

TRAFFIC IN HORSES.

Horses, old and worn out, begin the last hours of their life on the Dublin quayside. From all lovers of animals come protests; for though the poor creatures can't work they are still turned into money. Just ship them to the Continent --- sell the meat they say. It's always been done; so why the fuss? Don't we eat cattle, sheep, pigs? Why worry about horses? Well, the outcry began when 47 old horses died at sea, in a gale, on the way over. So millions say the traffic's intolerably cruel. When we filmed these horses being put on board there were no scuffles on the quayside and the protests were silent. Nevertheless the conscience of Ireland and Britain has at last stirred; and that's often the first stage to reform. It was on the vessel City of Waterford that those 47 horses died, an unhappy incident that may lead to the end of the traffic as it's run today. The Irish authorities now suggest that the horses be decently slaughtered in Ireland, not the Continent, and the meat exported.