

A MODEL DAIRY FARM.

An interesting function took place in the Stratford district recently when the model dairy farm was formally opened in the presence of a good attendance of farmers. The farm is situated on the East road, the property being formerly owned by Mr Richard Dingle, and comprises 143 acres. Unfortunately, the weather was somewhat wet, and the visitors had to be accommodated in the cowshed. Mr J. W. Deem, chairman of the executive committee, welcomed the visitors. He mentioned that the committee only took the farm over last August, and a great deal of work had to be done since then in the way of stumping and fencing, before any cropping could be done. One of the objects of the farm was to grow fodder and root crops for feeding dairy cows. Mr Deem then went on to enumerate the various proposals the executive intended to undertake. It was not proposed to carry out scientific experiments, that would be left to the Government (State Farms). They intended to take up the question of the best manures to use and the quantities required per acre. Also the question of calf feeding and the growing of shelter for stock would be gone into. Mr Deem called the attention of those present to the up-to-date cowshed they had assembled in, and it would be the endeavour of the executive to demonstrate the value of any new idea that would prove of benefit to the dairying industry. An appeal was made by the speaker to support the efforts of the executive by making frequent visits to the farm in their own interests.