending to an increase in the area under tillage.

A. MacCABE (S. Sligo) said that it was essential for the Dail to take up a definite stand with a view to securing the land for the people.

S. ETCHINGHAM (E. Wicklow) gave a resume of the condition of affairs on the Cloncurry Estate, which the owner proposes to parcel out into three large holdings, thereby selling the tenant right to which he had no just claim.

W. MACBRIDE (W. Mayo) suggested the establishment of an Agricultural Bank to facilitate the acquisition of land by the young men of the Country. This suggestion was supported by Messrs. MacDonagh (N. Tipperary), O'Connor (S. Kildare), and Fahy (S. Galway).

M. P. COLLIVET (Limerick City) mentioned the desirability of endeavouring to retain in Ireland the farm labourers who usually migrate to England.

W. COSGRAVE (N. Kilkenny) explained on behalf of the Director of Agriculture, that the only proposal so far with regard to the Cloncurry case was, that the Director should interview Lord Cloncurry.

It was decided after a division, by twenty-three votes to six, that the Dail adjourn until 1-35 (3 p.m. English Time), and a resumption should sit until 4-35 (6 p.m. English time), when an adjournment until 6-5 p.m. (7-30 Entlish time) would take place.

Dail Eireann re-assembled at 2-5 (3-30 p.m. English time-

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON EAST TIPPERARY VACANCY

The Committee reported that -

"Having considered the question of the vacancy in East Tipperary, it was unanimously decided that in view of the circumstances which occasioned the vacancy, it was due to the memory of the late Pierce McCan that his place should not be filled at present."

The Report was adopted on the Motion of T. MacCosgair (N. Kilkenny) seconded by J. MacDonagh (N. Tipperary).

MINISTERIAL MOTIONS

1. CONSULAR SERVICE:

The ACTING PRESIDENT moved that:-

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RUIN NA hAIREACHTA.

1. SEIRBHIS CONSUL.

Do thairg an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID:-

"Orduighteasr Seirbhis Consul do bhunu; agus na Consuil a toghfar a bheith fe smacht na Dala."

Ba cheart Consuil a bheith ag Eirinn gan Eilbheis, sa bhFrainn agus san Spainn. Dalta Mheirioca bhiothas chun fear a chur ann, agus d'iarr se ar an Dail gan a ainm a luadh.

Dubhairt TOMAS O CEALLAIGH, SEANOIR CATHRACH (Teachta Faithche Stiophain) gur bhfearr gan a ainm a innsint doibh. (be sin tuairim na dTeachtai).

Dubhairt an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID na beadh aon bhaint ag obair an Chonsuil i Nua Eabhrac le h-obair na poilitidheachta. Do theastochadh £3,000 chun fear maith do chur ag obair agus a oifig a bheith i lar na cathrach.

D'aontuigh LIAM DE ROISTE (Teachta o Chathair Chorcaighe) leis an run.

Do thairg SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) agus d'aontuigh M.P.COLLIBHET (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe) leis an bhfo-run so:-

"Cuirtear ceist toghadh na gConsul ar athlo no go socruightear i dtaobh na hIasachta Airgid."

Do buadhadh ar an bhfo-run (19 - 6).

Do thairg TOMAS O CEALLAIGH, SEANOIR CATHRACH (Teachta Faithche Stiophain) an t-auguisin seo:-

"Gan thar £10,000 do chaitheamh in aon bhliain ar an Seirbhis Consul - cuirtear tuairisc ar chaitheamh an airgid fe bhraighaid oruinnighthe den Dail ni ba dheanneighe."

D'aontuigh SEAN O MATHGHAMHNA (Teachta Dheiscirt Fearmenach) leis sin agus do ghlac an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID leis.

Do glacadh leis an run agus an auguisin.

2. SOLATHAIR TALAMH.

Do thairg an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID:-

"Orduightear talamh do sholathar don lucht tuaithe ata ata gan talamh fe lathair: id feidr Ciste le h-aghaidh airgid do bhunu i gcoir na h-oibre sin fe ughdaras na Dala"

D'aontuigh ALASTAR MAC CABA (Teachta Dheiscirt Shligigh) leis sin agus do glacadh leis.

3. COILLTE.

Do thairg an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID:-

"Orduigheann an Dail Le Seabhna a bheith 'na Le Curtha Crann in Eirinn, agus ceanduightear Cigire Coillte do thoghadh, agus £1,000 do chur i leathtaoibh i gcoir na h-oibre i mbliana."

D'aontuigh LIAM DE ROISTE (Teachta o Chathair Chorcaighe) leis an run, agus mhol se seri chun na gComhairli Conntae i dtaobh an sceil, agus Comhaltas beag a thoghadh chun cabh-

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"The establishment of a Consular Service is decreed. The Consuls appointed to be amenable to the Dail."

Ireland ought to have a Consular Service in Switzerland, France, and Spain. In connection with America it was proposed to appoint a man there, and he would ask the Dail not to mention his name.

ALDERMAN T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) asked that his name be not disclosed. (Members signified their assent)

The ACTING PRESIDENT continuing said that the New York Consulate would be distinct from the political side. A sum of £3000 would be required to secure the services of a first class man and to establish him in a central office in the City.

Liam de Roiste (Cork City) seconded.

J. MacDONAGH (N. Tipperary) moved, and M. P. COLLIVET (Limerick City) seconded, an amendment to the effect:-

"That the question of appointing Consuls be deferred until after the flotation of the Loan had been discussed."

This was defeated by nineteen votes to six.

ALDERMAN T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) moved an adendum - "That a sum not exceeding £10,000 in any one year be appropriated for the Consular Service - details to be submitted to a later meeting of the Dail."

J. O'MAHONY (S. Fermanagh) seconded, and the adendum was accepted by the Acting President.
The original motion thus amended was put and carried.

2. PROVISION OF LAND

The ACTING PRESIDENT moved the following:-

"The provision of land for the agricultural population now deprived thereof is decreed, and a Loan Fund under the authority of Dail may be established to aid this purpose.

A. McCABE (S. Sligo) seconded, and the Motion was put and carried.

3 AFFORESTATION

The ACTING PRESIDENT moved that -

"Dail decrees November 1st a National Arbor Day, and authorises the appointment of a National Inspector of Forestry, and that a sum of £1000 be appropriated for the purpose for the present year."

LIAM DE ROISTE seconded the motion, and suggested that the County Councils should be circularised in the matter, and that a small committee be set up to assist the Ministry in dealing with the question.

A. MacCabe (S. Sligo) suggested that the local press should be supplied with material in order to stimulate local action.

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ruighthe leis an Aireacht san obair.

Do mhol ALASTAR MAC CABA (Teachta Dhaingean Shligigh) eolas na thaobh a chur chun na nuadhachtan fen dtuaith, dfhonn na daoine do ghriosadh.

D'aontuigh an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID leis na comhairlibh sin.

Tareis roinnt eile dioscoireachta do glacadh leis an run.

4. IASCACH.

Do thairg an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID:-

"Orduigheann an Dail cabhair do thabhairt do lucht Iascaigh Tarraige na hEireann chun oibre na hIascaireachta do bhuanu agus do mheadu. Ceaduightear £5,000 d'Airgead na Duithche do chaitheamh ar an obair, agus fos, Cigire Iascaigh do thoghadh."

D'aontuigh SEAN ETCHINGHAM (Teachta Oirthir Chill Mhantain) leis sin. Dubhairt se go raibh gadh le Caladhruhuirt agus Cuanta. Do mhill Riaghaltas Shasana an tIascach dfhonn na fir ar bhruach na mara dfhaghail da gCabhlach.

Dubhairt SEOSAMH MAC GIOLLA BRIGHDE (Teachta Iarthair Mhuighe gar Framcaigh agus Albanaigh is mo a bhi ag iascaireacht mortimcheall na hEireann. Bhi Aireacht Talamuidheachta na nGall in Eirinn a ordu fe lathair go dteidheann beil na n-abhann i bhfad amach sa bhfarraige, agus ar an gcuma san, cosctar na h-iascairi o bheith ag iascaireacht laistigh des na bealaibh sin. Diultuighad a innsint ce iarran ortha san a dheanamh.

Do thairg M.P.COLLIBHET (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe):-

"Ceaduightear £10,000 do chaitheamh ar an obair."

D'aontuigh Toirdhealbhach Mac Suibhne (Meadhon Chorchaighe) leis sin.

Do ghlac an Aireacht leis an leasu, agus do glacadh leis an run ansan fe mar do leasuigheadh e.

SCUR OIBRE.

Do tharla dioscoireacht dalta seurtha go dti maidin lar na mhaireach, ach tareis Airimh, do seoruigheadh leanamhaint don seoru a deineadh cheana fein, agus teacht le cheile ar 6.5 i.n. (7.30 aimsir Ghallda).

Do scuireadh ar 4.35 i.n. (6 i.n. aimsir Ghallda) agus do thangathas le cheile aris ar 6.27 i.n. (7.52 i.n. aimsir Ghallda).

RUIN NA hAIREACHTA.

5. CUIRTEANNA REIDHEACHTA.

Do thairg an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID:-

"Orduigheann an Dail Cuirteanna Reidheachta do bhunu i ngach conntae, agus Giuistisi do thoghadh."

D'aontuigh LIAM MAC COSGAIR (Teachta Thuaisceirt Chill Choinnigh) leis.

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The Acting President agreed with these suggestions.

After further discussion the question was put and carried.

4. FISHERIES

The ACTING PRESIDENT moved that:-

"Dail decrees the assistance of the Irish sea fishermen and the maintenance and development of that industry. It authorises the application of National Funds up to £5000 for that purpose, and the appointment of a National Inspector of Fisheries."

S. ETCHINGHAM (E. Wicklow) seconded. He said that the Piers and Harbours were required. The English Government starved the Irish Fisheries in order to get the men round the coast for their Navy.

J. MacBRIDE (W. Mayo) said that most of the fishing round the coasts of Ireland was done by Frenchmen and Scotchmen. The Department of Agriculture in Ireland are now issuing orders defining river mouths far out to sea and thus forbidding the fishermen from fishing on grounds thus defined, running in many cases two and three miles out. They refuse to say who applies to have this done.

M. P. COLLIVET (Limerick City) moved :-

"That the appropriation be increased to £10,000.

T. MacSuibhne (Mid Cork) seconded.

The Ministry accepted the addendum and the original question thus amended was then put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

A discussion took place regarding the advisability of adjourning until the following day, but on a Division it was decided to adhere to the arrangement already made to re-assemble at 6-5 p.m. (7-30 p.m. English time).

Dail adjourned at 4-35 p.m. (6p.m. English time) and resumed at 6-27 p.m. (7-52 p.m. English time)

MINISTERIAL MOTIONS

5 NATIONAL ARBITRATION COURTS

The ACTING PRESIDENT moved:-

"Dail decrees the establishment in every County of National Arbitration Courts, and the appointment of National Magistrates."

Liam MacCosgair seconded.

Alderman T. Kelly (St. Stephen's Green) moved an amendment to omit the words after "Courts", and J. MacDonagh (N. Tipperary) seconded.

The Ministry accepted the amendment and the original motion thus amended was then put and carried.

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Do thairg TOMAS O CEALLAIGH, SEANOIR CATHRACH (Teachta Faithche Stiophain) mar fo-run, na focail i ndiadh "Conntae" do scrios, agus d'aontuigh SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) leis sin.

Do ghlac an Aireacht leis an bhfo-run, agus do glaeadh leis an run fe mar a leasuigheadh e.

6. SEIRBHIS LUCHT TUARASTAL NA MBORD PUIBLIDHE.

Do thairg an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID, agus d'aontuigh CATHAL BRUGHA (Teachta Cho. Phortlairge) leis seo:-

"Orduigheann an Dail Seirbhis do bhunu 'na mbeidh lucht tuarastal na mBord Puiblidhe; ceaduightear £500 do chaitheamh air."

Do frith comhairle dalta an tSeirbhis o THOMAS O CEALLAIGH, SEANOIR CATHRACH (Teachta Faithche Stiophain), M.P.COLLIBHET (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe), SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann), R. SUATMAN (Teachta Thuaiscirt Loch Garmain), SEAN ETCHINGHAM (Teachta Oirthir Chill Mhantain), ALASTAR MAC CABA (Teachta Dheiscirt Shligigh) agus EAMAN DE BLAGHD (Teachta Dheiscirt Mhuineachain).

Dubhairt an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID na raibh an Aireacht i bhfabhar aon sceime fe leith, agus go dtoghfai Comhaltas chun a gcomhairle dfhaghail ar an sceal ar fad.

Do glaeadh leis an run.

7. COIMISIUN UM GUSTAL AGUS TIUSCAIL.

Do thairg an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID, agus d'aontuigh T.MAC SUIBHNE (Teachta Meadhon Chorchaighe) leis seo:-

"Orduigheann an Dail Coimisiun do thoghadh chun scruduighthe i dtaobh Gustail agus Tiuscal na hEireann, agus, ma mholann an Coimisiun e, bunuightear Teasbantas d'earraibh, de Dheantusaibh agus de Ghustal na tire. Ceaduightear £5,000 do chaitheamh ar obair an Choimisiuin sin."

Dfhiafruigh TOMAS O CEALLAIGH, SEANOIT CATHRACH (Teachta Faithche Stiophain) a ndiolfai Lucht an Choimisiuin?

Dfhreagair an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID nar dhoigh leis go dteastochadh tuarastal o aoinne acu, ach go ndiolfai na costasai a bheadh orthu. Ni bhfoleir gur daoine creideamhnacha a bheadh sa Choimisiun.

Tareis roinnt diospoireachta do glaeadh leis an run. Do mhol T. MAC SUIBHNE (Teachta Mheadhon Chorcaighe) toradh oibre an Choimisiuin do chraobhscaoileadh o am go h-am i bhfuirm leabhrain. D'aontuigheadh san.

CEISTEANNA SCRIBHTE AGUS FREAGRAI.

AIRGEAD.

1. S. MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) chun an Aire Airgid:
"Cad chuige gur tugadh an £500 ata i leith chunntais na Stat hAontuighte?"

AN tAIRE AIRGID:-
"Ba cheart an cheist sin do chur chun an Aire um Gnothai Coigcriche."

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6. NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE

The ACTING PRESIDENT moved and CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) seconded that:-

"Dail decrees the establishment of a National Civil Service embracing the employees of all public elective bodies, and that a sum of £500 be appropriated for the purpose of the scheme."

Suggestions as to the scope and working of the scheme were made by Alderman T. Kelly (St. Stephen's Green), Messrs. Collivet (Limerick City), MacDonagh (N. Tipperary), Sweetman (N. Wexford, Etchingham (E. Wicklow), MacCabe (S. Sligo) and Blythe (N. Monaghan).

The ACTING PRESIDENT stated that the Ministry were not wedded to any particular scheme, and that a Consultative Committee would be selected to go into the whole matter.

Question put and carried.

7. The ACTING PRESIDENT moved and T. MacSuibhne (Mid Cork) seconded that:-

Industrial Commission of Inquiry.

"Dail decrees the appointment of a National Commission of Inquiry into the resources and industries of Ireland, and subject to its report, the establishment of a National Exhibition of Irish Products and Manufactures, and Resources, and that appropriation of £5000 be made for the time being for this Service."

ALDERMAN T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) asked whether the members of the Commission would be paid or unpaid?

The ACTING PRESIDENT replied that he did not think that any member would require payment as salary, but expenses ordinarily incurred should be paid. The members of the Commission should be men of standing and eminence.

After a general discussion the question was put and carried, T. MacSuibhne (Mid Cork) suggested that the results of the Commission's labours should be published from time to time in pamphlet form. This was agreed to.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS & REPLIES

FINANCE

1. J. MacDONACH (N. Tipperary) to the Minister for Finance; "For what purpose has the £500 appearing against the U.S.A. account been given?"

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE:-
"This matter should be referred to the Minister for Foreign Affairs".

2. J. MacDONACH (N. Tipperary) to the Minister for Finance: "For what purpose has the £100 against the Argentine account been given?"

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE:-
"It is a payment on account for the establishment of a Consulate in Buenos Ayres."

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2, S. MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) chun an Aire Airgid:-
"Cad chuige gur tugadh an £100 ata i leith chunntais Thir an Airgid?"

An tAIRE AIRGID:-
"Diolaidheacht e sin mar tosnu le h-aghaidh bunuighthe Consuil i mBuenos Avres."

3. S. MAC DONNCHADHA (TAachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) chun an Aire Airgid:-
"Cad iad na diolaidheachta ata sa £606:6:6, an diolaidheacht le hAireachaibh, etc.?"

An tAIRE AIRGID:-
"Ta sa meid sin diolaidheachta tuarastail a tugadh d'Aireachaibh agus do Stiurthoiribh mar leanas:-

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57: 7: 3	do	Sheoirse Pluincead	2/4/19	go 31/5/19
57: 7: 3	do	Mdme. Markievicz	2/4/19	go 31/5/19
57: 7: 3	do	Liam Mac Cosgair	2/4/19	go 31/5/19
57: 7: 3	do	Micheal O Coileain	2/4/19	go 31/5/19
87:10: 0	do	L. Mag Fhionnghail	1/4/19	go 30/6/19
47:10: 0	do	Earnan de Blaghd	4/4/19	go 31/5/19
109: 7: 6	do	Shean T.O Ceallaigh	8/4/19	go 31/5/19
32:10: 0	do	R. O Maolchatha	21/4/19	go 31/5/19."

4. S. MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) chun an Aire Airgid:-
"Ce ceaduigh diolaidheacht dreir £500 sa mbliain do thabhairt do Runaidhe na Dala?"

An tAIRE COSANTA:-
"Nuair a thuit obair an Chomhaltais um Gnothai Coigeriche do chuaidh an Aireacht i gcomhairle le hEamonn de Valera, agus do thoiligh se siud le toghadh Ghabhain Ui Dhubhthaigh. Bhi ar siud a phost a chaithamh uaidh, agus do chinneamair tuarastal do thabhairt do. Ni doigh liom gur gadh cead na Dala dfhaghail le h-aghaidh toghtha de leithcid. Tuigim go maith nach feidir d'Aireachaibh diolaidheacht leo fein do cheadu, ach ma taid chun aon chomhacht do bheith aca, ba cheart cead do bheith aca toghadh den tsaghas ata deanta aca do dheanamh."

An PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID:-
"Muna mbeidh cead ag an Aireacht, nuair na beidh Seisean den Dail ann, daoine do thoghadh fe mar a bheidh gadh leo, beidh an Aireacht gan chomhacht. Ma's gadh e anois, deimhniu na Dala dfhaghail le h-aghaidh thuarastail Sheain T. Ui Cheallaigh, tairgim go ndeimhnigheann an Dail tuarastal £350 do. Ni h-aoinnidh neamhghnathach e tuarastal an Dubhthaigh a bheith nios mo na tuarastal na nAireach ar leithligh. I bhfurmhor de thiorthaibh an domhain ni tugtar an tuarastal ceadna dos na hAireachaibh agus a tugtar dos na hOificig agus dos na Bosadoiribh."

D'aontuigh LIAM MAC COSGAIR (Teachta Thuaiscirt Chill Choinnigh) leis an run.

Be tuairim R. SUATMAN (Teachta Thuaiscirt Loch Garmain) gur cheart doibh a sheoru anois cad iad na h-oificigh a fheadfadh an Aireacht a thoghadh gan cead na Dala.

Dubhairt an tAIRE COSANTA da socruighti anois na feadfai oificigh a thoghadh gan cead na Dala go gcurfai cosc le na gcuid oibre i gcas prainneach chun go dtiocfadh an Dail le cheile.

Dubhairt TOMAS O CEALLAIGH, SEANOIR CATHRACH (Teachta Feithoh Stiophain) gurbh e an gcaran a bhi aige fein na gur toghadh

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3. J. MacDONAGH (N. Tipperary) to the Minister for Finance:

"What are the items which make up £606:5:6 payments to Ministers, etc."?

The SECRETARY FOR FINANCE:-

"The sum is made up of items of salaries paid to Ministers and Directors of Departments as follows:-

£100: 0:0	to	E. de Valera	1/4/19	to 31/5/19
57: 7:3	to	Count Plunkett	2/4/19	to 31/5/19
57: 7:3	to	Mdme. Markievicz	do.	to do.
57: 7:3	to	L. MacCosgair	do.	to do.
57: 7:3	to	M. O Coileain	do.	to do.
87:10:0	to	L. Ginnell	1/4/19	to 30/6/19
47:10:0	to	E. Blythe	4/4/19	to 31/5/19
109: 7:6	to	S. T. O'Kelly	8/2/19	to 31/5/19
32:10:0	to	R. Mulcahy	21/4/19	to 31/5/19

4. J. MacDONAGH (N. Tipperary) to the Minister for Finance:

"Who sanctioned payment at the rate of £500 per year to the Secretary of the Dail?"

SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE:-

"When the Foreign Relations Committee handed over their responsibility to the Dail, the Ministry consulted Mr. de Valera, and he agreed to the appointment of Mr. position Gavan Duffy. The latter had to give up his ~~appointment~~ and we decided to pay him a salary. I do not think it was necessary to come to the Dail to ask for sanction for such an appointment. I can well understand that Ministers cannot sanction payment to themselves, but if they are to have any responsibility they should be at liberty to make appointments such as they have made."

ACTING PRESIDENT:-

"If the Ministry is to sit while the Dail is not in session and be precluded from making necessary appointments it would be powerless. If ratification is now required to Mr. O'Kelly's salary I move that the Dail do now ratify the payment of a salary to him of £350. As to Mr. Duffy's salary being more than the salary of individual Ministers, there is no unusual discrepancy in that. Ministers in most of the countries of the world are not paid the same salary as Officials and Ambassadors.

4) D. COSGRAVE (N. Kilkenny) seconded the motion.

R. SWEETMAN (N. Wexford) thought that they should now decide what appointments the Ministry were empowered to make without reference to the Dail.

The SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE po inted out that if it were decided now that they could not make appointments without sanction of the Dail they would be held up in an urgent case until the Dail met.

ALDERMAN T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) said that his objection was to the appointment of members of the Dail to salaried positions without consulting the Dail.

He moved and amendment that during the time Sean T. O'Kelly was on foreign service in Paris his salary be at the rate of £500 per year.

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Teachtai ar thuarastal gan an sceal a chur i gcomhairle na Dala.
Thairg se mar fo-run, an fhaid a bheadh Sean T. O Ceallaigh i seirbhis coigcriche i bParis, tuarastal dreir £500 sa mbliain do bheith aige.

D'aontuigh an DR. CIOSOG (Teachta Thuaiscirt na Gaillimhe) leis an bhfo-run.

Dubhairt an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAED go nglacfadh an Aireacht leis an bhfo-run, mareon le comhairle THOMAIS UI CHEALLAIGH (Teachta Faithche Stiophain) go n-iarrfai ar an Dail toghadh Teachtai mar oificigh ar thuarastal do dheimhniu.

Do glacadh leis an bhfo-run ag meadu thuarastail Sheain T. Ui Cheallaigh.

D'iarr S. MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) cead ceileadh as a adhbhar ruin.i. "£350 sa mbliain a bheith mar thuarastal ag Runaidhe na Dala in ionad an £500 a thug an Aireacht do gan cead na Dala."

Do ceileadh as an adhbhar ruin da bhrigh sin.

5. S. MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) chun an Aire Airgid:-

(a) "An mbOificeach ar thuarastal ata ag an Dail?"
(b) "Cad iad na tuarastail ata aca?"
(c) "Cad a chosnuigheann se sin sa teaachtain fe lathair?"

An tAIRE AIRGID:-

(a) "Ta morcheisear Oificeach ann gan Runaidhe na hAireachta do choimhreamh."

(b) D. O hEigeartaigh	Cleireach don Dail	£250	sa Mbliain
M. O Loingsigh	Fear Teangan	£250	"
P. O Siochain	Runaidhe an Airigh Duithche	£260	"
(Se sin an tuarastal a bhi aige o Sinn Fein).			
D. O Donnchadha	Fear Cunntais	£208	"
F. O Murchadha	Coghantoir	£130	"
Mic an tSaoir	Closcriobhaidhe	£104	"
R. O Conlain	Teachtaire	£ 52	"

(c) Dreir £24; 2: 4."

6. S. MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) chun an Aire Airgid:-

"Ce h-iad na daoine ata ag obair fe churam Sheain T. Ui Cheallaigh agus Ghabhain Ui Dhubhthaigh? Ce thoigh iad, agus a feachadh chuige gerar toghadh iad gur daoine oireamhnacha iad?"

An tAIRE AIRGID:-
"Siad na daoine ata ag obair i bParis:
Victor O Coileain,
Bean Ghabhain Ui Dhubhthaigh (gan tuarastal)
M. Mac Cathmhaoil,
Madame Vivanti."

An tAIRE UM GNOTHAI COIGCRICHE:
"Fuaireamair cabhair Victor Ui Choileain a bhi mar fear tuairisce i bParis do mhaineor in America. Bhi mor-fhath le cur Ghabhain Ui Dhubhthaigh go Paris. Iodaileach agus scribhneoir mor-chlu san Iodail iseadh Madame Viventi. Do chuir Dlighseadoir Iodaileach in iuil di gur bhfearrde a slainte e an Iodail d'fhagaint, agus do ghlacamairne a coghnamh."

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DR. CUSACK (N. Galway) seconded the amendment.

The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that the Ministry would accept the amendment and also the suggestion of Alderman T. Kelly (St. Stephen's Green) that all appointments of Members of Dail to salaries positions would be submitted to Dail for ratification.

The amendment to increase Mr. O'Kelly's salary was put and agreed to.

J. MacDONAGH (N. Tipperary) asked leave to withdraw his motion "That the annual salary of the Secretary to the Dail be £350 and not £500 as was given by the Ministry without the sanction of the Dail."

The Motion was accordingly withdrawn.

5. J. MacDONAGH (N. Tipperary) to the Minister for Finance

(a) "How many paid officials are employed by the Dail?"

(b) "What are their salaries?"

(c) "How much per week is their present cost?"

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE:-

(a) There are seven officials excluding the Secretary to the Cabinet.

(b)

D. O'Hegarty	Clerk to Dail	£250 per annum
M. N'Lynch	Official Translator	£250 " "
P. O Siochain	Private Sec. to Home Secretary	£260 " "
(This was his salary from the Sinn Fein Organisation)		
D. O'Donohue	Accountant	£208 " "
F. N'Murphy	Assistant	£130 " "
Miss Mason	Typist	£104 " "
R. Conlon	Messenger	£ 52 " "

(c) At the rate of £2[illegible]:2:4.

6. J. MacDONAGH to the Minister for Finance:

Who are the Officials or employees working under Sean T. O'Kelly "and C. Gavan Duffy?" Who appointed them and what precautions were taken as to their fitness before they were appointed?"

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE:

"The Paris Staff are:-

Victor Collins
Mrs. Gavan Duffy (Unpaid)
M. Caulfield
Madame Vivanti."

SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

"We got the assistance of Victor Collins who was Paris Correspondentoof an American Paper. There was the strongest reason for sending Mr. Gavan Duffy to Paris. Madame Vivanti is an Italian lady well-known as a leading novelist

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Ma tugadh aon diolaidheacht do M. Mac Cathmhaoil b'ana-bheag e; taid imeasc costasai Sheain T. Ui Cheallaigh."

Dfhiafruigh S. MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) cad na thaobh nar glacadh le cabhair Liam de Roiste nuair a tairgeadh don Aireacht e? Do bhi cead taistil aige no geallta dho. Dubhairt se mar fhreagra ar an bPriomh-Aire Ionaid na raibh cead Liam de Roiste aige chun an cheist sin do chur.

Dfhreagair an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID go ndubhairt Liam de Roiste gur gealladh cead taistil do, ach nar airigh se fein a thuille mar gheall air.

7. LIAM DE ROISTE (Teachta o Chathair Chorcaighe):

"An i gcoir Tursa Toscaireacht Mheirioca ar fad ar fuid na hEireann an meid sin, no i gcoir a gcostasai i mBaile Atha Cliath fein?"

An tAIRE AIRGID:

"Is i gcoir a dturas ar fad ar fuid na hEireann tire an meid costais seo. Do h-iocadh an chuid is mo dhe i mBaile Atha Cliath; tuairim £327:10: 0, agus ta £77: 5: 0 sa mbreis le h-ioc fos i mBaile Atha Cliath.

8. S. MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) chun an Aire Airgid:
"Maidir leis an ngeallamhaint a thug antAire Airgid ag cruinniu na Dala, 1-? Abran, an gcurfar aon chomhairle os comhair na Dala an taca seo i dtaobh bunuighthe Banna a bheadh oireamhnach chun cabhruighthe le Trachtail, Ceannuidheacht, Talamhuidheacht agus Tiuscail na hEireann?"

An t-AIRE AIRGID:

"Is leir do chach gur dreir an meid ata ar feghail is feidir seoru a dheanamh. Nil aon chomhairle os comhair na Dala toisc gan an t-eolas ata riachtanach a bheith ar feghail. Ta sligha airithe n-ar n-aigne, ach nilim chun e chur os bhur gcomhair go dti go mbeidh tuille eolais agam na thaobh."

SCUR AGUS RIARADH NA HOIBRE LE HAGHAIDH AN DARDAOIN.

D'aontuigheadh go scuirfeadh an Dail ar 8.35 i.n. (10i.n. aimsir Ghallda), agus go dtiocfai le cheile aris ar 9.35 r.n. (11 r.n. aimsir Ghallda) ar an Dardaoin, 19/6/1919.

D'aontuigheadh riaradh oibre an Dardaoin a bheith mar seo:-

1. Ceisteanna.
2. Adhbhair Ruin na hAireachta.
3. Adhbhair Ruin na dTeachtai.
4. An Iasacht Airgid.
5. Trachtas i dtaobh an Priomh-Aire a bheith as lathair.

Do scur an Dail ar 8.35 i.n. (10 i.n. aimsir Ghallda).

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in Italy. She was notified by an Italian Lawyer to leave Italy for the good of her health and we availed of her services.
If any payments were made to Mr. Caulfield they were very small, and are included in the general expenses of Mr. O'Kelly.

Mr. MacDonagh (N. Tipperary) asked why Mr. de Roiste's services were not availed of when offered to the Ministry. He had a Passport, or was promised one. In reply to a question by the Acting President, he said that he had not Mr. de Roiste's authority for putting the question.

The ACTING PRESIDENT replied that Mr. de Roiste mentioned that he was promised a Passport but that he never heard anything further from him.

7. LIAM DE ROISTE (Cork City):

"Does the amount paid in respect of the American Delegation represent the total cost, or does it refer to expenses in Dublin alone"?

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE:

"The amount is in respect of the entire journey through Ireland. The greater part represents expenditure in Dublin which works out at approximately £827:10:0. There is a further sum of £77:5:0 due in respect of this.

8. J. MacDONAGH (N. Tipperary) to the Minister for Finance; whether in view of the promise given by the Minister for Finance at the meeting of the Dail on 1st-2nd April, any constructive proposal will be put forward at this meeting of the Dail for the introduction of a scheme of banking suitable to the needs of Irish Trade Commerce, Agriculture and Industries"?

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE:

"It is clear to anybody that the position depends on the amount available. There are no proposals before the Dail for the reason that the necessary information is not available. A certain scheme is under contemplation, but I do not propose beinging it forward until further details are forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT AND ORDER OF PRIORITY OF BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY

It was agreed ~~to~~ that the Dail adjourn at 8-35 (10 p.m. English time), and resume at 9-35 (11 a.m. English time) on Thursday 19/6/19.

It was agreed ~~to~~ that the following order of business obtain for Thursday's sitting:-

1. Questions
2. Remaining Ministerial Motions
3. Non Ministerial Motions
4. Loan or Bond Issue
5. Statement as to the absence of the President.

Dail Eireann adjourned at 8-35 (10 p.m. English time)

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DAIL EIREANN.

MIONTUAIRISC AN SEISEOIN PHRIOMHAIDIGH, 19 MEITHEAMH, 1919.

Do thainig Dail Eireann le cheile aris i dTigh an Ard-Mheire, Dardaoin, an 19 la de Mheitheamh, 1919, ar 9.15 r.n. (11.40 r.n. aimsir Ghallda), agus an Ceann Iomaid na ceannas.

Do ghlac an Dail le riaradh oibre an lae mar seo:-

1. Ceisteanna.
2. Adhbhair Run na hAireachtta.
3. Adhbhair Run na dTeachtai.
4. Trachtas i dtaobh an Phriomh-Airigh.

CEISTEANNA SCRIBHTE AGUS FREAGRAI.

CANACHA.

M. P. COLLIBHEI (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe) chun an Aire um Gnothai Duithche:

(a)"Cionnus is fearr cur i gcoimnibh na canach ar Theacht Isteach?"
(b)"An moltar diultu iomdireach da ioc?"
(c)"An bhfuil ar mhaighistir dreir dlighe Gall liosta a thabhairt uaidh de thuarastail agus de phagh a lucht oibre, agus, ma's amhlaidh ata, cade an fineail a fheadfai a chur ar dhuine a diultochadh san a dheanamh?"

ART O CONCHUBHAIR (Teachta Dheiscirt Chill Dara) chun an Phriomh-Aire:
"An bhfuil ceapaithe ag Airiacht na Dala cad ba cheart a chomhairliu dos na daoinibh maidir le cain ar Theacht Isteach; ar cheart doibh diulta do lionadh na bhFuirmeach i dtaobh maid a dTeacht Isteach, agus ma chuirtear prosuisui amach, cad ba cheart a dheanamh chun na barantas a chur ar neamhnidh?"

SEAN MAC AN TSAOI (Teachta Dheiscirt Mhuineachain) chun an Aire um Gnothai Duithche:
"An bhfuil aon chomhairle aige le cur fe bhraghaid na Dala maidir le cur i gcoimnibh na gCanach?"

LIAM MAC COSGAIR (Teachta Thuaiscirt Chill Choinnigh) (ar son an Aire Airgid). "Ta ceist na Canach ar Theacht Isteach da scrudu ag an Aire Airgid. Dubhairt se ag an gcruinniu deirionnach den Airiacht na raibh an scrudu san criochnuighthe fos aige. Annso in Eirinn bailightear furmhor na canach san sara n-ioctar an Teacht Isteach fein. Ta moran daoine i dtiodal laighdu dfhaghail ar an gcain sin dreir dlighe Gall. Tugaid Comhluchtai Gnotha liostai do lucht bailighthe na canach, ag innsint ce h-iad ata ag obair futha, agus cad e an tuarastal ata aca, agus bfheidir go mbeadh ar dhaoine eile, mar mhaithe leo fein, an t-eolas cheadna do thabhairt uatha. Se an deacracht is mo ata sa sceal

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DAIL EIREANN

MINUTES OF PRIVATE SESSION 19th JUNE 1919.

Dail Eireann re-assembled in the Mansion House on Thursday 19th day of June 1919 at 9-15 a.m. (11-40 p.m. English time), the Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

The Dail confirmed the following order of business for the day:-

1. Questions.
2. Ministerial Motions
3. Non Ministerial Motions.
4. Statement re. President.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND REPLIES.

TAXATION

M. P. COLLIVET (Limerick City) to the Minister for Home Affairs:

(a)"How can a person best fight the British Income tax"?

(b)"Is it recommended to absolutely refuse to pay it"?

(c)"Is an employer bound by British Law to furnish returns of salaries and wages of employees, and if so under what penalty ?

ART O'CONNOR (S.Kildare) to the Prime Minister; "Have the Ministry of the Dail considered what steps should be recommended to the people on the matter of Income Tax; whether they should refuse to fill in forms asking for returns of Income, and in the event of writs being served what public action should be taken to nullify the execution of distress warrants?"

Sean McENTEE (S. Monaghan) to the Minister for Home Affairs:

Has he any proposals to set before the Dail regarding a National Taxation Campaign?

L. T. COSGRAVE (N. Kilkenny) (for the Minister for (Finance). "The Finance Minister is considering the question of IncomeTax. At the last meeting of the Ministry he reported that he had not yet completed his investigations. The bulk of Income tax in Ireland is paid at the source by public companies, etc. A great number of persons are entitled to secure a rebate under the terms of Income Tax Laws.
Public Companies have made returns of their employees and

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na leor-chabhair dfhaghail le h-aghaidh iarrachta i gcoinnibh na canach. Cain neamhdhleaghthach iseadh an chain ar Theacht Isteach dreir an 7adh Ailt de "Reacht an Aontuighthe", ach nior cuireadh na choinnibh i dtrath. Da ndiultochaidhe go foirleathan da ioc, bheadh seans ar e chur ar ceal, ach isiad an dream na h-aontuigheann linn a iocann furmhor na canach san."

M. P. COLLIBHET (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe) Ni freagra ar an gceist an meid sin. Ma dhuiltuigheann maighistir liosta na dtuarastal do thabhairt uaidh, cad is feidir a dheanamh leis?

An tAIRE UM RIAGHALTAS AITEAMHAIL: Ta an Aireacht ag feachaint chun an sceil ar fad.

M. P. COLLIBHET (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe) An ndeanfaidh an Aireacht smaoineamh air ar bhfiu an t-eolas a chur chun lucht na Dala roim an chead chruinniu eile?

Dubhairt S. MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaicirt Thiobruid Arann) nar bhfior e go ndioltar furmhor na canach ar Theacht Isteach go direach. Do thagair se don cheist sin i Mi Feabhra, agus chuir se roinnt eolais na thaobh chun na hAireachta, ach nior deineadh pioc na thaobh riamh. Dubhairt se go raibh 30,000 lucht oibre ann go rabhthas ag suil leis an gcain uatha o mhi an Iuil anuraidh, agus mhol se don Aireacht dul i gcomhairle leis na daoinibh sin i dtreo go bhfeadfaidis oibriu as lamhaibh a cheile. Dubhairt se nar tugadh aon fhreagra ar an gceist dalta na bhfineala. dfhiafruigh se don Aire um Gnothai Duithche an raibh aonnidh le cur os comhair na Dala i dtaobh cur i gcoinnibh na canach?

Dfhreagair an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID agus dubhairt na raibh aon chomhairli aca i lathair na h-uaire. Be an cain a fuaradh o Eirinn anuraidh na:-

Custum	£ 6,670,000
Excise	£ 2,995,000
Cain eile	£15,526,000

bshin £25,191,000 d'iomlan canach ar earraibh. Na theannta san fuaradh £1,545,000 o Oific an Phuist, agus £139,000 o mhionrudai: bshin £26,865,000 ar fad. Ma tugtar fe iarrachtai i gcoinnibh na canach is amhlaidh a chaithfear diultadh d'usaid earrai ar a ndioltar an chain annso in Eirinn. Se an chain ar theacht isteach an t-aon chain direach tabhachtach amhain .i. £6,000,000 sa mbliain. Iocann daoine na fuil ar aon aigne linne os cionn cheithre milluin de sin, agus ni ioctar nios mo na leath-mhilluin den da mhilluin eile go lomdireach. Ma tathar chun tabhairt fen gceist seo i ndairibh is fen chain ar earraibh a chaithfear a thabhairt, agus nil aon teilighe chuige sin ach cosc a chur le h-usaid earrai de shaghas beathuisce, beorach, fiona agus tobac. Ma bheidhim fear ar aigne sin do dheanamh ni mor cuimhneamh ar seo.i. nuair a bheir ag laighdiu na canach a theidheann go Sasana beir ag deanamh dioghbhala do thrachtail na hEireann san am gceadna, oir, baineann morchuid den trachtail sin le tobac, beor, agus beathuisce.

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the salaries paid them, to the Income Tax Authorities and private individuals may be bound, if balance sheets, etc. be demanded, to make such a return in their own interests. The principal difficulty in the case is to secure sufficient support for an agitation against the imposition. Income tax is illegal, and an evasion of the 7th Article of the "Act of Union", but it has not been objected to in time. If there were a general strike against it we would have some hope of defeating it, but the bulk of the income tax is payable by those who are against us.

M. P. COLLIVET (Limerick City) observed that the answer did not meet the question. If an employer refuses to hand up the wages sheet what penalty is he liable to?

The MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT: - The Ministry were considering the question generally.

M. P. COLLIVET (Limerick City) asked if the Ministry would consider the advisability of circulating the information to Members before the next meeting of the Dail?

J. MacDONAGH (N. TIPPERARY) denied that it was a fact that the bulk of income tax was paid direct. He raised this question in February last and sent on a memo. to the Ministry on the subject but nothing was ever done in connection with it. He pointed out that there were 30,000 assessments due since last July by the manual workers, and suggested that the Ministry get in touch with these people so that combined action might be taken. He said that the question as to penalties had not been replied to. He asked the Minister for Home Affairs if there was anything to put before the Dail in regard to the anti-taxation campaign generally?

The ACTING PRESIDENT replying, said that they had no proposals at the moment. The revenue from Ireland last year was:-

Customs	£6,670,000
Excise	£2,995,000
Other Revenue	£15,526,000

making a total of £25,191,000, representing the taxable articles of revenue. In addition there was a sum of £1,545,000 from the Post Office and £129,000 from miscellaneous sources, making altogether a total revenue of £26,865,000. The National anti-taxation campaign can only be directed against the consumption of non-excisable articles. The only important direct tax in Ireland is the Income Tax, and this tax amounts to £6,000,000 of the total 26 millions . Of that amount more than four millions is paid by people out of sympathy with us. Of the other two millions not more than half a million is paid directly. If a real effort is to be made, you must deal with Customs and Excise revenue, and the only way to do that is to stop the consumption of excisable articles such as whiskey, beer, wines, liquors, and tobacco. A campaign to do that will be faced with the fact that while you reduce England's revenue, you will also hit Ireland's trade, as that trade is largely in Tobacco, beer, and whiskey.

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LUCHT OIBRE A THEIDHEANN GO SASANA.

M. P. COLLIBHET (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe) chun an Stiurthoir Talamhuidheachta:

"Cad a deineadh chun lucht oibre an Iarthair a theidheann go Sasana agus Alba a chur ag obair sa Deisceart, ait go bhfuil easnamh lucht oibre le h-aghaidh feirmeoireachta?"

An PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID (ar son an Stiurthoir Talamhuidheachta):

Fathar ag feachaint chun sceil an lucht oibre a theidheann go Sasana o dha thaobh: (1) Arbh fheidir obair do sholathar dos na daoinibh sin in Eirinn. (2)Arbh fheidir slighe mhartha an Iarthair dfheabhasu i dtreo na beadh ar na feirmeoiribh bheaga dul thar lear ag lorg oibre.

Bhi moran deacrachta ag baint le (1). Nil an glaodhach ceadna ar lucht oibre i ndeisceart Eireann agus ta i Sasana. Is fearr leis na daoinibh fein dul go Sasana, oir is feidir leo obair dfhaghail ansan i rith an tSamhraidh agus an Fhoghmhair. Is feidir le cuid dos na fearaibh seo tosnu le sabhail an fheir i lar Shasana, agus obair dfhaghail go mi Deire Foghmhair, ach bheith ag dul o thuaidh dreir mar bhionn an bhliain ag imtheacht: fillid abhail tareis na pratai bhaint i nDeisceart Alban. Ni leomhaid na sionta a leitheid de shocru in Eirinn. Fathar ag faghail eolais i dtaobh an feidir cuid dos na fearaibh a chur ag obair in Eirinn le linn an Fhoghmhair. Do thug Aireacht Talamhuidheachta na nGall in Eirinn fen geoist seo i ndairibh anuraidh, ach ni ro-mhaith d'eirigh leo. Be an fath ba mho a bhi leis seo na, na raibh an seasamhacht oibre le faghail in Eirinn nDeisceart Eireann fe mar bhi i Sasana.

An feidir le fear na ceiste ainm duine creidiunaigh eigin i gCo. Luimnighe do thabhairt dom, duine o na bhfaghainn an t-eolas ata uaim dalta coingheall na h-oibre?

Riobard Bartun.

M. P. COLLIBHET (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe) Ta feirmeoir darb ainm O Laimhthin ata 'na chomhnuidhe i gcomharsanacht Staisiuin Chill Eonain in aice Luimnighe, a chuireann speis sa sceal, agus a thabharfadh uaidh an t-eolas ata ag teastubhail.

COIMISIUN MHEIRIOCA.

Dfhiafruigh S. MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) an mbeadh freagra le faghail aige ar an geoist a chur se um thrathnona nde roimis sin dalta Choimsiuin Mheriocа?

Dfhiafruigh M. P. COLLIBHET (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe) an bhfoillseochai Tuarasgbhail Choimisiuin Mheiriocа?

Dfhreagair an tAIRE UM GHOTHAI COIGCRICHE gur thainig atharu ar an scel o cuireadh an cheist isteach. Do foillsigheadh an Tuarasgbhail ins na nuadachtanaibh o shoin.

Dfhreagrochai ceist Thomais Mhic Dhonnchadha le linn trachtais an Fhriomh-Airigh Ionaid dalta an Priomh-Aire bheith as lathair.

Dfhiafruigh M. P. COLLIBHET (Teachta Chathair Luimnighe) an mbeadh coipeanna de Thuarasgbhail Choimisiuin Mheiriocа le faghail ag na Teachtaibh?

Do thagair an DR. CIOSOG (Teachta Thuaiscirt na Gaillimhe)

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MIGRATORY LABOURERS

M. P. COLLIVET (Limerick City) to the Director of Agriculture:

"What steps have been taken towards supplying the deficiency of agricultural labour in the South from the Western labourers who usually migrate to England and Scotland for employment?"

The ACTING PRESIDENT(for the Director of Agriculture);

The problems connected with migratory labour have been receiving attention from two aspects: (1) The immediate utilisation of Irish migrant labourers in Ireland. (2) The amelioration of conditions in the West in order to remove the necessity for small farmers to migrate as labourers.

The difficulties met with under (1) are numerous. The demand for migratory labour in South Ireland is not by any means so insistent as that from England. The migrants themselves prefer to go to England because they can get there long term engagements covering the whole summer and early autumn. Some of these men by starting with the hay harvests in central England can find continuous employment until October by moving northwards as the season advances; returning to Ireland after completing the potato harvest in South Scotland. Climatic conditions in Ireland preclude such possibilities. Information is being gathered regarding the possibility of making some migrant labour available for the Irish Harvest. Genuine efforts made by the Anglo-Irish Department of Agriculture during last year with the same object in view, met with very little success, largely because employers in South Ireland could not provide the same continuous employment as that securable in England.

Can the mover of the question put me in touch with some reliable person in Co. Limerick who can provide me with information I require regarding conditions of employment?

Edward Bartun.

M. P. COLLIVET (Limerick City) said there was a farmer named Laffan living close to Killonan Railway Station near Limerick who was interested in the question and who would supply the information asked for.

AMERICAN COMMISSION

J. MacDONAGH(N. Tipperary) asked if he could have an answer to his question of last evening as to the American Commission?

M. P. COLLIVET (Limerick City) asked if the Report of the American Commission would be published?

The SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS replying said that the conditions have changed since the question was put down. The Report had now been published in the Press.

Mr. MacDonagh's question would be dealt with in the Acting President's statement on the President's absence.

M. P. Collivet (Limerick City) asked if the Members of the Dail would be furnished with copies of the Report of the American Commission?

DR. CUSACK (N. Galway) referred to a statement in the

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do thagairt san Tuarasgbhail i dtaobh "Charcair Chathair na Mart," agus dubhairt gur dheabhruigh an tuarasgbhail foillsighthe gur cuireadh breagechrot air. Ba cheart don Aireacht an breag-chrot a cheartu, agus a chur in iuil don phobul gur cuireadh an breag-chrot air.

Dubhairt an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID na raibh moran bun os cionn leis an tuairisc a bhi ins na Nuadhachtanaibh. Dalta an tagairt do Chathair na Mart, dreir dheabhraimh se an bhrigh a bhi leis na gur carcar ar ait ar fad fe lathair.

Cuirfear coip den Tuarasgbhail chun gach Teachta.

DLIGHE NA MBOCHT.

Do leigh PROINNSIS O FATHAIGH (Teachta Dhoiscirt na Gaillimhe) leitir o Lucht Cosanta na mBocht i mBaile Locha Riabhach maraon le run uatha a iarraidh go bhfaghfai cabhair on Stat le h-aghaidh na mbocht in ionad na slighe na bhfoirightear ortha fe lathair; agus d'iarr se fios fath an sceil ar an Aire um Riaghaltas Aiteamhail, i dtreo gur bhfeidir leis an leitir a fhreagairt.

Dfhreagair an tAIRE UM RIAGHALTAS AITEAMHAIL gurbh e an freagra a bhfearr ar an leitir sin na, an tuisce a bheadh Riaghaltas Eireann i ndan gniomhadh go bhfeachfai chun nidhthe den tsord san.

ADHBHAIR RUN NA hAIREACHTA.

RIAGHALTAS AITEAMHAIL.

Do thairg an tAIRE UM RIAGHALTAS AITEAMHAIL na ruin seo 'nar ndiaidh, agus d'aontuigh an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID leis:-

DE BHRIGH gur nidh mor-churaim don Naisiun e, agus fos, gur nidh an-ghatarach e maidir le leas na ndaoine, tighthe oireamhnacha do sholathar don lucht oibre; agus os rud e gur coscadh, le cuig bliadhnaibh anuas, obair na mBord nAiteamhla i dtaobh solathar na dtighthe sin;

ORDUIGHTEAR MAR LEANAS,

1. Cuirtear in iuil do Chumannaibh Sinn Fein a riachtanaighe agus a dhian-ghataraighe ata se Coist na dTighthe a reidhteach i slighe a shaoothaidh na daoine.

2. Ins gach ceanntar in Eirinn 'na bhfuil easnamh tighthe, tugtar Comhaltasai le cheile chun eolas ar easnaimh gach ceanntair do chnosach agus geibhidis cabhair o dhaoinibh ata i ndan cabhair speisialta no eile do thabhairt uatha.

3. An tuisce bhionn an t-eolas ata riachtanach ar faghail teigheadh na Comhaltasai no Cumainn Sinn Fein chun na mBord nAiteamhla - agus iarrtar ortha sud dul ar aghaidh le solathar na dtighthe.

4. In aiteanna 'na bhfuil adhbhar togala le faghail - biodh se in uaaid fe lathair no na biodh - geibhtear gach eolas 'na thaobh, agus iarrtar ar Theachta na h-aite an sceal a chur in iuil don Airigh Tiuscail agus don Airigh um Riaghaltas Aiteamhail i dtreo go gcabhrochai le meadu an adhbhair da mbfheidir e.

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report as to "Westport Jail", and stated that the published report had the appearance of being garbled. He asked that the Ministry should correct the mis-statements and let the people know that mis-statements had been made.

The ACTING PRESIDENT replying said that the Press reports were substantially correct. The reference to Westport was obviously a figurative reference - the whole town of Westport was for all practical purposes a jail.

A copy of the Report would be circulated to all Deputies.

POOR LAW RELIEF & STATE AID INSTEAD OF RATE AID

F. FAHY (S. GALWAY) read a letter from the Loughrea Board of Guardians covering a resolution from the Board urging that State-Aid be substituted for the present system of providing for the relief of the necessitous poor, and asked the Minister for Local Government for such information as would enable him to reply.

The SECRETARY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT replying said the best answer was that as soon as the Irish Government was in a position to function, these matters would be dealt with.

MINISTERIAL MOTIONS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The SECRETARY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT moved the following motions standing in his name and the Acting President seconded:

WHEREAS, the provision of suitable houses for the working classes is a matter of deep concern to the Nation, and of urgent importance to the well-being of the people; and as the operations of the Irish Local Authorities in providing same have been impeded and interrupted during the last five years;

~~BE IT RESOLVED,~~ It is hereby decreed,

1. That the attention of the Sinn Fein Cumainn be directed to the importance and urgent necessity of dealing with the Housing Question in a manner satisfactory to the people.

2. That in every district in Ireland where houses are required Committees be formed to tabulate local requirements in consultation with persons willing to afford professional or other assistance in the work.

3. That Local Authorities be approached by those committees or Cumainn of Sinn Fein immediately the necessary information is available - with a view to putting the necessary machinery in motion.

4. That in localities where building materials are available whether there is any output presently or not - all information respecting same be compiled and the local deputy be

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5. I dtreo gur bhfusaide don Lucht Oibre a dtighthe do cheannach, deintear gach iarracht ar na tighthibh do thogaint ~~xx~~ - agus gach nidh ata riachtanach do bheith iomnta - ar an gcostas is lugha; neartuightear leis an gcomhairle sin ar gach slighe, agus moladh an Dail go mor miana iomnholta na ndaoine .i. a dtighthe do cheannach.

Do glacadh leo.

ADHBHAIR RUN O THEACHTAI.

S. S. BREATHNACH (Teachta o Chathair Chorcaighe):

"Toghtar Comhaltas chun Bunreacht a oireamhnochaidh poblachta na Tire seo do chur le cheile."

Do thairg TOMAS O CEALLAIGH, SEANOIR CATHRACH (Teachta Faithche Stiophain) agus d'aontuig LIAM DE ROISTE (Teachta o Chathair Chorcaighe) leis, an cheist do chur ar athlo no go mbeadh an Teachta go raibh a ainm leis an bhfolaireamh (An Breathnach, Cathair Chorcaighe) i lathair.

D'aontuigeadh sen .i. an cheist do chur ar athlo.

Do thairg S. MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaiscirt Thiobruid Arann) an t-adhbhar ruin nar ndiadh go raibh a ainm leis, agus d'aontuigh PROINNSIAS O FAITHIGH (Teachta ~~Thuaiscirt~~ Dheiscirt na Gaillimhe) leis:-

"Cuirtear Alt a do den Bhunreacht ar ceal agus cuirtear an meid seo leanas na ionad:-

(a) Beidh gach Comhacht Gniomhadh ag Comhaltasaibh de Theachtaibh na Dala.

(b) Geibhtear cabhair os na Teachtaibh uile .i. cuirtear iad ar pe Comhaltas no Comhaltasai is mo na mbeid oireamhnach.

(c) Ceaptar Comhaltasai le h-aghaidh Gnothai Duithche, Gnothai Coigcriche, Airgid, Cosanta, Riaghaltais Aiteamhla, Oideachais, Oibreachais, Aibiu Tiuscail, Talamhuidheachta, agus Trachtala.

(d) Meosaid na Teachtai cad iad na Comhaltasai ar a bhfuil bhfuilid toilteannach oibriu.

(e) Ni bheidh nios lugha na cuigear na nios mo na naonbhar ar aon Chomhaltas. Ma bhionn nios mo na naoi n-iarratasai le h-aghaidh Comhaltais toghfaidh an Priomh-Aire an naonbhar a cheapann se is oireamhnaighe.

(f) Breis den Chomhaltas lion gnotha.

(g) Toghfaidh gach Comhaltas a Cheann Chomhairle agus a Runaithe fein.

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be requested to get into communication with the Ministers of Industries and Local Government in order that development of same may be undertaken if possible.

5. That in order to facilitate and make possible the acquisition by the working classes of the houses, every effort should be directed towards rigid economy, paying due regard to essential amenities, that this proposal should be stimulated and encouraged, and that the laudable desires of the people towards ownership be strongly approved by the Dail.

(QUESTION PUT AND AGREED TO.)

NON-MINISTERIAL MOTIONS BY

J. J. WALSH (Cork City):-

"That a Committee be set up to draft a Constitution suitable to the democratic needs of this Country

ALDERMAN T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) moved and LIAM DE ROISTE (Cork City) seconded, that the consideration of this question be deferred until such time as the Member in whose name the question had been tabled (Mr. Walsh, Cork City) was present.

Question deferring the consideration of Motion put and agreed to.

J. MacDONAGH (N.Tipperary) moved the following motion standing in his name.
F. Fahy (S. Galway) seconded:-

"That Article 2 of the Constitution be cancelled and the following substituted:-

(a) All Executive Power shall be vested in Committees composed of Members of the Dail.

(b) The services of all members of Dail Eireann shall be utilised by their appointment to whatever Committee or Committees thay are most suited.

(c) Committees shall be formed to deal with Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Finance, National Defence, Local Government, Education, Labour, Industrial Development, Agriculture, and Trade and Commerce.

(d) Members of Dail Eireann shall state on what Committee or Committees they are prepared to act.

(e) No Committee shall consist of less than five or more than nine members. In the event of their being more than nine applications for any Committee the President shall select whichever nine he considers most suitable.

(f) A majority of a Committee shall form a quorum.

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(h) Cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle moladh a Chomhaltais os comhair Seisecin na Dala. Ma ghlacann an Dail leis an m moladh beidh se 'na dhlighe, agus cuirfear thar n-ais chun an Chomhaltais e chun o chur i ngniomh.

(i) Is feidir atharu a dheanamh ar lucht aon Chomhaltais ag Seisecin den Dail.

(j) Ni bheidh de chead ag aoinne na fuil ar Chomhaltas Gnotha na nOglach na ar Bord na dTaoiseach, bheith ar an gComhaltas Cosanta."

Do thairg ALASTAR MAC CABA (Teachta Dheiscirt Shligigh) mar fo-run:-

"Beidh gach Comhacht Gniomhach Gnimh ag na hAireachaibh, agus cabhair le faghail aca o Chomhaltasaibh de Lucht na Dala."

D'aontuigh LIAM DE ROISTE (Teachta o Chathair Chorcaighe) leis sin.

D'iarr TOMAS O CEALLAIGH, SEANOIR CATHRACH (Teachta Faitheche Stiophain) ar Thomas O Donnchadha ceileadh as a adhbhar ruin.

Dubhairt SEOSAMH MAC DONNCHADHA (Teachta Thuaisgirt Thiobruid Arann) go nglaofadh se le fo-run Alastair Mhic Chaba, ar an choingeall sc, ma s mian le Teachta dul ar Chomhaltas na coimeadfar as e.

Dubhairt an PRIOMH-AIRE TOMAID gurbh e bhi on Aireacht na cabhair dfhaghail o Lucht na Dala sah obair a bhi beartuighthe aca. Do churfai Comhaltasai Comhairle ar bun, nidh nach iongnadh, agus dfheadfadh gach Teachta dul ar pe Comhaltasai ba rogha leis.

Do ceileadh as an adhbhar ruin annsan.

Do thairg T. MAC SUIBHNE (Teachta Mheadhon Chorchaighe):-

"Gach run no fogra a cuirtear amach o'n Dail chun ar muinntire fein sa bhail no chun na dtiortha eile thar lear scriobhtar iad i nGhaoluinn, pe teanga eile na scriobhtar iad."

D'aontuigh LIAM DE ROISTE (Teachta o Chathair Chorcaighe) leis.

Dubhairt an CEANN COMHAIRLE go raibh an nidh a theastuigh on run ins na Gnath-Riaghlacha cheana fein. Do thuit an t-adhbhar ruin ar lar da bhrigh sin.

AIRGEAD

MARGA URAI, FOGRA FEASA NA hIASACHTA, TOGHADH URAI.

(1) Toghadh an Dail tri Urai gach bliadhain.

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(g) Each Committee shall select its own Chairman and Secretary.

(h) The Chairman shall bring forward his Committee's recommendations to the Dail in Session. In the event of the Dail's approval the recommendation shall become law and shall then be handed back to the Committee concerned for execution.

(i) Any Committee can be reconstructed by vote of the Dail in session.

(j) No member shall apply for membership of the Home Defence Committee unless he is a member of the Volunteer Executive or Headquarters Staff.

A. MacCabe (S. Sligo) moved an amendment: "That all Executive power shall be vested in Ministers assisted by Committees composed of Members of the Dail."

L. De Roiste (Cork City) seconded.

Alderman T. Kelly (St. Stephen's Green) asked Mr. MacDonagh to withdraw his motion.

J. MacDonagh (N. Tipperary) said he would accept the amendment moved by Mr. MacCabe on the understanding that if a member chooses to act on a Committee he will not be excluded from it.

The ACTING PRESIDENT said that the Ministry were only too glad to receive the assistance of Members of Dail in carrying out their proposals. Consultative Committees would of course be formed and each member could serve on such Committees as he desired.

The Motion was thereupon withdrawn.

T. MacSuibhne (Mid Cork) moved:

"That every resolution or notice issuing from the Dail for publication at home or abroad must be in Irish no matter in what other language it is issued.

Liam de Roiste (Cork City) seconded.

AndCeann Comhairle pointed out that provision of the kind sought for by this resolution existed in the Standing Orders. The motion accordingly being out of order fell through.

FINANCE

TRUSTEE DEED, LOAN PROSPECTUS, APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE DEED

(1) That three Trustees be appointed annually by An DAIL.

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(a) Beidh ar gach Ura, ar dhul i bhfeadhmhamnus do, fear ionaid ag a mbeidh lan-chomhacht gniomhadh thar a chionn, do thoghadh. Ni folair an Aireacht bheith sasta leis an bhfear ionaid sin.

(2) An t-airgead a gheobhaidh an Dail, ar Iasacht, i sintiusai, mar oighreacht, no ar shlighe ar bith, tabharfar i dtosach barra e dos na hUrai a bheidh ann an trath san.

(3) Isiad dualgasai na nUrai na

(a) Slantaisce an airgid;
(b) E ioc fe mar ta orduighthe anso thios.

(a) SLANTAISCE:- Deanfaidh na hUrai, fe mar is fearr leo fein, an t-airgead go leir a gheobhaid, no cuid de do churr i dtaisce i mbanne no i gcumann ar bith, agus a n-ainmneacha fein, no ainmneacha eile leis; no stoc a cheannach leis no le cuid de; no e go leir no cuid de do choimead iad fein.

(b) IOCAIDHEACHT:- (1) An fhaid is a bheidh lion gnotha den Dail ar faghail, agus i ndan teacht le cheile, ni iocfaidh na hUrai airgead ach de reir socruighthe no ruin na Dala; cuirfear an socru no an run san in iuil dos na hUrai tre scribhinn, agus e sighnighthe ag an Priomh-Aire a bheidh i gcomhacht agus ag an Aire Airgid; agus iocfar an t-airgead leis an Aire Airgid no le n-a Fhear Ionaid. (2) Muair na fuil lion gnotha den Dail ar faghail, no muair nach feidir leo, toisc cuise ar bith, teacht le cheile, deanfaidh na hUrai de reir socruighthe na hAireachta a chuirfear in iuil doibh tre scribhinn, agus e sighnighthe ag an bPriomh-Aire ata i gcomhacht agus ag an Aire Airgid ata i gcomhacht, agus iocfar an t-airgead leis an Aire Airgid ata i gcomhacht. (3) Muair na fuil lion gnotha den Dail ar faghail, na i gcumas na hAireachta teacht le cheile, is ar na hUrai amhain, no ar an gcuid acu go mbeidh 'na gcumas gniomhadh, a bheidh se an t-airgead do ghlacadh agus do chur i dtaisce, agus e d'ioc ar a n-ughdaras agus de reir a dtuairme fein, le po duine no daoine is toil leo. Iocfaid amh, ma's feidir e, agus na ta gadh leis, no maitheas chun teacht as, dothain airgid chun na ghath-oibre do choimead ar siubhal. Maidir le h-eileamh neamhchoitchianta a dheanfai ortha, no ma tharluigheann ceist i dtaobh iocaidheachta neamhghnathaighe, le linn ama den tsord sam, deanfaidh na hUrai (no an tUra ata ar faghail) de reir a dtuairme fei.

(4) Ta urradhas ag na hUrai 'na choinnibh, agus cuiteochar leo aon chailleamhaint no freagarthacht airgid a tharlochaidh de bharr dualgas a n-oifige, muna dtarluigheann an chailleamhaint sin toisc a bhfaillighe toileamhla no a neamhchuraim; agus ni bheidh na hUrai freagarthach lom-direach, i gcas ar bith, i dtaobh iocaidheachta airgid le h-aon duine na daoine, is cuma co h-iad; nil de churam ortha ach slantaisce an airgid a gheobhaid, agus a iocaidheacht, de reir ceapaithe Ailt a 3.

(5) Tabharfaid don Aire Airgid gach bliain (no niosa mhinicighe) cunntas iomlan a thaisbeanfaidh:-

(a) An Meid a frith;
(b) An meid a iocadh o aimsir an chuntais dheiridh;
(c) An meid ata ar lamhaibh.

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(a) Each Trustee on acceptance of his appointment shall nominate a substitute with full power to act on his behalf. Such substitute shall be sanctioned by the Ministry.

(2) That all funds acquired by An Dail by way of loan, subscription, or legacy, or in any way whatsoever shall in the first instance be handed to the Trustees for the time being.

(3) The duties of the Trustees shall be:-

(a) The safekeeping of the funds;
(b) Disbursing them as provided for hereinafter.

(a) SAFEKEEPING:- The Trustees shall, at their own discretion, lodge in any Bank or Society in their own names, or in any other names, or invest or keep in bulk the whole or any portion of the funds in their keeping.

(b) DISBURSEMENT:- (1) As long as a sufficient number of the members of An Dail to form a quorum are available, and able to meet, money shall be disbursed by the Trustees only in accordance with a Vote or Resolution of An Dail, such Vote or Resolution to be conveyed to the Trustees in writing, and signed by the President for the time being, and the Minister of Finance, and payment shall be made to the Minister of Finance or to the Acting Minister of Finance. (2) When a quorum of An Dail is not available, or when for any cause An Dail is unable to meet, the Trustees shall act on a Vote of the Ministry conveyed as before in writing, and duly signed by the Acting President and the Acting Minister of Finance, and payment shall be made to the Acting Minister of Finance. (3) When neither a quorum of An Dail is available nor the Ministry able to meet, it shall devolve on the Trustees alone or on such of them as may be free to act, to receive, dispose of, and disburse the funds on their own authority and at their own discretion to and from such person or persons as they may think fit. They shall, however, as far as possible, and where necessary or advicable, disburse sufficient money to keep the ordinary services going. In regard to extraordinary demands made upon them or where the question of some unusual expenditure arises, during such a time the Trustees or Trustee available will act in accordance with their own or his own judgment.

(4) The Trustees are guaranteed and are to be indemnified against all financial loss or liability in the discharge of their office, unless such loss shall arise owing to their wilful neglect or default, and under no circumstances are the Trustees to be directly responsible for the payment of money to any person or persons whatever, their functions being limited to the safekeeping of the monies entrusted to them and their disbursement as provided for in Article 3.

(5) They shall present annually (or more frequently) to the Minister of Finance a complete statement of Accounts showing:-

(a) The Amount received:
(b) The amount paid since last statement
(c) The amount in hand.

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(6) Le linn don Aire Airgid iarratas do chur chun na nUrai beidh air cunntas scriobhtha costais a thabhairt doibh. Taisbeanfaidh an cunntas so go beacht, an cuma 'nar caitheadh an t-airgead deirionnach a fuaradh, agus an meid ata ar lamhaibh.

(7) Beidh cead ag na hUrai Runaidhe no Runaidhthe do bheith aca ar thuarastal, agus diol as costasai riachtanacha eile a bhainfidh le na ngno; ach cunntas ar an gcaitheamh san do thabhairt don Aire Airgid. Ni folair dos na hUraibh cead na hAireachta dfhaghail sara mbeidh an Runaidhe no na Runaidhthe i bhfeadhmannus.

(8) Is feidir don Dail aon trath, le run amhain, na hUrai (no aon duine aca) d'athru, no daoine eile do chur 'na n-ionad. Beid iontoghtha ar criochnu gach bliana oifige dhoibh.

(9) Is feidir dos na hUraibh duine aca fein do cheapadh chun na gcunntas costas a chuirfidh an tAire Airgid chucha de reir Ailt a 6 dfhaghail agus do scrudu; agus is leor deimhniu an Ura san mar shasamh ar fhreagracht na nUrai eile dalta na gcunntas a dheimhneochadh se bheith i gceart.

AGUISIN:-

Taid so toghtha mar Urai ar Chiste Dhail Eireann le h-aghaidh na bliana 1919-1920, on gcead la d'iuil, 1919:-

An Dochtuir Ro-Urramach,

An tAthair Micheal O Fogartaigh,

Eaebog Chilldalua,

Cilldalua.

Eamonn de Valera, T.D.,

Craig Liath,

Na Clocha Liath, Co. Chill Mhantain.

Seamus O Meadhra, T.D.,

Baile Atha Cliath.

Do thairg SEAMUS O-MEADHRA (Teachta Dheiscirt Chill Cheimnigh) (ar son an Aire Airgid), agus d'aontuigh an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID leis an run so: "Glacann an Dail le bun-chrot an Mharga Urai."

D'aontuigheadh san ar choingheall go bhfeachadh an Dligheadoir chun Mir a 4 aris, chun feabhas do chur, da mbfheidir e, ar an gcosaint dalta cailleamhna a bhi ag na hUraibh.

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(6) The Minister of Finance shall, on making each requisition, give at the same time to the Trustees a written Statement of Expenditure, showing in detail the manner in which the amount granted on the previous requisition has been expended and the amount in hand.

(7) The Trustees shall be at liberty to employ a Secretary or Secretaries and to meet other necessary expenses in the discharge of their duties, provided that they furnish a Statement of such expenditure to the Minister of Finance. Before the appointment of such Secretary or Secretaries takes effect the Minister of Finance shall obtain the sanction of the Ministry.

(8) The Trustees or any one of them may be superceded or changed at any time by simple Resolution of An Dail. On the expiry of each year's term of office, they shall be eligible for re-election.

(9) The Trustees may depute one of their number to receive and examine all Statements of Expenditure furnished by the Minister of Finance in pursuance of Article 6, and the Certificate of the Trustee so appointed shall relieve the remaining Trustees from all responsibility in connection with Statements certified by him to be correct.

APPENDIX:-

The following are hereby elected Trustees of Dail Eireann Funds for the year 1919-1920, as from 1st July, 1919:-

His Lordship,

The Most Reverend Dr. Michael Fogarty,

Bishop of Killaloe,

Killaloe.

Eamonn de Valera, T.D.,

Craig Liath,

Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

James O'Mara, T.D.,

DUBLIN.

In the absence of the Finance Minister, Mr. O'Mara moved and the Acting President seconded: "That the Dail do approve of the Draft of the Trustee Deed."

Question put and agreed to. on the understanding that Clause 4 would be referred back to the Solicitor to improve, if possible, the safeguard afforded to the trustees.

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Do thairg SEAMUS O MEADHRA (Teachta Dheiscirt Chill Choimnigh) agus d'aontuigh an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID leis an run seo:-

"Glacann an Dail le Fogra Feasa na hIasachta fe mar ata 'nar ndiaidh, ach na focail 'an chead la de Mheitheamh, 1919' do scrios as Mir a 5, agus na focail 'i dtreo go dtabharfai dos na hUraibh iad' a chur leis an Mir cheadna,

FOGRA FEASA. (LE H-AGHAIDH SINTIUS I nEIRINN

BANNAI CLARUIGHTHE (5%) AR £250,000 DA GCUR AR DIOL.

Beidh Us le faghail ortha san on la 'na mbeid iocta i n-iomlan dreir 5 fen gcead sa mbliadhain; agus iocfar ah tUs sam gach leathbhliadhain - dreir na gceingeall ata sa bhFogra Feasa - ar an gcead la d'Eanair agus ar an gcead la d'Iuil.

1. Ta ughdarus o Dhail Eireann ag an Aireacht na Bannai sin roimraidhte do dhiol leis an bpobul, agus glacfaidh an tAire Airgid Iarratasai 'na gcoir feasta.

2. Muair imtheoghaidh Arm Gall as Eirinn beidh an Iasacht so 'na chead oileamh ar Theacht Isteach Saorstait Eireann.

3. Diolfar na Bannai ins na meadhanaibh seo .i. £1, £5, £10, £20, £50, agus £100; agus geobhfar Us ortha dreir £5 fen gcead sa mbliadhain. So bheidh sa gcead Us a gheobhfar na Us on la 'nar oriochnuigheadh an iocaidheacht, ach ni bhfaghfar san go ceann se mhi tareis do Shaorstat Eireann Admhail Badarnaisiunta dfhaghail, agus tareis dos na hasannaigh imtheachta ar fad as Eirinn. Iocfar an tUs 'na dhiaidh sin gach leathbhliadhain ar an gcead la d'eanair agus ar an gcead la d'Iuil.

4. Se luach an churtha so na £100 fen gcead. Ioctar e ar an gcuma so:-

25 fen gcead le linn iarratais.
25 fen gcead ar La Lughnasa, 1919.
25 fen gcead ar La Samhna, 1919.

5. Cuirtear iarratasai ar Bhannaibh maraon leis an iocaidheacht le linn Iarratais chun an Aireach Airgid aon la tareis _____, i dtreo go dtabharfai dos na hUraibh iad.

6. Tabharfar admhail do gach iarratoir le linn iocaidheachta dho, agus scriobhfar ar an admhail sin meid na ceannuidheachta agus an meid a h-iocadh le linn iarratais. Muair a bheidh na Bannai ullamh tabharfar iad mar mhalairt ar na h-admhalaibh sin.

7. Ta fuirmeacha olobhuailte Iarratais, agus coipeanna den bhFogra Feasa le faghail o Aire Airgid Dail Eireann, o Chisteoiribh Oineacha Sinn Fein, agus o Runaidhe gach Cumainn de Shinn Fein in Eirinn.

EAMONN DE VALERA, Priomh-Aire.

MICHEAL O COILEAIN, Aire Airgid.

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J. O'Mara (N. Kilkenny) moved; and the Acting President seconded; "That the Dail do approve of the following,Loan Prospectus as amended by the deletion from Clause 5 of the words '1st June 1919' and the addition of the words 'For deposit with the Trustees' to the same clause".

PROSPECTUS. **(FOR HOME SUBSCRIPTION.)**

ISSUE OF

£250,000 5% REGISTERED CERTIFICATES.

Bearing Interest from the date when fully paid, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on the 1st January and the 1st July, subject to the reservations contained in this Prospectus.

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1. The Ministry of An Dáil Eireann is authorised by An Dáil to issue the above Certificates to the public for subscription, and the Minister of Finance will receive applications until further notice.

2. After the withdrawal of the English Military Forces, this Loan becomes the first charge on the Revenues of the Irish Republic.

3. The Certificates will be issued in denominations of £1, £5, £10, £20, £50, and £100, and will bear interest at the rate of £5 per cent. per annum. The first dividend will consist of interest calculated from the date upon which the final payment is made, but will not be payable until a date Six Months after the Irish Republic has received International Recognition, and the English have evacuated Ireland. Thenceforward, payment will be made half-yearly on 1st January and 1st July.

4. The price of this issue is £100 per cent., payable as follows:—

25 per cent. on application.
25 per cent. on 1st August, 1919.
50 per cent. on 1st November, 1919.

5. Applications for Certificates, together with the amount payable on application, may be lodged on or after the ~~1st June, 1919~~, with the Minister of Finance. for lodgment with the Trustees

6. Every applicant will be supplied at the time of payment with a receipt, in which the amount of the purchase and the amount paid upon application will be recorded. The Registered Certificates will, when prepared, be issued in exchange for this receipt.

7. Printed Forms of Application and Copies of this Prospectus may be obtained from the Minister of Finance, Dáil Eireann; the Honorary Treasurers of Sinn Féin, and the Secretary of any Sinn Féin Club in Ireland.

EAMONN DE VALERA, President.

MICHEAL O COILEAIN, Minister of Finance.

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FUIRM IARRATAIS. IASACHT 1919 - I nEIRINN.

RIAGHALTAS SAORSTAIT EIREANN.

BANNAI CLARUIGHTHE (5%) AR £250,000 DA GCUR AR DIOL.

Diolfar na Bannai sin ar chead punt fen gcead, agus beidh Us le faghail ortha de reir £5 fen gcead sa mbliadhain. Geobhfar an tUs san gach leathbhliadhain - dreir na gcoingheall ata sa bhFogra Feasa - ar an gcead la d'Eanair agus ar an gcead la D'Iul. Coimhreochar an tUs on la mar criochnuigheadh an iocaidheacht.

AISIOCFAR an Iasacht ar 105 fen gcead taobh istigh de fiche bliadhain tareis do Shaorstat Eireann Admhail Eadarbhaisiuata dfhaghail.

An .....la de.....1919.

Chun an Aireach Airgid.

Cuirim/id iarratas ar .....punt(£...) de Bhannaibh Riaghaltas Shaorstait Eireann (5 fen gcead) dreir coingheall an Fhogra Feasa den....la de.....,1919, agus tugaim/id duit ..... punt (£....) mar iocaidheacht .i. Cuig ar Fhicead fen gcead (25%) de mheid an iarratais.

Agus is toil liom/linn an far is barr d'ioc fe mar ta luaidhte sa bhFogra Feasa .i.

25 fen gcead ~~xxxxxxxx~~La dh Lughnasa, 1919,
50 fen gcead La Samhna, 1919.

.....Bannai £1, £.... .....Bannai £20, £....
.....Bannai £5, £.... .....Bannai £50, £....
.....Bannai £10, £.... .....Bannai £100,£....

Sighniu Gnathach,.....

Ainm in Iomlan,.....

Seoladh,.....

Slighe Mhartha,.....
Cuirtear dha line treasna Seiceanna, Orduighthe an Fhuist Ghallda, etc,, agus bidis iondiolta d'Uraibh Dhail Eireann.

RIAGHALTAS SAORSTAIT EIREANN.

Bannai (5 fen gcead) (1919) (i nEirinn).

DO FRITH o .....

.....punn,.....scillinge, meid an iocaidheachta le linn iarratais ar:-
£.....

MICHEAL O COILEAIN, Aire Airgid.

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FORM OF APPLICATION. 1919 ISSUE (INTERNAL).

Government of the Irish Republic.

ISSUE OF
250,000 5% REGISTERED CERTIFICATES.

Issued at par, and bearing Interest at £5 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on the 1st January and 1st July, subject to the reservations contained in this Prospectus, but calculated from the date on which the final payment is made.

REDEEMABLE within Twenty Years of the International Recognition of the Irish Republic, at 105 per cent.

Date, ..., 1919.

To the Minister of Finance,

In terms of the Prospectus, dated ....., 1919, I/we hereby apply for.....pounds (£.....) of 5 per cent. Government of the Irish Republic Certificates, and tender herewith ..... pounds (£.....) in payment, being Twenty-five Per Cent. (25%) of the amount applied for.*

And I/we agree to pay the balance due from me/us by the instalments specified in the Prospectus, and as set out hereunder:—

25 per cent. on the 1st August, 1919.
50 per cent. on the 1st November, 1919.

..... Certificates of £1, £..... ..... Certificates of £20, £.....
..... Certificates of £5, £..... ..... Certificates of £50, £.....
..... Certificates of £10, £..... ..... Certificates of £100, £.....

Ordinary Signature, ...

Name in full, ... (State Mr., Mrs., Miss, or other title).

Address, ...

Occupation, ...

* Cheques, British P.O., and Drafts, should be crossed and made payable to the Trustees of Dáil Eireann.

GOVERNMENT OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC.
5 per cent. Registered Certificates (1919) (Internal).

RECEIVED from .....

of .....

the sum of ..... pounds ..... shillings, being the amount payable on application for:—

£.....

MICHEAL O COILEAIN, Minister of Finance.

Per .....

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Do thairg TOMAS O CEALLAIGH, SEANOIR CATHRACH (Teachta Faithche Stiophain) mar fo-run "na focail'agus tareis dos na Sasanaigh imtheacht ar fad as Eirinn' do scrios as Mir a 3."

D'aontuigh LIAM DE ROISTE (Teachta o Chathair Chorcaighe) leis sin.

Do buadhadh ar an bhfo-run, agus do glacadh leis an mbun-run ansan.

Do cuireadh ainmneacha an Dochtura Ui Fhogartaigh, Eamoinn de Valera agus Sheamuis Ui Mheadhra fe bhraghaid na Dala na gceann is na gceann, mar Uraibh i gceir na bliana a bhi chughainn, dreir am Mharga Urai, agus do glaic an Dail leis na hUraibh sin d'aontoil

ORAID AN PHRIOMH-AIRIGH IONAID.

Dubhairt an PRIOMH-AIRE IONAID gur mhaith leis go mor da mb'fheidir don Dail teacht le cheile o la go la i dtreo go mbeadh a chion fein den fhreagarthacht dalta na h-oibre ar gach Teachta. Bhi an Aireacht ag obair le h-ard-fhonn; bhiodar ar n aon aigne dalta gach socruighthe a deineadh; bhiodar ag obair go macanta oscailte le na cheile. Bhiodar uile ar aon toil dalta an mheid seo .i. gur theastuigh o chach Saorstat Neamhspleadhach do bhunu in Eirinn.

Dalta chuairde Toscaireacht Mheirioca ni chuala an Aireacht iad a bheith ag teacht no go raibh se ro-dheidheannach chun fogra chur chun na dTeachtai. Do chur an Riaghaltas Gallda stop leis na srangsealta i dtaobh am a dteachta. Nuair a thangadar do b'eigin gach nidh eile do chur i leathtaoibh chum socruighthe le h-aghaidh a gceard ar fuid na tire.

Nior frith aon airgead o Mheirioca. Tuigeadh amh, go mbeadh America thuos le costaseabh Teachtai na hEireann ata i bParis. Bhiodar ag troid i gcoinnibh na Comhachta ba mho ar domhan, agus bhi ag eirighe nios fearr sa troid sin leo na mar a cheap se foin riamh a eiriochadh. Do chaith Sasana na Milliuin punt ag leathadh eithigh i dtaobh na hEireann; ach do theip ar an obair sin teisc a h-iarrachtai fein. Do bhiothas tareis deimhniu don domhan gur cuirptheach Sasana, agus do bheidir leo Sasana do choimead na riocht san.

AN CHEAD SHEISEON EILE.

D'aontuigheadh an chead Seiseon eile den Dail a bheith ann an 19 la de Lughnasa, 1919.

AN TOSCAIREACHT GO MEIRIOCA.

Ar thairgeint an PHRIOMH-AIRIGH IONAID d'aontuigh an Dail £156 sa mbliain do thabhairt do mhuinntir Einri Ui Bheolain an fhaid a bheidh se foin i Meirioca ar obair na Dala.

TUAIRISC NA nIMTHEACHTA.

Ar Thairgsint THOIRDHEALBHAIGH MHEIC SUIBHNE (teachta Mheadhon Chorcaighe) agus ALASTAR MAC CABA (Teachta Dheiscirt Shligigh) ag aontu leis, d'aontuigheadh Tuairisc Infheadhmach ar Imtheachtaibh an tSeiseoin do chraobhscaoileadh chomh luath is do bfheidir e.

Do chur san deire le h-obair an tSeiseoin, agus do scur an Dail ar 1.50 i.n. (3.15 i.n. aimsir Ghallda).

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ALDERMAN T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) moved an amendment that Clause 3 be amended by deleting the words "and the English have evacuated Ireland".

LADI DE ROISTE (Cork City seconded.

The amendment was put and defeated. The original motion was then adopted.
The names of the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, E. de Valera, and James O'Mara were then severally submitted as Trustees to act under the Trustee Deed for the coming year, and the Dail unanimously approved of the Trustees named.

ADDRESSES BY ACTING-PRESIDENT.

The Acting-President addressing the Dail said that he would be very glad if it were possible for the Dail to meet in continuous Session so that all the members would bear their share of the responsibility for what is being done. The Ministry were working in perfect harmony their decisions were always unanimous; the members were working honestly and openly with each other. They were all united on this one point that they each and all sought to attain the establishment of a Sovereign Independent Republic in Ireland.

With regard to the visit of the American Delegation, the notice which the Ministry received of the arrival of the three Commissioners was too short to enable them to notify members of the Dail. The English Government held up telegrams announcing the time of their arrival. When they actually did come everything else had to be laid aside in order to arrange for their visits through the country.

No money had been received from America. It was understood, however, that America had undertaken to defray the expenses of the Irish Representatives in Paris. They were fighting the biggest Power in the world, and fighting her more successfully than he had ever hoped. England had spent millions of money in a campaign of slander against Ireland. Their efforts had caused that campaign to fail. England is now in the Dock before the world, and they have the power to keep her there.

NEXT SESSION OF DAIL.

It was decided that the next Session of the Dail should be held on the 19th of August,1919.

AMERICAN MISSION-MR. BOLAND,T.D.

On the motion of the Acting-President the Dail approved of the payment of £156 per annum to Mr. Boland's family while Mr. Boland was in America on official work for the Dail.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

MR. T. MACSWEENEY (Cork Mid.) moved, and

MR. A MACCABE (Sligo South) seconded
That an official Report of the Proceedings of the Session should be issued as soon as possible.
Question put and agreed to
The business of the Session having concluded, the Dail rose at 1.50. p.m. (3.15.English time).

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SEISEON AN MHEITHIMH - NA TEACHTAI BHI I LATHAIR.

Bhi na Teachtai seo i lathair ag Seiseon an Mheithimh, 1919:-

AN CRANN COMHAIRLE IONAID,
AN AIRE UM GNOTHAI DUITHCHE,
AN AIRE COSANTA,
AN AIRE AIRGID,
AN AIRE TIUSCAL,
AN AIRE UM RIAGHALTAS AITEAMHAIL,
AN AIRE UM GNOTHAI COIGCRICHE,
AN STIURTHOIR TRACHTALA,
COLIVET, M.P. (Cathair Luimnighe),
CIOSOG, an DR. B. (Tuaiscirt na Gaillimhe),
CRUAIDHLAOICH, S. (Tuaisceart Ciarraighe),
DE ROISTE, LIAM (Cathair Chorcaighe),
O DOLAIN, S. (Liathdroma),
ETCHINGHAM, SEAN (Oirthear Chill Mhantain),
O FATHAIGH, PROINNSIAS (DEISCEART NA GAILLIMHE),
MAC GEARAILT, D. (Pembroe),
O hAODHA, SEAN (Iarthar Chorcaighe),
O hAODHA, An DR. (Oirthear Luimnighe),
O FIACHRA, T. (Corcaigh Thoir Thuaidh),
O CEALLAIGH, T., SEANOIR (Faithche Stiophain),
O LAOIDHLEIS, P. (Thuaisceart Ath Cliath),
MAC GIOLLA BRIGHDE, S. (Iarthar MHUIGHEO),
MAC CABA, ALASTAR (Deisceart Shligigh),
MAC DONNCHADHA, S. (Thuaisceart Thiobruid Arann),
MAC AN TSAOI, SEAN (Deisceart Mhuineachain),
MAC CRAITH, S. (Tuath Dala Naomh Sheamuis),
MAC AONGHUSA, S. (Longphort),
MAC SUIBHNE, T. (Meadhon Chorcaighe),
O MAOLDHOMHNAIGH, P. (Deisceart Thiobruid Arann),
O MAOLCHATHA, R. (Cluaintairbh),
O CONCHUBHAIR, ART (Deisceart Chill Dara),
O DOCHARTAIGH, S. (Thuaisceart Dhun na nGall),
O hUIGIN, BRIAN (Iarthar Chlair),
O MATHGHAMHNA, SEAN (Deisceart Fearmanach),
O MEADHRA, SEAMUS (DEISCEART CHILLCHOINNIGH),
O RIAIN, an DR. (Deisceart Loch Garmain),
O SEANACHAIN, P. (Cuan Ath Cliath),
MAC STAIN, MICHEAL (Tuath Dala Naomh Michin),
SUATMAN, R. (Thuaisceart Loch Garmain),
MAC AN BHAIRD, P. (Deisceart Dhun na nGall).

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DEPUTIES PRESENT AT JUNE SESSION.

The following Deputies attended the June Session, 1919:-

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER,
THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS,
THE SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE,
THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE,
THE SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRIES,
THE SECRETARY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
THE ASSOCIATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE & COMMERCE,
COLLIVET, M.P., (Limerick City),
CUSACK, Dr. B., (Galway North),
CROWLEY, J., (Kerry North),
De ROISTE, Liam, (Cork City),
DOLAN, J., (Leitrim),
ETCHINGHAM, Sean, (Wicklow East),
FAHY, F., (Galway South),
FITZGERALD, D., (Pembroke),
HAYES, Sean, (Cork West),
HAYES, Dr. R., (Limerick East),
HUNTER, T., (Cork North East),
KELLY, Ald. T., (St. Stephen's Green),
LAWLESS, F., (Dublin North),
MAC BRIDE, J., (Mayo West),
MAC CABE, A., (Sligo South),
MAC DONAGH, J., (Tipperary North),
MAC ENTEE, Sean, (Monaghan South),
MAC GRATH, J., (St. James's),
MAC GUINNESS, J., (Longford),
MAC SUIBHNE, T., (Cork Mid),
MOLONEY, P.J., (Tipperary South),
Mulcahy, R., (Clontarf),
O'CONNOR, Art, (Kildare South),
O'DOHERTY, J., (Donegal North),
O'HIGGINS, B., (Clare West),
O'MAHONY, J., (Fermanagh South),
O'MARA, J., (Kilkenny South),
RYAN, Dr. J., (Wexford South),
SHANAHAN, P., (Harbour),
STAINES, M., (St. Michan's),
SWEETMAN, R., (Wexford North),
WARD, P. J., (Donegal South).

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DAIL EIREANN.

MINUTES OF AUGUST SESSION

DAIL EIREANN assembled in Session at the Mansion House on the 19th August, 1919. The proceedings were private.

The Deputy Chairman took the chair at 11.30 a.m. There were present:-

THE ACTING PRESIDENT,
THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE,
THE SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE,
THE SECRETARY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
THE ASSOCIATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE,
THE DIRECTOR OF PROPAGANDA,
THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE AND COMMERCE,
BUCKLEY D., (Kildare North),
COLLINS C., (Limerick West),
CUSACK, Dr. S. (Galway North),
De ROISTE, Liam, (Cork City),
DOLAN. J. (Leitrim),
DUGGAN, E.J. (MEATH SOUTH)
ETCHINGHAM, Sean (Wicklow East)
FAHY F. (Galway South)
HAYES J (Cork West)
HAYES Dr. R.J. (Limerick East)
HUNTER, T (Cork North East)
KELLY Ald.T. (St. Stephen's Green)
KENT D. (Cork East)
LAWLESS F. (Dublin North)
MacBride J. (Mayo West)
MacDONAGH J. (Tipperary North)
MacENTEE Sean (Monaghan South)
MacGRATH J. (St. James's)
MacGUINNESS J. (Longford)
MacSUIBHNE T. (Cork Mid)
MOLONEY P.J. (Tipperary South)
MULCAHY R. (Clontarf)
O'CONNOR ART (Kildare South)
O'DOHERTY J. (DONEGAL NORTH)
O'HIGGINS B. (Clare West)
O'KEEFE P. (Cork North)
O'MAHONY J. (Fermanagh South)
RYAN Dr. J. (Wexford South)
SEARS W (Mayo South)
SHANAHAN P (Harbour)
STAINES M (St. Michan's)
SWEENEY J. (Donegal West)
SWEETMAN R. (Wexford North)

VISITORS.

The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that Dr.V.J.White of Waterford was in the precincts of the House, and moved that he be admitted to the House during the proceedings.

Motion put and agreed to.

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ACTING PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

GENERAL

The ACTING PRESIDENT referred to the proceedings of the last Session of 17-19 June, 1919, when a number of Decrees were made and Committees of the House set up in connection with them. Members of the Sinn Fein Executive were invited to assist by acting on these Committees. As a result of their activities certain definite schemes had been formulated and reports on these schemes would be laid before the House. Certain other schemes had been under consideration, but the work in connection with them had not yet been completed.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

In connection with the Industrial Commission which was decided on at that Session, some 60 invitations were issued to business men, industrialists, scientists, etc. The personnel of the Commission was almost complete, and arrangements were practically finished for the work of the Commission to begin. A detailed report was before the House, and it was expected that the Commission would commence its operations next month.

NATIONAL ARBITRATION COURTS.

A Complete scheme of National Arbitration Courts had been prepared and was being submitted for amendment or ratification by the Dail.

NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE

The Committees on National Civil Service had not completed their deliberations and it would be for the Dail to decide either that the Dail or the Ministry propose a scheme, or that the Committee be given authority to proceed with the completion of a scheme.

FISHERIES

A report on Fisheries was being submitted for consideration.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

A week after the last Session, the American Consul requested a statement for his Government on the conditions in Ireland - as a result of the report of the American Commission. A statment was supplied him in which they undertook to prove conclusively all allegations made by the American Commission. The Consul thereupon requested to be supplied with affidavits by the persons upon whom the English authorities had been accused of inflicting the outrages reported. On 27th June, eighteen persons from different parts of the country attended before the Consul, and the affidavits made by them, together with statements as to the treatment they were subjected to, were forwarded to the American Government.

FIRST NATIONAL ARBITRATION COURT

Following on a dispute between two sections of the Labour Party, in which certain personal charges had been made, Dail Eireann was invited to set up a Court to investigate the matter. The Executive appointed Messrs P.J.Ward, Liam de Roiste and Dr. Cusack to constitute a Court for the trial of the charges.

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At the first meeting of the Court the parties failed to agree as to the specific charges to be tried. A week later formal charges agreed on by the parties, as being the issues to be tried were submitted, and the Court after hearing evidence, delivered judgment by which the parties had previously pledged themselves to abide.

TRADE AND COMMERCE

A Consul had been appointed to Genoa, and two other Consuls had been appointed, but they had not yet left Ireland.

An American Shipping Company - the Moore - MacCormack Line - had arranged to make regular calls to Ireland, as a result of the activities of the Deputy for South Fermanagh (Mr. J. O'Mahony). Information received that morning disclosed the fact that three American vessels are on their way to Ireland - they would call at Dublin and Cork. The Baltic Line, which is under the same direction, also intended making calls to Belfast.

The important matter for Ireland in this connection was to secure that return cargoes for these vessels would be made available. If this were done then they would have established direct trading with North America. If they were not able to secure the return cargoes there was danger of their reverting to the old situation. Proposals were also on foot to secure direct trading between Bordeaux and Dublin. The question of providing return cargoes would likewise arise in that case.

PREMISES

New and spacious premises had been secured as offices for the Dail and they were due to enter into possession of them next month. The premises had been bought outright. Members were requested not to make this matter public until they were actually in possession.

PRESIDENT DE VALERA

The reception accorded to President de Valera in U.S.A. had exceeded anything that they expected. No envoy from this country had ever been received in the way that their President had been received.

As regards the Loan issue in U.S.A. President de Valera had asked for discretionary power to increase the amount of the issue originally decided on. He was at present in conference with a number of American Bankers, arranging preliminaries as to the issue of the Loan.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE SESSION.

He suggested that they proceed with the business of the Session by taking the Reports that day and then the discussion on these Reports. It was hoped to conclude the business of the Session on the morrow.

The House agreed to this suggestion

REPORTS

The following Reports were then read:-

The Reports of the National Arbitration Courts' Committee, National Civil Service Committee, and Fisheries' Committee by the ACTING PRESIDENT.

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The Foreign Affairs' Report by the ASSOCIATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The Finance Committee Report by the SECRETARY FOR FINANCE who suggested that the arrangements for the issue of the Loan could be discussed on the motion to increase the amount to be issued for subscription in U.S.A.

The Industries and Trade & Commerce Committee Report by the DIRECTOR OF TRADE AND COMMERCE.

The Labour Committee Report by the Substitute SECRETARY FOR LABOUR.

The Local Government Committee Report by the SECRETARY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Propaganda Department Report by the SUBSTITUTE DIRECTOR OF PROPAGANDA.

The reports of the Agricultural Committee, Agricultural Loan Bank Committee, and Forestry Committee by the DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE.

The House adjourned at 1 p.m., and resumed at 2.45 p.m.

DEBATES

NATIONAL ARBITRATION COURTS.

The ACTING PRESIDENT moved and CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) seconded the adoption of this Report.

J. O'DOHERTY (Donegal North) moved that clause 3 (c), making clergymen ex-officio justices be deleted. This was seconded by EAMAN DE BLAGHD (MONAGHAN NORTH).

On a division the amendment was negatived by 30 votes to 5.

PROINNSIAS O FATHAIGH (Galway South) moved the insertion of a substitute clause "that clergymen be eligible for election as justices of such Courts." This was seconded by T. MacSUIBHNE. (Cork Mid)

On a division the amendment was negatived by 11 votes to 10.

After further discussion by ALD. T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) D. Kent (Cork East) and R. O Maolcatha (Clontarf) the portion of the Report dealing with Arbitration Courts, which reads as follows, was put and carried:-

1. (a) That a Supreme Court of Judicature be established with appelate and original jurisdiction comprising three Justices, one of whom would act as Chief Justice, and a permanent Registrar; (b) That the Justices and the Registrar be paid; (c) That the members of the Supreme Court be nominated by the Dail, and they be removed only on a

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two-third majority vote of the members of the Dail at a meeting of that body to which each member has been summoned.

2. (a) That Districts Courts be established with Jurisdiction corresponding in area to the County Court Judges' jurisdiction, and with appelate jurisdiction on matters referred from the inferior courts; (b) That District Court Justices be nominated by the Dail and paid for their services; (c) That Justices in the Inferior Courts be ineligible for appointment as District Court Justices.

3. (a) That Petty Courts be established in the areas corresponding with the present Petty Sessions Districts; (b) That if possible a Justice (to be elected locally on adult sufferage) be appointed to each chapel area; (c) That clergymen be ex-officio Justices in such Courts; (d) That such men who are by virtue of their office as popularly elected representatives ex-officio justices on the English Courts be ex-officio justices in the local Dail Courts provided they cease to sit on the English Courts.

4. (That all Justices of Inferior and Supreme Courts be required to pledge their allegiance to the Republic.

The recommendation regarding the formation of Conciliation Boards was deferred until the Report of the Labour Committee was taken up.

NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE.

The Report of the Committee was adopted without discussion and on the motion of the ACTING PRESIDENT it was decided that the Committee be given plenary powers to complete their scheme.

FISHERIES

The ACTING PRESIDENT MOVED, and JOSEPH MacGUINNESS (Longford Co) seconded the adoption of the Report on Fisheries.

MR. J. MacBRIDE(Mayo West) thought that the price set down in Mr. Fahy's Report for a second-hand engine was not sufficient.

MR. J. O'MAHONY (Fermanagh South) stated that the establishment of curing stations was one of the most essential factors in the success of the fishing industry. An enormous quantity of herrings was consumed annually in Ireland. Waterford City alone consumed 5,000 or 6,000 barrels per annum. The major portion of the fish consumed in the South is really shipped from Ireland to Milford Haven, transhipped there and sent back again and sold to the Irish buyers. At Buncrana and Waterford there were at one time busy curing stations.

SEAN ETCHINGHAM (Wicklow East) attributed the decline in the consumption of home-cured fish in Ireland in part to the fact that the sale of fish was not regarded by the people as a respectable occupation. He suggested the establishemant of fish shops in the towns as a remedial measure. He stated that the opinion of the fishermen is that until there is an Irish Board in control, similar to that existing in Scotland, the fishing industry cannot be made a profitable one to the fishermen. The cost of salt, barrels and freight had increased enormously. The lack of transit facilities was one of the greatest difficulties. At present Liverpool and Manchester were actually getting supplies from Fleetwood by Aeroplane.

MR. D. KENT (Cork East) mentioned the case of Ballycotton which was one of the finest fishing centres in Ireland, but which was practically idle because of the want of adequate transit facilities.

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The Report was adopted, ALD. T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) remarking that they were much indebted to Mr. Fahy for his Report on Fishing at Gorumna and Arran.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The ASSOCIATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRSmoved, and PROINNSIAS O FATHAIGH (Galway South) seconded the adoption of the Report.

MR. R. M. SWEETMAN (Wexford North) asked for more explicit information as to the probability of the Government of the United States recognising the Republic.

The ASSOCIATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS in the course of his reply, stated that the case of Ireland had ceased to be a mere party issue in America. The establishment of Consulates there was going to bind the existing cordial relations between Ireland and the United States.

The ACTING PRESIDENT remarked that it was not likely that the question of the ratification of the Peace Treaty would come before the Senate earlier than October. In his latest communication, President de Valera was very hopeful that article 10 of the League of Nations' Covenant would not be ratified. It was of course impossible to prophesy the result.

The motion was put and carried.

FINANCE

The SECRETARY FOR FINANCE moved the adoption of the Report. The amount received from America was not shown seperately in the Financial Statement, but it was given in the General Report.

MR. E.J. DUGGAN (Meath South) seconded the adoption of the Report.

MESSRS KENT (Cork East) DOLAN (Leitrim) and the ACTING PRESIDENT having spoken, SEAN MAC AN tSAOI (MONAGHAN SOUTH) asked if there was a Report from the Minister of Defence as to the item of £2,010 in the account of expenditure.

The CEANN COMHAIRLE stated that notice of such questions should be given. They would be replied to on the following day.

The Report was adopted.

INDUSTRIES AND TRADE & COMMERCE.

The DIRECTOR OF TRADE & COMMERCE moved, and LIAM T. MAC COSGAIR (Kilkenny North) seconded the adoption of the Report.

Mr. J. MacDONAGH (Tipperary North) asked whether in the event of any industry being approved of by the Commission of Inquiry the Dail would invest money for the purpose of fostering such industry?.

The DIRECTOR OF TRADE & COMMERCE replied that one of the purposes of the Commission was to indicate what industries might be fostered when there was money enough to provide a surplus for investment in such industries. When the time was ripe a scheme would be submitted. The question did not yet arise.

MR. J. O'MAHONY (Fermanagh South) asked if co-operation had been dropped, to which the DIRECTOR replied in the negative.

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MR. J. MacBRIDE (Mayo West) suggested that the question of fuel which was as essential as the question of food should be considered. An attempt should be made to import coal from America.

MR. M. STAINES (St.Michan's) referred to the personnel of the Dublin Port and Docks' Board, and said that the greatest handicap to the Port of Dublin was its Port Authorities.

The discussion was continued by MESSRS. D. KENT (Cork East) and SEAN MAC AN tSAOI (Monaghan South) the latter suggesting that the Minister should get into communication with Mr. John Kelly of Belfast, who recently took over a fleet of thirty steamers He regretted that the Commission was composed almost entirely of business men, to the exclusion of representatives of manufacturing industries and of practical engineers

The Report was adopted.

SECRETARIAT TO COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

The DIRECTOROF TRADE AND COMMERCE proposed and LIAM T. MAC COSGAIR (Kilkenny North) seconded that the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Industries and Trade & Commerce, that Mr. Darrell Figgis should be appointed Secretary to the Commission of Inquiry, and that two reporters be employed to take verbatim notes of evidence, be adopted.

Question put and agreed to.

LABOUR - APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MINISTER.

The ACTING PRESIDENT moved, and PADRAIG O CAOIMH (Cork North) seconded that ALD. THOMAS KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) be appointed Substitute Minister for Labour during the absence of MADAME MARKIEVICZ.

Question put and carried.

LABOUR COMMITTEE REPORT

The SUBSTITUTE MINISTER FOR LABOUR moved the adoption of the Report. He emphasised the fact that the success of the work before the Dail, and in particular the success of the scheme for the establishment of Conciliation Boards depended to a great extent on the attitude of the Labour to the Dail. He detailed the result of the intervention of the Ministry in Labour disputes.

MR. D. KENT (Cork East) seconded the adoption of the Report, and urged that a fair scale of wages should be fixed.

MR. E.J.DUGGAN (Meath South) Reported on the dispute in Co. Meath. The labourers were prepared to accept mediation, but the Farmers' Union refused it. The Secretary of the All-Ireland Farmers' Union intimated to him that if mediation were now offered it would be accepted. The local Branch of the Farmers' Union was dominated by ex-officers of the English Army and Unionists.

MR. R.C.BARTON (Wicklow West) suggested that the Sinn Fein farmers should join the Farmers' Union, and make their influence felt in the Union.

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ART O CONCHUBHAIR (Kildare South) observed that the suggestion was not a practical one as regards Co, Kildare. The Sinn Fein farmers there were leaving the Union, and in fact some of them had been blackballed out of it. The Co. Kildare Executive of the Farmers' Union was elected in June and held office for twelve months; so that nothing could be done for the present.

The ACTING PRESIDENT stated that the important thing to do was to get in before the strike really started. Where the Farmer's Union refuse to accept arbitration then the Sinn Fein farmers should be got together to endeavour to adjust the questions in dispute. They were entitled - where one party to a dispute refused the offer of mediation - to throw their force in on the side of the party that accepts the offer.

SEAN ETCHINGHAM (Wicklow East) believed that the political motives were actuating the Farmers' Union to a great extent.

CONCHUBHAR O COILEAIN (Limerick West) inquired as to the attitude of official labour towards the returned soldiers of the English Army.

The SUBSTITUTE MINISTER FOR LABOUR in the course of his reply stated that the Dail Ministry should be careful in intervening in disputes, lest they might meet with a rebuff. There should be a central Conciliation Board to which matters in dispute could be referred, and efforts should be made to have this Board recognised throughout the country. As to demobilised soldiers the position was a difficult one. They were entitled to consideration by their Unions as long as they remained members.

The ACTING PRESIDENT suggesting amending the portion of the Report of the National Arbitration Courts' Committee relative to setting up Conciliation Boards by inserting the words "or threaten to arise" after the word "arise" in the second line and by deleting the words "and it be his duty to intervene" in the third line, and the words "that it be his duty"in the fourth line.

The amendment was agreed to, and the recommendation which as amended, reads as follows, was put and carried:-

> "That where and whenever disputes between employers and employees arise, or threaten to arise, as to the question of wages, hours and conditions of employment, the Labour Minister be empowered to consult with both parties , to invite them to a conference of representatives, and to appoint a person to act as umpire with power to call in assessors where the need exists."

The Report of the Labour Committee was adopted, as was also the following motion which was moved by the SUBSTITUTE MINISTER FOR LABOUR:-

> "That with a view to securing that the scheme of Conciliation Boards to deal with Local Labour disputes shall be effective, it is the duty of each Teachta to furnish to the Ministry of Labour immediate information regarding the outbreak of local Labour disputes and strikes which may take place in his area."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The SECRETARY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT in moving the adoption of the Report pointed out that there was no intention in any of the circulars issued to influence in any way the course of legislative enactments by the English Parliament; or in any to assist or recognise that body.

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PROINNSIAS O FATHAIGH (Galway South) seconded the adoption of the Report which was agreed to.

LETTER FROM SINN FEIN DIRECTOR OF ORGANISATION.

The Following letter from the Sinn Fein Director of Organisation was read:-

"A Chara,

In view of the imminence of the necessity for renewed activity of the Sinn Fein Organisation, not merely with regard to general propaganda, but also with regard to Local Government Elections in the Autumn, I should like to ask you as Minister for Local Governemtn, under Dail, to urge on the members of that Body the vital importance of greater attention to the needs of the Organisation withing their Constituencies.

In the course of my work as Director of Organisation, I have met numerous instances of considerable reluctance on the part of some of the members of Dail Eireann to assist in the work necessary to their Constituencies.

I am aware that there are some of the members of that Body for whom there are many and substantial reasons which explain their inability to assist, but there are others to whom this does not apply.

They seem to lack due appreciation of the fact that they have been elected to their present positions at great expense of energy and money by the people of Ireland, and that the actual result of the last General Election was of the most vital moment to the country, and further they seem to fail to grasp the fact that if the ground thus gained is to be maintained and the ultimate aim of the movement achieved, great and strenuous work in the matter of organisation is still essential. I trust you will emphasise the importance of the foregoing to your fellow-Members, and secure a greater cooperation in the future from them with regard to the work of the Sinn Fein Organisation.

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S. Milroy

Director of Organisation.

Liam LacCosgair, T.D.
Minister of Local Government."

PROPAGANDA.

The SUBSTITUTE DIRECTOR OF PROPAGANDA moved, and LIAM T. MAC COSGAIR (Kilkenny North) seconded the adoption of the Report.

The motion was put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5.30 p.m. the ACTING PRESIDENT moved that the House do adjourn until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 20th Inst.

The motion was put and carried and the House adjourned.

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The House re-assembled at 11.25 a.m. on August 20th.,1919 the Deputy Speaker in the chair.

VISITORS.

The CEANN COMHAIRLE announced that, after consultation with the ACTING PRESIDENT, it had been decided that Visitors would be admitted to the House that day after questions to Ministers had been disposed of.

QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS

1. PROINNSIAS O FATHAIGH (Galway South). Is the cost of printing pamphlets included in the £889. 1. 3. for Printing and Stationery?

The SECRETARY FOR FINANCE. The items of the Printing and stationery Account are as follows:-

Stationery.....		£71. 14. 3
Printing:-		
Miscellaneous.....	£30. 17. 6.	
Ireland's Case, on parchment...	445. 4. 0.	
Official Bulletin.....	65. 0. 0.	
Miscellaneous.....	7. 13. 6.	
Cost "Atrocities" pamphlet	190. 12. 0.	
Ireland's Case pamphlet.....	78. 0. 0.	
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		£889. 1. 3

2. BRIAN O hUIGIN (Clare West). Are the Committees now being set up in each Constituency in connection with the Loan permitted to engage a special organiser of Finance and pay his expenses out of the monies received?

The SECRETARY FOR FINANCE replied that the suggestion contained in the question had been considered by the Finance Committee but that no definite decision had been arrived at. He thought that the suggestion would be adopted, but the money received locally could not be used for the purpose of paying an Organiser. Any money spent on organising would be taken out of money at present at their disposal, and not out of the money collected locally.

3. MR. J. MAC DONAGH (Tipperary North). Is there any information available showing the amount of money collected in America in respect of the Republican Loan?

The SECRETARY FOR FINANCE. The question is dealt with in a general way in the Report of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. There is no information available on this point. Some amounts have been promised. I suggest that the question could be more fully dealt with on the motion to increase the amount of the Loan Issue abroad.

4. SEAN MAC AN tSAOI (Monaghan South) put a query regarding the £2,010 shown against the Ministry for Defence.

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The SECRETARY FOR FINANCE. The sum allocated by the Dail was drawn out in total by the Minister for Defence. The Secretary for Defence stated that less than £300 of this amount had been spent up to the present. The Member for St. Michan's had the exact figures.

VISITORS

The CEANN COMHAIRLE announced that Visitors could now be admitted to the House.

DEBATES

AGRICULTURE.

The DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE moved the adoption of the Report of the Agriculture and Land Mortgage Bank Committees. He further explained the proposals in his scheme to set up an Agricultural Loan Bank. The rate of interest and sinking fund charged would depend on the state of the money market for the time being.

MR. D. KENT (Cork East) supported the scheme.

MR. J. MacBRIDE (Mayo West) considered that a deposit of 25% of the purchase money by a prospective tenant was too high. They should advance up to 100%

MR. W. SEARS (Mayo South) supported the scheme. He was of opinion that the Republican Government should have a majority in the management of the Bank.

MR. R.M.SWEETMAN (Wexford North) inquired if the entire interest in the Indemnity Shares represented sinking fund?

The DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE explained that the accumulation of the Indemnity Shares which would bear interest at 3% per annum, was intended to amortise the debt. The Indemnity Shares were necessary to guard against loss by default of purchasers.

SEAN BUCHINGHAM (Wicklow East) thought the scheme a good one, the Joint Stock Banks advanced only about 50% of the Purchase Money as against 75% to be advanced under the proposed scheme, and in most cases required collateral security for the money. He considered that £200,000, the amount of the Guarantee Stock was not large enough.

MR. J. MAC DONAGH (Tipperary North) approved of the scheme. There should be provision in it for annuities so as to enable the tenant purchasers to repay the interest and principal at the same time. This would provide better security for shareholders, and it would also provide a better incentive to people to subscribe. It would not be a wise proposition to advance 100% of the Purchase Money.

LIAM T. MAC COSGAIR (Kilkenny North) expressed the view that the whole basis of the scheme depended for success on the good faith of purchasers, and on the number of people who would come forward as Shareholders. He would prefer if the Ordinary Shares were reduced to 5/- so as to induce a greater number of investors to come in.

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SEAN MAC AN tSAOI (Monaghan South) criticised the financial provisions of the scheme. He calculated that in the first year of the working of the Bank there would be practically no profit.

CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford County.) disagreed with the conclusions of the Teachta for South Monaghan. There would be a profit because in addition to the Indemnity Shares there would be the interest of at least 5½% payable by Societies to whom advances would have been made. And furthermore, investment in this scheme would be a perfectly sound business proposition, and offer a good field to Irishmen who desire to invest their money in Ireland in a sound investment. The scheme offered an inducement to such men to sink their money at home. From a purely business point of view the ~~proposition~~ proposition was a perfectly sound one.

Ald. T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) thought the scheme outlined a very good one, and that it provided a fair field for constructive effort. He asked (1) If object "E" was essential to the achievement of the purpose which the Bank had before it. He reminded the House that Sinn Fein Bank was in existence. (2) What machinery was to be employed in forming the Bank. Did the promoter of the scheme propose using the machinery of British Law necessary in the formation and flotation of such companies? (3) Had the contingency of the seizure of the money by the English Government been provided for.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE in the course of his reply stated that for every £100 advanced by the Bank £25 will be given back in shares, so that the Bank will only lend 75% of the value of the Land. The Scheme should and could live on the good faith behind it. He was Chairman of a Co-operative Bank floated in 1908, which lent £1000 per year on an average to people who were unable to pay their rent, and they had only one instance of a bad debt. As to object "E", that clause was inserted for the simple reason that they should not place a limit on the future activities of the Bank. It was to meet any contingency not contemplated at the moment. They could not commence operations at once. The £10,000 referred to was the amount estimated to mee t the cost of premises and equipment.&c.

The price of land was undoubtedly high at the moment, but the ordinary sales were not reported in the Press. It was the extraordinary cases were published. Furthermore, it was the comparatively small areas that were fetching high prices. He instanced the case of a farm of 1,300 acres in Meath which recently sold at £20 per acre, there being a valuable supply of timber on the land and a mansion that must have cost £20,000 to erect.

As to the financial proposals of the Scheme, on the Guarantee Stock of £200,000 ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ they would receive £50,000 Indemnity Shares. The Bond Issue would bring in £200,000 which secures a further £50,000 in Indemnity Shares, making a total working capital of £500,000. Interest at 3% on the Guaranteed Stock, Interest at 3% on the Indemnity Shares and interest at 5% on the Bond Issue would make the gross liability of £19,000, and as against that they would have interest at 5½% on 500,000 or £27,500, which would leave a gross profit of 8,500 to the Bank. Administrative expenses might be more or less than 1% of the capital. In the case of Hungary where there existed a somewhat similar institution the expenses for the first few years amounted to 1%.

The DIRECTOR asked that criticisms, proposed alterations and amendments to the Scheme should be submitted to him by Deputies.

The Scheme in its present form was not final.

The motion that the Report be adopted was put and carried.

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RESOLUTION OF PROTEST.

The ACTING PRESIDENT called the attention of the House to the arrest and the trial by a secret Courtmartial, and sentence to a term of imprisonment by the English Government of the Teachta for Cavan West - Mr. P. Galligan. An elected representative of the country was tried and sentenced in secret. That proceeding was contrary even to English Law. He moved that

> "The Elected Representatives of Ireland assembled in session in the Mansion House on the twentieth day of August 1919, call the attention of the Elected Representatives of the United States and of all other free countries to the fact that persons duly elected for Irish Constituencies are now being seized by the English Army of Occupation, secretly arraigned before English Courts Martial and secretly condemned to terms of imprisonment as ordinary criminals.
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> On the night of July 14th., Mr. Paul Galligan, the unanimously Elected Representative for West Cavan, in the Province of Ulster, was arrested by a section of the English Armed Forces, conveyed to the Victoria British Military Barracks, Belfast where he was arraigned in secret before a tribunal of English Military Officers which ordered him to be imprisoned for twelve months with hard labour as an ordinary criminal. The charge preferred against him was that he had drilled a body of young men.
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> The Member for West Cavan is at present in solitary confinement in a flagged basement cell in Belfast Prison."

The motion was put and carried.

FORESTRY.

The DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE MOVED THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON FORESTRY. He mentioned that the man proposed to be nominated as National Inspector of Forestry was not available, and that he had invited Mr. Cole to act in the meantime; but he had not yet received a definite reply from the latter.

SEAN ETCHINGHAM (Wicklow East) seconded the adoption of the Report.

MR. R.M. SWEETMAN (Wexford North) asked to be informed as to Mr. Cole's qualifications. He suggested that all effort for this year should be concentrated on making Arbour Day a success. He did not consider the suggestion that each farmer should plant sixteen trees a practical one.

SEAN ETCHINGHAM (Wicklow East) mentioned the good example set by Father Sweetman who had offered eight acres to the Local Comann Sinn Fein for the purposes of afforestation.

LIAM T. MAC COSGAIR (Kilkenny North) pointed out that local Councils could accomplish a good deal within the limits of their powers. It was impossible for them to get a grant for this purpose without levying a special rate. The Dublin Corporation without striking a special rate, had expended some £10,000 on planting ornamental trees.

MR. M. STAINES (St. Michan's) referred to a proposal made at a meeting of the Committee on Forestry that every farmer should plant at least sixteen trees, i.e. a tree to represent each man shot in Easter Week.

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If sixteen trees were not considered sufficient, there could be planted sixteen of each species of tree.

The Director of Agriculture regretted that the Teachta for North Wexford was not able to be present at the last meeting of the Committee when the question as to Mr. Cole was discussed. Mr. Cole would not accept a salary for his services, and besides he had his business to look after. He expected that by Christmas he would have an Inspector of Forestry who would devote his whole time to the matter. As to the planting of at least sixteen trees by each farmer it was a practical suggestion that it appealed to him very much. It had also been suggested that the sites of the battlefields should be planted.

The motion that the Report be adopted was put and carried

DEPUTATION FROM LIMERICK

The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that a Deputation accompanied by the Mayor of Limerick wished to make a statement to the House on the present situation in regard to the Limerick Technical Schools.

It was decided to admit the Deputation at 3 p.m.

The House adjourned for an interval at 1 p.m. and reassembled at 3.25 p.m.

DEPUTATION FROM LIMERICK.

The CEANN COMHAIRLE intimated that the Deputation could now be received, and that there would be no discussion on the subject of their visit until they had withdrawn.

LIAM T. MAC COSGAIR (Kilkenny North) introduced the Mayor of Limerick who made a statement to the effect that two years ago the Committee in charge of Technical under the Borough Council of Limerick appointed Mr. de Lacy as Head Master of the School of Commerce. The D.A.T.I. at first refused to sanction the appointment on the grounds that there were no available funds to pay for the instruction. Later on the Department refused to give their sanction to the appointment unless Mr. de Lacy gave a guarantee that he would not again embark on a course of action such as led to his arrest after Easter Week. This Mr. de Lacy would not give, and the Department refused to approve a scheme for the coming year unless Mr. de Lacy's name was ommitted therefrom, The Deputation now asked for financial support for the School from Dail Eireann. The Committee refuse to appoint any other Head Master. Failing the financial support asked for, the Committee had but one alternative, namely to hand in their resignations.

Mr. Hennessy, a member of the Deputation, stated that the amount of money required to run the Schools was about £2,000 per annum. The entire expense was about £3,500, but the Committee would be prepared to raise £1,500. He supplied details in connection with the income and expenditure of the Technical Schools. The School Buildings were the property of the Corporation. There were three Englishmen on the Teaching

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Staff for whose superannuation under a recent Act of the English Parliament the Local Authority was responsible. They could not therefore dismiss them. The normal School attendance was 750. Mr. de Lacy was appointed in Septmmber, 1917. It was admitted by a representative of the D&A.T.I., who called on them in Limerick in connection with the matter that the case had been taken out of their hands and was being dealt with by Dublin Castle.

Mr. de Lacy submitted that the Schools could be made self supporting withing two years. They were badly managed at present. There were nine or ten teachers whoc were not doing two hours work per day. The Technical Teachers under Municipal Boroughs were permanent officials; Under County Councils they were appointed yearly.

The Mayor thanked the Speaker and Deputies for having been given a hearing, and the Deputation then withdrew.

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MINISTERIAL MOTIONS

FINANCE.

The SECRETARY FOR FINANCE moved:-

"It is decreed that an additional sum of $23,750,000 may be issued for subscription to the Loan of the Government of the Irish Republic in the United States of America, thus increasing the total amount for the issue in that country to $25,000,000."

He said that discretionary powers were at first sought to increase the amount of the Loan issue to $5,000,000, and now it was asked to increase it to $25,000,000. As to the Loan, the actual issue had not yet been made, and the prospectuses had not yet been issued to the Public in America. It appeared that the Friends of Irish Freedom were engaged in a campaign to raise funds for propaganda purposes for themselves, and it was not considered advisable at the time that the Loan Issue should be made simultaneously. President de Valera was interviewing a number of Bankers one of those days in connection with the matter. The Finance Committee were about to issue 5,000 prospectuses to every constituency in Ireland, and with them, leaflets for distribution. After a Teachta had held a meeting of the Comhairle Ceanntair and the Committees had been formed, the leaflets and prospectuses should be circulated and copies sent to the house of each probable subscriber. In this matter Teachtai had the chief responsibility. The prospectuses would be delivered in a weeks time.

(Kilkenny North)

LIAM T. MAC COSGAIR seconded the motion.

SEAN ETCHINGHAM (Wicklow East) inquired if the Deputies were aware of the suggestion to form Republican Loan Clubs?

The SECRETARY FOR FINANCE in reply stated that instructions as to this were being issued withthe pamphlets.

The motion was put and carried.

ANTI-CONSCRIPTION SUBCRIPTIONS AND THE BOND ISSUE:

MR. J. MAC DONAGH (Tipperary North) asked if in the case of monies subscribed to the Anti-Conscription Fund by individuals they would receive Certificates or Bonds, or would they get credit for the sums already subscribed?

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The SECRETARY FOR FINANCE replied that the proposition would require a resolution of the Dail. It would only be possible to take that step with individuals. He was prepared to bring forward a resolution to meet the case.

Mr. R. M. SWEETMAN (Wexford North) did not agree with this suggestion.

CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) stated that any persons who could prove that they contributed from one pound upwards were entitled to get a bond.

MR. D. KENT. (Cork East) was of opinion that the question had better not be raised at all.

CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) would not mention it but would adopt the course suggested when the question was asked.

DR. B. CUSACK (Galway East) said that there was no question of bonds at the time the Anti-Conscription money was asked for. He was opposed to the suggestion of the Deputy for North Tipperary.

SEAN ETCHINGHAM agreed with the last speaker.

SEOSAMH MAC AONGHUSA (Longford Co.) asked what was the amount of the Anti Conscription Funds received by the Dail?

Ald. T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) stated that throughout Ireland the total amount of the Anti-Conscription Funds collected was £250,000.

The SECRETARY FOR FINANCE replying to the Teachta for Longford Co. stated that the total amount of money received from the Anti-Conscription Fund was not more than £18,000, and was probably much less.

MR. J. O'MAHONY (Fermanagh South) agreed with the suggestion that the question of giving Bonds for the equivalent amount of Anti-Conscription Subscriptions had better not be mentioned at all.

MR. W. SEARS (Mayo South) asked for a definite proposal on the matter.

T. MAC SUIBHNE (Cork Mid) moved, and J.N. BOLAN (Leitrim) seconded "That no Bonds be given in exchange for any monies not specifically subscribed for that purpose."

The motion was put and carried.

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OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

The SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE MOVED:-

"Every person and every one of those bodies undermentioned must swear allegiance to the Irish Republic and to the Dail:

1. The Deputies.
2. The Irish Volunteers.
3. The Officers and Clerks to the Dail
4. Any other body or individual who in the opinion of the Dail should take the same Oath."

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He pointed out that it was no new proceeding for a Government to require that the Elected Representatives, the Defence Forces and the Officers and Clerks of Parliament should subscribe to an Oath of Allegiance to the State. He suggested the following form of Oath, which was an adaptation of the Oath subscribed to by Congressmen, Senators and other persons who aspired to become American Citizens. The American form of the Oath as adapted to suit their requirements would read:-

"I, A.B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I do not and shall not yield a voluntary support to any pretended Government authority or power within Ireland hostile and inimical thereto, and I do further swear (or affirm) that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will support and defend the Irish Republic, which is Dail Eireann, against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, so help me, God."

and the Government of the Irish Republic

An Oath of Allegiance was administered to every existing Government in the world. An affirmation might be made by anyone who had scruples about taking an Oath. The object aimed at was to unify the whole body in this country. The present Constitution governing the Irish Volunteers prevented them from being subject to any other body but their own Executive. At the next Convention they proposed to ask them as a standing army to swear allegiance to the Dail, and it was but far and just that all members of the Dail, and all officials of the Dail should likewise subscribe to an Oath of Allegiance.

T. MAC SUIBHNE (Cork Mid) seconded the motion.

ALD. T. KELLY (St. Stephen's Green) asked if there was any necessity for this Oath? What had occurred in the past six or seven months to make it necessary now? Was it that any of their members wished to go to the London Parliament and perform there? He believed that a man who would not keep his word would not keep his oath. It had been said that one object of it was to get the Irish Volunteers to become subject to the Dail. In his opinion the two bodies should remain separate. He reminded them of the fate of the Volunteers of 1782. A time might come when a military demonstration might be necessary. It was a species of coercion to force this issue.

DR. CUSACK (Galway East) pointed out that every civilised Government required an Oath of Allegiance from members of any foreign Country desiring to become citizens, and it was recognised on all sides as a perfectly just procedure. He thought the Minister would be justified in carrying it further than he proposed, and requiring every individual to subscribe to it. If they had all their people banded together they would be absolutely unbeatable. Such an Oath would mean that every one of them was pledged to maintain the Republic.

MR. J. MAC BRIDE (Mayo West) was opposed to the Oath. If a man conscientiously took this Oath he could not serve on a Local body, and Ald. Kelly and Mr. Cosgrave should leave the Dublin Corporation. In fact he could not vote for a representative of any kind under English Law.

MR. W. SEARS (Mayo South) thought that there was an obligation on every member to be loyal to the Republic. Even the Quakers in America took the Oath of Allegiance. As to the Volunteers he regarded it as a very unfortunate thing if the Dail had no control over them.

LIAM DE ROISTE (Cork City) pointed out that the question was raised at the first Session of the Dail and that members were required to sign a pledge which he considered quite sufficient.

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LIAM T. MAC COSGAIR (Kilkenny North) had conscientious scruples about taking an oath unless it was absolutely necessary. He considered that any military organisation in this country should be under the control of the Dail. If it were considered necessary that the Volunteers take an Oath of Allegiance that was a matter for them. He would subscribe to such an Oath if adequate reasons were put forward.

MR. D.KENT (Cork East) pointed out that it was not a question of a suspicion of the trustworthiness of members that was at stake. They required to band all Republicans together, and he believed that the Irish Volunteers should be under the control of the Dail.

The ACTING PRESIDENT stated that he was astonished at finding that the members had not taken an Oath of Allegiance at their first meeting. Every person elected there should pledge his or her allegiance to the standing Government of Ireland. If they were not a regular Government then they were shams and impostors. The Army and the Government of a country could not be under separate authority. While there might be a question as to the form of the Oath there could be none as to the necessity for taking the Oath. They should realise that they were the Government of the country. This Oath would regularise the situation. If they were a regularly constituted Government there could be no question about the taking of an Oath of Allegiance. The taking of the Oath did not preclude one from serving on the Local Boards and doing his best to forward the interests of the country in such a capacity. He was absolutely in favour of the motion.

COUNT PLUNKETT (Roscommon North) said that they were asked to perform a constitutional act in taking this Oath.

SEAN ETCHINGHAM (Wicklow East) was of opinion that the Oath should be extended to every individual who supported the Republican Government in Ireland.

MR. J. O'MAHONY (Fermanagh South) inquired of the Minister for Defence if he would get the next Irish Volunteer Convention to acknowledge that the Dail is the Government of the country, and have the Constitution of the Irish Volunteers amended to conform to that?

The MINISTER FOR DEFENCE replied that he regarded the Irish Volunteers as a standing Army, and that as such they should be subject to the Government. There had been no argument advanced against the Oath. The ordinary man thought more of his obligations under an Oath than where only his word was given. No doubt, a man who would break his word would break his Oath, but that was not the question. The important thing was that the Irish Volunteers under their present Constitution owed allegiance to their own Executive. Since the Dail had come into existence there had been no Volunteer Convention, but one would be held as soon as possible. It was necessary to have this matter adjusted. He did not think it necessary that persons outside those mentioned should be required to take the Oath.

LIAM DE ROISTE (Cork City) moved as an amendent:-

"That this Oath be not applied to members of the Dail who have already pledged themselves not to recognise the British Government in this country by the Declaration signed at the first meeting of the Dail in January last."

The amendent was not seconded.

On a division on the original motion, 30 voted for and 5 voted against. The motion was accordingly declared carried, and the suggested form of the Oath was adopted.

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QUESTIONS.

FINANCE.

LIAM DE ROISTE (Cork City) to the Finance Minister:-

"Is the money subscribed to the Loan in America to be first sent to Ireland before any of it is spent?

The FINANCE MINISTER replying atated that the proceeds of the Loan would be forwarded to Ireland. That did not mean that the money would be sent to Ireland in bulk. Monies spent on services outside Ireland would be spent only under the direction of the various Ministers responsible.

NON-MINISTERIAL MOTIONS.

T. MAC SUIBHNE (Cork Mid) moved, and LIAM DE ROISTE (Cork City) seconded:-

"That a special week in each month be set apart for Committee meetings."

MICHEAL O COILEAIN (Cork South) supported the motion.

MR. J. MAC BRIDE (Mayo West) suggested that Committee meetings be held on days immediately before each Session of the Dail.

MICHEAL O COILEAIN (Cork South) suggested that the week for Committee meetings be the second week before each Session of the Dail.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pointed out that urgent meetings could be summoned at any time.

The question was put and carried.

NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEES.

It was agreed that the weeks commencing on 8th September and 6th October be set apart for Committee meetings.

DATE OF NEXT SESSION.

PROINNSIAS O FATHAIGH (Galway South) moved, and MR. J.N. DOLAN (Leitrim) seconded that the next Session commence on 14th October, 1919.

Question put and agreed to.

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THE IRISH-SPEAKING DISTRICTS.

CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) moved:-

"That a Committee for the preservation of the Irish Language in the Irish-Speaking Districts be appointed; and that £1,000 be appropriated for this purpose."

He said that the Irish Language was slowly dying and if something drastic was not done immediately the state of things would be deplorable. The Gaelic League classes were not coping with the situation, as not five per cent. of the persons who attended these classes were able to speak the language afterwards. He suggested that a Committee be formed to deal with the matter, and that the Dail vote a sum of £1,000 to be applied to stimulating the Language in the Irish-Speaking Districts. The idea was to allot prizes in these Districts to the best Irish-Speaking families. The Committee would formulate a scheme. the Deputy Speaker and himself might be included in the Committee. A somewhat similar proposal was sent up to the Ard-Fheis but was turned down for the reason that the real facts in connection with the proposal were not discussed.

EARNAN DE BLAGHD (Monaghan North) seconded the motion.

T. MAC SUIBHNE (Cork Mid) suggested that no English be spoken by Deputies at meetings in the Irish-Speaking Districts.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER referred to the motion before the Ard-Fheis of the Gaelic League and stated that the published press reports did not gave the actual facts of the discussion. The motion was discussed with the greatest frankness. It was stated that there might be a sum of £1,000 forthcoming from the Dail. The Gaelic League had done a great deal of useful work for the Language, but it had been greatly hampered. It had been left for two years without a Secretary. Three years ago Eoin Mac Neill was elected President, but from the time of his election he did not attend three meetings of the Coiste Gnotha. Two of their organisers had been "on the run" for a considerable length of time. It had been suggested that the Gaelic League had done nothing to speak of in the last ten or twelve years. That was not so. It had done a great deal.

Upon the suggestion of the DEPUTY SPEAKER the motion was deferred until the request made at the Ard-Fheis - that a Minister for the Irish Language be appointed - should come up for decision at the next Session.

LIMERICK TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

LIAM T. MAC COSGAIR (Kilkenny North) moved that the Dail comtribute £1,000 to the upkeep of the Limerick Technical Schools.

The ACTING PRESIDENT said that if the Dail were going into this question at all they should go into it thoroughly. £1,000 was no good where £2,000 was required. He suggested that Liam de Roiste, J. O'Mahony and W.T.Cosgrave should go to Limerick and interview the Committee there, and, provided the reported favourably, and provided that the Schools could be made self-supporting, that the Dail should support the Institution. The Propaganda effect of that would be considerable. If they supported the Institution they would be opening the School and taking back 800 students. It would be an object lesson to the people. He moved that they should support it to the extent of £2,000,

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subject to the report of Messrs de Roiste, O'Mahony and Cosgrave.

MICHEAL O COILEAIN (Cork South) supported the Acting President. He referred to St. Enda's College and suggested that they had the nucleus of a National School system in these two schools; and though there was no application on behalf of St. Enda's before the Dail the Committee proposed to be set up should examine it also. He suggested the addition of the names of Proinnsias O Fathaigh and Fionan O Loingsigh to the Committee.

PROINNSIAS O FATHAIGH (Galway South) did not think the formulation of a general scheme as was suggested was feasible.

DR. CUSACK (Galway North) said that if the Dail took up this project it should be made clear that it was because of the action of the English Government in penalising a man on account of his political principles. He moved that Messrs de Roiste, Fahy, Cosgrave O'Mahony and MacSweeney should meet the Mayor and members of the Committee, and that, subject to their report, the Ministry be empowered to allocate £2,000 for the purpose of supporting the Schools.

LIAM T. MAC COSGAIR (Kilkenny North) seconded the motion.

CATHAL BRUGHA (Waterford Co.) asked if £2,000 was sufficient? At the end of a year the School might be in the same position as it is in at present. Provided that the Committee, after consultation with the local people, are satisfied that everything is alright, and that the business men on this Committee are satisfied that it will be a sound proposition, he was satisfied to give £2,000 a year for two years. The Committee should consider the needs of local industries, and how far the School could be made to serve them.

MR. J. O'Mahony (Fermanagh South) agreed, and T. Mac SUIBHNE (Cork Mid) raised the question of providing for the inspection of the School, to secure that its educational programme was being properly carried out.

The following resolution was eventually adopted:-

"That Messrs MacSweeney, de Roiste, O'Mahony, Cosgrave and Fahy be appointed a Committee to go to Limerick and meet the Mayor and members of the local Committee; that they report on the proposal in its financial and educational aspects; and that subject to their report, the Ministry be empowered to subsidise the School; the Dail to be represented on the Governing Body and to ensure efficient teaching and inspection."

ACTING PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

The ACTING PRESIDENT said that the arrival of President de Valera in New York was the biggest thing since the elections in Ireland. Mr. Boland had been ill for some time but was now well again. At home a good deal of work had been done by members of the Committees. There was a good deal of interference with meetings throughout the country. He had heard that 13,000 extra troops were to besent to Ulster, and behind this screen of troops Carson was going to re-organise his Volunteers, so that Lloyd George would be in a position to prove that there wre two nations in Ireland. There was no doubt that the military movement in Ulster was being directed by Carson. In France a General Electio was expected in October, when Clemenceau, who was pro-English,

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was likely to be defeated, and Briand who was in favour of Ireland, and was anti-English, might be returned to power. France was anxious to get the Peace Treaty ratified. Her representatives in America had received instructions not to make themselves objectionable to Ireland. In conclusion he referred to the shooting of a boy named Murphy in Co. Clare. That boy had been sot by either the Constabulary or the Military.

The business of the Session was now completed and the House rose at 6.50 p.m.

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DAIL EIREANN.

Minutes of October, 1919 Session.

Dail Eireann assembled in Private Session at the Mansion House 27/10/19.

An Ceann Comhairle Ionaid took his seat at 7. 25. p.m. and the House proceeded to the business of the Session.

There were present:-

O'Ceallaigh, Sean, (Louth) Deputy Speaker.
Griffith, Arthur, (Cavan E and Tyrone N.W.) Acting President & Secretary for Home Affairs.
Brugha, Cathal, (Waterford Co.) Secretary for Defence
Cosgrove, W. T. (Kilkenny N.), Secretary for Local Government.
Cusack, Dr. B. (Galway N.)
Crowley, Dr. J. (Mayo N.)
De Roiste, Liam,(Cork City)
Dolan, J.M. (Leitrim)
Duggan, E. J. (Meath S)
Hayes, John,(Cork W)
Hunter, T. (Cork N.E.)
Kelly, Alderman T.(St. Stephen's Green)
Kent, D. (Cork E)
MacGrath, Joseph (St James's)
MacGuinness, J. (Longford)
MacSuibne, T. (Cork, Mid)
Moloney, P. J. (Tipperary E.)
O'Buachalla, D. (Kildare N)
O'Connor, Art, (Kildare N)
O'Doherty J., (Donegal N)
O'Higgins, B. (Clare E)
O'Mahony, John, (Fermanagh S)
Ryan, Dr. J., (Wexford S)
Shanahan, P. (Harbour)
Staines, M. (St. Michan's)
Sweeney, J. (Donegal W)
Ward, P. J. (Donegal S)

Oath of Allegiance.

In accordance with a previous Decree of Dail Eireann providing that Teachtai and Officials should swear their allegiance to the Irish Republic, the Teachtai and Officials in attendance advanced to the Speaker's Table and subscribed to and signed the Oath of Allegiance:-

Statement of Acting President.

The Acting President said that since their last meeting over two months ago, Dail Eireann, a body composed of the elected Representatives of the Irish people had been proclaimed a Dangerous Association by the enemy. In convening this meeting, the Ministry sent out a premptory request to certain members not to

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attend because there was a possibility that the attendance of these members might involve imprisonment. There are some members whose health would not stand the strain and there are others who must retain their liberty to carry on the work of the Dail.

The period since last session has been one of strenuous activity by the Enemy Government. On the 13th September they made a general raid throughout the country, issued a Proclamation suppressing Sinn Fein, The Irish Volunteers, The Gaelic League, Cumann na mBan, and the Sinn Fein Clubs, and this Proclamation was promptly followed up by the suppression of the National Press. The effect of these proclamations and suppressions has been of tremendous usefulness to the campaign in the United States of America. The President's letters testify to that. I regard all these acts which succeed each other in regular procession as of the greatest assistance to our efforts in the United States, and it is there that the centre of gravity of the whole political situation is for the present fixed.

We have had for a considerable time back the assistance of the Socialist elements of the Italian press, while the organs of the middle classes were partly hostile and indifferent. In the course of the last few months there has come a change. Quite recently we had over here the Special Correspondents of the Corriere de Italia and the Corriere del Sera. The Corriere d'Italia has completely come over to our side. A correspondent from the Corriere del Sera is now in Ireland touring the country collecting first hand information as to the situation here.

In France there has been a considerable revival of activities during the course of the last two months or so. I think we may take it as likely that M. Clemenceau will go out at the forthcoming elections and that M. Briand will be returned to power. A considerable amount of propaganda is now being done in that country. This morning I received a request from the Director of the National War Museum in Paris to be supplied with copies of all the Sinn Fein pamphlets which have been issued during the War with a view to giving them a place in the Museum together with the Literature issued by other countries in that period. We have been fortunate to be able to convince the editor of the Chicago Tribune of the Justice of our case and his sympathy has been enlisted on our side.

Our President opened a big campaign on 29th September and has since addressed meetings in a very large number of cities in America.

He visited Cleveland within a day of the visit of the King of the Belgians to that City. The King of the Belgians was accorded the courtesy due to his position, but de Valera was received with a salute of 21 guns, and was accompanied by a procession headed by the Police and Military.

He is thoroughly sanguine that the promise in regard to the Republican Loan will be fully realised.

The Commission set up by the Dail to enquire into the Natural Resources and the present condition of manufacturing and productive Industries in Ireland and to consider and report by what means those natural resources may be more fully developed, and how those Industries may be encouraged and extended has begun its labours.

The Limerick Technical Schools which were closed as the result of the action of the English Administration have been re-opened in consequence of the subsidy granted by the Dail for that purpose.

I will give a brief summary of the activities of the various Departments. We will take up the detailed reports later.

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Agriculture.:- The Scheme introduced at the August Session by the Director of Agriculture providing for the acquisition of untenanted land for the purpose of its allocation amongst landless men capable of working land has been further developed, and details as to the proposals now brought forward for the working of the scheme and the launching of the Land Bank will be submitted to you.

Forestry:- A record of valuable reconstructive work begun is presented in the Report of the Forestry Scheme. The time at our disposal for the preparation for the work of carrying out a successful tree planting on the day fixed for the National Arbor Day was very short. Notwithstanding this orders approximating to £450 have been placed with the Nurserymen, representing some 80,000 trees. The Irish Parliament had a record of half a million trees annually under a bounty system and this record we hope to reach and exceed in future years.

Finance:- You have the detailed Report of the Minister of Finance. You will observe that the net sum to the credit of the Self-Determination Fund is £12,237.

Bond Issue:- The total amount of applications received up to Saturday last was £10,626, on which £8,177 had been paid. Detailed reports from certain parts of the country place the amount of subscriptions promised at £30,700. There are many parts of the country not covered by these reports. You will be asked to-day to appoint an Auditor to audit the accounts.

Fisheries:- In connection with this Branch of National Industry, it is hoped that a National Inspector of Fisheries whose appointment was decreed last August will be appointed within the next month.

National Civil Service:- The Committee have not yet completed their labours on this scheme.

National Arbitration Courts:- Although so little is yet known in the country about this Institution, there are cases coming in from time to time. The Committee have met with difficulties and they have not yet concluded their labours on the details of the Scheme.

Labour:- Madame Markievicz has been released from jail and will take up the work of this department of which Alderman Kelly was in charge during her absence. The department has in its brief existence a good record to show.

Local Government:- A detailed report of this department is submitted to you. A memorandum on the operation of the Criminal Injuries Act is attached to the report of the Local Government Department.

Propaganda:- The following pamphlets have been published since last session:-

1. The Cost of Slavery.
2. Fragment of 1916 History

There are at present in the press:-

1. Ireland first of the Small Nations.
2. The Voice of Ireland.

Arrangements have been made for the dispatch of a weekly Bulletin of outstanding incidents in the process of governing Ireland to New York, Paris, London, etc.

The Director of Propaganda is at present in London making arrangements with London Foreign Correspondents to supply them with Irish versions of Irish happenings, and thus to counteract the British campaign of vilification which is being conducted by means

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of garbled versions of occurrences in Ireland.

We recently succeeded in procuring secret orders issued to the Quay Police in Dublin by the English Authorities as to the searching of Sailors from Ships flying the American Flag that come into the Port. Acting on our instructions copies of these orders are now in the hands of the American Government and we have information to the effect that there has been no recent occurrence to create such uproar and confusion in the Castle as the discovery of these Orders.

In addition to Mr. Bulfin in Buenos Aires, we now have Mr. Kerney as Consul in Paris, Mr. Gerald O'Kelly in Switzerland, Mr Hales in Geneva and Mr. Fawsitt Consul-General at New York. Mr. Fawsitt has arrived at New York and has opened an Irish Consulate at 280 Broadway.

One of our members, Mr. J. A. Burke, Deputy for Mid-Tipperary has arrived in America since the date of our last session.
The Acting President then read a report from Mr. Fawsitt received through Mr. Dowdall of Cork, covering his activities since his arrival in New York.

As to the Orders of the Day, he continued we have a number of Motions, set down after the Reports. As there is a possibility of our meeting being interfered with, if not interrupted, and as it is of importance that we dispose of the Motions first, I suggest that we adopt this course and take up the consideration of the reports at a later stage.

Oral Questions and Replies:-

Alderman T. Kelly (St. Stephen's Green) to the Acting President:-

I should like to know why Mr Fawsitt sent his report to Mr Dowdall. Why did he not send it direct to the Acting President?

J. N. Dolan (Leitrim Co.) to the Acting President:-

Was it not possible for Mr Fawsitt to report in duplicate, sending one copy direct to the Acting President and the other to Mr. Dowdall?

J. O'Mahony (Fermanagh S) to the Acting President:-

Would the Acting President inform us of the circumstances under which Mr Fawsitt was sent out to America as Consul-General?

The Acting President:-

Mr. de Valera considered that Mr Fawsitt was the most suitable man for the post, and he was anxious that he should be sent out at once.
Mr Dowdall is a member of the Cork Industrial Development Association. This body met and decided to send out two representatives to enquire into the subject of Irish Trade with America and appointed Mr Dowdall and Mr Fawsitt to go. Both made application for their passports. Mr. Dowdall was granted his, but Mr Fawsitt was held up. The latter's passport was granted about two months later, but then there was no available berth in the vessels leaving. He was able at the last moment to purchase a berth from a man who had previously secured a passage. The Report was presumably sent to Mr Dowdall to ensure safety of transmission.

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Seosamh O'Dochartaigh (Donegal N) to the Acting President:-

Have any reports been received from the Consul at Buenos Aires?

The Acting President:-

No. The matter is being dealt with by the American Consul General and the North American Office is in communication with him.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND VOTES OF CREDIT.

The Acting President:- I will now take up the Financial Statement and the Votes of Credit.

Having read the Financial Report he moved that the following Votes of Credit be passed:-

£1,000 being the amount asked for by the Department of Agriculture for preliminary expenses in connection with the Agricultural Loan Bank.

£1,300 being the amount asked for by the Standing Committee, Sinn Fein, in connection with certain expenses incurred by them before the Dail came into being.

£5,000 being the amount asked for by the Ministry to cover contingent expenses and eventualities.

W. T. Cosgrove (Kilkenny N) seconded the Motion.

J. M. Dolan (Leitrim Co) desired to know how far the arrangements in regard to the establishment of the Agricultural Loan Bank had progressed and how soon the scheme would be in working order.

W. T. Cosgrove (Kilkenny N.) replying on behalf of the Director of Agriculture stated that the preliminary arrangements werealmost complete and that the appointment of a suitable manager was now receiving attention.

Dr. Crowley (Mayo N.) also asked for information as to the Agricultural Loan Bank. There was a farm of 120 acres for sale in his constituency and a number of young men were anxious to secure it. Was Dail Eireann going to advance the money straight off in cases of this kind? What was this vote of £1,000 to be applied to?

The Secretary for Defence:- This £1,000 is for the organisation expenses of the Bank. The money for the purchase of land will not be available until the Bank is organised and sufficiently equipped to do business.

J. M. Dolan (Leitrim Co.) said that similar cases to that referred to by the Teachta for North Mayo had occurred in his constituency. He urged the Ministry to hasten matters, and in case the organisation was perfected before the next meeting of the Dail that money should be placed in the hands of the Director of Agriculture in order to allow of the purchase of these farms as they came into the market.

The Secretary for Defence stated in reply that no money

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could be made available until the scheme had been organised and the Societies set up. He suggested that the vote for the use of the Ministry be increased to £8,000

The Acting President agreed with the Teachta for Waterford. As regards the Land Scheme, it would be preposterous to expect that money be voted before it had been collected.

After further discussion the Motion for the Vote of Credit for £1,000 in connecting with the Organisation Expenses of the Land Mortgage Bank was put and carried unanimously.

Grant to Sinn Fein Executive.

The Acting President formally moved that a grant not exceeding £1,300 be made to the Sinn Fein Executive in connection with certain expenses incurred by them as a preliminary to calling the Dail into existence.

E.J. Duggan (Meath S.) seconded.

Motion put and agreed to.

VOTE OF CREDIT TO COVER CONTINGENT EXPENSES AND EVENTUALITIES.

The Secretary for Defence moved that a Vote of £8,000 for the purpose of meeting contingent expenses and eventualities be agreed to.

Dr. Cusack (Galway N) seconded.

Motion put and agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.

J. McGuinness (Longford Co) moved that Domhnall O'Connor, C.A., be appointed Auditor.

J. N. Dolan (Leitrim Co) seconded.

Motion put and agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE DIRECTOR OF TRADE AND COMMERCE.

The Acting President explained that on the arrest of Mr Blythe, Mr. McGuinness was appointed by the Ministry to take over the direction of the Department of Trade and Commerce. Mr Mc Guinness had his own business to look after and could not be expected to leave it. He would like to have a man appointed to work the Department under Mr. McGuinness's directions, as Mr. McGuinness had not sufficient time at his disposal.

W. T. Cosgrove (Kilkenny N) moved that Mr McGuinness be appointed Substitute Director of the Department.

Dr. Cusack (Galway N) seconded.

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Motion put and agreed to.

THE IRISH LANGUAGE.

A resolution from the Ard Fheis of the Gaelic League asking Dail Eireann to appoint a Minister for the Irish Language was read by an Ceann Comhairle.

The Acting President stated that the Ministry had not taken any action on the subject of this resolution as it was a matter for the Dail to deal with.

E. MacSweeney (Mid Cork) moved that a Minister for the Irish Language be appointed.

L. de Roiste (Cork City) suggested that a Minister of Education be appointed. The applications for recognition received from some of the Gaelic Colleges and the Limerick Technical Schools showed the necessity for such an appointment.

Cathal Brugha (Waterford Co) agreed as to the desirability of appointing a Minister of Education. He asked the Ceann Comhairle whether that would meet the views of the Gaelic League.

An Ceann Comhairle said that while it would ill become him to oppose such a resolution, he thought the Gaelic League with their 25 years experience of the work might be expected to deal efficiently with the subject and more efficiently perhaps than any Ministry now to be set up. He was of opinion that the question might very well be allowed to stand over until after Mr deValera returned from America. There was no urgency about the matter.

T. MacSweeney (Cork Mid) said that whilst the Gaelic League machinery was efficient the Dail would have more influence in the work of restoring the Irish Language. He was willing to accept the proposition that a Minister for Education be appointed.

J. N. Dolan (Leitrim CO) supported the appointment of a Minister for Irish by the Dail. This Minister could work in conjunction with the Gaelic League.

Dr. Crowley (Mayo N) supported the motion.

Cathal Brugha (Waterford Co) thought President de Valera had some definite reason for not appointing a Minister of Education when he was constituting his Ministry. He thought such an appointment should be deferred until the President returned. Meantime, it was essential that the authority of Dail Eireann should be placed behind the Gaelic League. He thought therefore that pending the President's return a Minister for Irish should be appointed. He disagreed with the Ceann Comhairle when he said there was no urgency about the matter. He moved that they appoint the President of the Gaelic League as Minister for Irish under Dail Eireann.

Liam de Roiste (Cork City) explained that his idea was that a Minister for Irish should be conversant with the whole problem of Primary Education, so that he would be able to assign to the Language its proper place on the curriculum.

An Ceann Comhairle said that before deciding on the question so far as it concerned him personally he should like to consult the Gaelic League of which he was President.

The Acting President suggested that the appointment be left

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to the Ministry and that the motion be taken as an expression of the opinion of the Dail that the President of the Gaelic League should be appointed to the position.

The proposer and seconder of the motion agreed with this suggestion and it was put and carried without dissent.

Applications from the Ard Sgoil and from Colaiste Nua Gaedilge na Gaillimhe for recognition by the Dail were presented to the House.

The Acting President suggested that these be referred to the Minister for the Irish Language when appointed, and this course was agreed to.

The Acting President read the Reports of the following Committees:-

FISHERIES COMMITTEE.

The report stated that information was being collected regarding the present condition of the Fishing Industry, and that it was intended to afford assistance to fishermen in providing suitable boats and equipement, Improving Landing and Transit facilities and organising markets. Arrangements had already been made to provide such assistance for the Corumna Fishermen. The National Inspector of Fisheries would be selected during the coming month.

On the motion of L. T. MacCosgair (Kilkenny) seconded by Daithi Ceannt (East Cork) the report was adopted.

NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE

The report stated that a scheme to provide a National Civil Service applicabale to all the appointments in the gift of Local Authorities was in course of preparation.

The report was adopted on the motion of L. T. MacCosgair (Kilkenny) seconded by Dr. Cusack (Galway N.)

NATIONAL ARBITRATION COURTS COMMITTEE

The necessary preliminary arrangements were being made for the establishment of National Arbitration Courts on the lines already sanctioned by the Dail.

L. T. McCosgair (Kilkenny) moved and Mr John O'Mahony (Fermanagh S) seconded the adoption of the report.

Liam de Roiste (Cork City) mentioned the setting up of Arbitration Courts by the Sinn Fein Executive and enquired as to their authority.

T. MacSuibhne (Cork Mid) stated that local Unionists were quite willing to submit cases to such Courts if guaranteed a fair hearing.

A complaint having been made that this Committee was not meeting satisfactorily, it was decided that a special meeting should take place on the following morning at 11 a.m. The report was then put and adopted.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

This report was adopted on the motion of L. T. MacCosgair (Kilkenny) seconded by Seosamh Mac Aonghusa, (Longford)

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

This report which had previously been read was adopted on the motion of the Acting President.

INDUSTRIES AND TRADE AND COMMERCE

The report of this Committee stated that schemes for affording Financial and expert assistance in the development of Irish Industries were being considered. Consuls had been established in Buenos Aires, Paris, Genoa and New York, and Consuls were en route for others countries. The English Government had made every effort to interfere with the development of direct trade between Ireland and Foreign Countries. Cables and correspondence had been delayed and suppressed; British Commercial interests had endeavoured to deprive Irish Firms of the benefits of direct shipping and instructions had been issued for the search of the person and belongings of every American Sailor entering the Port of Dublin. Steps had been taken to render this interference ineffective.

In proposing that the report be adopted Daithi Ceannt (Cork East) mentioned that the American Consul in Cork had promised to do his best to facilitate direct trading between Ireland and America.

Liam de Roiste (Cork City) seconded the motion, and dwelt on the necessity of securing that the warehousing of goods was in the hands of firms favourable to the development of Irish foreign trade. The provision of Return Cargoes was a matter of immense importance and would require the most careful consideration of the Director of Trade and Commerce.

The Substitute Director of Trade and Commerce outlined the steps already taken in the matter of Return Cargoes.

After further discussion the report was adopted.

LABOUR

A Central Conciliation Board had been established for the settlement of Trade Disputes and its offices had already been availed of by a large number of Disputants. Statistics regarding Food prices, costs of production, wages, hours and conditions of employment, were being prepared with a view to scheduling Area Groups showing an approximate level of conditions and thereby promoting stability in the employment of labour.

On the motion of Seosamh O'Eochartaigh (Donegal N) seconded by E. T. MacCosgair (Kilkenny) the report was adopted.

:LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Questions relating to the Housing Problem, Milk Shortage, The Relief of the Aged and Indigent and other urgent matters were being dealt with by the Department of Local Government.

The Secretary for Local Government formally moved the adoption of the Report.

T. MacSuibne (Mid Cork) seconded. He was glad to hear that the Republican pledge was to be submitted to all candidates for membership of Local Government Bodies.

The report was adopted.

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

The Acting President read the reports of these Committees which showed that the Agricultural Department had been engaged in developing the details of the scheme for the acquisition of untenant-

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ed land for allocation amongst landless men and uneconomic holders and the preliminary arrangements were approaching completion. The establishment of a Land Bank to provide the Pincancial assistance necessary for the promotion of this scheme was also being undertaken.

Forestry:-

The arrangements for Arbor Day had been almost completed. The assistance of local bodies, The SinnFein Organisation, Colleges, Convents, etc., had been secured in the organisation of the Planting programme. Trees had been procured from Nurserymen and supplied to Sinn Fein Cumann and others and expert advice regarding planting had been provided. Owing ~~xxx~~ to the mildness of the weather it was found necessary to defer the holding of Arbour Day until 29th November.

The motion for the adoption of the Reports was formally moved and seconded.

J. N. Dolan (Leitrim Co) said that the question of Organising the Agricultural Loan Bank should be taken up at once and that practical steps should be taken to settle on the land the people who would otherwise have to emigrate. He moved that the Dail authorises the Minister of Agriculture to complete as soon as possible the necessary machinery for the Agricultural Bank and that the sum of £200,000 is hereby voted for same, and may be drawn on by the Minister as required provided the money is at the time available.

Dr. Crowley (Mayo No) seconded the motion. The matter was very urgent in Mayo. Farms were being put up for sale by private individuals. Some of these farms would be bought by graziers and the old conditions of things perpetuated. The effect on the country of the purchase and distribution of these ranches by Dail Eireann would be very great.

Mr E. Duggan (Meath S) whilst admitting the urgency of the Land problem said it was clear that nothing could be done until sufficient money was available.

P. J. Moloney (Tipperary S) said there were 300 acres of land on the banks of the Suir which he would like to see in the possession of the young men of the district.

J. O'Mahony (Fermanagh S) observed that the Joint Stock Banks would be glad to land money to local men who could provide security for its repayment.

The Acting President replying stated that the Bank could not be started without having a substantial capital behind it. If the Director of Agriculture uses the capital as it comes in there will be no ~~left~~ Bank left to him. If there were £50,000 available the Bank might be started.

Cathal Brugha (Waterford Co) stated that the Director of Agriculture should be empowered to make use of the money as it became available to acquire Land straight off.

Mr. Cosgrove (Kilkenny N) observed that the Director of Agriculture had stated that it would take at least six months to get the Bank going.

Dr Cusack (Galway N) mentioned that many of his constituents had been making enquiries as to when the scheme would be ready.

Daithi Ceannt (Cork East) was in favour of the allocation of a certain sum to be available in urgent cases. They should give a lead and show that something was being done in this direction.

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Alderman T. Kelly (St Stephen's Green) suggested that some practical steps could be taken through the medium of the Sinn Fein Bank during the interregnum. The new Bank should be firmly established before it proceeded with the work before it.

The Acting President. The sum of £1,000 which you have voted under this head is for initial expenses. If we start this Bank on a small basis it will be a failure. The Bank cannot be started in a month's, or in two months' or in three months' time. I hold that,as three fourths of the people are agriculturists, the Land question is the biggest question we have in Ireland. I would suggest that the motion might be adopted with a direction leaving it to the discretion of the Ministry to advance funds as soon as it is considered advisable and when there are sufficient funds at their disposal. We have no idea when we may get the money which is now being raised in America. To decide at present to devote any definite sum such as £200,000 would be an impossible proposition. What should be done is to adopt a proposal empowering the Ministry to deal with the whole question in the manner I have suggested.

The House concurred with the Acting President's suggestion.

The Agricultural and Forestry Reports were then adopted.

ORAL QUESTIONS AND REPLIES:-

M. Staines (St. Michans) enquired as to the reason why the issue of the leaflet prepared by the Forestry Committee containing the names of the 16 Volunteer Leaders of Easter Week who were executed, and exhorting the people to plant clumps of 16 trees in their memory on Arbor Day, was stopped.

The Acting President:- The leaflet was only with-held from issue with the correspondence of "Young Ireland". Its circulation has not been prohibited.

PROPOSAL TO VEST LAND GIVEN FOR AFFORESTATION PURPOSES IN THE TRUSTEES TO DAIL EIREANN.

It was agreed to refer this proposal to the Director of Agriculture to submit a report and recommendation to the Ministry.

The Acting President said he thought it advisable that the Dail should present a statement to the United States Government regarding the interference by the English Government with direct trade from Ireland to the United States. If the Dail approved of the idea he would suggest that the Ministry be empowered to draft the statement.

J. McGuinness (Longford) was of opinion that in drafting the statement the Ministry should take cognisance of the fact that America might feel irritated and might even resent action which would tend to raise matters likely to cause trouble to her.

The matter was referred to the Ministry.

M. Staines (St. Michans) asked leave of the House to refer to the efforts of Alderman O'Beirne on behalf of the Political Prisoners which led to judgment and costs being entered against him in an action brought By Sir John Irwin, late Chairman of the Visiting

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Justices to Mountjoy Prison. He mentioned that a fund had been opened for the purpose of indemnifying Alderman O'Beirne, and he would like to know if the Dail could contribute to same. The matter having been discussed at length it was decided that no action be taken.

The concluded the business of the Session and the House adjourned.

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