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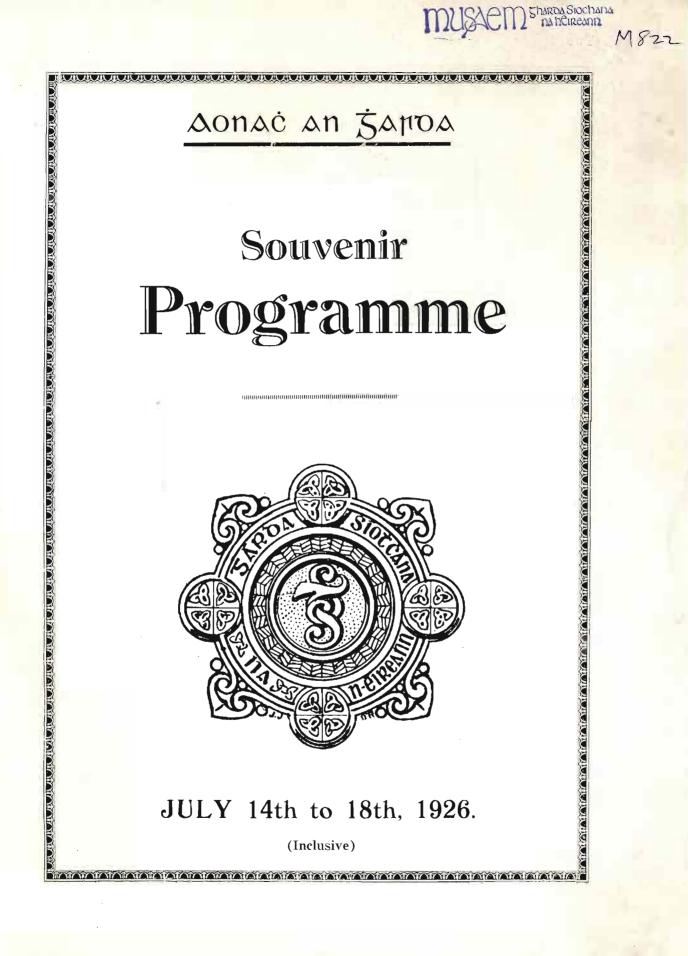
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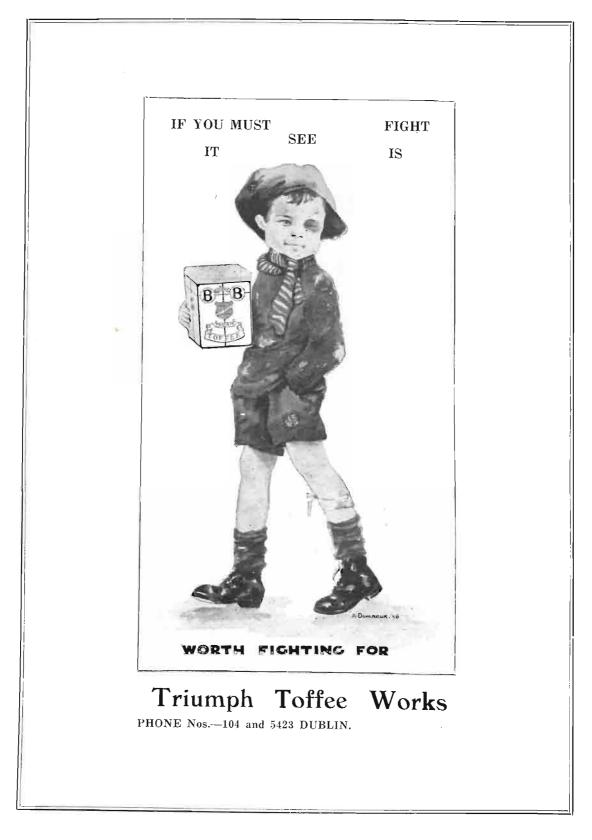
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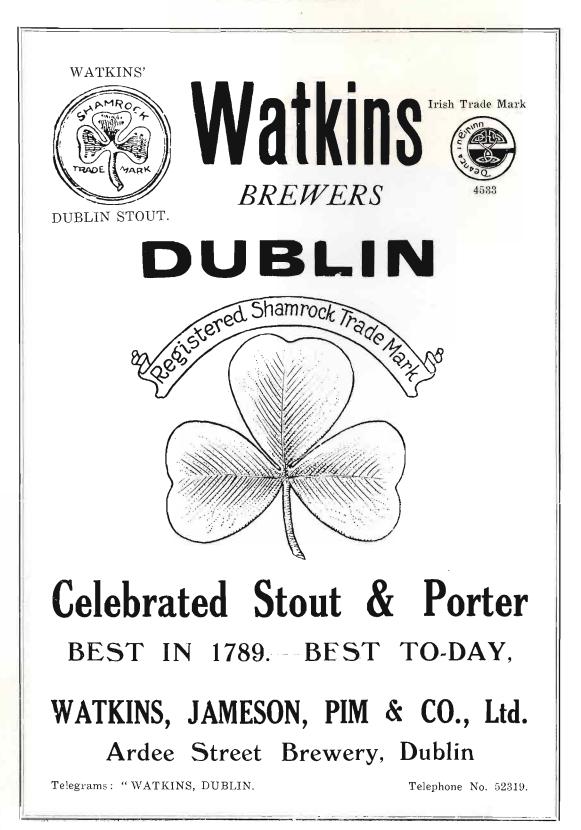
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FOREWORD

J UDGING by the success that has characterised our many ventures in the field of sport since the establishment of the Garda Siotchana, I have little doubt that our first Aonach will be equally successful.

It must be admitted that the organization of a series of functions extending over five days in succession is a big undertaking for the Coiste Siamsa—the controlling body of Sport—outdoor and indoor—in the Garda; but the work is made light owing to the keen interest manifested by the rank and file in all forms of athletics.

In every part of the Saorstat members of the Force are wholeheartedly active during their off-duty hours in the promotion of athletic meetings, and organising and fostering Hurling and Gaelic Football. In many villages the sound of the ash was heard for the first time after the arrival of the Garda.

The thousands (representatives of all sections of the people) who assembled in Wexford Park and Croke Park a few weeks ago at our Divisional Sports, and the extraordinary enthusiasm shown in the doings of the various Garda teams, and in the feats of individual members, demonstrate in no uncertain manner the desire of the people for clean athletics efficiently organised on National lines, and remind us "that there is more, much more, in the life of a nation than politics and economics."

Whether on the Football or Hurling fields, or on the Track, or in the Boxing Ring, the Gardai are now generally recognised as good sports, who play the game for sport's sake, the suggestion of ulterior motives notwithstanding. They have no control, nor seek no control, in the Councils of the Associations; they play a modest, unobtrusive and manly part as becomes a body of young men, ninety-nine per cent. of whom stand firmly by the principles of Croke.

During the Aonach three members of the Force will be decorated with medals for bravely risking their lives in the faithful execution of their duty, and it is significant that those members are well known on the Gaelic field. Chivalry and high courage are invariably associated with clean living and healthy recreation.

A feature of the Aonach will be the Aeridheacht on the Depôt Square on Sunday Evening, and the Ceilidh in the Hall on Sunday Night. I trust that the interest manifested in these, the closing events of the Aonach, will be in keeping with the creditable work already accomplished in furtherance of the Language Movement within the Force, and result in a wider use of Irish in the everyday work of the Garda.

In conclusion, may I express the hope that our first Annual Aonach will enhance the interest in our National Language, Sports and Pastimes, not only in the Garda, but throughout the country.

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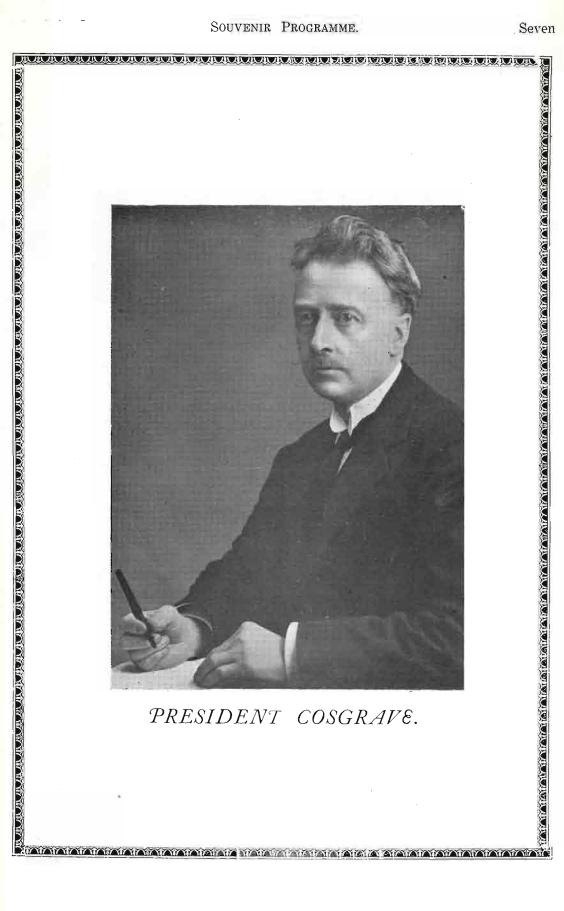
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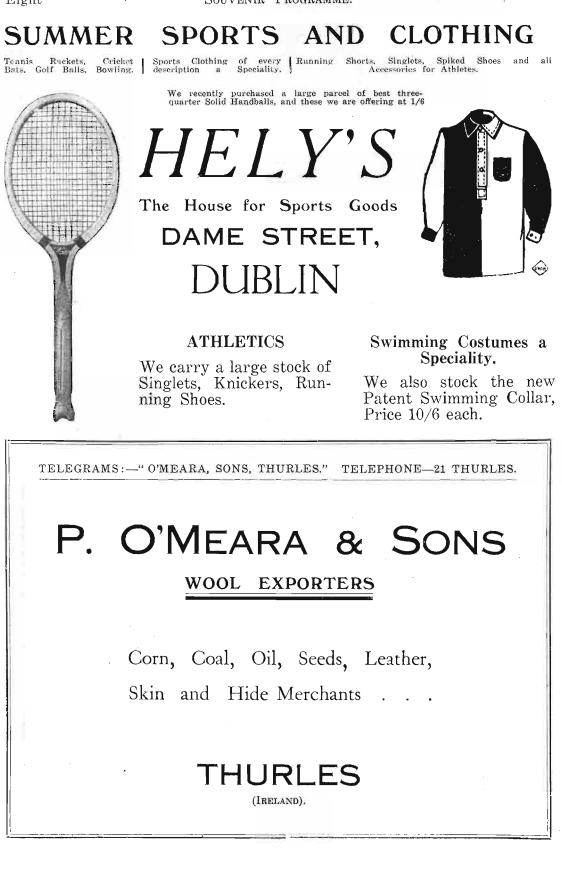
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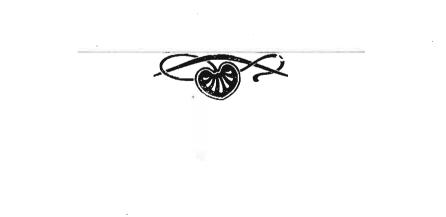
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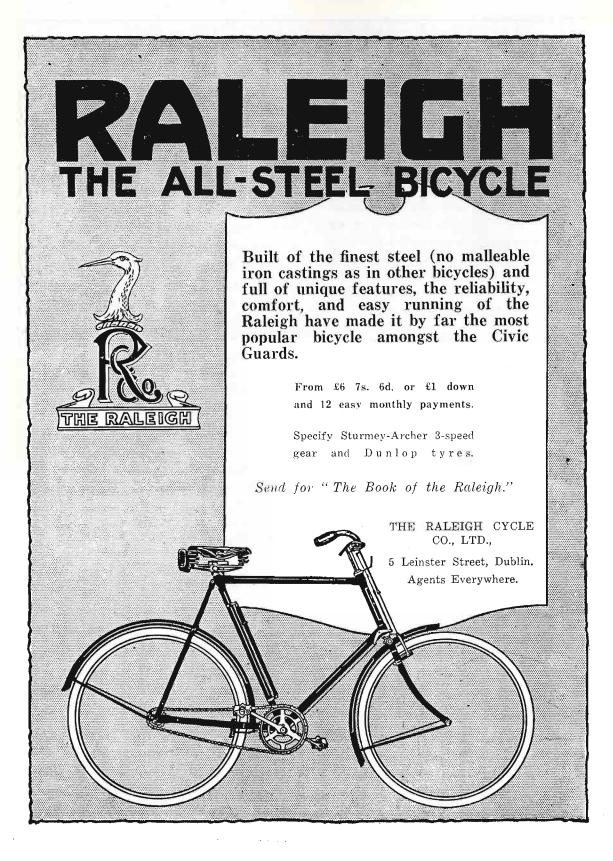
THIS great athletic and social festival is not of local interest only, but organised and taken part in by men from every county in Ireland, and it has in consequence an intense interest, direct or indirect, for the inhabitants of every county—even every parish and townland—which has reared men to do the work of our country in the service of An Garda.

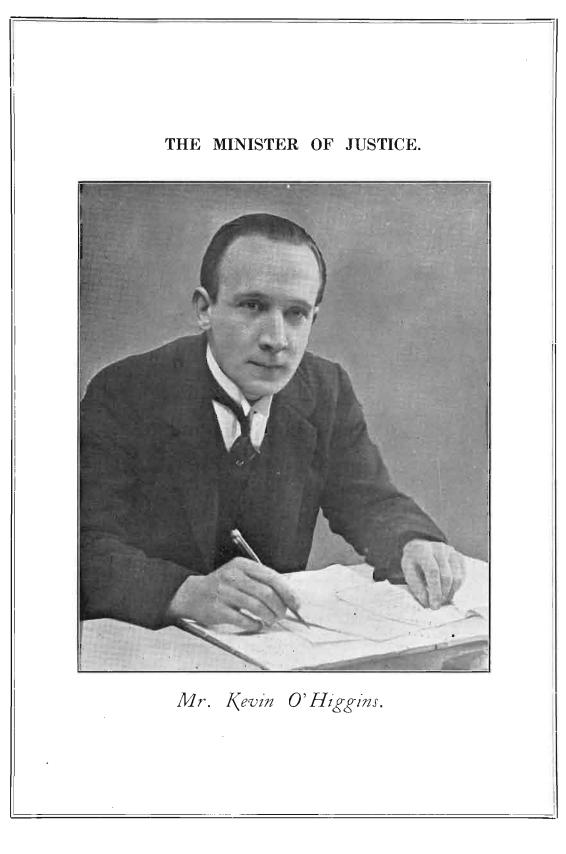
Just as the opening of the Olympic Games three thousand years ago was preceded by a proclamation of universal peace throughout the land, so too does this, our first Aonach, proclaim peace in Ireland, and what better indication of the spirit of peace can there be than the coming together of the sentinels of peace—the city and country Gardai—in manly combat in athletic fields.

Irishmen have left a distinctive mark on athletic history, and there is little need here to sing the praises of the sporting spirit of Irish manhood. The land of the young—the perpetual youthfulness of old Ireland—was never more strikingly apparent than in the unique association of boys in years and men in courage that goes to form the Garda Siothchan to-day. Visitors to our shores are astonished at youth in office, and a worldfamed historian has well said that the experiment may well revolutionise the conventional order existing in other States in Europe. This celebrated scholar of history has travelled Europe on foot, and is not given to the use of loose or unthinking statements.

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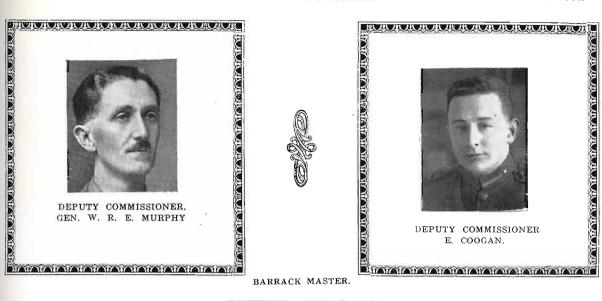
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"ζάμυα Siotčana na h-θιμεαρη, ' γιη έ an τ-ainm a ζαιμμεαύ το. D'έ ba čογρόιμ το (aμ nór ζαζ σμεαμ póιlínteačta ει ε τά βραι μα το τόμαη) ná raožal τ becta η maoin muinntiμ' na tíμε γεο a čογαιητ, lučt miorcaipe, τοίσξυάλα, bμιμεαύ-τίξε το cup ré čοιr agur Siotčáin το čup i breitom ζο ροιμ-leatan γα τίμ uile. Níl γέ αč cui bliatna ó bunnišεατό an τόμιγα γο αč με εόλ το čáč um an ττας γο a μεαδαγ μα ατώττα a com-líonato na h-oibμε a čuμμεατομ μοπρα αζυγ a δυτμαζταιξε μα ατάνο ξά čuμ čun chíce cé nač beag ná nač γειμιτ ταμ ζηο έ!

Δη γεανό τμί mbliavain γαμ a bunuižeav an ξάμτια, τη beaz ceanntau i h-θιμιπη πα μαιδ αση ρόιλίπί i n-aon cou ná aon čúμτeanna. Τη γίση zuμ vein na h-ôzlaiž annησ η annηύν an γμαιν na τίμε ιαμμαζτ αμ Smačt a čuμ aμ na ναοισιε ών πά μαιδ aon mear acu aμ an zceaμτ ná aμ an macántačt ná aon vúil acu cun íav a corant. Ac ní μαιδ αμ cumar na n-ôzlač móμάn a véanam. Ní μαιδ an uain ná an τ-αιμχεαν acu cuize η νά βμίζ γιη, δί ceav a zcor le bliavantaið az biteáminaiz η az zavurðtíð na τίμε zo voi zuμ cuiμεαν γιμ όχα an Sáμνα amač γε'n "νοτιαιτά.

Γιμ όχα χαη πόμάπ eolaip πά ταιτίζε αμ μυσαίδ a baineap le σliξε σο έυμ ι δρειστή σο b'eao 'ίασ'! ας πά 'peao, μη όχα χαι eagla a b'eao ίασ leip! Γιμ όχα α τυιχ το παιτ εασ é an ξηιότη το μαιδι πυιπητιμ πα h-élμeann ας bματ ομτά α σέαπατή αχυρ α δί lán-ĉeapaitite αμ é pin α σεάπατή ĉoti ματα τη δί μέ 'na ζευπαρ! Οα ζαιμιο απ τμέιτητε αμδ' ζέισιμ α έαιτε απί le n-a ζευτο συαίζαμαί σο

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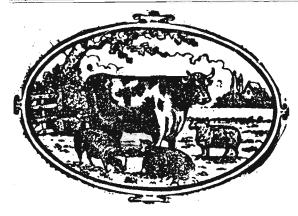
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Αἐ Βί ξπό eile le σέαποṁ αcu—ξπό ατά le σεαπαṁ αξ ξαὰ Ειμεαππαὰ. Δμ τυιξεασαμ απ ξπό ταπ, αξυτ má τυιξεασαμ conur σ'ειμιξ leo? Cαστά le ταιrbeáinτ αcu? Πί σεαζαιμ απ κμεαξμαι α ταθαιμτ αμ απ ξοειττ μιπ!

tíop pa Caipleán—i gCaipleán b' l' át Cliat—i n-ápo-Suideacán na galldatta pa t-peana-péim, tá peampa móp i na mbailigeann le céile Gáptaí an Phíom-ápuip agup Gáptaí na Catpac. Múinteap ptaip agup chuinn-éolar agup ipeam ann uaipeannta, biónn leigeactaí agup cúppaí, dioppoideacta ann tá leabaplann ann leip a bíonn ap optailt o maidin go h-oidte. Ma téigeann tú píop ann cípid tú na gáptaí ag du lipteac agup ag teact amac i pit an lae ac cípid tú leip an pógia po ap an dopap : "ní labaptap ac Saedealtg annpo." Gaedealtatt an Sápta ipeam ac Saedealtg annpo."

Sa čatain péin, τά 52 δάηυαί δο bruil an Šaeveals ό υάτζαγ αςu. Scaipitte αη ρυαιό πα τίμε, τά 323 δάηυαί 'πα δςαιπητεοιμί υμτζαιμ. 1 βρηίομ-δήμη απ ξάμυα αξ γοξίμιμα απουαίδαγαί, τά 28 δάηυαί ο'η ηδαεύεαιταζτ.

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ας ní h-é rin σειμε an rcéil. Τη αμ έιζιη, το δρυίξ τα ζάμσα riu aon συίπε amáin na ruit μοιπητ έιζιη, a δεαζ nó a móμ, σε ζαεσίζζ αίζε. Γεάζαπη άμ ζζοιπιριπέιμ ζώτζε μπ.

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Oo b'fuining too'n Coimininéin san ac cainnteoiní butain an par a cun cun na Saetealtacta ac cé réannato so nasat pan cun maiteana roc'n teansa nó roc'n Sánta i scoitciune. Pé man atá an reeál pé látain, tá timéeall 350 Sántaí as rostuim na Saetilse ra reoil ir feann rá bruil le pasáil - ra Saetealtact féin, asur ran am scearna tá a lán cainnteoiní reaintte annno γ annrúr inr na rtáiriúnaib an puair na tíne sá múinear roc'n cuire eile. an beas an tainte rin?

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Όα πέαυ απ υύι α δι αξαιππιξευιρ πα τεαπξαπ πί ρόπόρι απ υαιπ πά απ έασι α δί αξαιππ το υτί ρεο έυπ πόριάπ α τέαπατή. δί α ιάπ μυτοά πας έ ιε υέαπατή αξαιππ. Όο δι έιξιπ τυαιξαραί πυατά τι ρόξιυπ ξαπ πύμπτέσιμί ταιτίξε ά τέαπατή αμ άρ ξευιτο ξπότα η εσίαρ beačτ τι βαξάι αμ άμ ξεόμιο. Τη beaξ πά 50 δρυι ρέ ριπ υέαπτα αποίρ η τάμπίτο οιιαπί η ιάπ-čεαρτα άμ ξεριστότε α έυμ ιρτεαζί ι ποδαρι πα ξαετόιξε,

Πα σαοιπε ύσ α mear marta a ταβαιρτ σύππ, βίσίη αξ ραιρε. Το ταιτίταμαι απ ταπαπ "δαρσα διοττάπα πα h-eipeann"! αποιη cun an ann "δαρσα τεαπδαη πα h-eipeann" σο ταιτίεατή! αξανό ίτδ, παρ μπ, α δάρσα!! διάσ cun πα h-oipe μοι πολιμίριδ!

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ATHLETICS.

THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.—GARDAI FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN FINALS.

HE National Championships at Croke Park on the 26th and 27th June resulted in the Gardai maintaining, and in some instances improving upon, their previous performances. Space allows only of a very brief summary. Bermingham defended and sustained his title in slinging the half-hundredweight, and second and third fell to Gardai Kennedy (Enniscorthy) and Gore (Dublin). Bermingham and Byrne tied for second place in the 16lb. hammor competition. Connor was unable to hold his place in the long jump, victory going to R. J. Cussen, with Shanahan (G.S.) and Moloney (G.S.) second and third respectively. Shanahan gave a wonderful all-round display, and his performance in the hurdles caused intense excitement, as he and Price (Belfast Univ.) raced neck and neck, the Northern, however, beating our representative in the last lap. Shanahan fought hard for honours in every event, but had to be content with second place in the javelin and high jump competitions also. Few, however, will dispute his superiority as an all-round athlete. Gardai Healy and Daly occupied second and third places in the 16lb. shot—Colhoun (Ulsterville H.) securing the honours in the absence of the holder, O'Grady.

holder, O'Grady. L. Stanley (holder) did not defend in the high jump, and the laurels passed to Gardai O'Connor (6ft. 2ins.), and Shanahan (6ft. 1in.). Bermingham (holder) retained his position in the discus competition, two colleagues taking second and third, Gardai Healy and Gore. Bermingham also successfully defended his title in the 56lb. over bar contest.

In the cycling events Sergeant Lynn annexed the one mile championship, and was second to the holder, N. Donnelly, in the quarter mile championship. Garda T. Kelly secured second place in the five mile cycle, which was won by B. J. Donnelly. Kelly has a penchant for second places, but his love for this position will we believe be soon transformed or be "secondary to first." Garda W. J. Moloney secured first place in the running hop-step-and-jump, and third in the long jump —excellent honours for his first appearance in championship events. Good judges predict that with training he should secure the title for the latter event also. M. Gregan seconded Sean Lavan in the quarter, and was the latter's strongest opponent throughout.

There is much reason to be proud of the performances of our representatives in every sphere—even where they did not secure the titles they gave magnificent exhibitions of athletic prowess. The intense rivalry occasioned by the National Championships will find find an outlet during Garda Week.

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MHE list of championships, medals, first prizes, and other notable awards won by members of the Dublin Metropolitan Garda Athletic Club and the Depôt Garda Athletic Athletic Club and the Depot Garua Athletic Club during the 1925 season is a truly formid-able one. During the period January 1st to September 30th, 1925, the first named club secured 127 first prizes, 101 second prizes, and 56 third prizes. Besides these, members of the Club carried off 16 championships, ten runner-up championship medals, ten challenge cups, and one shield. Many of these events were National Championships, and others International classes. An analysis of the various awards and placings shows that in discus-throwing P. J. Bermingham secured the British Championship and the Irish Championship, the runner-up in the latter event being another member of the club, T. Power. In the Irish Weight-throwing Championship Bermingham carried off the National Championship for the 56lbs. over the bar and 56lbs. without follow.

L. Stanley won the Irish High Jump Championship, clearing the bar at 6 feet, and was runner-up in the Hop, Step and Jump, Long Jump, and Javelin-throwing Championships. W. Shanahan won the National 120 Yards Hurdles Championship in 17 secs., and was second to Stanley in the High Jump. The Irish Championship for throwing 16lbs. ham-mer was won by J. Byrne.

In the Munster Championships, W. Shanahan secured the 120 Yards Hurdles and the Long Jump Championships for the Club, with 17 1-5th secs., and 21ft. 9ins., in the respective events. He was runner-up in the Hop, Step and Jump, as was also C. O'Connor in the High Jump, with the fine spring of 6ft. 1in. In the Co. Dublin Championships the followin the Co. Lublin Championships the follow-ing events were won by members of the Club: 16lbs. Shot, B. J. Daly; runner-up, M. O'Hal-loran. High Jump, W. Shanahan (6ft.); run-ner-up, C. O'Connor. Discus-throwing, P. J. Bermingham; runner-up, M. O'Holloran. Long Jump, T. Glynn (21ft. 11ins.); 120 Yards Hurdles, W. Shanahan (17 1-5th secs.); and G. Magan was runner-up in the 10 Miles canior Magan was runner-up in the 10 Miles senior cross-country.

In the Boxing Ring members of the Club won 21 victories out of 32 contests, including the Heavy-weight and Cruiser Championships of Ireland. In twenty-three contests the Tug-of-War Team won 4 Challenge Cups, one In-ternational Challenge Shield, with 44 gold and 11 Silver Medals. The Cups won by this team were the Mayoralty Cup at Drogheda, Monaghan Cup at Monaghan, O'Duffy Cup at Cavan, and Galway Cup at Galway. The In the Boxing Ring members of the Club

Silver Rope Challenge Shield (International) was won at Balmoral. Of the remaining six Challenge Cups won this year by the Club, G. Magan secured four. They were—The Gover-nor-General's Cup and Legion Cup, both for the 880 Yards Flat Handicap, the Limerick Cup for the 880 Yards Scratch, and the Two-mile House Cup for One Mile Flat Handicap. The Bulger Cup, for the 120 Yards Hurdles, National Championships, was won by W. Shanahan, and last, but not least, the Club team carried off Lord Londonderry's Cup for pride of place in the Inter-Athletic Competipride of place in the Inter-Athletic Competi-tion at Belfast.

The Depôt Garda Athletic Club, during the same period, won eight Championships, two Shields, and twelve Challenge Cups, with 45 first, 47 second, and 14 third prizes for athletics.

On the Cycling track Sergeant Lynn won the Quarter Mile and Seven Mile Championships of Leinster, and the Five Mile Championship of Connacht, being second in the Three Mile Championship of that Province. He was also record in the Ten Mile Cycle Championship at the Garda Sports.

At Giacgow Guard Kelly won the Three Mile (scratch) Cycle invitation event, while Sergeant Lynn was third. At New Brighton Kelly was second in the Five Mile scratch, in-vitation, while Sergeant Lynn was second in the Half-Mile Cycle Handicap, as he was also in a similar event at Manchester. In the Irish Cycle Championships, Guard Kelly was second in the Mile and had also third place in the Quarter Mile Leinster Championship, and Sergeant Lynn was second in the Four Mile and Five Mile Cycle Championships at

Kilkenny and Derry, respectively. In Running, Guard Ashe was first in the Half Mile Flat (invitation) at Glasgow, and was runner-up in the Half Mile Irish Championship. Sergeant Gardiner was the winner of the 220 Yards (invitation) at Glasgow, and second in the 100 Yards at the same sports.

second in the 100 Yards at the same sports. Up to November 1st the Depôt Club's Box-ing Team had won 29 out of 37 contests, and carried off the Middle and Welter-weight Championships of Ireland. The Challenge Cups won by the Club during the 1925 season included the Croker Cup (880 Yards Flat), won by Garda Smith. Sergeant Kelly won the Irish Road Club's Cup for the 25 Mile Cycle Handicap, Thom's Cup for One Mile Cycle, the Drogheda Cup for 3 Mile Cycle Handicap, and the Glasgow Police Shield for 3 Mile Cycle (scratch). The Connaught Chal-lenge Cup for 5 Mile Cycle was won by Sergt. Lvnn, while Garda Collander secured the R.U.C. Cup for the 100 Yards Handicap.

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IRISH RECORDS COMPARED WITH THOSE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES

On this the first Aonach An Garda it is fitting to review briefly how Irish athletes are progressing, and how we compare with International standards.

SPRINTERS.

A feature at the recent A.A.A. Championships (which may be regarded as European Championships) was the display of the Ger-man entrants. Several returned excellent Konig, Breslau, 10 secs; R. Corts (Stuggart), German champion, 9 4-5th secs, The final results were Corts; London (Polytechnic); Konig. Won by half a yard in 10 secs.

Konig. Won by half a yaru in 10 sec. The following are the times for this event various countries:-

Ireland-10 1-5th seconds. Oxford and Cambridge-10 seconds. U.S.A. (Inter-College)—9 9-10th seconds. South Africa—10 1-5th seconds. Drake, U.S.A.—9½ seconds.

In the last professional sprint world's championship, Applegarth won in 9 9-10th seconds; Donaldson, in South Africa, returned the time of 9 3-8 seconds.

In last year's Irish Championship D. J. Cussen won in 10 seconds. This year Lavin and Eustace shared the title in 10 1-5th secs.

and Lustace snared the tille in 10 1-oth secs. The latter is a young sprinter who should develop a 10 seconds standard. In the 220 Yards at the A.A.A. meeting Butler (who ran 4th in the 400 metres at the Olympic Games) won in 21 9-10th seconds from the German, Bucher, Porritt, New Zealand, being third being third.

The following are times taken from various important meetings:—

Irish Championships-23 2-5th seconds (won easily). Irish Inter-University-23 seconds.

U.S.A., Inter-College—20 9-10th seconds. South Africa—22 2-5th seconds. A.A.A.—21 9-10th seconds.

In the Irish Championships Lavin was not extended, and could have done much better time.

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440 YARDS.

At the A.A.A. Championships, Rinkel, of the Achilles Club, won in 49 4-5th seconds by a yard from the German, Dr. Peltzer. The following are other times for the pur-

pose of comparison:-

Irish Championships—52 2-5th seconds. South of England-49 4-5th seconds.

Oxford and Cambridge-50 4-5th seconds. South Africa-49 3-5th seconds. Cambridge V.A.A.A.—50 1-5th seconds. U.S.A., Inter-College-48 2-10 seconds.

Lavin, in handicap race, clocked 50 seconds, on a course which was found to be over the distance. In this event Lavin is well in International ranks, and is capable of getting under the 50 seconds.

IN THE 880 YARDS at the A.A.A. Cham-pionships, Dr. Peltzer defeated Lowe, the Olympic runner, by 3 yards in the wonderful time of 1 minute 51 3-5th seconds, which is a world's record.

The following are times of other important meetings:-

Irish Championships—1 min. 58 2-5th secs. U.S.A.—1 min. 51 7-10th seconds. Scottish University—2 mins. 1 sec. South Africa-1 min. 59 seconds. Cambridge V.A.A.—1 min. 55 4-5th secs. South of England—1 min. 58 4-5th secs.

In this event we have two very good halfmilers in McEeachern and Coughlin, and both are up to the average International standard.

THE MILE

The best International standard for this distance in 1926 was the performance of Baraton (Paris) at the A.A.A. Championships, in which he defeated Bocker, of Leipzig, by a yard in 4 mins. 17 2-5th secs. Other times are:—

Irish Championships-4 mins. 24 1-5th secs. English Midlands-4 mins. 26 secs. Cambridge V.A.A.A.—4 mins. 27 secs. South Africa—4 mins. 31 2-5th secs. South of England—4 mins. 22 5-10th secs. U.S.A. Inter-College—4 mins. 22 5-10th secs. A.A.A.—4 mins. 17 2-5th seconds.

In this event Coard, the present Irish champion, is well up to International standard, and if extended could undoubtedly clip several records from his championship time.

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ATHLETIC STANDARDS.—(Continued).

4 MILES.

The best time done in a first-class meeting this year is that of Webster (Birchfield Harriers), who won by 100 yards from Johnston (Herne Hill) in 19 mins. 49 3-5th secs. Other performances are:—

Irish Championships—20 mins. 21 secs. Northern England—20 mins. 6 3-5th secs. Southern England—20 mins. 32 2-5th secs.

Ryan won easily at the Irish Championship, and if extended should get below or close to the 20 minutes standard.

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120 HURDLES.

The following are the best times recently recorded:-

A.A.A. Championships—15 1-10th secs. Irish Championships—16 4-5th secs. Oxford v. Cambridge—15½ secs. U.S.A., Inter-College—14 8-10 secs. South Africa—15 3-5 secs. Cambridge V.A.A.A.—15 secs.

In this event our standards are much below the International level.

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JAVELIN.

At the A.A.A. Championships the results were:—

Sunde (Norway)—201 feet 3 inches. Szepes (Budapest)—186 feet 8 inches. Sutherland (South Africa)—167 ft. 8 ins.

Our native best falls short of 160 feet, but the holder, Keavy, if he changed his style, and adopted the correct method, should reach 180 feet. At present he depends solely on muscular strength.

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HIGH JUMP.

The following are the results of various Championships:—

Irish—6 feet 2 ins. A.A.A.—6ft. 1in. Scotland (best of year)—6ft. 1½ins. South Africa—5ft. 10½ins. North of England—5ft. 9ins. Cambridge V.A.A.A.—6ft. 1in. U.S.A., Inter-College—6ft 7¼ins.

In this event, excepting some of the abnormal American jumpers, our representatives are reaching an International standard.

CONNOR, the present champion, is a young man of much promise, and, with experience, should be capable of 6ft. 4ins.

LONG JUMP.

In this event Irishmen have fallen short of the consistent 23ft. standard set by O'Connor and Percy Kirwan. The following are distances taken from the most important meetings of this year:—

Irish Championship—22ft. 7\$ins. A.A.A.—23ft. 8ins. U.S.A., Inter-College—23ft. 0\$ins. South Africa—23ft. 7ins. Cambridge V.A.A.A.—23ft. 8ins. North of England—21ft. 2ins. South of England—21ft. 1½ins.

16lbs. HAMMER.

The following are the results of the various important meetings:—

Irish Championship—147ft. 8ins. Pennsylvania—152ft. 3ins. South of England—125ft. 8ins. Midlands—138ft. 10ins. A.A.A.—159ft. 6ins.

In this event Bermingham is a new aspirant, and is reaching over 140ft. He is still inclined to cramp his arms, but once he masters swinging the hammer at full arms' length he should reach well over 160ft. His possibilities in this event are such that we may hope to recover many of our laurels in this essentially Irish event. If our present champion, Britton, had more avoirdupois he would reach firstclass distances, as his style and action are perfect.

SHOT.

In this, which is a characteristically Irish event, we have fallen short of our previous best, the Irish Championship being won by an extremely moderate putt of 42ft. 54ins. For the purpose of comparison other results are given:—

Drake, U.S.A.—48ft. 5½ins. Pennsylvania, U.S.A.—46ft. 9ins. A.A.A.—44ft. 11ins. U.S.A, Inter-College—50ft. 0%ins. Cambridge v. A.A.A.—43ft. 6½ins. South Africa—42ft. 4½ins.

O'Grady, Limerick, should, if he developed activity and style, reach the vicinity of 50ft. He was absent through illness at the last Championship. His best putt was 46ft. 7ins., done in practice. A young Guard, Healy, promises well, having reached 43ft. 6ins. at the Dublin Championships, and when he increases in weight and strength should prove useful.

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DISCUS.

In this event we are well in International class, P. J. Bermingham, of the Garda, winning the title at the A.A.A. Championships

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with 142ft. 4ins., Askildt (Norway) and Hoffmeister (Germany) being second and third with 139ft. 3ins. and 135ft. 6ins., respectively. Bermingham has consistently improved, and has added 10ft. per season to his throwing average. He is capable of over 150 feet, and while in practice at the Olympic Games in Paris reached and passed this figure regularly.

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POLE JUMP.

The following are some of the best results of the year:---

A.A.A. Championship—12 feet. Inter-College, U.S.A.—13ft. 3ins.

Hoff, the Olympic champion, averages about 13ft 8ins. In this event we fall far below the best International standards.

The results given above provide Irish athletes with standards to work to, and should prevent them being satisfied with moderate results. In field events, especially, Irishmen have taught the world the secrets of these events, and the pupils have now become masters. Can it be hoped that with the new interest taken in athletics at present in Ireland that we shall win back some of our laurels at the next Olympic Games? To do so will need unremitting study of new styles, hard and consistent training. Our Irish athletes should rise to the occasion, and follow the example of another small country, Finland, who brought much honour and glory to their flag by their athletic successes at the last two Olympic Games.



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BERMINGHAM, P. J.

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I.A.A.A. discus champ. 1919 and 1920; N.A.C.A. discus, 56 over bar and 56 for distance champ., 1923; Irish and English discus champ., 1924; Irish and English discus champ., 1925, and Irish champ. 56 for height and 56 for distance, 1925; also represented Ireland at Olympic and Tailteann Games, 1924, winning at latter the 56 between legs, and doing over 143ft. with discus for 2nd place to T. J. Lieb, U.S.A., in the discus event. Defeated by 1in. at International, Berlin, 1925.



P. J. BERMINGHAM.

BYRNE, JOHN (Ex-D.M.P.) Retired.

I.A.A.A. hammer champ,, 1921 and 1922; won hammer throw for Ireland at Triangular International (Belfast) in 1921. Represented Ireland in hammer in 1925.

DALY, B. J. (Ex-D.M.P.) Retired.

Co. Dublin (N.A.C.A.) champ. at shot putt in 1924 and 1925; also famous handballer; with Sergt. T. J. O'Reilly as partner, won International Handball match, Ireland v. America, in 1924.

DEASY, MICHAEL (Sergeant).

G.A.A. champ. at throwing 56 over bar in 1922; also winner of many prizes.

GLYNN, THOMAS.

Leinster G.A.A. long jump champ., 1920; also Leinster inter-county champ. at long and hop, step and jumps, 1920; Leinster long jump and hop, step and jump champ., 1922; Co. Dublin long jump champ., 1924 and 1925. Represented Ireland at Triangular International, 1923, and at Tailteann Games, 1924, and has won numerous prizes at running and jumping. Also Rath Internment Camp, all-round champ., 1921, and all-army long jump champ., 1923.



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MAGAN, GEORGE.

G.A.A. half mile champ., 1918; do. half and 1 mile champ., 1919; do., 1921; 800 metres, 1,500 metres and 1 mile steeplechase champ., 1922. Was member of Irish cross-country International team at Newcastleou-Tyne in 1924. Also famous footballer, and onetime member of Kildare All-Ireland Champion football team.



G. MAGAN.

O'CONNOR, CON. (Guard).

Munster high jump champ., 1925; winner of Clonliffe Haeriers' invitation scratch high jump in 1925 a: Croke Park. Fine, all-round athlete.



C. O'CONNOR.

O'HALLORAN, MICHAEL (Staff-Sergeant).

I.A.A.A. shot putt champ., 1922; N.A.C.A. javelin champ., 1923; represented Ireland in International contest, and winner of numerous prizes for all-round athletic events.

STANLEY, LAURENCE (Guard).

Irish and English high jump champ., 1924; Irish high jump champ., 1925; represented Ireland at Olympic and Tailteann Games. Jumped 6ft. 3 1-8 ins. at Tailteann Games. Is also a noted long jumper, and splendid, all-round athlete. Is scarcely unequalled as a scientific exponent of Gaelic football, for which he holds All-Ireland champ. medals.

HEALY, T. (Guard).

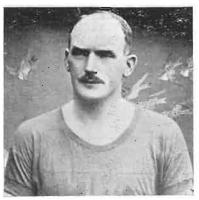
A most promising shot putter. Winner of 3 first prizes at all-round weight throwing at D.M.G. Sports, 1925.

WHELAN, J. (Guard).

Member of D.M.G. novice athletic team.

RYAN, P. F. (Inspector).

I.A.A.A. hammer cham., 1920; Leinster shot and 28 lbs, putting champ., 1922. A fine, all-round weight thrower.



P. F. RYAN.

SHANAHAN, W. F. (Guard).

G.A.A. high jump champ., 1918; tied with D. Buckley for G.A.A. high jump champ., 1919; G.A.A. high, iong and hop, step champ., $1^{12}0$; all round athletics champ., 1920; tied with J. M. Sheehan for G.A.A. high jump title in 1921; won champ. of Ireland as follows in 1922, viz.: running and standing long jumps, and three standing jumps champ.; 1924 won Co. Dublin high jump and hurdles champ.; also Munster high and hop-step and jump champ.; 1925 won Co. Dublin hurdles and high jump champ., and Munster hurdles and long jump champ. Represented Ireland at Olympic and Tailteann Games, and also at triangular international contests. A versatile athlete.



W. SHANAHAN.

GORE, WILLIAM (Sergeant).

Good, all-round weight thrower, especially with the 56lbs, between legs, at which event he has done over 25ft.

MOYNIHAN, P. (Guard).

Member of D.M.G. novice athletic team. a high and long jumper; also a good hop, step and jump man.

TEAHAN, J. (Guard).

A useful, all-round weight man; has beaten 24ft. with 56 without follow. A useful junior handballer.



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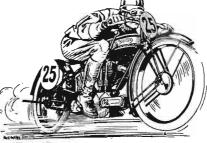
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- 1.0 * TEELING, J. (Guard). Member of Garda Football Team, and useful hand
 - baller.

LYNAM, J. (Guard). Member of Garda Football Team, and useful handballer. * *

KIERNAN, R. (Guard). Member of Garda Football Team, and useful handballer; also member of D.M.G. novice team.

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* * * * GERAGHTY, M. and DONNELLY, MICHAEL (Gds.). Members of D.M.G. novice athletic team and crosscountry team, 1925. Also prominent handballers. Played with D.M.P. football team in 1925.

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O'DRISCOLL, J. (Guard).

Irish amateur heavy-weight boxing champ., 1924-25-26; runner-up, English champ., 1926; winner of many contests. Also a member of D.M.G. novice athletic team, 1925.



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At the A.A.A. Championships, at Stamford Bridge, on the 3rd inst., Bermingham secured the title with a throw of 1421/ift.

HAYDEN (Sergeant). Member of D.M.G. cross-country team, 1924-25. Specialises in the 880 yards race.

FLANAGAN, M. (Guard). Irish amateur cruiser-weight champ., 1925-26.

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McNAMARA, J. (Guard). Member of D.M.G. cross-country team, 1925-26, and of novice athletic team, 1925-6; a most promising middle distance man.

FINN, M. (Guard). Member of Garda hurling team. Plays for Dublin in inter-county hurling matches.

* * * DILLON, J. (Guard).

Runner-up Co. Dublin intermediate soft ball champ., 1925. Plays with Tramway Gaels F.C.

FLANAGAN, LEO (Guard). Member of D.M.G. novice athletic team, 1925; also tug-of-war man, and a useful weight thrower.



NOTED HIGH JUMPERS.

Gardai Shanahan, Watters and Connor. Shanahan is a well-known all-round athlete; Connor has cleared 6ft. 2in. in his first season, and Watters is a useful pole-jumper.

O'CONNOR, PETER (Guard).

Member of D.M.G. novice athletic team, 1925; is also a fine handballer, and plays in the junior county handball championships,

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CAHILL, J. (Guard).

Member of D.M.G. novice athletic team. A coming shot man. D.M.G. junior soft ball champion, 1925.

CLIFFORD, M. (Guard).

A member of D.M.G. novice athletic team. A useful high jumper.

McSWEENEY. J. (Guard).

Another fine weight thrower, and most promising with hammer and discus.

POWER, THOMAS (Guard).

N.A.C.A. standing high jump champ., 1924. Represented Ireland at Tailteann Games. Good, allround athlete.



T. POWER.

POWDERLY, P. J. (Guard).

Winner of many prizes at shot putting; plays for Geraldines' Club in football and handball matches; also a boxer.

WEDICK, F. K. (Guard).

A useful sprinter and long jumper; also plays football.

JOYCE, M. (Guard).

Irish (G.A.A.) handball champ., 1925. Represents Dublin in inter-county handball matches. Holder of Purcell Cup.

GLYNN, M. (Guard). Partner with Joyce for County double-handed handball champ.; also a useful sprinter.

RYAN, C. (Guard).

D.M.G. handball champion, 1926 (senior, soft).

KENNELLY, P. (Guard). D.M.G. intermediate soft ball champ., 1926; has won many prizes with the 56. O'REILLY, T. J. (Sergeant).

Ex-Irish handball champion, and is still a force to be reckoned with. Represents Dublin in handball intercounty matches; also won double-handed international handball match, Ireland v. U.S.A., in 1924.



T. J. O'REILLY.

WALSH, D. (Guard).

Useful handballer; won D.M.P. champ., junior, 1925.

DEANE, MICHAEL (Guard).

Winner of D.M.G. junior handball chump., 1926; plays for D.M.G. in inter-club county championship matches.

O'NEILL, MICHAEL (Guard),

Promising heavy-weight boxer, and a good handballer; plays for D.M.G. in handball tests.

O'NEILL, D. (Guard).

A useful handballer and boxer. Plays for Dublin D.M.G. handball club in inter-club county clump, matches.

SINNOTT, PATRICK

A noted long jumper and sprinter, and winner of many prizes,

SHARKEY, A. (Guard). A sweful runner and jumper.

- O'CONNELL, C. (Guard). Member of D.M.G. novice athletic team; good performer at shot, discus and 56.
- FINN, A. (Guard). A promising sprinter and hurdler; winner of D.M.G. hard ball (intermediate) champ., 1926.

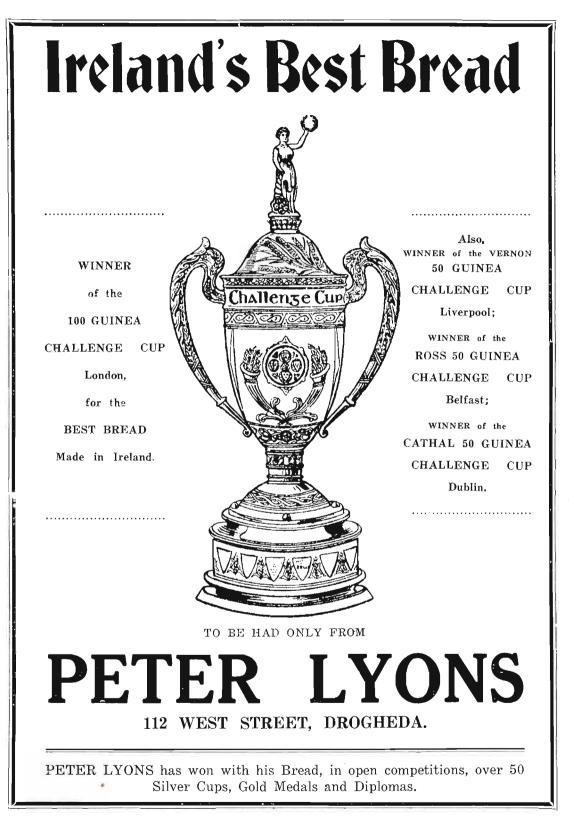
NOLAN, A. (Guard).

 Λ most promising young sprinter; formerly played with D.M.P. football team, and is also a fine handballer.



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Walter Scott Medal for Valour

DECORATION OF SERGEANT P. O'REILLY, RAHENY.

The Scott Medal for 1925 will be presented on Thursday Afternoon, 15th instant, to Sergeant Peter O'Reilly (photo herewith), Raheny; a Silver Medal to Guard John Whelan, 106A, Metropolitan Division; and a Bronze Medal to D.-O. J. Hanafin (Special Branch).

THE donor of this Medal, Colonel Walter Scott, Honorary Commissioner of the New York Police Force, was present in the Depôt in 1924, and personally decorated the first Garda to earn this award—Garda Mulroy. Colonel Scott very generously presented a



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Thousand Dollar Gold Bond to the Garda Siochana, and the interest on this sum is to provide, in perpetuity, the annual award of a Police Medal for Valour.

THE MEDAL.

The Medal is of solid gold, and su pended from solid gold bar by silk tricolour ribbon. The design on front of medal is the Garda Siochana Badge. There are four panels: top panel bearing the inscription "Scott Medal"; the lower panel "For Valour." On left and right are the American Eagle and the Irish Harp and Sunburst. On the back of the medal are represented the Arms of the Four Provinces, with the inscription, "Garda Siochana na h-Eireann."

1924 RECIPIENT.

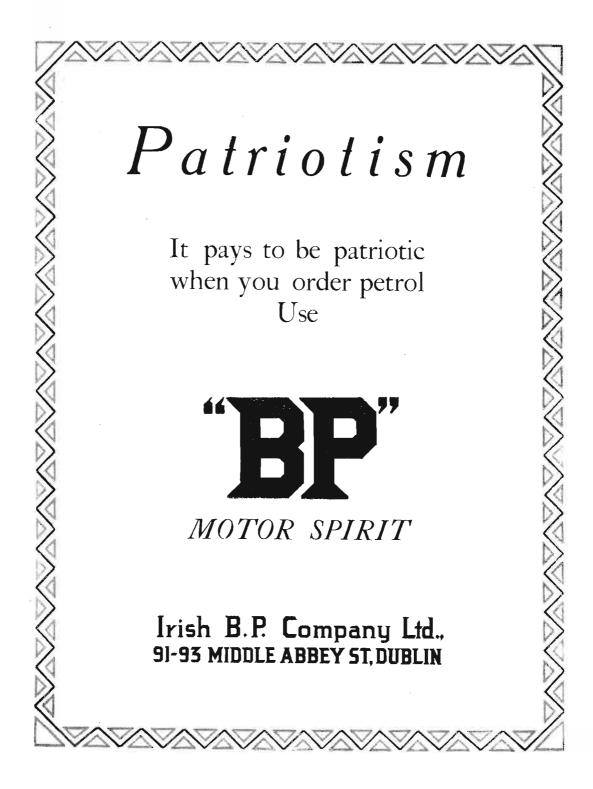
In December last the Minister for Justice decorated Garda Rooney with the Scott Medal for 1924. Garda (now Sergeant) Rooney, whilst unarmed, tackled, disarmed, and arrested an armed burglar in the village of Castlefin, Tirconnail. The armed man called upon Sergeant Rooney to put his "hands up," but the brave Police Officer showed that he was made of sterner stuff than to be easily terrorised. He closed with his attacker, risking his life and limb, and successfully overpowered and disarmed him.

SERGEANT PETER O'REILLY.

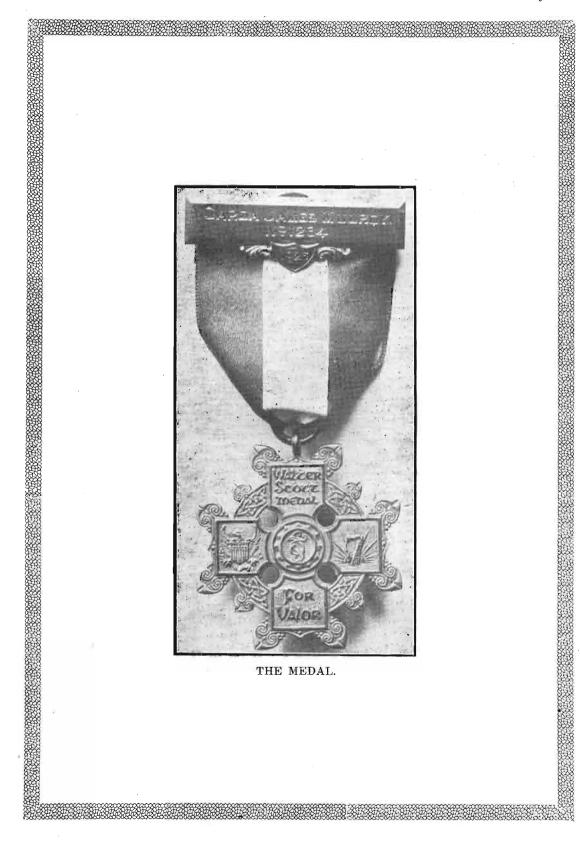
The winner of the 1925 Scott Medal was chosen, after long and serious consideration, from a series of men whose feats of valour



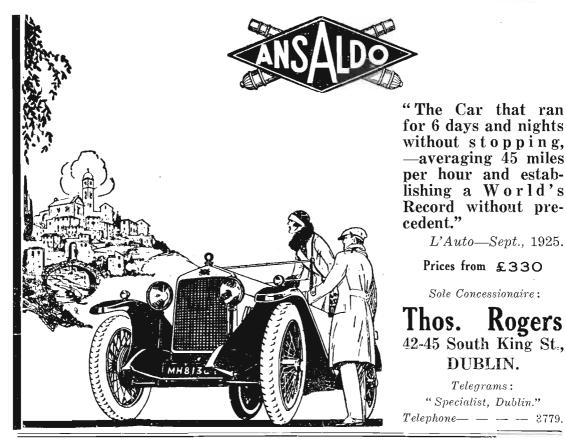
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WALTER SCOTT MEDAL FOR VALOUR.

differed only by fractions of points. The action which secured this coveted decoration for Sergeant O'Reilly is as follows:---

At midnight in October last, whilst outside the Arus at Raheny, he noticed a man cycling very fast towards Dublin. Some time later he was informed that Raheny Station had been held up by an armed man. Immediately he cast suspicion on the furious cyclist, and, donning civilian overcoat and hat, started on his bicycle in pursuit. Near Marvville he overtook a cyclist on the footpath, and identifying him with the man he had seen in Raheny village, he got off his bicycle and jumped on him, catching the raider by both hands to pre-vent him drawing his revolver. The Sergeant explained who he was, and his prisoner in return yave him his knee in the stomach. scuffle ensued, and both rolled over the road, the gunman endeavouring to pull his weapon, and the Sergeant fighting might and main to control his prisoner. The latter succeeded in overpowering the Sergeant, but not for long. The struggle, which lasted half-an-hour, became desperate in intensity, the gunman tru-ing several ju-jitsu tricks on O'Reilly. He also tried, with fingers stuck in the Sergeant's lips, to tear the latter's mouth, and also with thumb in eyeball tried to gouge out his eye. The endurance of the Sergeant was extra-ordinary, and eventually, by battering the gun man's head off the kerbstone, O'Reilly weakened his antagonist, and securing the latter's Colt revolver, he marched his prisoner back to Raheny Station, the latter the while pleading for mercy, who, when the boot was on the other foot, did not show mercy to his victims.

It was later learned that the culprit, Christopher Farnam, had been in jail for a few years for robbing £285. He was sentenced to eighteen calendar months' imprisonment on each of the three charges—(1) armed robbery; (2) assault on Sergeant O'Reilly; and (3) possession of loaded firearms.

The bravery shown by Sergeant O'Reilly in his struggle with this gunman, who was also an amateur boxer, is being commemorated by the highest decoration which can be awarded a Garda Officer.

(Continued).

THE SILVER MEDAL.

Garda John Whelan, 106A, receives the second award in recognition of his services at the licensed premises of Mr. Patrick Guinan, "Tyrconnell House," Inchicore, Dublin, on the 14th April, 1925. Having been warned that there were armed robbers within the house, and also hearing a shot, the Garda, with commendable courage, burst in the hall-door, and was confronted by a man with a revolver in hand, who shouted, "Hands up!" and fired point-blank simultaneously at the Garda.

Quite undeterred Garda Whelan rushed on the retreating gunman, and after a struggle in the bar, overpowered him. A second gunman then sprang upon the Garda and belaboured him on head and face with the buttend of a revolver, inflicting six wounds on back and front of head and over his left eye, which rendered the latter partly unconscious, both the marauders then taking the opportunity of making their exit. The Garda staggered out in time to se them go in the direction of Blackhouse Bridge, and then reported the occurrence at Kilmainham Barracks. The Station party turned out, accompanied by Whelan, notwithstanding his wounds. The gunmen were arrested after the chase, and the other was arrested in February of the present year. One was sentenced to 4 years' imprisonment, and the other—the man who had first fired on the Garda—to 5 years' penal servitude.

THE BRONZE MEDAL.

Detective-Officer Hanafin (Special Branch) will be decorated with the Bonze Medal for the courageous part he played in arresting an armed man at Belderrig, Co. Mayo.

After pursuing the armed miscreant for a quarter of a mile, and when Hanafin had reduced the distance between the former and himself to five yards, Hegarty—the gunman—drew a revolver and levelled it on the Garda. The latter, however, closed in on his man, and disarmed him. The revolver when examined contained four spent bullets. When charged the prisoner could not resist paying compliment to the bravery of Garda Hanafin (now a Detective-Officer).



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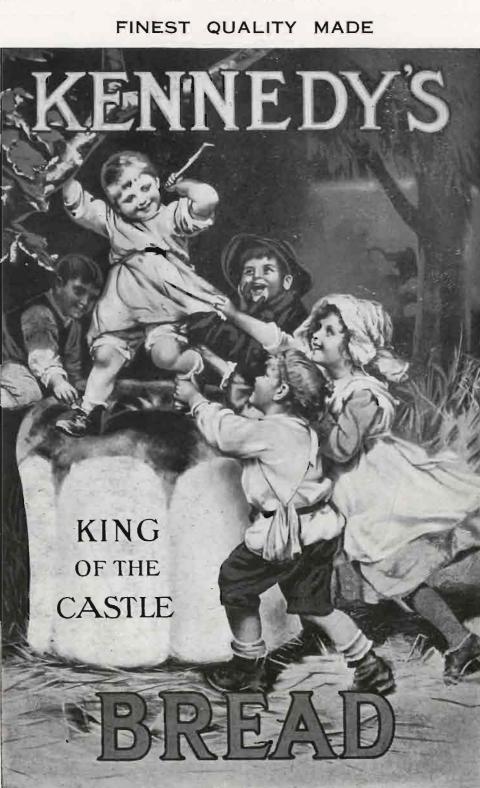
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Swimming

SWIMMING CLUB has now been established in An Garda to promote the healthiest and most beneficial of exercises. Because of its lifesaving claims it should be regarded as part of every policeman's education, and indeed, every individual ought learn and practice swimming, as there can be no sadder sight than to see a group of men standing on the banks of a river whilst a person drowns, and the assembled congregation lamenting their inability to swim.

This great, though neglected, sport has few exponents in Ireland, there being but few clubs outside our cities. Now that a club has been formed, however, in An Garda, swimming will no doubt rise to the prominent position it ought by virtue of its importance occupy in athletic training. This club is at present in its infancy, and does not include more than two score of members, and the active members have only one hour per week for training in the Iveagh Baths. Facilities for training are so limited, and the various clubs and schools have time-tables so arranged that the Gardai are restricted very much. During the present season, however, these restrictions will be greatly relaxed, and the coming "close season" will find arrangements and facilities greatly improved.

The competitions are listed for Blackrock Baths on Thursday, 15th inst., and there are at least five open events, among which will be the water polo match, a game so intensely exciting and interesting for spectators as well as participants. A life-saving exhibition will also be given, and in this connection it may be remarked that the Irish Life-Saving Shield has been almost monopolised by Belfast since its inception. The "much-needed stimulus" or fillip should be provided by the demonstration which is to take place at Blackrock on Thursday evening, and will, let us hope, infuse new energy into lethargic clubs.

BLACKROCK BATHS, THURSDAY, 15th JULY.

50 Yards School Boys' Race.

- 100 Yards Novices' Race (confined to State Service, i.e., Garda, Civil Service and Army).
- 100 Yards Ladies' Race. (Open).
- 100 Yards Championship of An Garda.

100 Yards Men's Race. (Open).

50 Yards Breast Stroke. (State Services).

220 Yards Championship of An Garda. Clothes Race. (Four Garments). (Open). Life-Saving Exhibition. Water Polo Match.

The proceedings commence at 5 p.m., and the Garda Siochana Band will be in attendance.



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Handball.

GARDA TOM SOYE (Depôt), who is only 23 years of age, has the following long record to his credit:—



JAMES DOHERTY (Garda).

TOM SOYE (Garda).

1919-Winner of the Dublin Schools Championship.

- 1921 Winner of Dublin Schools Championship, singles and doubles.
- 1921-Runner-up in Novice Championship of Dublin to J. Dowdall, for "Weldon Cup."
- 1922 Winner of Junior Championship of Dublin (2nd division) and "Sport" Cup.
- 1923 Runner-up in Junior Championship of Dublin (1st division) to P. L. Purcell, who won the All-Ireland.
- 1923 Winner of double-handed Championship of Leinster.
- 1924 Winner of Junior Championship of Dublin (1st division).
- 1924 –Representing Dublin, won the Junior Championship of Ireland.
- 1925—Winner of double-handed Soft and Hard Ball Championship of Iveland.
- 1925 Defeated J. J. Kelly (Champion of Ireland) in Dublin Senior Championship at Inchicore. Replay ordered, as the Inchicore Ball-Court was not a standard court, being 15ft. short. Played on following Sunday in the "Boot" Ball-Court, being beaten 4 games to 2.
- 1926—Defeated J. Dowdall (Leinster Champion, 1925) in soft ball championship.
- 1926-Defeated R. Mulligan (Clondalkin) in Senior Hard Ball Championship, Dr. Harty Cup.
- 1926-Winner of double-handed Challenge Match, with Jim Doherty, for Gold Medal, against L. Slicker and P. McGill.
- 1926--Defeated T. J. O'Reilly and C. Ryan in the Dublin Championship, with Guard J. Doherty as partner.
- Guard Soye has participated in various tournaments in Cork, Carlow, Athy, Dundalk, etc., with notable success.

GARDA J. DOHERTY (Cashel) has in recent years figured prominently in hurling and handball. Entering the Force in June, 1923, it was a year later he first made acquaintance with handball and participated in the International Championship of 1924, disposing of prominent men such as P. McGinn and J. McGuire, and reaching the semi-final, there to meet defeat. Graded senior in 1924, he was beaten by the champion, M. Joyce. During 1924 and 1925 he reached the finals of the Depôt Championships, which were, unfortun-ately, left unfinished. In a Gold Medal Challenge Match, Doherty partnered T. Soye, and defeated L. Slicker and P. McGill. The same partnership defeated T. J. O'Reilly and C. Ryan (D.M.G.). in the second round of the Co. Dublin double-handed soft ball championship. :k *

GARDA THOMAS FORDE (Mayo) has been very successful in the inter-district tournament, and is a handball player of promise.

New Perpetual Challenge Cup.

The Coiste Siamsa Committee desire to express most sincere thanks to Mr. Maxwell Arnott, Clonsilla, Co. Dublin, for his kindness in donating a Perpetual Challenge Cup value £30 to be competed for in Football between the Army and An Garda.

The Cup is of the Chalice pattern, with arms on either side extending to the base, and artistically ornamented in Celtic design. It will be on view during Garda Week midst the numerous other prizes presented for competition.

Mr. Arnott's generosity in making presentation of this magnificent Cup is but another practical example of his very practical sportsmanship, and it is this trait, combined with other sterling qualities, which has earned for him a place high in the estimation of racing and polo circles.

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Cycling.

CYCLING.-(Continued).

SERGEANT MICHAEL LYNN needs no introduction in sporting circles either in Ireland or Britain, and it is regretted that the space available does not allow reproduction of all the events in which he participated with honour. We can only record his most important successes, and state that during the past five years, in handicap and scratch races combined, he has secured over 100 first prizes and on more than fifty occasions he has been placed second.



SERGEANT MICHAEL LYNN.

So crowded and crowned has his career been that did we not have access to his prizes, the exact number of his successes could not be given, as unassuming Michael Lynn has long ceased to count his honours.

1920—Ist in Mile and Three Mile Connacht C'ship.
1921—Ist in Seven Mile C'ship of Ireland, and Lat in Mile and Four Mile Connacht C'ship.
1922—Ist in Half-Mile and Four Mile Connacht C'ships, and 2nd in Seven Mile Championship of Ireland.

1923-2nd in five National Championships.

1924—1st in Quarter, Two and Five Mile National Championship of Connacht, and 2nd in the Three, Four and Eight Mile National C'ships. 1925—1st in the Quarter and Seven Mile Leinster Championships; 1st in the Three Mile Championship of Connacht, and 2nd in the Four and Five Mile National Championships.

Sergeant Lynn also won the Five Mile Scratch in 1923 and 1925 for Connacht Cycling Challenge Cups.

GARDA "TOM" KELLY has a long series of firsts in cycling events—championships and otherwise—to his credit, but owing to lack of space we are precluded from giving more than the places he secured in the principal contests in which he participated in 1925.

Three Miles Invitation (scratch) at Glasgow Police Sports (first); 5 Miles (scratch) at New Brighton (2nd); 1 Mile Championship of Ireland (2nd); Half-Mile Handicap, National C'ships (1st); do.. Grocers' Sports (do); 2 Miles Handicap do. (do.); 3 Miles Handicap at Drogheda (do.); 5 Miles Handicap do. (1st); Half-Mile (scratch) at Castlebar (1st); One Mile Handicap, do. (1st); One Mile Handicap, Garda Sports (1st); Three Miles Handicap, Croke Park (1st); 3 Miles Handicap at Ballinasloe (1st); Half Mile scratch, do. (1st); One Mile Connacht Championship (2nd); 5 Miles Handicap at Ballinasloe (do.); 5 Miles Handicap at Wexford (1st); 25 Miles Handicap at Dublin (1st).



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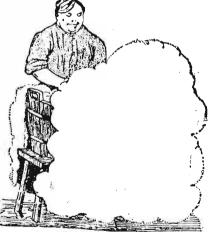
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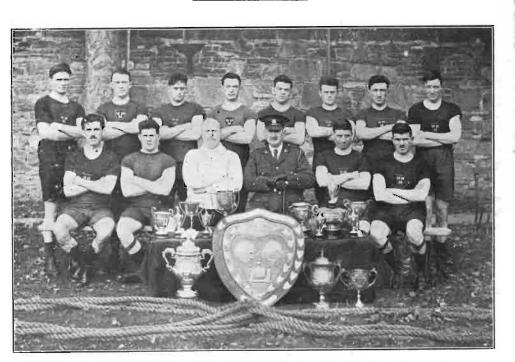
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Front Row (left to right)-Sergt. Sheehan, Garda Healy, Inspector D. Hurley (Captain and Trainer), Superintendent J. Winters, Gardai Hall and Ridge.

Tailteann Games Winners, undefeated Heavy-weight Champions of Ireland, and Winners of the World's Championship at Wembley Stadium, London, 1924.

The history of Tug-of-War in Ireland is mainly identified with the famous old Dublin Metropolitan Police team, of which the present champions may proudly claim to be the descendants.

The old D.M.P. team won their first laurels at this strenuous game as far back as the early seventies of the last century, when they met and defeated a champion team of the British Army at the Ballsbridge Show Grounds. This was the first time the Dublin public were treated to tug-of-war, and one at least of the victors of that memorable contest can vouch for the accuracy of this statement.

Ever since that period the old Force was closely associated with the game, but not until 1892 and 1893 did they gain universal notoriety, when in the latter year they wrested the world's championship from the famous Scots Greys at the Ballsbridge enclosure, and later in the same year once more proved their superiority, this time over the Glasgow Police champions. They held an unbeaten record in Great Britain and Ireland from 1892 to 1896, and in a challenge contest in this year they suffered defeat at the hands of the Belfast R.I.C., but the decision was decisively reversed when the teams next met.

After this period few important events took place, and tug-of-war in police circles practically resolved itself into inter-divisional contests; but in 1906 the gates were again thrown open for Irish championship honours, and the D.M.P. again came into the limelight, and secured first place from six prominent teams at Ballsbridge on the August Bank Holiday of that year. At the same venue in August, 1908, they defeated a crack team of Liverpool Police, who aspired to the champlonship of the world at London a fortnight previously.

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new team won the Irish Championship at Croke Park. While this victory was still fresh in the public mind, the team once again attained world prominence by their magnificent victory at Wembley Stadium on the 3rd May, 1924. At this venue the Irish combination won a Silver Challenge Cup value 100 guineas from thirteen teams, representing the cream of Great Britain and Ireland.

This was the beginning of a new era in tug-of-war circles, and the representatives of the Metropolitan Division never suffered defeat during the year, though entering into competitions against forty-three teams, and disposing of such doughty and formidable opponents as the Liverpool Police at Shelbourne Park on the 31st May, the Civic Guard (Kilkenny) on 1st June, St. James's Gate, Ratheniska, the Moat of Ardscull, and Cork Asylum at the Tailteann Games in August; Londonderry Police, Newtownards Police, and Enniskillen Police at Fermanagh Agricultural Show in September. The trophies for the year amounted to eleven silver cups and fortyfour gold medals.

They renewed their activities in 1925 by defeating the Kilkenny Garda at Lansdowne Road on 18th July, and on the 8th August at Belfast they won International honours by defeating eight teams representing England, Ireland and Scotland. At the Garda Sports, held at Drogheda, they secured victory from four prominent teams, and won the Mayoral Cup. At the Agricultural Show in Monaghan in September they defeated the R.U.C., Enniskillen, and a few days later at Cavan they inscribed their names on a silver challenge cup. At the Garda Sports at Limerick and Galway during the same month they added fresh laurels to their victories, and brought a successful year to a close, winning four challenge cups, a shield, and sixty gold medals.

The team is undergoing an intensive course of training, and expects to be well up to its former standard during Garda Week.

The most recent victory of the Tug-of-War team was at the International Tournament held at Glasgow, the Garda emerging victors in a series of exciting contests, too well known in the public mind to here need repetition.



INSPECTOR D. HURLEY.

Inspector Hurley is one of the old D.M.P. heavy-weight tug-of-war champions of the world. He commenced his career as a recruit at Kevin Street Depôt in 1899, when he was selected by the Inspector-in-Charge to become a member of a team which in that year won the heavy-weight championship of Dublin Câty and County. In 1906 he was a member of the team that won the heavy-weight championship of Ireland, and in 1908 he had the unique distinction of being a member of the team that won the world's championship by defeating the Liverpool Police at Ballsbridge. He was the Inter-Divisional Champion of the old D.M.P. in the years 1906, 1907, and 1908, as well as being runner-up on four occasions. He is Captain and Trainer of the Metropolitan Division Team, which holds an unbeaten record for the past three years, Fifty-six

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

Wednesday, 14th:---

MORNING.

 A.—Handball: Castle and Depôt Alleys, Garda Championships.
 B.—Junior Boxing, Depôt and Kevin Street, 12 noon.

AFTERNOON.

- A.—State Service Championships, 4 p.m. International Tug-of-War, 7 p.m. Divisional Tug-of-War, 4 p.m., Lansdowne Road.
- B.—Billiards, Depôt and D.M.D. Stations, open to Army, Civil Service and Garda.
- C.-Cinderella Dance, Recreation Hall.

Friday, 16th:—

MORNING.

Handball: Garda v. Army. International Boxing, Recreation Hall: French Police v. Garda. Finals, Junior Boxing, 7 p.m. Aquatic Sports, Blackrock Baths.

Thursday, 15th:—

MORNING.

A.—Handball: Garda Championship. Junior Boxing, Finals.

AFTERNOON.

B.--1. Presentation Scott Medal-Flag.

- 2. Garden Party.
- 3. Massed Bands Display.
- 4. Gymnastics. First Aid and Fire Drill.
- 5. Billiards.
- 6. N.C.O.'s Cinderella.

Saturday, 17th:---

A.--Fourth Annual Sports, 1 p.m., Croke Park.

B ---- Cinderella, Commissioned Ranks.

TENNIS-(DEPOT), 10 a.m., WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY. GOLF-(HERMITAGE) at 10.30, a.m., FRIDAY

Sunday, 18th:-

Handball: Garda v. G.A.A. 3 p.m.—Football: Garda v. Army, Croke Park. Hurling: Garda v. Army, Croke Park. Aeridheact: 6 p.m., Depôt Square. Ceilidh: 10.30 p.m., Recreation Hall.

More minute particulars of the various events, viz., Boxing, Swimming, Athletics, etc., are to be found in the Special Programmes on sale at the venues selected for the different competitions.

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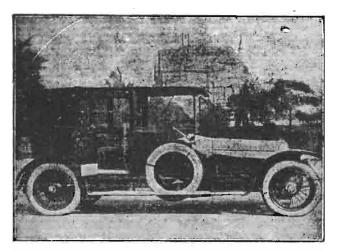
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1.	March	••••	The Contemptibles	•••	Stanley
2.	Overture	••••	Banditen Streiche		$Supp \acute{e}$
3.	Valse		Irish Whispers	•••	Ancliffe
4.	Selection		Patience	•••	Su!livan
5.	(a) Song	•••	Thora	•••	A dams
	(b) One-Step	•••	Paddy's Outing	•••	Holiday
6.	American Fanta	isia	The Darkies' Dreamland	•••	Bidgood
7.	March-Medley		Martial Moments		Winter
8.	Selection	•••	Standard Melodies of Hibernia		Hume
9.	Patrol		U.S.A.		Coxmore
10.	Characteristic March	••••	The Husking Bee	••••	Thurban
	Finale		The Soldier's Song	•••	Johnstone
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1.	Irish National March	•••	Brase			
2. Overture	" Rienzi "	•••	Wagner			
3.	Salome's Dance of the Seven Veils, From the Opera "Salome"	•••	Strauss			
4	Irish Fantasia No. IV.	•••	Brase			
	SYNOPSIS: The Palatine's Daughter; Oh! Where's the Slave; Avenging and Bright; The Lark in the Clear Air; The Heroes of the Sea (street ballad); O'Brien's Clan March; The Last Glimpse of Erin (Coolin); Dirge; Sweet Babe (ancient lullaby); The Fancy Fair and McDonnell's Hornpipe; Una Bawn; Kitty of Coleraine; The Stack of Barley; The Alarn; O'Doherty's March; The Curse of Cromwell on Them; A Nation Once Again.					
5. Overture	" 1812 "	• • •	Tschaikowsky			
6.	Chanson Indoue from the Opera, "Sadko"	Rin	nsky-Korsakov			
7.	Hungarian Rhapsodie No. 2.	•••	Liszt			
8	Siegfried's Rhine Journey, from the Music Drama "Siegfried."	•••	Wagner			
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1.	March	·]	March of the Peers from 'Iolanth	.e'	Sullivan
2.	Overture	••••	Giralda	•••	A dams
3.	Valse	•••	Lente and Pizzato from Balle 'Sylvia'	t	Delibes
4.	Excerpts from		Cavalleria Rusticana	•••	Mascagni
5.	(a) Largo	•••	New World Symphony	•••	Dvorak
	(b) Slarmie Da	nce	No. 3.	••••	Dvorak
6.	Suite de Ballet	•••	Les Deux Pigeons		Messager
7.	Selection	•••	On Traditional Irish Airs Selected and Arranged		D. J. Delaney
8.	Melodies from Finale	••••	Sullivan's Operas Soldier's Song	••••	Arr. Godfrey Kearney

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1.	March		Stars and Stripes		Sousa
2.	Overture		Duc Dé Ollonne	•••	Auber
3.	Valse		Hydropaten	•••	Schubert
4.	Selection		Lilac Time		Gung'l
5.	(a) Song		Kathleen Mavourneen		Hume
	(b) Foxtrot	•••	The Toy Drum-Major	• •	Nicholls
6.	Serriata	•••	Love in Idleness	••••	Macbeth
7.	Morceau		Salut d'Amour		Elgar
8.	Selection		A Life on the Ocean Wave		Binding
9.	Flower Gavotte		Hearts and Flowers	•••	Tobani
10.	Patrol		The Free State		Moir
	Finale	•••	The Soldier's Song	•••	Johnstone

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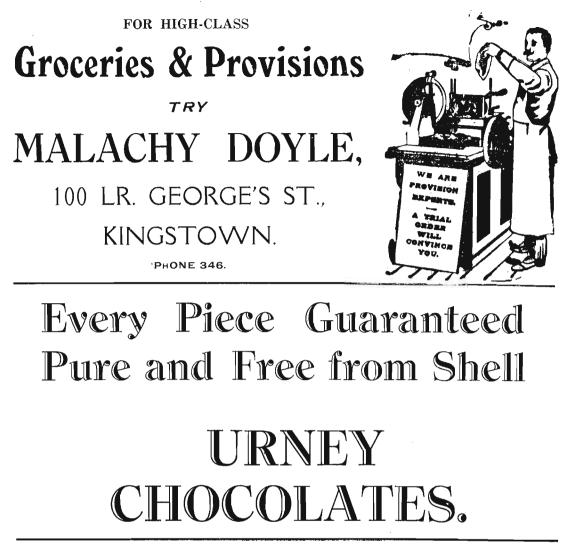
7 p.m. FRIDAY, 16th JULY.

1.	March		The Winning Fight		Holzmann
2.	Overture		Festival		Leutner
3.	Valse	••••	Amoretten Tanzé	•••	Gung'l
4.	Selection	••••	Mignon		Thomas
5.	Serenade	••••	La Paloma		Yradier
6.	Foxtrot	•••	Every Sunday Afternoon		Ward
7.	Selection		Iolanthe	•••	Sullivan
8.	One-Step		Picador		Nicholls
	Finale		Soldier's Song	•••	Kearney

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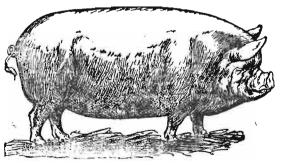
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GARDA SPORTS, 17th JULY (1 to 3 p.m., CROKE PARK).

1.	March		The Gladiators' Farewell	• • •	Blankenburg
2.	Overture		Hunyady Laszlo	•••	Erkel
3.	Valse		Kate Kearney		Coote
4.	Selection		Hibernian Bouquet	•••	Basquit
5.	(a) Song	•••	The Rosary		Nevin
	(b) Foxtrot	F	Brown Eyes, Why Are You Blue	?	Bryan
6.	Characteristic				
	Piece		The Parade of the Tin Soldiers		Jessel
7.	Spanish Serer	nade	Lola		Friedmann
8.	Selection		Pirates of Penzance		Sullivan
9.	Sketch		Irish for Ever	•••	Myddleton

GARDA DEPOT BAND.

SATURDAY, 17th JULY (3 p.m. to 6 p.m., CROKE PARK).

1.	March	•••	Bond of Friendship	•••	Rogan
2.	Overture	•••	Vanity Fair	•••	Fletcher
3.	Valse		Rose Marie		Friml
4.	Selection	•••	Irish Melodies		Moore
5.	Intermezzo	•••	Wedding of the Rose	•••	Jessel
6.	Selection	•••	Pinafore		Sullivan
7.	Dances (a) Foxtrot		Is Zat So?		King
	(b) Valse		A Dream of You		Morris
8.	Selection		Looking Backward	•••	Finck
9.	Serenade		O Sole Mio	•••	Capua
0.	Suite		Yankianna	•••	Thurban
	Finale		Soldier's Song		Kearney

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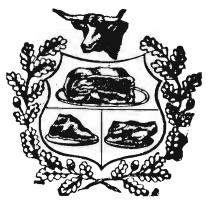
HURLING

S INCE the inception of the Garda Senior Hurling Team some three years back a Garda combination has won out the Dublin Senior Hurling Championship. During the 1924 season the team won the Saturday League, all hurling clubs in the city being eligible to compete.



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IN HURLING & FOOTBALL FIELDS.-(Continued).

In 1925 the Garda team won the Senior Championship and Saturday League, and by winning the Senior Championship qualified to represent Dublin County in the All-Ireland Hurling Championship. With the Garda selection Dublin won the Leinster tie, but were disqualified on an objection.

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In 1926 the team again won the Dublin Senior Championship, and represented Dublin in the All-Ireland Hurling League. With the Garda selection Dublin went into the final, after accounting for Limerick, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Leix, and Galway, but were beaten by Cork in a brilliant contest in the southern capital.

The most prominent men of the team have assisted their native counties to win provincial and all-Ireland honours.

cial and all-Ireland honours. Sergeant Tobin (Captain) played with Dublin in the 1917 All-Ireland Final, 1919 Croke 1920, 1922, 1923 in the final of the Leinster Park Tournament and All-Ireland Finals for Championship 1925, and captained the Dublin team in 1925 National Hurling League, and 1926 Hurling Championships.

The Football team has not been so fortunate to have such a long list of successes to its credit as the Hurling Team. Owing to the "exigencies of the service," a strong team could not at all times be maintained at Headquarters. This year has seen the strongest combination we have yet had at the Depot, and the team met with success in the Senior Championship, but went under to the O'Toole Football Club in the final, leaving the latter Dublin champions for the past eight years. The Garda team, however, reversed matters very shortly afterwards, when they met O'Tooles in the League, and beat that team by the handsome score of 2 goals 6 points to 2 points. They have yet to meet three teams in the Senior League, and are confident of success.

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GARDA HURLING TEAM.

(Personnel).

TOBIN, E. (Captain).

Played with Faughs and Dublin for several years prior to playing with Garda team; won Dublin Championship 3 years; Leinster Championship four years, and All-Ireland C'ship two years. Has played in all the important matches with the Garda team, and played with Munster in Tailteann Games, while stationed in Cork.

MCINERNEY, P.

The oldest and most consistent member of the team. Played with Clare for several years, and won Munster and All-Ireland C'ship honours in 1914.

GILL, M.

One of the most prominent players in Co. Galway, and won Connacht and All-Ireland C'ships with that county. Since 1924 has played with Garda and Dublin, and won Leinster and All-Ireland C'ships. He also played with Connacht in Tailteann Games.

HOWARD, G.

Native of Limerick, and won Munster and All-Ireland C'ships with that county. Since playing with Garda team, and won Leinster and All-Ireland C'ships. Played with Leinster and Ireland in Tailteann Games. One of the best forwards in Ireland. Played with his native county, Kilkenny, for several years, and won Leinster and All-Ireland C'ships, 1923. Since joining the Garda has played in all important matches, and is now playing for Dublin.

BROWNE, P.

Played successfully with his native county, Tipperary, and won Munster C'ship. Has assisted Garda in all important matches, and is a prominent member of the Dublin team.

KIRWAN, J.

For a number of years Kirwan played with his native county, Galway, when they won Connacht and All-Ireland C'ships. Since taking up hurling a few years ago, has played with the Garda team, and is now a prominent member of the Dublin Hurling team.

PHELAN & DUNPHY.

Natives of Leix, and both prominent members of the Army Command Hurling teams, prior to joining An Garda. Have assisted the Garda team in all their important matches during the past two years, and are capable and reliable wielders of the caman in practically any part of the field.

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FOOTBALL

The following particulars of the Garda Senior Football Team for 1925-26 and 1926-27 show how honours have swayed to and fro during the past two seasons:----

CHAMPIONSHIP 1925.

Garda team beat O'Dwyers, St. Marys, Geraldines, and lost semi-final to Kickhams, who lost again to O'Tooles.

LEAGUE 1925.

Garda drew with St. Marys, beat Geraldines and O'Dwycrs, and lost to Milltown Emmets. The team then withdrew from the League, since they were not able to field a team.

CHAMPIONSHIP 1926.

Garda beat University College, Kickhams, and St. Marys, and lost final to O'Tooles. It is noted that in the final of the county championship, 1923, the Garda met O'Tooles and lost by 6 points to 4 points, and again in this year's championship the scores were the same.

LEAGUE 1926.

Garda beat McKee Club, O'Dwyers, Milltown Eminets and O'Tooles, having lost to St. Mary's, the team are now placed second in the League, being 8 points up. The Garda team have still to meet Kickhams. University College, and Parnells.

The following comprise the Garda Senior Football Team:-P. J. Colleran (Captain), J. Moran, J. Murphy, P. Russell, J. Smith, John Kirwan, F. Benson, James Kirwan, J. J. Scanlan, L. Stanley, G. Magan, J. Toole, J. Sherlock, J. Lynam, P. O'Reilly, J. Teeling, E. Mullen and P. Flynn,

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GARDA SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM.

INSPECTOR COLLERAN (Captain).

Native of Sligo, and one of the best centre-field men in Ireland. Figured prominently in the Tailteann Games, 1922, when he played with Munster, being then stationed in Cork.

GARDA J. SMITH.

Of Cavan county team; has played for Cavan for the past four years. A wonderful exponent of the Gaelic code, and one of the best players of the XV. that figured against Kerry in the 1925 All-Ireland semi-final.

SERGEANT MURPHY.

One of the most consistent full backs in Ireland, and played with Kerry in the 1924 All-Ireland semifinal.

GARDA RUSSELL.

Figured in the 1923 and 1924 All-Ireland with Kerry, and is a promising young footballer, and a coming athlete.

GARDA SHERLOCK.

A member of the Dublin selection, Sherlock is a daring and consistent right full-back. Played in the 1923 All-Ireland final with Dublin.

GARDA TOOLE,

A member of the Dublin selection, and has played with that team for the past three years.

GARDA STANLEY.

Captained Kildare in many All-Ireland finals; a spectacular footballer, and also high jump champion of Ireland.

GARDA MAGAN.

One of Kildare's forwards (still playing with his native county), who figured notably in Kerry-Kildare finals of past years. He is also a long distance runner of fame.

F. BENSON.

Played with Galway in the inter-provincial ties, 1925; was a member of the Galway fifteen that played Dublin in the 1922 All-Ireland.

GARDA JOHN KIRWAN.

Played with Galway in the provincial championships, and is also a member of the Dublin hurling team.

GARDA J. J. SCANLAN.

Played with Clare in the provincial championships, 1922-24, and was a member of the Munster Tailteann team that won the provincial championship.

GARDA JAMES KIRWAN.

A young footballer, plays with his native county. Wexford, and is a consistent full forward.

SERGEANT MORAN.

A sound left full-back, Moran is assisting Mayc in the 1926 championships.

GARDA FLYNN.

Played in many Connacht finals with Sligo, and is a determined and clever forward.

J. LYNAM.

A Kildare forward, Lynam made his first appearance as an inter-county man when he played against Kerry in a challenge match a few years ago.



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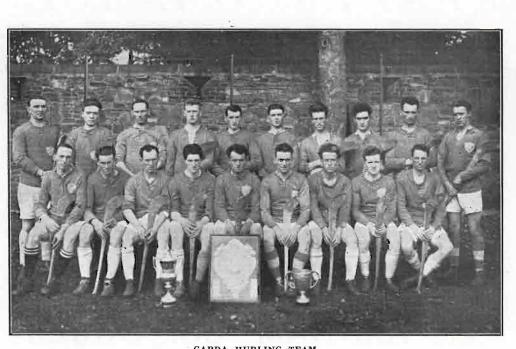
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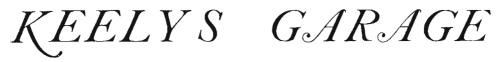


GARDA HURLING TEAM. Front row (left to right)—Messrs. Kelly, O'Brien, Tobin, Smyth, Gill, Burke, Garrett Howard, Power 6, and Phelan. Back row (left to right)—Messrs. Doherty, Grace, McInerney, Burke, Conway, Dunphy, Cahill, Conroy, Burnell and Ryan.



GARDA FOOTBALL TEAM. Left to right (front row)—Messrs. Benson, Kirwan, Moran, J. Colleran (Inspector), Scanlon, McCoy, and Toole. Back row (left to right)—McCreanor, Murphy, Russell, Smith, Wedick, Flynn, James Kirwan, H. Collender, O'Brien, and James Kielt. Eighty-two

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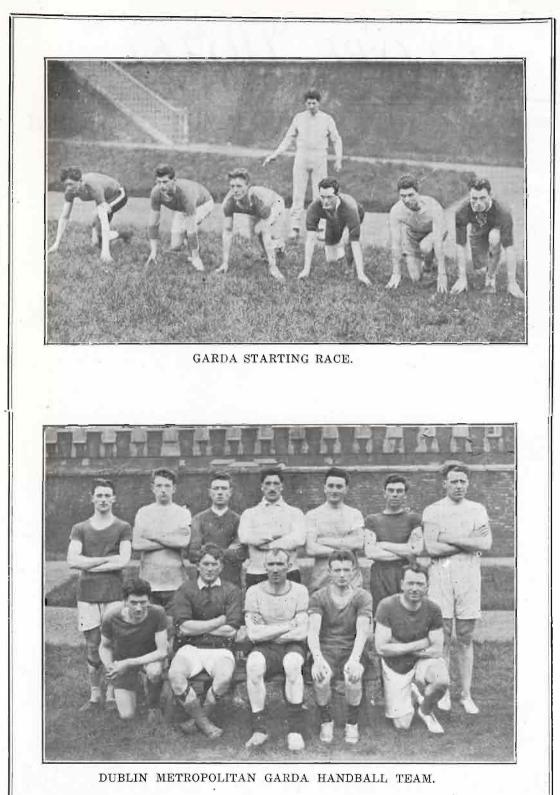
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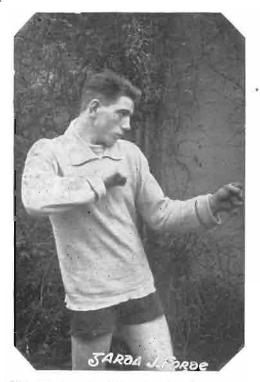
Not the least important event during Garda Week will be the meeting of the Garda Boxing team and a selection from the Paris Police. The land of Carpentier is sending some formidable opponents, but the Garda representatives do not doubt their ability to at least divide the honours. Their recent experiences in international events has dispelled the conservative outlook of our men, and on the whole the clashing of Celt and Gaul should provide an exhibition with an international flavour unique in Irish boxing history.

THE TEAM'S ORIGIN.

ARLY in February, 1924 a boxing team was the efforts of Commdt. McCarthy, who initiated in the Garda, mainly through was always an enthusiastic devotee of the



noble art. Only four members constituted the team in the beginning, and they were under the care of John L. Sullivan. Towards the end of February the services of Tommy Maloney were secured, and the membership of the team increased. The team went through a stiff course of training under Instructor Maloney, and when they were considered fit enough to take part the first Garda Boxing Tournament was held in McKee Barracks on the 28th May, 1924. On that occasion the Garda team secured 4 wins and a draw in the 6 contests they took part in, losing only one contest on points.



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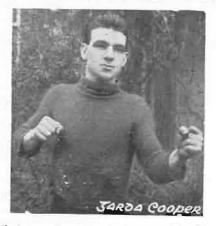
teann Boxing Championships.

The first International Police Tournament was held on the 28th January, 1925, in the Depôt, when the Garda team met a formidable team from the Liverpool Police, many of the

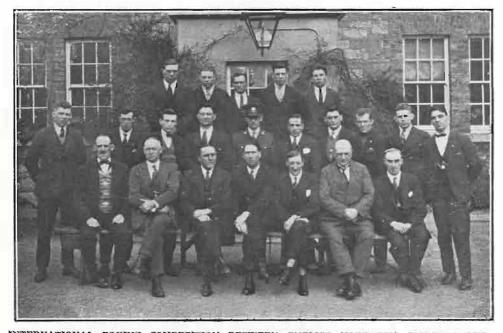


latter being Northern Counties champions and runners-up. On that occasion the Garda team won 5 out of the 7 contests fought. Since that time the Garda team have taken part in no less

than eight international tournaments, and of these the team has been successful in seven. Their one defeat was suffered at the hands of the pick of the English and Welsh Police at Handley, on the 18th February of this year.



On that occasion 9 contests were fought, and the Gardai were only successful in three, though the remaining 6 verdicts were only narrowly lost on points.



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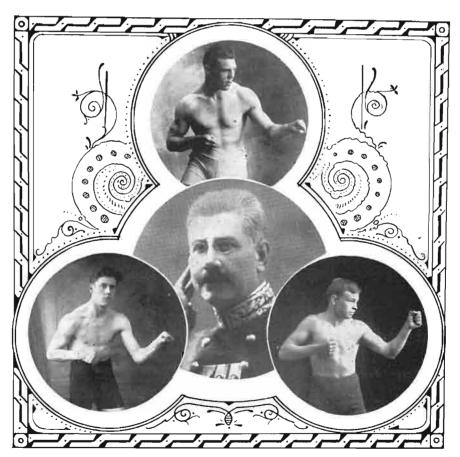
BOXING TEAM.—(Continued).

CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES.

In the Irish Amateur Championships this year no less than four titles fell to the Gardai, viz., Heavy, Light-Heavy, Middle, and Welter-Weight Championships. The runners-up in the first three weights were members of the Garda team, while the semi-finalists in the middle-weight were also members of the Garda. The team at present numbers nine members, and is made up as follows:—

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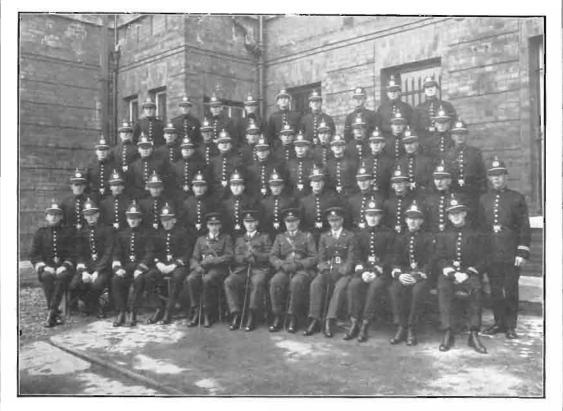
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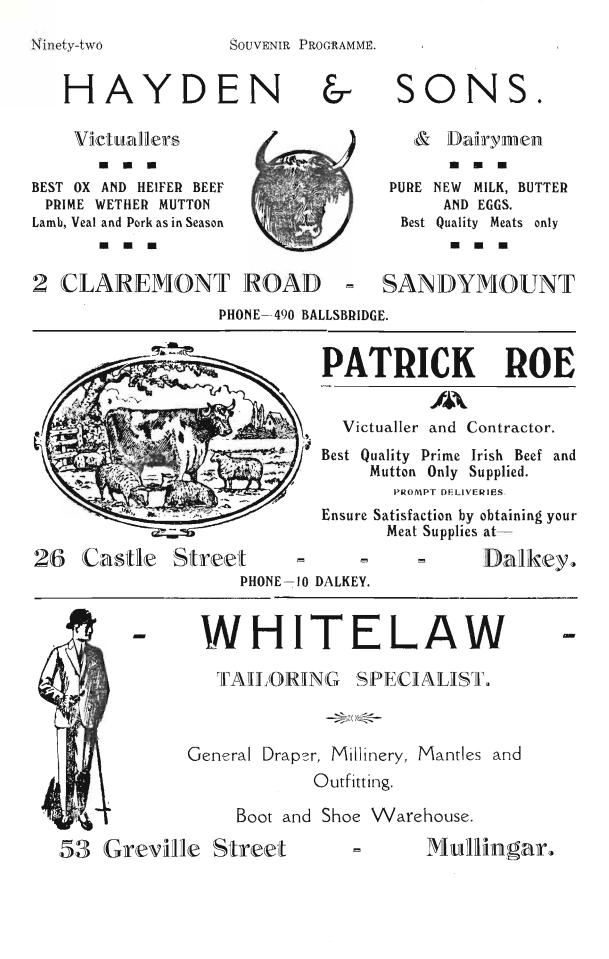
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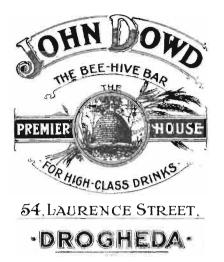




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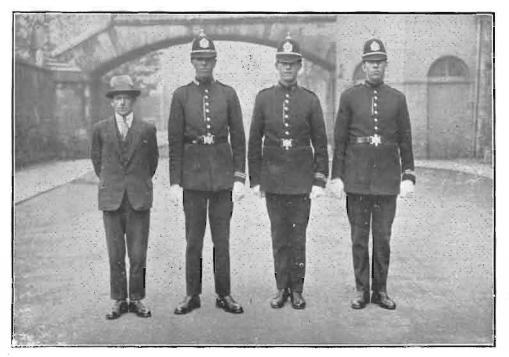
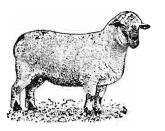


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Three members of the Metropolitan Division photographed alongside an average-sized civilian, the latter being 5ft. 8½in. in height, whilst the Gardai are (from left to right) Guard Hanlon (25 years), 6ft. 6½in; Guard Connell (22 years), 6ft. 5¾in.; and Guard Tierney (26 years), 6ft. 6in.



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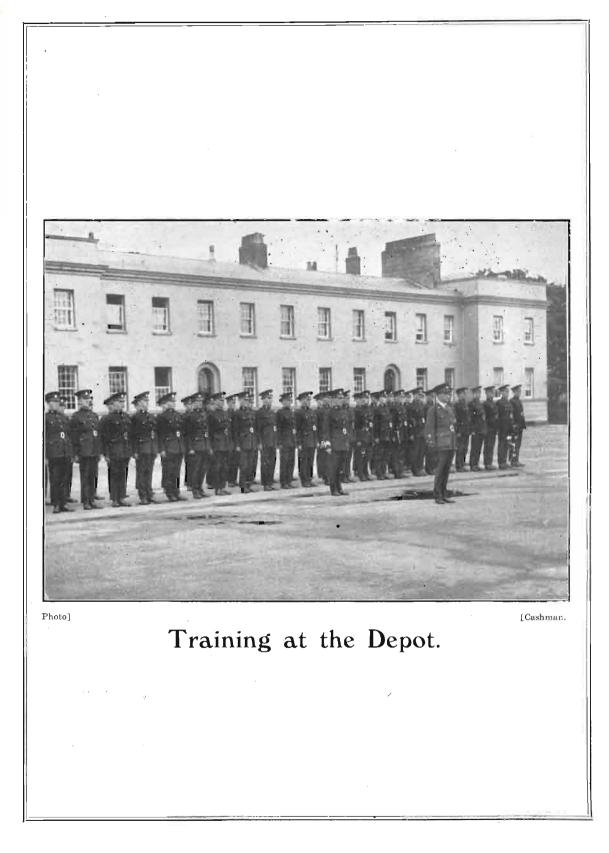
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Garda Athletes throughout the Country.

UCH has been done during the last year to consolidate the position as regards athletics in the Garda. Systematic training has taken place during the winter, and several new and promising athletes have been discovered. Connor has studied and applied the Osborne roll to high jumping, and with 6' 2" now holds the Irish Championship, another Guard—Shanahan—being second with 6' 1". It is to be regretted that a leg injury prevented Stanley competing. If the latter concentrated on the long jump it is believed he would pass 23ft., and before the season is out it is hoped to see him back in form. Maloney, an athlete just emerging from the novice stage, signalised his first appearance at an Irish Championship by winning the hop, step and jump championship. During the winter Mr. Carey (lately retired) had in hands a promising class in hammer throwing. Of these several are reaching 140ft., which, for a first season, is very creditable; Bermingham, McSweeney, Maher, Healy and Teehan are all newcomes in this event, and new blood was urgently needed. Healy, a young man, with a putt of 43' 6", showed exceptional promise in the shot. O'Donnell (Kilkenny), who has crossed 5' 9", is another athlete of promise; and Sergeant Keyes (Limerick), who averages 21' 10", in the long jump, gives much hope for greater performances. Kennedy (Enniscorthy) is another young Guard who should do well in the weight events.

In the Irish Championships Guards were placed as follows :----

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- SHANAHAN—Second in 120 Hurdles; Second in Long Jump (21¹/₂ft.), Second in Javelin Throwing (137¹/₂ft.), and Second in High Jump, 6ft. 1in.
- CONNOR—First in High Jump, with 6ft. 2ins., and thus displaces the champion, L. Stanley, who did not compete.
- MALONEY—First in Hop, Step and Jump, with 44ft. 7½ins., and Third in Long Jump, 21ft. 1½ins.

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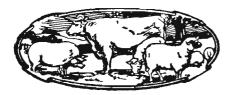
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(Bri Chualann) has taken part in all competitions which the Bri Chualann Handball Club has played since its formation a year ago. This club won the junior inter-club championships, 1925, and the Bri Chualann handball tournament, open to Co. Dublin and Wicklow, in which 26 teams competed. The Garda is presently in the semi-final of the Dublin senior soft ball championship (doubles). He holds medals for the Co. Mayo inter-club championship, 1917 and 1918.

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GARDA J. McGAURAN

(Bri Chualann) is also a useful handball

player, and is in the semi-final of the interclub championship (singles), 1925. Garda McGauran played with "Round Towers," winners of the Dublin junior football league 1924, and is presently playing with the Bray Emmets team.

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GARDA MARTIN LANGTON

(Howth) prior to joining An Garda hurled with Kilkenny county hurling team. He played with the Garda senior football team prior to his allocation to Howth, and since then has played with the local football and hurling teams.



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SERGEANT J. NYHAN

(Tallaght) is a hurler, and is presently playing with St. Marys, Tallaght. He played with Erin's Own when that team won the Dublin county junior championship, 1919 and 1920, and won the Dublin county league in 1919. He played with the team which won the Tipperary county championship in 1915.

GARDA J. NAUGHTON

(Tallaght) hurler with Galway city against Kilkenny in the junior league final at Roscrea in 1918.

GARDA J. CULLETON

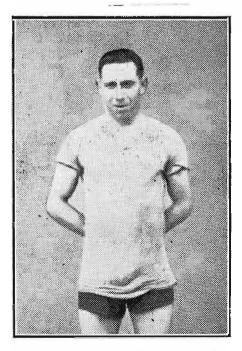
(Rathfarnham) is presently playing with Erin's Own hurling team, and is on the Dublin junior selection. He assisted Faughs to win the Dublin senior championship in 1923.

GARDA J. MOLLOY

(Dundrum) is a boxer, and won the middleweight novices' tournament at the Depot in October, 1925.

GARDA JAMES CONWAY

(Baltinglass) has taken part in various club and inter-county hurling contests. In 1923 he played on the Dublin county team 4 against Leix and Tipperary. Garda Con-way played with the Garda team against Kilkenny in 1925.



GARDA H. J. COLLENDER.

EAST CORK DIVISION.

The Cork Division boasts hurling and foot-ball teams, but owing to the "exigencies of the and the large amount of over-work service." entailed in Census collecting, etc., it has not been possible for all the players in the respective teams to have had much practice at play in disjointed fashion, which is usually caused by the necessity of having to place sub-stitutes in "key positions" on account of the unavoidable absence of the regular or selected players. se. *

Encouragement, however, makes reparation after a manner for facilities, and it was this factor which caused the football team to win the first round of the Cork senior champion-ship. On the other hand, the hurling team was defeated in the first round of the Inter-mediate championship. Fermoy, the defeated team in the senior championship, has lodged an objection to the Garda team.

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The following are the most noteworthy Gardai in athletics in this Division :-

GARDA MICHAEL EGAN

- is a long distance runner; was second in mile championship of Munster, 1923. and 1st in junior cross-country championship of Tipperary, 1924 (six miles). GARDA PATRICK MURPHY
- (Carrigtwohill), weight thrower, was third pushing 28lbs. in the first Garda Sports. Croke Park. 1923: 2nd in putting 16lbs. shot at Caochford Sports, 1924. with
- throws of approx. 38ft. GARDAI R. MOCKLER & M. T. CURLEY are handballers of merit, and represented Fermov Club in senior soft ball champion-They were beaten in the semishin. 1925. final.

GARDA JOS. DERMODY

- Played inter-county with Cork junior foothall team. 1925-26. SERGT GEORGE STYLES
- Plaved inter-county with junior football team, 1926. * * *

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Members of Cork Garda Senior Football Team Ampers of Cork Garda Senior Football Team James Brennan, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Kane, Joseph Rvan, James Kellv, P. Mur-phy, P. J. Walsh, James Kennedy, James Bowens, John Cascerly, Michael Grady, Thomas Crowe, P. Shea, James Shore, P. G. Doberty Doherty. *

Members of Cork Garda Hurling Team: Thomas Noonan (superintendent). Michael Mullaly, Thomas Carroll. Patk. Malowney, Thomas Caden. James Bannon, Christopher Reilly, Wm. Holmes. Patk. Loughman. P. Cullen, Wm. McGrath. Wm. Murray. John Shaughnessy, Patk. Maloney. Austin Hogan and Wm. Meehan. Garda Thomas Maher is a member of Sarsfields senior hurling team.

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WEST CORK DIVISION.

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(Coachford) has the following honours to his credit:—Munster C'ship (1924), 16lbs. shot, 1st place; Coachford Sports, 16lbs. shot and 56lbs., two 1st prizes; Cork Co. C'ship, "shot putting," 1st place, 1925; Munster C'ship, 16lbs shot, 2nd place, do; Southern Command Sports, 56lbs. over bar, and 24lbs. follow, 2 1st prizes; Dromtarriff Sports (Cork), 16lbs. shot, 2nd prize; Blarney Sports, 56lbs. between legs without follow, 1st prize; Fermoy Sports, 16lbs. shot, 2nd prize; 56lbs. between legs without follow, 2nd prize.

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Garda Walsh was selected to represent Cork at the inter-county athletic contest, and two second places in the shot were recorded by him. He has played inter-county football with Cork, occasionally with the Macroom team, during the past two years, and also figured in the Depot football and tug-of-war teams.

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DET.-GARDA EDWARD COLLIERAN

(Skibbereen) is a native of Sligo, for which county he played for the All-Ireland championship on three occasions. He also figured in inter-county matches for a period of 7 years, during which time he played against the following county teams: Mayo, Leitrim, Roscommon, Galway, Tipperary, Longford. In 1923 he played with the Army team which beat the All-Ireland Champions of 1923. He is well known in G.A.A. circles, and is at present playing with the Bandon team, the winners of the Cork county championship.

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GARDA PATRICK F. McGRATH

(Union Hall) played football with the Wexford county team in 1925, and with the Garda Divisional team in Limerick in the same year.

GARDA H. J. MURPHY

(Castletownsend) is an all-round athlete, and a noted sprinter. He competed at the Dublin Brigade Army Sports in Tralee in 1923, with some success.

GARDA G. J. MULLAN

(Skibbereen) has played in several interdistrict hurling matches, and in 1925 he played with the Skibbereen hurling team for the Cork semi-final.

WELL-KNOWN CARLOW ATHLETE.

NICHOLAS TALLAN

At Woodenbridge, Co. Wicklow, in 1912, this Guard competed at the cycling sports, and won the 3 and 5 miles race; at Ballyfad (Co. Wexford) he was first in the 5 miles and second in the 3 miles bicycle races; at Aughaunnach, Co. Wicklow, in 1922, took second place in both the 3 and 5 miles cycle race, and secured first place in the 5 miles and second place in the mile cycle race held at the sports at Wicklow Gap, Co. Wicklow, last year.

CLARE.

GARDA J. McGOLDRICK

(Ardnacrusha) played with Sligo senior football team against Mayo and Roscommon in Connacht championship, 1925; he also assisted Sligo against Roscommon in the All-Ireland football league, 1925; in the Munster Championship, 1926, he figured with Limerick against Tipperary.

GARDA CLANCY

(Feakle) assists Feakle hurling team, and is a good, clean type of hurler.

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CAVAN AND MONAGHAN

As is the case in all other Divisions, Gardai stationed in Monaghan participate in hurl-ing and football played in their districts, ing and football played in their districts, and also take part in minor sports held throughout Cavan and Monaghan counties. The most noteworthy in the hurling field are: Sergeant Flynn (Swanlinbar), Sergt. Burnell (Shercock), Gardai Burke and Horan (Monaghan), Moloney (Rockcorry), Semple (Killeshandra), Ahern (Cootehill), Lyons (Finea), and Daly (Tullyvin).

KERRY.

- Stationed throughout the "Kingdom" are several hurlers and footballers of county fame, but their records are not available at the moment, as is also the case regarding athletes, but the absence of records need not indicate that the Division will not be represented in the various events.

SERGEANT WM. BURNS, North Kerry League, assisted Kerry in defeating Tipperary in 1924, and will be remembered as a member of the 1923 Depot hurling team.

GARDA P. FARREN

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has figured in several big contests, and is a footballer of great promise.

GARDA M. GREGAN

(Late D.U.H. & A.C.).

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In May, 1923, Gregan seriously tackled athletics, and in the College races of that year he won the 440 yards handicap off 15 yards. His best run of 1923 was the Tramway Sports 300 yards. The following year he was second in the County Dublin 440 yards championship, and also figured in the Tailteann Games 200 and 400 metres races, and in the 1,600 metres relay race.

In 1925 he won the 220 yards championship of Trinity, and was second in both the 100 and 440 yards. His series of seconds is in-teresting. Second in Co. Dublin "quarter" and 2nd in the 100, 200, and 440 yards Irish championships. In the Triangular Inter-national at Croke Park, Gregan was third to Sean Lavan in his record-breaking "440." He represented Co. Dublin against Co. Cork on the August Bank Holiday last year. Only recently has he thrown in his lot with the Guards, and it will occasion surprise if he does not keep up to—and even surpass—ihs earlier achievements in the athletic arena. In 1925 he won the 220 yards championship

KILKENNY DIVISION.

GARDA WILLIAM HEGARTY,

Mooncoin, has in recent years ably supported the Temperance Athletic Club, Water-ford, and whilst representing this Society he secured 1st place in the 4 mile race, Waterford County Sports in August, 1924. and the following month he annexed the 10 mile championship of Waterford. In March, 1925 Garda Hegarty came first in a half-mile sprint, and second in the 3 mile and 440 yards, and has participated in events at numerous meetings of a minor character. In August, 1923, he annexed the 3 mile Army Championship, when repre-senting the 9th Batt. Athletic Club.

SERGEANT C. J. COLEMAN

has represented the Cotterstown Football Club for the past two years. On each occa-sion his team reached the final of the Senior Football Championship for the county, but was defeated in the deciding tie. Sergeant Coleman's team is, however, in the final once more, and the game will take place in Kil-kenny City during the present month. Last year Coleman played with Kilkenny in the Leinster Championship, when they defeated Longford, and he also participated in the inter-county game between Kilkenny and Carlow in May last.

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KILKENNY'S FAMOUS TUG-OF-WAR TEAM.

The challenge match at Lansdowne Road in July last year between the world-famous D.M.G. team and the selection from Kilkenny that it is hoped to have these teams renew acquaintance, if not during the present week, certainly at an early date.

How Kilkenny trained for the contest is, if simple, an interesting story. A selection of Kilkenny Gardai beat several local teams. and were stimulated to aspire to great honours. In training, their team of ten defeated sixteen men on the other end of the rope, and though we often hear of the fellow "worth two men," here it was actually proved that each man of the team was worth a fraction more than a man and a half. Intense enthusiasm was thus

man and a half. Intense enthusiasm was thus renerated, and gruelling training every even-ing brought the team to a fair pitch of perfection. The one ambition was to defeat the world's champions, the D.M. Garda. Midst a scene of wild enthusiasm the first pull in the eventful match, after four minutes and 44 secs. heavy straining of "rope, muscle, sinew and bone." saw the D.M.D. team de-feated. The following two pulls, however, each lasting at least five tense minutes saw each lasting at least five tense minutes, saw Kilkenny cross the line and the D.M.D. still an undefeated team. Kilkenny, though beaten, were far from being disgraced, and we hope that the next meeting of these two teams will be as strenuous and interesting as the challenge match at Rugby headquarters,

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ANNUAL SPORTS. WEXFORD DIVISION

The best indication of athletic progress in this Division is to be obtained by a perusal of the report of the Sports held on 16th May Several members of the Force in last. Wexford have secured prizes at local sports meetings also, but the latter are not very rehable indexes of form, as in some instances the competitors pitted against the Gardai were not up to standard.

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440 Yards (confined)-Guard O'Shea, Enniscorthy, 1; Guard Kennedy, Duncannon, 2.

- Two Miles Cycling (confined)—A. O'Connor, Hayestown, 1; D. Cronin, Rosslare, 2; J. McHugh, Wexford, 3.
- Mile Cycling (open)--N. J. Donnelly, Celtic A.C., 1; W. Fitzgibbon, do., 2; T. Kelly, Civic Guards, Dublin, 3.

MAYO DIVISION.

GARDA MICHAEL SMITH

(Mayo) has played with Roscommon for 8 years, and with the Garda team for 18 months, and is a footballer of merit.

GARDA JOHN McGAHAN

has played for Cavan during four seasons, and with the Garda team for nearly two years. Since his advent to Partry, Mayo, he has transferred his allegiance to the county team.

GARDA BRYAN MAHONEY,

Ballycroy, assisted Oola in winning the Limerick senior championships in 1922 and 1925; played in the Army Championship in 1923, and was a member of the Tipperary junior team which won the Munster Championship in 1923.

SERGEANT WM. COONAN, Ballinrobe, and Garda P. Kelly, orgnised a hurling team in this locality quite recently, and entered the Mayo County Championships. This team, composed of novices, was defeated in the first game by one point-not a large margin considering the circum-stances generally. We congratulate Sergt. Coonan on his initiative, and hope that per-severance will to him bring its due reward.

SERGEANT O'LEARY

(Westport) played with the Mayo junior team in 1924 and 1925, and also in the All-Ireland semi-final against Kerry in 1925; O'Leary also figured in the County Mayo senior football championship last year, and is presently playing senior football with the Westport fifteen. Sergt. O'Leary has also competed in inter-county hurling contests in recent years.

- 16lbs. Shot (open)—T. Healy, D.M.G.A.C., 45 feet 9ins., 1; P. Callaghan, Crokes A.C., 2; J Feahan, D.M.G., 3.
- 440 Yards (open)—W. McGoldrick, Croke A.C., 1; M. Gregan, D.M.G.A.C., 2; A. Finn, do., 3.
- Tug-of-War (Final)-Bryanstown, 1; Strahart, 2.
- Three Miles Cycle (scratch)—B. J. Donnelly, Baldoyle, 1; M. Lynn, Civic Guards, 2.
- Five Miles Cycle-T. Kelly, Civic Guards, 1; M. Lynn, do., 2.
- Long Jump—P. Sullivan, Civic Guards, Dub-lin, 22ft. 9ins., 1; T. T. Nash, Waterford, 22ft. 61ins., 2; T. Corcoran, Waterford, 22 feet 4ins., 3.
- Tug-of-War (confined)—Wexford beat Ennis-corthy; New Ross beat Gorey. Final— Wexford beat New Ross.

SLIGO DIVISION.

GARDA J. CARROLL,

Sligo, in 1923 played with the Depot senior football team, when beaten by the O'Tooles in the final. He also played with the Kil-In the final. He also played with the Kal-dare county team. He played with Kildare county selected in 1924, and with his native team (Annough), which won the Leix senior championship. He also played with Cel-bridge when this team won the Kildare junior championship in 1924. From Sept. of this year he played with Sligo county team which won the Railway Cup. and in team, which won the Railway Cup, and in the final of the All-Ireland football league.

GARDA WILLIAM TUITE

(Sligo) played with St. Marys (Dublin) and the Garda (Depot) team in 1923. He played with Kildare county selection, and also with Celbridge, winners of the Kildare junior championship in 1924. From Sept., 1925, he played with the Sligo county selection, which won the Railway Cup. This team is in the final of the national football league. Both Gardai Carroll and Tuite are playing with the Sligo county selection in 1926.

SERGEANT J. J. BUTLER

(Skreen) played with the Limerick football (county) selection in the junior All-Ireland final against Dublin in 1917. From 1921 to 1923 he played Rugby with Wigan (Eng-land), and participated in numerous suc-cesses in 1924; was first in the 100 yards at the Garda Sports and 2nd in the long jump reporting these successes at Castlejump, repeating these successes at Castle-bar Sports later in the year.



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LOUTH AND MEATH.

GARDA JOHN McMAHON,

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Castlebellingham, is a footballer of note, having played with the Louth selection in the 1925. Leinster junior championship against Wicklow, Carlow, and Dublin; and was a member of the Louth team which de-feated Armagh in the semi-final of the All-Ireland junior championship, 1925.

GARDA JAMES REYNOLDS,

Clogherhead, is also a footballer of dis-tinction, having played for Co. Leitrim in many inter-county matches; is a member of the "Larks" Gaelic Football Club, Drogheda, senior county champions, 1924, and runners-up in the same contest, 1925.

GARDA PETER BLESSING,

Drogheda No. 2, is also a good footballer, being a member of the "Larks," and he played for Co. Louth in the senior county championship in 1925.

GARDA PATRICK GRAY,

Ardee, is a footballer who has distinguished himself while playing for Leix in the All-Ireland championships in 1919, 1920 and 1921; and for the "Con Colberts" in the Louth senior championships in 1923, 1924, and 1925. He was a member of the Lein-ster team at the Tailteann Games in 1924.

SERGEANT J. CAHILL.

(Hackballscross) is presently playing with Con Colberts hurling team, Dundalk. He captained Roscrea College hurling team in 1918-19 when they won the Leinster Col-lege Championship. He also played with Garda hurling team, and was selected for Co. Louth junior hurling team in 1924-25.

GARDA J. RYAN

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(Dundalk) is presently playing with Con Colberts. He captained Crokes hurling team when they won the Dublin minor championship, 1924. Ryan is also a very reliable handball player.

SERGEANT FINNAIN

(Omeath) is a handball player of repute, and won several tournaments and championships when stationed in Co. Meath.

GARDA J. KEOGH

(Athboy) is playing with Athboy hurling team since 1923.

GARDA A. RYAN

(Enfield) is a member of the Dunshaughlin hurling team, and was in the senior county championship in 1923 and 1925. In this Division an Athletic Sports meet-

all the leading Irish athletes compete. Sports this year will be held on 25th July.

GALWAY DIVISION.

SERGEANT JOHN J. MORAN

(Ballinasloe) played with his native county, Mayo, against Dublin in the All-Ireland senior football final, 1921, when the latter won same. He also assisted the Garda Depôt team, and is a footballer of merit.

SERGEANT P. BARRY

(Kilronan) played with the senior hurling team of St. Colman's College in 1913-14 when the combination won the Munster senior college cup competition, and also assisted Munster to win the senior All-Ireland college championship. Barry had the honour of captaining both teams, and he played with Limerick from 1916 to 1921, and figured in four Munster championships in 1917 and an All-Ireland in 1918. Sergt. Barry helped to establish the Garda hurling team and captioned came in 1922. UN 1010 team, and captained same in 1923. In 1919 and 1926 Barry assisted Galway University to win the Fitzgibbon Cup. A man of splendid physique, and not wanting in prowess in the athletic field, it is to be hoped that his official duties will not cause his retirement from the field, as of late it would appear he has lapsed from his former enthusiasm.

GARDA THOMAS WALSH (Turloughmore) secured first prize in the one mile cycle (scratch) race at the Galway Divisional Sports last year, and second prize in the one mile cycle, open handicap at Loughglynn, Roscommon.



GARDA WALSH,

GARDA J. CANNON

(Clifden) secured three firsts at last year's Sports at Clifden, being 1st in the 100 and 220 yards (open) and 1st in the long jump. In the high jump and 100 yards at Ardrahan Sports last year also he obtained two points.

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TIPPERARY DIVISION.

INSPECTOR P. COLLERAN.

The following are a few of the more important matches Inspector Colleran has played since July, 1923: Played with Sligo county team v. Mayo, Roscommon and Galway in Connacht championship, 1923 (won); played with Sligo v. Tipperary in 1923 All-Ireland semi-final (won); assisted Garda senior football team, 1923-24 v. O'Tooles in final of Dublin championship (defeated); played with Sligo v. Mayo, 1924 Connacht c'ship; played with Ballyduff, Co.Waterford 1925, and won 1925 Co. Waterford c'ship; played with Waterford county team v. Clare in 1925 (defeated); played in Tailteann Games with Munster v. Leinster in All-Ireland final (won); played Sligo v. Mayo in championship (Connacht), 1926 (defeated). Inspector Colleran captained the Garda senior football team (1926) v.



INSPECTOR P. COLLERAN.

O'Tooles in the recent Dublin championship in which the Garda selection was defeated. A tireless worker in any and every part of the field, Inspector Colleran is reputed to be one of the best exponents of Gaelic football in Ireland to-day.

GARDA JOHN REYNOLDS

(Thurles) played inter-county football (senior and junior) during 1921 and 1922 with Roscommon, and also assisted the Depôt team in the latter year in the county championship. He also figured in junior and senior football for Tipperary county in 1923-24. Garda Reynolds is captain of the Thurles football team.

SERGEANT E. FAHY (Thurles) wields the caman, and has played in county senior hurling ties since 1922, giving his allegiance to Clare, the winners of the second division league, 1926. During the past five years he has also aided the Clare junior football team, winners of the Munster junior football final, 1925. Sergt. Fahy is a sterling type of athlete, and is equally at home on either pitch.

GARDA THOMAS CARTHY

(Clonmel) played with Clonmel Young Irelands when they won Co. Tipperary junior football league, 1923, and with Clonmel senior football team when beaten by Fethard in final of the south division c'ship, 1924. He aided Tipperary junior football team when they won the junior All-Ireland (1923), and also with the senior football team against Kerry in the All-Ireland football championship, 1924. Carthy played with Clonmel senior football team in Co. Tipperary senior football league for Morton Jackson cup and medals, and with Wicklow in Leinster championship, 1925. He also plays inter-county with Tipperary senior football team, which beat Limerick in Carrick-on-Suir, and qualified for final of Munster championship with Kerry, 1926. Presently Carthy is captain of the Clonmel senior football team (Shamrocks), which holds an unbeaten record for 1926.

GARDA JOHN McGANN

(Cluáin Meala) played with Clonmel Young Irelands when they won Co. Tipperary junior football league, 1923, and with Clonmel when beaten by Fethard in the final of Tipperary south division senior football championship, 1924. Played with Garda senior hurling team for the President's cup and gold medals in 1924, and also in the final of the Tipperary senior football league (for Morton Jackson cup and gold medals, 1924). McGann also played with South Tipperary (selected) when beaten by Mid-Tipperary in junior hurling championship, 1924. In handball



GARDA JOHN McCANN.

Garda McGann was beaten by the winner of Cahir gold medal tournament (soft ball), 1925. He was second in slinging 56lbs. (with follow) at Killenaule Sports, 1925 (first performance); second, slinging 56lbs. (without follow), Clonmel Sports, 1925. Garda McGann is presently playing for One Hundred and Fourteen

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TIPPERARY DIVISION. - (Continued).

two (as yet) unbeaten teams—Shamrocks (Clonmel) senior football team and St. Marys junior hurling team, neither of which have tasted defeat in 1926.

GARDA PATRICK KENNEALLY

(Carrick-on-Suir) and Garda P. Murphy (Mullinahone) also figure in athletic fields, the former in hurling and the latter in football.

WATERFORD DIVISION.

SERGEANT GARDINER

has the following list to his credit:—Carlow, June, 1925, 1st prize 220 yards h'cap, open; Kilkenny, do., do.; Glasgow, do., 1st prize, Police International; do., 2nd prize, do; Castlecomer, 1st prize, long jump, open; Cork, 1st prize, 220 yards, open; Londonderry, 1st prize, 440 yards, open; do., 2nd prize 220 yards, open; Letterkenny, 1st prize long jump, open; do., do., 220 yards, open; do., 3rd prize, 100 yards, open; Cap-



poquin, 3rd prize, 100 yards, open; do., do., 220 yards, open; Galway, do., 100 yards, open; Balbriggan, 2nd prize, 220 yards, open; Civic Guard, Croke Park, 1st, long jump, open.

GUARD WILLIAMS

played in 1923 with Mayo in the semi-final of the All-Ireland football championship. He won the junior handball championship of the Depot in 1924.

- GARDA J. FURLONG
 - (Villierstown), is a native of New Ross. He is a good footballer, and plays with Aglish

team in the Co. Waterford championships, and in Waterford county selection against Cork county selection in the Munster junior football championship at Dungarvan recently.

GARDA M. MONAGHAN

(Ballyduff) is a native of Co. Cavan. He is a good footballer, and played against Cork county selected with Waterford county team in May this year.

GARDA DAVID ROURKE

(Lismore) is a native of Quinn, Co. Clare. He is a first-class hurler, and played in the Munster senior hurling championships at Dungarvan against Cork county in May of this year.

GARDA M. WALSH

(Knockanore) is a native of Shanballymore, Cork. Plays with the Lismore team in the senior hurling championship for Waterford county. Played in senior hurling championship against Cork county in May last.

GARDA WM. MURPHY

(Knockanore) is a native of Bruree, Limerick. Played with Lismore in the junior hurling championship of Waterford in 1926, and with senior hurling team Lismore in senior hurling championship of Waterford, 1926. Played with Lismore team, county championship, 1925.

SUPT. E. O'RIORDAN

Native of Milford, Charleville, Co. Cork. Played with Charleville intermediate hurling team in many matches, and with Kilfinane selection, who were winners of many hurling tournaments in 1917. Assisted Fermoy College senior hurling selection as captain, winners of the Cork Colleges Cup from 1914 to 1917. Played at centre-field for Limerick Command, winners of the Army hurling championship in 1923. Played with the "Barna" selection, winners of the senior hurling league of Galway, 1925, and with Lismore team in Waterford county championship in 1926.

- HANDBALL.
 - Winner of the senior handball (soft) at Fermoy College for the years 1915-17, and runner-up in the final of the Guards' senior handball tournament of 1923.
- A TUG-OF-WAR TEAM has been in training in this Division for some time past, and will figure in the inter-divisional tug-of-war matches during the present week. Several Gardai stationed throughout the division play with local teams, and participate in athletics generally.

SUPT. JOSEPH MURRAY

(Dungarvan) joined the G.A.A., Monaghan Harps, in 1906, and has a long record of noble and unselfish work to his credit since then. In 1909-10 he was a member of Co. Monaghan Board, G.A.A., and from 1910-1912 was hon. sec., Co. Monaghan Board, G.A.A., hon. sec., North Monaghan (Toal) Souvenir Programme.

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WATERFORD DIVISION .- (Continued).

League, hon. sec., organiser, and playing member of Clones (St. Tierneys) hurling and football club, and a member of the Ulster Council. The following year he was acting secretary of the Ulster Council, G.A.A.; in 1913-14 he was hon. sec., Erin's



Photo] [Poole. Waterford. SUPERINTENDENT MURRAY.

Own hurling club, St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, Dublin (winners of Co. Dublin junior championship and All-Ireland College c'ship), and delegate to Co. Dublin Junior Board, G.A.A.; and in 1915 he was hon. sec., Loughrea, Co. Galway, hurling and football club, and successfully established a new Kickham Association of G.A.A. in Co. Galway. From 1918 to 1922 he assisted in organising the G.A.A. in Co. Donegal, and first county board in this county; Donegal representative on Ulster Council, and delegate to each congress within that period; captain of Donegal champions, 1921 and 1922, and member of Donegal county team same year. He assisted in the work of organising games in Garda Siochana in 1922, and in 1924-1925 organised Garda hurling and football teams in West Waterford, was a member of Co. Waterford Board, G.A.A., and Co. Waterford delegate to Munster Convention, in Cork, 1925.

GARDA MOLONEY (Ardmore, Co. Waterford) is a member of Lismore hurling team, and also plays with county team (Waterford).

MISCELLANEOUS.

SUPT. W. ALLEN

(Clifden) won the half mile championship, Donegal, 1924, the mile at the Army Sports, Ballybofey, and was first in the 100 yards handicap (confined to Donegal Gardai), '25. At the latter sports he also secured second place in the long jump.

LIMERICK DIVISION.

- Since 1924, when this Division affiliated a senior football team under the Limerick County Board, progress has been very marked. Outside the Depôt Limerick was the pioneer Division to make such an effort, and were fully rewarded by securing the Limerick county senior championship. Several of the most prominent players were unfortunately transferred in 1925, but the depleted team fought hard to renew their previous success, and gave a fine exhibition against Oola, the winner of the championship, 1925. It is with great confidence we look forward to Limerick regaining the championship this year.
- In 1925 a tug-of-war team was formed and acquitted itself very well indeed. At the Limerick Military Sports last summer the Garda team secured first and a set of medals. The famous D.M.P. team defeated the Limerick selection at the Divisional Sports in August last, but only after a strenuous contest. Guinness's team also defeated the Limerick team later; but the Shannon combination are now much improved and training strenuously, and there need be no surprise if the Division figures in the final at Lansdowne Road.
- The Divisional Sports, which have been such a success for the past two years, will again take place this year, probably in August, and judging from the arrangements now being made, it promises to be a really great event "down South."
- The following are the more prominent athletes in this Division:---

SERGEANT E. KEYES,

who successfully figured in the Tailteann Games and secured two medals, one for the Ireland v. England championship, and one for the Munster v. Ulster and Leinster championship. Sergt. Keyes has played in several inter-county games and championships recently, and also participated in several sports, accounting for 17 of his prizes for long and high jumping.

SERGEANT HURLEY

(Castletown) figures in the hurling and tug-of-war teams.

GARDA CANAVAN

Hurling and handball.

GARDA J. BRASAIL

Has been selected for and played in some very important football games in recent years.

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THE CRUKER CUP.—440 Yards Confined. Holder—Garda J. Smith.
 THE PRESIDENT'S CUP.—For Hurling. Won by Garda in 1923 and 1924, and the Army in 1925.
 THE LIMERICK CHALLENGE CUP.—Won by Garda Wedick. D.M.G.A.C., in 1925.
 THE SOUTHWELL CUP.
 THE ARNOTT CUP.—For Handball. Army v. Garda.
 THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE CUP.—Football. Army v. Garda.

v. Garda.

Garda Moloney has the following successes to his credit :--- 1924, Military Sports, Longford: 1st, long jump, 20ft. 11ins; 1st, hop, step and jump, 42ft. 9ins.; Kenagh, Co. Longford, 1st, 100 yds; 1st, long jump, 19ft. 10ins. 1925: —Military Sports, Longford: 1st long jump, 20ft. 9ins; Newtownforbes, Co. Long-ford, dead-heated, 100 yds.; 1st, 120 yards hurdles. Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, 2nd, long jump, 21ft. 4ins. Garda Siochana Sports,

At the recent National Championships, Moloney secured the title for the hop, step and jump, and third place in the long jump. GARDA SHANAHAN

Figures in boxing and tug-of-war, and won the welter-weight championship of the 2nd Submarine Flotilla of the Atlantic Fleet in 1919.

GARDA E. DUNPHY

(Askeaton) is a member of the Divisional football team.

GARDA P. CLARKE

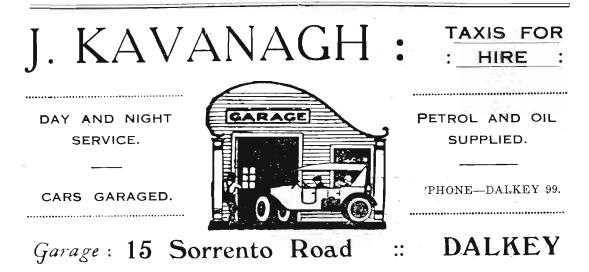
(Fedamore) used assist the Depôt football team (junior).

THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE CUP.-Inter-Divisional Tug-of-War.

THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE .- For the Service scoring the highest number of points, the aggregate being arrived at by totting four for a 1st, two for a 2nd, and one for a 3rd in the Inter-Service Athletic Championships.

THE GUEST CUP .- Ten Mile Cycle Championship of Ireland.

THE CUNNINGHAM CUP .-- 100 Yards, Open.



One Hundred and Nineteen

THE CONTESTS.			
MARTEN MARCEL	ν.		GARDA COOPER
MAURICE CRAVETTE	v.		GARDA CHASE
(Middle Weight Champion,	1925).	(Middle	Weight Champion, 1926).
EUGENE MARVEL	v.		GARDA MURPHY
(Police Champion, 192-	4).	· ·	
AUGUSTE FORR	v.		GARDA CONNOR
LUCIEN LATTEAU	v.		GARDA DUDDY
PAUL JOURNEE	v.		GARDA DRISCOLL
(Champion of France).	(Irish Champion).

GARDA BOXING TEAM.

GARDA O'DRISCOLL.

Amateur heavy-weight champion of Ireland, 1926; finalist, British championship, 1926.

GARDA O'FLANAGAN. Amateur cruiser-weight champion of Ireland, 1926.

GARDA COOPER. Amateur welter-weight champion of Ireland, 1926.

GARDA FARREN. Finalist, heavy-weight championship of

Ireland, 1926.

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GARDA CHASE.

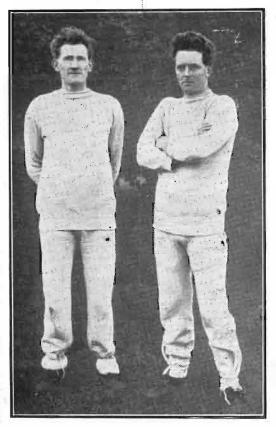
Amateur middle-weight champion of Ireland, 1926.

GARDA MURPHY.

Finalist, middle-weight champion of Ireland, 1926.

GARDA DUDDY. Finalist, cruiser-weight championship, 1926.

"LARRY" STANLEY'S ATHLETIC FEATS. AMERICAN TRAINING COSTUME.



W. Shanahan (left) and L. Stanley in new training costumes which have been adopted by the D.M. Div.

THIS well-known athlete has risen to highest fame in athletic circles in highest fame in athletic circles in Ireland within a few years. His first appearance in a championship game was in 1914, when he played for Blacktrench, his townland in Kildare, and on the dissolution of this team he threw in his lot with Carragh. This Club won the County Senior Championship, the Leinster title, and the All-Ireland Final in Stanley the while "captaining" the 1919. combination. In the early summer of the same year, rigged out with ordinary walking shoes, into which he had fitted home-made spikes, he crossed the bar at Blessington Sports with a 5ft. 2in. leap. "Larry" passed from strength to strength in the succeeding years, and, in 1923, at Kickhams' meet, he crossed at 6ft din La Luca 1924 he crossed at Championship at 6ft. 2in. At Stamford Bridge in the same month he obtained the A.A.A. Championship, defeating many famous athletes, and, travelling back the same night, he jumped 6ft. 2in. on his native "short grass," the occasion being a Sports at New-bridge. His next noteworthy appearance was in the Tailteann Games, when he opposed Osborne, the famous American athlete. Osborne, the famous American athlete. Osborne cleared the lath with ease and grace at 6ft. 5ins., Stanley's best being an inch less (but the official figures, which reduced heights) returned 6ft. 41 ins. and 6ft. 31 ins.

With a view to a Decathlon contest in the future, Stanley has indulged in light sprints of late. The following list illustrates his best for recent events—High jump, 6ft. lin.; long jump, 23ft. 2ins.; hop, step and jump, 45ft.

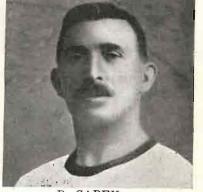
LARRY STANLEY'S FEATS.- (Continued).

8ins.; pole jump, 9ft. 9ins.; javelin, 141; shot, 36ft. 5ins., and discus, 104ft. In addition, he has scored in the 120 yards and throwing the hammer.

EX-SUPT. CAREY.-REMARKABLE

Stanley's advent into the athletic arena at a period when Ireland's prestige in International events was on the wane rightly causes Irish sportsmen to be proud of him.

ATHLETIC CAREER.



D. CAREY.

FEW short months ago Superintendent Denis Carey retired into private life, and it is only fitting that a brief resumé of his achievements in the athletic field should be recorded here.

be recorded here. In 1892, at Ballsbridge, Denis Carey first earned notoriety when he tied with Reynolds, of Dublin, for the Championship of Ireland at Throwing the Hammer, both competitors scoring 105ft. from a 7ft. circle. From 1892 to 1922—a period of 30 years—Mr. Carey's career was one of breaking previous records, and thereby creating new ones. Only a very brief outline of his extraordinary performanecs is possible here.

At the end of 1892 he was the undisputed champion hammer thrower of Ireland with a distance of 132ft. to his credit. The hammer of this period was truly a sledge with wooden handle. The following year he carried off the English Championship for this event. He had now blossomed into an all-round athlete, and for fifteen years continued to win innumerable prizes for the following events:—Hammer Throwing, Putting 16lb. Shot, Throwing 56lbs. Weight, Hurdles, 100, 220, 440, and 880 Yards, Hop, Step and Jump, and Pole-Jumping events.

He holds the unique record of annexing the Championship of Ireland in the 120 Yards Hurdles on six occasions—five of which were in succession.

Standing over 6ft. 2in. in height, and weighing over 14 stone, he was ideally built for an athlete. During his long career he has won over 500 prizes, of which 50 are championship medals. In 1912 he represented Ireland at the Olympic Games at Stockholm, and as late as 1920 he appeared at Stamford Bridge at the English A.A. Championships. Carey thought nothing of taking part in six different events on the same day, or making flying visits from one meeting to another on successive days. In 1899 he competed at Coventry, Stoke-on-Trent. and Leeds in succession. At the first named placed he won four events, secured third in a sixth, and defeated Dr. T. M. Donovan. the record-holder, in the 300 yards Hurdles.



GARDA CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM AT PRACTICE.



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