

Market reopens to mixed reception

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Lilly Walsh, Carey's Road; Josephine Ryan, Lisnagry, and Helen and Rodger Hourigan from Pallasgreen, wait for the turkeys to attract a buyer.



Elaine, Breda and Nancy Russell, Ballyneety; Keith O'Brien, Limerick, and Stephen Russell, Ballyneety, wait patiently for business to pick up at the market.

THE NEWLY-opened Milk Market is fish to some and fowl to others. As with everything new, it will take time for the place to settle down. But last Saturday feelings were mixed.

Mrs. Kathleen Conlon from Mountpelier had been coming to the old market for years. "I came here first when I was six years old, and that's a long time ago", she commented. She felt the newly done-up market was "lovely".

Mrs. Josephine Ryan from Lisnagry thought: "It is not as good as it used to be. The other market was a more flourishing market. You wouldn't be inside the door when you would have sold three turkeys". Her three turkeys were sitting in front of her looking more and more confident of seeing Christmas through.

She said she would be looking forward to getting the *Leader* and added that she would have her reading glasses on this week-end.

Mr. Paddy O'Sullivan, past president of the Chamber of Commerce and a Market Trustee, said: "The market is a great place to meet people you don't ordinarily run into". He was delighted with the activity in the place.

Secretary

Mr. Brendan Woods, manager of the Chamber of Commerce and secretary to the Market Trustees, said: "People are buying here. We're delighted to see the market re-opened. It is up to itself to re-establish itself, but it is great to have it back".

He said it was the commencement of the re-development of the core of the city which had been decaying for so long.

Mrs. Breda Duffy, whose family have been selling fruit at the market for generations, said: "It is great now-much better than the old market".

Mrs. Breda Russell and her family have also been doing business in the market for years and she felt it was much better to have the crowd together than scattered all around the place.

"I like it very much", she added. But she said it was "a bit slow".



Michael Fitzgibbon from Monaleen does some business with Mrs. Kathleen Conlon.



The boys from St. Mary's Park cover the re-opened market in turkey feathers in this traditional scene, which as usual attracted quite a crowd.

