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POLITICS IS TRULY LIFE TO THE MAN FROM ABBEYFEALE

Deputy Gerry Collins, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs: the world at his feet?

Yes, he's a politician who seems to have something to say about everything.

On a back of a truck,

"We've seen the days, but money, and when our people had it, we were on our own."

And so he spoke, and the crowd followed, and they went on the road to the back of a truck.

UNEMPLOYMENT LEVELS

There is still as stubborn as ever, he says now.

"The very strong sense that as much has been done, as yet, alone to improve the situation generally for the community."

He acknowledges that it is 30 years ago since he first began to speak on the issue. He bemoaned the fact that the level of unemployment has not been dealt with in a serious manner.

"The level is just about incalculable."

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AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

"We have to try and maintain the numbers of people employed in the agricultural sector."

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With wit and Hariy (from Tetani) towering a mountain,

Gerry Collins delivers centration, and a return to the days of "politics as usual," is an expression of his time. He feels, for example, that the Department of Agriculture needs to better co-ordinate its activities.

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POWER TO COUNCILLORS

Local councils, he says, are doing excellent work, and it is in their power to develop. He feels that the potential for development is there. The key is to ensure that they are given the opportunity to act.

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