

COURT

A CHALLENGE

Struck Mr. Dillon And The Butchers

SPEECH IN THE DAIL

If any minority group thought they could intimidate the Government by attempting to disrupt the Dublin cattle market by conspiracy, as they did last Wednesday, they were greatly mistaken. The Government would deal very strongly with any such consipac.ies, Mr. James Dillon, Minister for Agriculture, told Dail Eireann to-day, during a debate on the introduction by him of an estimate of £1,589,870 for his department.

Mr. Dillon said: "I believe we are standing on the threshold of the greatest period of expansion in agriculture we have ever known." He said that at the beginning of this year they found themselves in the terrible position that their livestock population had fallen to the lowest level known in their recorded history. The figures for cattle were bad enough, but when one turned to think of the relevant figures of fowl, pigs, sheep and other branches of the livestock industry and found in each case that they represented a much more catastrophic decline than the cattle figures, one began to get some idea of the magnitude of the problem that awaited solution.

STATE OF THE HERD.

If he were able to say that the land of this country was in a state of high fertility they might look forward with less anxiety, but when he told the House that the fertility of the land had reached a degree of degradation lower than had been known for one hundred years, and that they had endemic in many parts of the country, a condition known as aphosphorosis, in which the livestock consumed the herbs of the soil and had died of starvation because the soil contained no phosphates and the grass no phorphorus, the House would realise that their problems were growing in magnitude and gravity.

"I am prepared," said Mr. Dillon, "to offer encouragement not only to those who live on the land and have their living directly from the land, but to every section of the community which depend on the farmers. I would venture so say, that, despite the chief obstructions with which we are faced on the agricultural horizon, I still believe we are standing on the threshold of the greatest period of expansion in agriculture ever known. I believe that in the course of the next five years we can confidently

GREAT FIGURE

Death Of Mr. Timothy Hannon

"RAMBLING THADY" OF "LIMERICK LEADER"

With deep and heartfelt regret we announce the death of Mr. Timothy Hannon, ex-N.T., Effin, which took place with dramatic suddenness yesterday morning.

The late Mr. Hannon was a gentleman of many outstanding qualities and characteristics. One of the best known teachers in Munster, he had the distinction of educating and training many pupils who later made their mark in different walks of life. For some years he was a member of the Limerick County Council in the Fianna Fail interest, and in the discharge of his public duties he showed the same solicitude and concern as he did in the class room.

The deceased was "Rambling Thady" of the "Limerick Leader," and his hosts of readers in all parts of the world will learn of his death with heartfelt sorrow. His weekly column was read with avid interest, for his able and gifted style of writing made an instant appeal to the discerning reader. His pen sketches of the boyhood days of the former Taoiseach, Mr. de Valera, were masterly literary productions. In this connection it should be mentioned that the late Mr. Hannon and Mr. de Valera were class mates, and that a life long friendship existed between them.

To his widow, family and friends we tender our deepest sympathy in their irreparable loss.

A special obituary notice of the deceased will appear in our next week-end issue.

The funeral took place to-day (Friday) from Effin Church to Kilquane Cemetery. It was a striking manifestation of regret and sorrow at the passing of a man who commanded the respect and loyalty of thousands of people.

NEW IRISH SHIP

NAMED BY LIMERICK LADY

A Limerick lady, Mrs. Roycroft, wife of Mr. S. J. K. Roycroft, Manag.ng Director, Limerick Seamship Company and a Director of Irish Shipping Ltd., christened a new ship for the latter Company at West Hartlepool, yesterday.

Three minutes after the launch of the single screw steamer "Irish

A BAD CASE

Jail For Cruelty To Horse

REPORT BY AMERICAN CITIZEN

As a result of a complaint made by an American citizen, resident in Westfields, North Circular Road, Limerick, Denis Mason, Black Bull Lane, Limerick, was summoned to-day at the City District Court by the N.S.P.C.A. for failing to provide a horse, his property, with food or water and thereby causing the animal unnecessary suffering.

Mr. A. J. Blood-Smyth, solicitor, prosecuted, and the defendant did not appear.

Edward Anderson, an American citizen, said he made a report on the 17th April to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The subject of his complaint was that the defendant's horse was in a field at the rere of complainant's residence. It was there for three days when witness realised that there was nobody attending it, and it was in a very bad condition. It had a broken leg and was sore. Witness had to bring water to the animal.

Inspector Collins said that as a result of the complaint from the previous witness, he saw the defendant, who admitted that the horse was in a bad condition. On the instructions of a veterinary surgeon, witness had the animal destroyed.

Justice—What else did Mason say?

The witness, continuing, said Mason bought the horse about two weeks previously, and there was a slight strain on its leg. Witness told the defendant that Mr. Anderson had to bring water to the horse from a distance of 200 yards, and he had the horse destroyed before he saw the defendant, as the hip joint and knuckle bone were injured.

The Justice wondered if the condition of the horse was known to the defendant.

Witness, continuing, said it was. There was grazing in the place, which was situated near Barrington's Bank.

The Justice said that as the defendant was not in Court it appeared that he had no defence. It was a very bad case.

Mr. Blood-Smyth said that the case was a shocking one.

The Justice, in remarking again that it was a very bad case, sentenced the defendant to 14 days with hard labour.

INSPECTOR'S CLUB