

POSITION AND POLICY

Businesses - Tellingly
Proposed

T CATTLE PACT

To "Old Customer"
Costing

and follies of our present policy are dealt with in the sub-
"Sulcoit." Pointing out that
s tillage area for employment,
reduce it, the writer comments:
t we could produce, expatriat-
nd raw materials, that could be
raising of bullocks for export,
e least productive and most
are, "giving least employment,
per acre." In an examination
e recent cattle pact he shows
to the "old customer," Eng-
ontinental buyer, means a loss
The following is "Sulcoit's"

No live beasts should be exported,
as they lose five to ten per cent of
their weight in transit; they live
animals, apart from weighing about
fifty per cent more, require much
more space and care in transport.
The employment and subsidiary in-
dustries resulting from a dead meat
trade, are lost to this country. The
export of cattle as stores is much
more wasteful and tends to exhaus-
tion of the land. Of 945,000 live cat-
tle shipped in the two years, 1945/
'47, only 145,000 or a little over 15
per cent. were fat cattle,

AN APPEAL

Late Tim Hannon, Ex-N.T.

("RAMBLING THADY")

The very sudden and untimely death of Mr. Timothy Hannon, known to readers of the "Limerick Leader" as "Rambling Thady," was a great shock to his many friends. A great tribute has been paid to him by the many appreciations in this paper, but some of his friends think that some practical tribute is due to those he has left behind. As his pension was the sole support of his wife and family, some of whom are yet but school children, there is urgent need for this now. So it was decided to open a fund, and appeal to all his friends and to the many admirers of his entertaining column.

The undersigned will gratefully receive any subscriptions, big or small, and they will be acknowledged in this paper in due course:

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905,000, or only 71 per cent., went direct to Great Britain, their average price being slightly over £30, while 370,000, or 29 per cent of all, went to (or through) Northern Ireland, the average price being just £36. The high ratio going to Northern Ireland, and the big discrepancy in average price (£6), both merit attention and investigation. The number of store cattle going to "other countries" is negligible, as is the number of fat cattle going to Northern Ireland.

4. Of the total of 175,000 fat cattle exported in three years and four months, only 84,500 went to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the average price being only slightly over £30, whereas 90,500, or 52 per cent. of all, were exported to Continental countries at an average price of over £42, or, say, 40 per cent. more. Assuming fat cattle of similar type, the sales to the Con-

GARDENING

Lettuce For Winter And Spring

To obtain lettuce during early winter, a sowing of "May King" should be made outdoor during August or in a frame in September. The seedlings should be pricked off a couple of inches apart in a cold frame as soon as they are big enough to handle, and they should be got into their final quarters, cold frames or, say, tomato houses, before the end of October.

If the weather is very mild during August, September and October, the August outdoor sowing may heart up too early out of doors, so that several small sowings should be made during August and September.

A late September sowing of a small variety, such as Gotte Forces or Early Paris Market, could be made in a frame during September to heart up in cold frames during December.

To be successful with the cultivation of indoor lettuce one must not coddle the plants. At the same time care must be exercised in the preparation and manuring of the soil.

Lettuce like sweet, rich soil, but the organic manure must be well broken down, i.e., well decayed, that is why lettuce does so well after a heavily manured potato crop.

Some slow acting fertilisers, such as bone flour, hoof and horn, together with a little finely divided lime should be added to the surface soil before the final planting out.

Lettuce should be pricked off for a few weeks before the final planting out, and the plants should never be planted too deeply in the soil. This applies to outdoor and indoor lettuce transplants. Deep planting will produce narrow hearted plants, whereas correctly planted specimens will spread out and become large and flat hearted.

To obtain lettuce in February, March and early April glass is necessary.

May Queen and the other varieties I have mentioned will do for this cropping, and the seed must be sown in boxes in October. The plants are pricked off when large enough, and finally planted out during the last fortnight in December.

Cold frames or houses after tomatoes will grow the crop quite satisfactorily, or the plants could be covered outdoor with the barn-type cloches.

For an outdoor crop of lettuce to heart up in May a sowing of "May King," "Passion White" (black