

increased to four ounces. There was an equivalent decrease in the ration of margarine.

HONOURED

The Minister for Justice appointed Captain CJ Hanrahan to be an Assessor under the provision of the Merchant Shipping Act. The Harbour Master brought to that duty his wide experience in the Mercantile Marine Service as ships master and official of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners. The manner in which he performed his duties as competent Port Authority during the war years earned the sincere thanks of the Minister to Captain Hanrahan in a letter.

AIRPORT HISTORY

Shannon Airport became

the world's first customs-free airport when Tanaiste Sean Lemass, Minister for Industry and Commerce, signed the order declaring the airport customs-free to the world.

The first plane to avail of the customs free facilities at the airport was an American overseas cargo aircraft.

Captain WR Hostetlen, European Chief Pilot of the company, was greeted on arrival by Mr Lemass. First to leave Shannon on the historic occasion was the Pan-American Clipper Courier (Captain Boland).

On duty during the afternoon for the first time were four clearance officers of the Department of Industry and Commerce, who had replaced the customs officers.