

On the return of normal conditions supplies of imported feeding stuffs would be again available and poultry stocks would tend to reach the pre-war level of 22 million. This meant that the surplus of eggs available for export should be three or four times the present quantity. The opportunity of securing a good and certain market for this surplus should not be lost; therefore the Minister was most anxious that all poultry-keepers should be brought to realise the position. He fully appreciated the co-operation received from Committees of Agriculture in the past in the endeavour to increase production of eggs and was confident that he could rely upon a continuance of that co-operation now that the matter was of vital importance to our agricultural economy.

At the monthly meeting of the Clare Committee of Agriculture Miss McAuliffe, instructress, said the poultry industry ranked third in our list of exports and was greater in number than horses, sheep and pigs combined.

Mr. J. Brady, Chairman, Clare County Council, said every effort should be made to fall in with the wishes of the Minister.

The Committee promised the unstinted co-operation of both members and officers with the Minister's efforts to expand the poultry industry.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

FOR RURAL AREAS

At a meeting of Bruree and Rockhill Parish Council, held on Friday night of last week, Rev. G. Ryan, C.C., presiding, a letter was read from the engineer in charge of the Rural Electrification Scheme of the E.S.B. concerning the Council's application to have Bruree district connected up in the scheme.

In the course of his letter the Engineer stated that first areas were being developed in Cork, Dublin and Limerick and that they hoped to be able to extend activities to other parts of the country during 1947. The Minister for Industry and Commerce has stipulated, the letter continued, that one area must be done in each county before two areas are done in any one county. This means, he continued, that a second area in County Limerick cannot be selected at the moment, until an area in each of the remaining 23 counties in Eire is developed. The best area, he concluded, would be 20 or 30 square miles, where revenue in relation to estimated capital expenditure would be highest.

The Council was of the opinion that the matter can only be kept in mind for the moment, as there was no hope at present of having Bruree district connected up since Patrickswell area was already being developed. The Council, however, felt that they would have a big area, where rural electrification would be very welcome and well supported as the farmers of the area are progressive.

DEATH.

McELLIGOTT (nee McGrath)—April 22nd, at St. John's Hospital, Nancy, beloved wife of Jack McElligott and eldest daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth McGrath, 20 Wolfe Tone Street. Deeply and deservedly regretted. Funeral from St. John's Hospital, at 7 o'clock, this (Wednesday) evening. Funeral from St. Michael's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, at 3 o'clock, on to-morrow (Thursday).

of 1932 on the year's work, which paid an average price of 111s. per gallon for new milk to suppliers for the year, which was an increase on the previous year's price. The entire turn-over for the Society's central and branched creameries, the store mill, bakery and agricultural machinery was £115,660. There was a decrease of approximately 7 per cent in the total milk supply for the year, the average produce of milk being 229 gallons to the lb. of butter.

Mr. Kelly complimented the Society on their continued good progress over a number of years, and on the good prices paid for milk.

The usual dividend of 5 per cent interest on share capital was paid.

Mr. T. Long was re-appointed auditor.

Concluding the meeting, the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Kelly and the Manager and Staff for the satisfactory year's working.

This was seconded by Mr. Martin Conway, secretary, and passed.

PRIVATE ANGLER

CAN HE SEND CATCHES ABROAD?

A question raised at a recent meeting of Limerick Board of Fishery Conservators was echoed in the British House of Commons this week, when Mr. T. C. Skeffington-Lodge asked the Minister for Food whether he would so relax restrictions as to allow individual British anglers who might be visiting Eire to bring or send their catches of salmon and trout.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Food replied: "We should certainly like to do so and we will consult with the Eire authorities to see if there is a practical way for genuine private anglers to bring in some fish of their own catching."

When this restriction was mentioned at the March meeting of the Limerick Board of Fishery Conservators Mr. A. J. Blood-Smyth, solr., presiding, said he was not aware of any Irish order prohibiting the export to England of private catches of salmon or trout, he would investigate the matter, he said, and would report his findings back to a future meeting of the Board.

GOATS SLAUGHTERED FOR EXPORT

During last week over 70 goats were purchased in the Dromin-Bulgaden area by a local dealer and slaughtered for export to the North of Ireland (writes our Bruff correspondent). It was a most unusual sight to see the entire flock of goats driven along the road to the place of slaughter, as they were all colours and sizes. The average price paid for the animals was £1 each.

BUTTER RATION

Following the promise of Mr. Lemass, an official announcement was made on Monday evening intimating that the butter ration would be increased to four ounces as from the 3rd May next. An equivalent decrease will take effect in the ration of margarine.

TYPE OF NEW ATOM BOMB.

General George C. Kandy, the Commander of the Strategic Air Force Command of the U.S. Army, said yesterday that a new type of atom bomb had been developed by the United States.

At the conclusion, Mr. J. J. Meade thanked all for their wonderful attendance and appreciation.

PRIESTS BEREAVED

Mrs. Catherine Dempsey, of Ballinroche, Crecora, who died last week, was sister of Mr. E. Houlihan, Athlaca, and aunt of Rev. D. Houlihan, C.C., Ardpatrick, and of Rev. E. Houlihan, C.C., Parteen.

A member of an esteemed farming family, she was very popular with all classes, and her demise occasioned deep regret over a wide area, where she was well known and respected for her many admirable traits of character.

Following Solemn Requiem Mass at Crecora Church, the interment took place in the adjoining cemetery in the presence of a very large congregation.

INTEREST-FREE LOANS FOR FARMERS

The following announcement was issued on Monday evening:—

The Minister for Agriculture has introduced a special temporary scheme of loans to enable farmers who suffered very serious and abnormal losses of cattle and sheep as a result of the severe weather in the early months of 1947 to replace the stock so lost. No interest will be charged to borrowers on these loans. Application forms for loans under this scheme are obtainable from the Department of Agriculture, Dublin. The latest date for receipt of completed application forms is the 31st day of May, 1947.

IRISH EX-SERVICEMEN

Mr. T. Conba (Chairman) presided at the annual general meeting of the Kilmallock Branch of the Irish Ex-Servicemen.

The report of the Acting Secretary (Mr. J. Lewis) showed that some very good work had been done.

The Treasurer's report showed that the funds of the branch were low.

The following Committee was elected:—Chairman, Mr. T. Conba; Secretary, Mr. J. Lewis; Treasurer, Mr. J. Lyons; Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. O'Keeffe. Committee—Messrs. M. O'Callaghan, J. O'Connor, R. Carey, J. Murphy and P. J. Quilty.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENT

Mr. Michael J. Phelan, Galbally, Co. Limerick, has succeeded in obtaining the British P.M.G.'s 1st Class Certificate in Radiotelegraphy. He is son of Mr. Wm. A. Phelan, Galbally, and nephew of Mr. James Phelan, merchant, Newcastle West. He was educated in Mount Melleray, where he obtained his leaving certificate, then studied radiography in Dublin and Colwyn Bay, North Wales.

PUPILS HELP IN TILLAGE DRIVE

To enable the pupils to assist in tillage operations, Bulgaden and Martinstown National Schools remained closed during last week. The schools are situated in a purely rural area and with the fine weather prevailing pupils gave great assistance in the tillage work.

STRAWBERRIES 1/- EACH.

Miss May Dempsey, South King street, Dublin, bought the first of the strawberries in the Dublin market yesterday, at 22s. a box, containing 22.

Dr. Leo McDonnell has returned to 13 Barrington Street, Limerick.

to engineers in the attaching to the post enough.

A FLAT RATE

Mr. O'Malley asked any bonus attached to £8 a week.

The Chairman said rate.

Ald. Hartney enquired was an increase in the now as compared with obtaining twelve months.

The C.E.O. said the

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realised that wages further within the months, and it showed out to the Department could not get a man set out.

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"ENTIRELY INADEQUATE"

Mr. Whelan said that offered was entirely mechanical engineer qualified, as stipulated in advertisement, was worse.

Ald. Hartney said the Department had put it up to them that not get a man at £8 salary was not attractive.

It was unanimously agreed to write to the Department lines.

CHORAL SINGERS

The C.E.O. read a letter from the Department approving appointment of Mrs. M. Vette, Ballinacurra, part-time teacher of singing.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Correspondence was received referring to the Annual Conference of the Irish Vocational Training Council.

OIL TANK

Tanker Expected Soon

ENTERPRISE OF

The construction of an oil tank at the Limerick Cement, Ltd., is now complete. The tank, which will have a capacity of 2,000 tons, will be in operation with the cement works at Mungret.

FROM COAL

Cement, Ltd., are moving from coal to oil for power and it is expected that a tanker will arrive at the end of the month.

Owing to an acute shortage of coal, manufacture of cement has been seriously interfered with, consequently, a number of building schemes have been put up. These include a housing scheme of 100 houses, re-construction of 100 buildings works at Shandon and many others.

FULL PRODUCTION

When the change from coal to oil at the cement works is complete, production will be increased if not actually increased.

Cement, Ltd., are making arrangements for the erection of an oil tank at the docks to ensure that an abundant supply of fuel will always be available to keep the factory in full production.