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Clover Meats to close

THE Clover Meats operation in Limerick is to close over the next two weeks, with the loss of about 230 jobs.

In a shock announcement, this morning, management stated that the decision was taken because of failure to get the pork butchers to co-operate in a new scheme.

Manager of the Limerick plant, Mr. Pat Hanrahan, said the scheme—opposed by pork butchers employed by the firm—was aimed at the "effective and economic running" of the factory.

He told our reporter that while there were other reasons for the closure, which involved the day-to-day running of the firm, the main one was the lack of co-operation by the pork butchers.

Negotiations

"Over the past three months, we have had many prolonged and protracted negotiations with those people, but without progress," he stated.

"We are just not prepared to accept this and, as of now, failing to get promises of co-operation for the effective running of the factory, Clover Meats have had to decide on closure".

Asked when the closure

would come into effect, Mr. Hanrahan said that one could not just turn a key right away—the closure would be phased over the next week or two. Notices would go out to each employee in due course.

Killings

Clover Meats have already stopped killing pigs; over the next two weeks, stocks will have to be cleared and affairs generally wound up.

Mr. John Bashford, secretary, Limerick No. 1 Branch, I.T. and G.W.U., whose members include the pork butchers, said the origins of the matter went back at least four years.

At that time, he said, they were "on the brink".

The pork butchers had a number of reservations about the scheme introduced then, he stated, and the management had said that if it were not introduced that would be the

end. The men were very dubious about the scheme.

Mr. Bachford said that the company was now saying that if the new scheme was not given a fair trial as and from next Monday, the plant would close. The men again had serious doubts about this scheme, and they had suffered much, particularly from the point of view of redundancy, in the last and the final analysis the fact that the scheme was not sufficient to keep Clover Meats going—that a new one had to be introduced now—had proved night.

Minister opens teachers hurling course

THE MINISTER for the Gaeltacht, Mr. Tom O'Donnell, T.D., this Monday morning opened a hurling training course for teachers at Na Piarasigh clubhouse, Limerick.

Over 40 primary teachers from Limerick, Clare and Tipperary are taking part in the one week course which has been organised by Bro. Guthrie of Sexton Street.

Included are three female teachers from County Clare. Bro. Guthrie told our reporter that it was very important that they take part as there are now more female primary teachers than male.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Tom O'Donnell thanked the organisers for inviting him to formally open the training course.

"As a Limerickman, born and bred, I have a special interest in hurling, that truly Irish game which is among the finest athletic spectacles in the world. But apart from its excellence as a grand, manly game, hurling in particular is closely identified with Irish culture and tradition and with our Irish way of life," he stated.

Essential

Continuing, he said: "Hurling, undoubtedly, is a most worthy part of our national heritage and I am, therefore, very gratified that courses like this are

constantly improving and public interest is growing accordingly.

"Before I throw in the ball, as it were, for this course I want to say that I hope it will be possible before long to arrange courses like this in the 'weaker counties'—as they are called—the counties which do not have a strong hurling tradition. As I have said hurling is a most attractive feature of our national heritage. It should be widely shared by all youth of the country!" concluded the Minister.

A large

Bro. P. in chief

Stoppage threat to Shannon Airport

AIRLINES were this morning planning to re-route their trans-Atlantic charter flights away from Shannon and on to airports in Europe.

This follows a stoppage by Shell refuellers at the airport who service the aircraft. The stoppage, it is feared, may result in a loss of business. About fifty men are involved. The refuellers were calling for other companies which have plans to overfly Shannon are Capitol, T.I.A., O.N.A. and World Airlines. A loss of this business could severely upset airport revenue. Charter traffic at this period is the airport's principal revenue

P.O. Giro system would be welcomed

THE SUGGESTED introduction of a Giro system into Finance of a Giro system into been welcomed by Mr. Tim Led president of the Post Office Office

He said it was disturbing that Ireland was the only country with a