

DAIRY INDUSTRY

The Price Of Milk

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

Dear Mr. Editor—I see that a Mr. Roche presumes to tell the farmers of the County their business. Seldom has a man written so much and said so little. He seems to think that dairy farming is very prosperous.

Does he know that the Irish dairy farmer is paid the lowest price in Europe for his produce. Milk is 5/- a gallon in Jersey, 2/- in France and 5½ per pint in England.

In New Zealand, where the farmer has but six weeks of winter and his land can carry two cows per statute acre, he is paid the same price as the Irish farmer.

There is no need to dwell on the long Irish winter, the uneconomic holdings, the unsuitability of the Shorthorn as a dairy cow. Even the members of our Co. Committee of Agriculture, themselves dairy farmers mostly, refused to make available the service of Friesian Ayrshire or Jersey bulls to improve the milking capacity of our cows. The old tradition dies hard. More and more farmers are turning to beef. Is this what is wanted? Make this country a ranch and export beef, as well as let every young man and girl emigrate!

Our rural schools and chapels are half empty. Why should people remain? They are not paid an economic wage, least of all the dairy farmer.

But as Goldsmith said:

"A bold peasantry, their country's pride,

When once destroyed can never be supplied."

I remain—, yours truly,
"DAIRY FARMER."

CONCERT AT KNOCKADERRY.

The Feenagh Dramatic Class held a concert at Knockaderry Hall on Sunday night last. An amusing comedy and concert of song, dance and music gave the patrons good value for their money.

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OBITUARY

MRS. CATHERINE HOULIHAN.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Catherine Houlihan, which sad event took place recently, at her residence, Miltown, Croagh, after a protracted illness which she bore with the greatest of patience and resignation to God's holy will. Although her death was not unexpected it came as a great shock to her family and friends; her funeral, which took place from Croagh Church, to Ballingarry cemetery, was the largest seen in the district for many years.

Clergy present were: Rev. Canon Murphy, P.P., Croagh; Rev. Canon Wall, P.P., Ballingarry; Rev. Father Houlihan, C.C., Ardpatrick; Rev. Father O'Dea, C.C., Kilfinny; Rev. Father Enright, C.C., Rathkeale.

Chief mourners—John Houlihan, husband; Jimmy, son; Kitty, daughter; Mrs. Hannah Cowhey, sister; Pat O'Carroll, brother; it would be impossible to give a list of the friends present.

Mass cards were sent by the following:—Sorrowing husband and son; loving daughter, Kitty; loving sister and brother; Gloria and family, Highmount; Ciss and family, Kilradane; Mai and Willie Walsh, Galbally; Mrs. John O'Connor and family, Ahadagh; Mrs. Barry and B. Houlihan, Ballysally; Michael and Kathleen Houlihan, Coolrea; Mrs. Daly, Dromia; Gert O'Byrne, England; Daniel and Mrs. O'Kelly, Croagh; Kilfinny Hurling Club.

Letters of sympathy were received:—Monsignor Hannan, P.P., V.G., Newcastle West; Rev. Father O'Byrne, C.C., Shanagolden; Rev. Father Philip O'Connor, Nigeria; Rev. Father Thomas O'Connor; Brother Cornelius McCann, Sydney, Australia; Sister M. Ita, Mercy Convent, Belfast; Gret O'Byrne, England; Iona and Arthur West, England; Eileen (nee Quain), England; Nora O'Shaughnessy, Rathkeale; Mai and Willie Walsh, Galbally; Josephine O'Connor, Temple Street Hospital, Dublin; Mary O'Connor, Ramsgrange, Co. Wexford; Joe Power, Dromin.

Telegrams were received:—Alderman Reidy, T.D., Limerick; Mrs. Manning, Croom.

GOING FORWARD

Kilfinane Pushes Ahead

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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME

The inauguration of the rural electrification scheme for Kilfinane, by Mr. Liam Cosgrave, Parliamentary Secretary to the Taoiseach and to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, whose speech was reported in our last week-end issue, was a notable event in the life of the town and district, writes our correspondent.

On his arrival, Mr. Cosgrave was met by Messrs. D. F. O'Shaughnessy, T. Lyons, N.T., and R. M. Cleary, Co.C., who escorted him to the Technical School, where a sumptuous repast was provided by the I.C.A. Very Rev. J. J. Dolan, P.P., presided. Appropriate music was provided by the Kilfinane Brass Band.

The inauguration ceremony took place in the New Hall, which was crowded to capacity. Mr. Lyons was a most efficient M.C., and the whole proceedings were conducted with decorum and dignity.

In an appropriate speech, the Very Rev. Chairman extended a cordial welcome to Mr. Cosgrave, Mr. G. E. Russell, President, Limerick Chamber of Commerce; Senator G. Bennett and other guests.

NEED FOR RURAL INDUSTRIES

Mr. Russell complimented the local committee in organising the initial stages of the scheme, and also the E.S.B. for the business-like way they carried on the work, not forgetting the people of the locality, who had the courage to adopt the scheme. It was one of the finest examples of co-operative effort on the part of the whole community. He thought that before it would be practical for the farmers to use electric power for milking machines, the price of milk should be increased or the price of electricity should be reduced. At the moment the tendency of the people was to flock to the large cities. The population of Dublin was growing abnormally, and the rest of the country was becoming a hinterland. The best redress for this was to bring amenities to the rural areas and every modern contrivance for the home. All the people cannot be employed on the land, and he was looking forward to the time when rural industries would be estab-



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