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DEFENCE MINISTER AT L.D.F. PARADE

At Arklow there's a big turn out of the L.D.F. and L.S.S. with a parade and march past two miles long. Taking the salute is Mr. Oscar Kramer, Minister for Defense. In the procession are contingents from Wicklow and Wexford and four divisions of the Red Cross, Ambulance Division and Fire Brigade. Nurses parade in good strength, they march as confidently as the men. The procession is watched by one of the largest crowds ever seen in Arklow. That's the measure of the public interest in the fine work of the defense forces. Mr.Kramer emphasised in addressing the assembly that the men must be fully trained. Nobody doubted the willingness to fight for their country if the necessity arose, but he appealed to them not to be content just being there if the danger came . "Now is the time" he said "for you to do your duty. We are, I am glad to say, approaching a stage when we will be able to put a weapon of some kind or another into the hands of every trained man".