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Limerick Corporation Electrical
Undertaking

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Introduction

In 1902, the public and private lighting system of the city began the transition from gas to electricity. A new department, called the Electricity Undertaking, was established in Limerick Corporation which aimed to provide electrically powered lighting to the city. It was to oversee the provision of a public electric lighting system and also made electrical lighting available to private consumers. The Corporation was forced into providing this service, in order to prevent private electricity companies setting up in the city, and undermining the Municipal Gas Undertaking, one of its major sources of revenue (see **L/G Limerick Corporation Gasworks**). The Corporation borrowed £22,000 from the Board of Works and a generating station was erected on Frederick Street (now O'Curry Street) in the vicinity of the gas works, and a contractor employed to lay cables throughout the city. A committee of the Corporation administered this new department, which was run on a day to day basis by the borough electrical engineer. Initially, the Electricity Undertaking was a drain on the municipal finances, but became profitable after a number of years. By the late 1920s, the city's public and private lighting systems were powered both by gas and by electricity. In 1928, the Municipal Electricity Undertaking was taken over by the new established Electricity Supply Board, which was building the vast new Shannon scheme at Ardnacrusha, just outside Limerick City and two years later, the Corporation entered into a contract with the E.S.B. to provide the city with a comprehensive street lighting system.

This collection consists of a single volume of Electrical Lighting Rentals (1914-1917). See also L/SMIM Special Committee Minute Books and L/FR/PM Property Management (L/FR/PM/2/2/3 includes the Auditors Report of Limerick County Borough Electrical Lighting Undertaking for period ended 31 May 1928)

A Electrical Lighting Rental Book (1914-1917)

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| 1 | 31 March 1914-31 March 1917 | Electrical Lighting
Rentals Book recording
electricity supplied |
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- to customers each quarter of a year and payment of bills by customers. Meter readings for each customer are made in June, September, December, and March. Details recorded each quarter include name and address of customer, meter readings at mains at end of quarter, consumption for billing period, arrears due, details of electrical rentals such as rate, lighting, meter rental, heating and power, total amount due for collection, amount collected and date collected. Also included are various letters from customers regarding their account. Includes annual summary of accounts at rear of volume.
- c. 400 pp.