

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL
INQUIRY SOCIETY OF IRELAND.**

SESSION 1930-31.

FIRST MEETING.

The Society met on Friday, November 14th, at 8 p.m., at the Royal Irish Academy, Mr. Hooper in the Chair.

Officers were elected for the Session 1930-31 :—

President : Mr. J. C. M. Eason, moved by Father Finlay, seconded by Mr. Justice Meredith.

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. G. E. Shanahan.

Hon. Secretaries : Mr. Sparkhall Brown and Mr. R. C. Geary.

Council : As before, but with Mr. J. Brennan and Miss Lynd to fill the two vacancies.

These latter elections were made on the motion of Mr. Duffy, seconded by Miss T. Beere.

A vote of thanks to the retiring President was carried unanimously on the motion of the new President, seconded by Mr. Shanahan.

A vote of thanks to the Royal Irish Academy for giving the Society the use of a room was carried on the motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Lyon.

The President (Mr. Eason) read a paper on “ An Analysis of the National Finance of the Irish Free State.”

During the reading of the paper Mr. Hooper resumed the Chair.

A vote of thanks to the reader of the paper was passed on the motion of Mr. Justice Meredith, seconded by Professor Johnston.

Mr. Clarke, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Senator Johnson also spoke on the subject of the paper, at the invitation of the Chairman.

The following new members were formally elected :—Mr. L. J. Kettle, Mr. P. Dempsey, Mr. J. Herlihy and Mr. O. Mulholland.

SECOND MEETING.

The Society met on Wednesday, 4th February, at 8 p.m., at the Royal Irish Academy, the President, Mr. J. C. M. Eason, in the Chair.

Before the commencement of proceedings the President spoke with much feeling of the great loss which the Society had sustained in the deaths of Mr. Hooper and Mr. Sparkhall Brown. Resolutions of

condolence were passed which the Hon. Secretary was instructed to convey to the relatives of the deceased.

A paper was read by Sir Thomas Molony on "Legal Aid for Poor Persons."

A vote of thanks to the reader of the paper was passed on the motion of Mr. Justice Meredith, seconded by Mr. Gallagher. Sir Joseph Glynn and Mr. Lennon also spoke at the invitation of the President.

The following new members were formally elected:—Senator Johnson, Mr. J. J. McElligott, Mr. Hartnell Smith, Mr. N. E. Cannon, Mr. John Leydon, Col. E. O'Brien, Mr. M. D. McCarthy, Mr. E. Forde, Mr. J. L. Lynd, Mr. G. A. Duncan and Mr. A. Sparkhall Brown.

THIRD MEETING.

The Society met on Thursday, March 5th, at 8 p.m., at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, the President, Mr. J. C. M. Eason, in the Chair.

A paper was read by Mr. Joseph Brennan on "The Currency System of the Irish Free State."

A vote of thanks to the reader of the paper was passed on the motion of Mr. Duncan, seconded by Professor Busted. Mr. Charles Eason and Mr. Kennedy took part in the discussion on the paper.

FOURTH MEETING.

The Society met on Thursday, March 19th, at 8 p.m., at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, the President, Mr. J. C. M. Eason, in the Chair.

Mr. Joseph Johnston read a paper on "Winter Dairying."

A vote of thanks to the reader of the paper was passed on the motion of Senator Johnson, seconded by Dr. Kennedy. Major Barrow and Messrs. Colbert and Geary took part in the discussion on the paper.

Mr. P. Manley was formally elected a member of the Society.

FIFTH MEETING.

The Society met on Thursday, 25th June, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, the President, Mr. J. C. M. Eason, in the Chair.

Miss B. Stafford read a paper on "Factory Inspection."

A vote of thanks to the reader of the paper was passed on the motion of Mr. Charles Eason seconded by Mr. Duffy. Senator Johnson and the President also took part in the discussion on the paper.

Mr. J. P. Colbert was formally elected a member of the Society.