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were such a help to us during this first full calendar year of the Health Act. At the start, when any new regulations and schemes are put into force, it is always difficult to make everything go smoothly—a number of people have no Health Act cards who think they should be entitled to same; some specialist clinics are only available to holders of these cards,

### BIG INCREASE IN USE OF CURRENT

The rise in the use of electricity in the Twenty-Six Counties has been continuous and substantial. The demand for current increased by 12.4 per cent. over the last three months.

paring for that with an and energetic policy of we trade representatives abro particularly with the De of Agriculture and the De of Industry and Commerce There is one matter in v must be unique amongst t tries of the world, that is huge number of native-bo outside the country, partic Great Britain. If the re read are correct, there something like 1,000,000 na Irish living in Great Bri should have liked the MI have referred in his sp some means of maintain tact with that huge popul ensure that they will reta attachment to their cov origin and will not becom ised completely with the p a few years and not wis turn to this country. It s possible to work out som whereby there would be ir ger centres of Great Brit don, Manchester, Birming so on, some form of repre by the Department of affairs to keep those peop taining close contact v country of their birth.

### OUR CONSULAR OFF ABROAD

Deputies have paid tribu consular officers abroad. should like to say that, f sonal experience, I fou both efficient and courte having regard to their li in staff, salary and techni ance, they are giving exce vice to the country. As c puties have said, I bel increased expenditure c comparatively modest i which we pay to these off ticularly Europe and th States of America, would good investment and an ter investment in the ves when the proposed Fro Area comes into effect.

## Hogan Stand Blessed And Opened At Local Gaelic Grounds

THE steady advancement of the Limerick Gaelic Grounds as the best equipped playing pitch outside Croke Park, was signalled yesterday when the famous Hogan Stand was blessed and officially opened, in its new setting by Very Rev. Fr. E. Canon Punch, P.P., President of the Limerick County Board G.A.A.

Yesterday, in drizzly weather, at Limerick Gaelic Grounds, was an auspicious occasion for Gaels, especially those in the Limerick County Board area. It signalled the blessing and official opening of the Hogan Stand, which adorned Croke Park for 35 years. This G.A.A. landmark, purchased at the end of last year by the enterprising Limerick Gaelic Grounds Committee, was re-constructed by Messrs. Lanigan Bros. It was a herculean feat to re-erect it in such comparatively quick time, and so have it ready well ahead of Munster Championship time.

It was fitting that Very Rev. Canon Punch should be given the honour of performing ceremonies of the blessing and opening. For many years he was Chairman of the County Board and was appointed Chairman of the ground's development committee.

The occasion was marked by a challenge match which brought the All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny, and Limerick together. The stand was full and altogether about 7,000 people patronised the match.

After being introduced by Mr. Tadgh O Ceallaigh, N.T., Canon Punch blessed the stand and in his subsequent address to the

gathering said that with its erection, most of the objects of the Limerick County Board had been attained. It was not until 1928 that the courage of such men as Mr. D. Lanigan, Mr. T. Humphreys and the late Mr. W. Clifford brought about the purchase of the land which was now the Gaelic Grounds. For many years the crowds were without a suitable stand, but again the same spirit of enterprise was shown when the Hogan Stand became available for purchase and, as a result, they now rejoiced in that splendid addition to their grounds.

### GRATITUDE TO MUNSTER COUNCIL

Having traced the history of the G.A.A. in Limerick, Canon Punch said that the Limerick Gaels owed a debt of gratitude to the Munster Council, which, from the very beginning, had helped the County Board all along the way. Limerick now had a Gaelic Ground second only to Croke Park.

Following Canon Punch's address, the gathering joined in the singing of "Faith Of Our Fathers" and the National Anthem, played by the St. John's Brass and Reed Band, to bring that part of the day's celebrations to a close.

### "GOD'S GENTRY"

Donogh McDonagh's "Gentry" will be presented pantas Ide at the Techni tute Hall, O'Connell Ave., nights commencing on next. Bookings now Messrs. Liston's and the well worth seeing, as it great deal of fun at groups and institutions.

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