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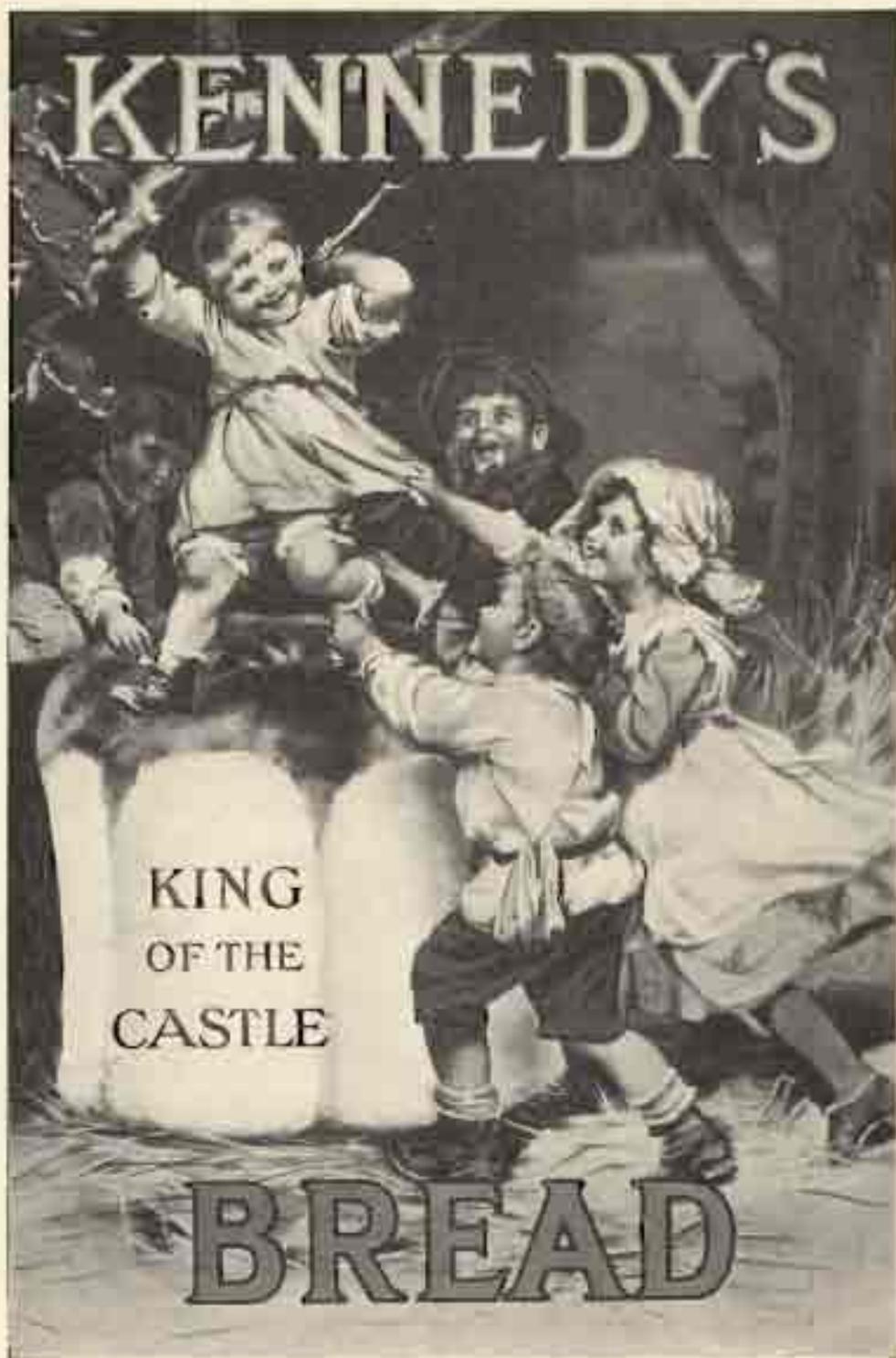
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FOREWORD.

THE many patrons of the Garda in sport will be glad to know that, encouraged by the splendid success of the 1926 Anach, the *Coiste Siolta*, hope to make this great Garda Festival an annual event.

Our most sanguine expectations were realized last year, and in expressing the gratitude of the Force to all those who co-operated with us so cheerfully, may I again hope for generous support and patronage for this year's functions.

The organization of the series of events outlined in the five days programme is an ambitious venture, rendered more difficult this year owing to the necessity for transferring the entire Depot Reserve for libetium duty in the various counties during the period when training and preparation was most essential, particularly in fire drill, first aid, gymnastics, music, etc.

Notwithstanding the constant call of duty—efficiently and thoroughly performed—the Garda, bearing always in mind that "what is worth doing at all is worth doing well," have not spurned themselves in the promotion of athletics and games in general. In this they can always rely on my support, for I realize that we have in the Garda the most promising source of hope for the future of athletics, and, apart from the national aspect, participation in games engenders a spirit of self-reliance, manliness, high courage, abstinence, perseverance, and other attributes essential to the well-being of any body of young men.

Our efforts have been criticised, and our purpose has been misrepresented, but now that the governing bodies have shown in no uncertain manner their appreciation of the fine sporting qualities of the Garda, I hope the temporary set-back will be overcome.

On the occasion of his recent visit to the Depot, His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel said:—"I am glad to see the Garda taking such an interest in the games, they are an example to the rest of the country in fostering Irish athletics." We should feel proud of this great tribute from the distinguished successor of Dr. Croke.

During the Anach, three members of the Force will be decorated with medals for valour, and a tablet will be unveiled in proud memory of our heroic comrades who made the supreme sacrifice in defence of our people's rights.

I am particularly glad to say that the Language Competitions, Aerluheacht and Ceilidhe promise to eclipse those of last year, and I again exhort the Force, if exhaustion be necessary, to continue their good work individually and collectively in furtherance of the Language, which, above all, is the foundation of national culture.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the remarkable work being done, not only for the Garda but for the State, by the *Coiste Siolta*. It is charged with a great trust, and I hope it will be rewarded by a successful Anach under the most favourable conditions.

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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 Slothchana today. Visitors to our shores are astonished at youth in office, and a world-famed 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.

Blessed with youth and health in a measure which outsteps all other organisations, the Garda enters upon this great festival in the hope of still furthering good, honest, clean and manly sport throughout the country, and thereby administer the necessary tonic to Irish pastimes in general.

If we are to accept the success of last year's Anoch as being indicative of what Anoch an Garda 1927 will be, then the promoters of this athletic festival need entertain no doubts as to the result, and the general public, whose interests are the sole objective of the Committee may once more be assured of having their interests in all forms of National Athletics well catered for. The benefits, from the athletic point of view, arising out of last year's Anoch, are not all apparent, in so much as the numerous successes registered throughout the country in the interval, are not placed directly to the credit of the Garda Athletic Carnival, though a close observer and a follower of "form" in athletics would, without hesitation, place the credit where it is due. "Garda Week" stands as an open invitation to all and sundry who aspire to honours in the field of athletics, newcomers and old-timers alike; it acts as an added incentive to the growing enthusiasm which has made itself felt in the country in the course of the past few years, and will continue to do so as long as Ireland can boast of athletes of the type whose achievements are briefly recorded in this Programme.

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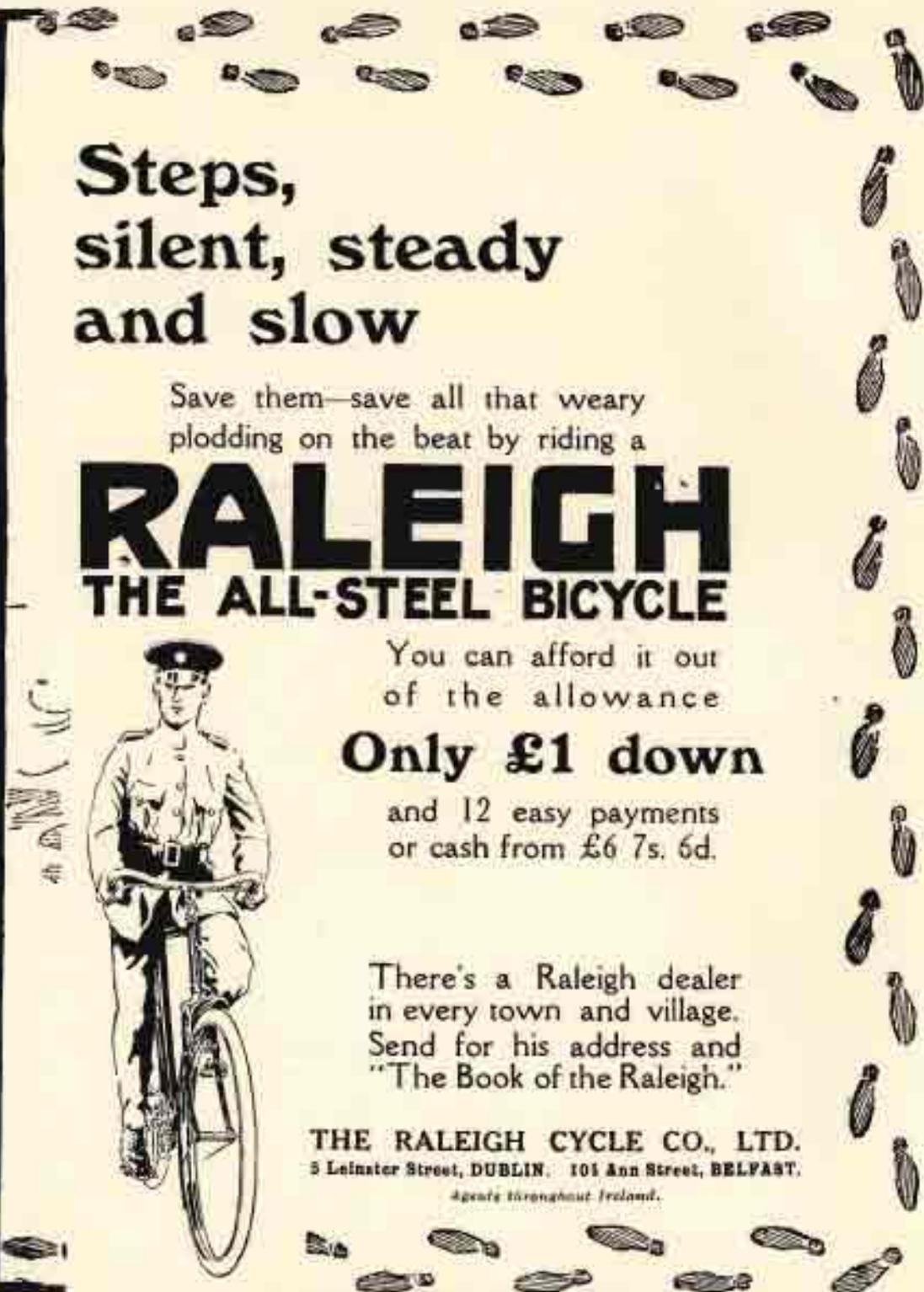
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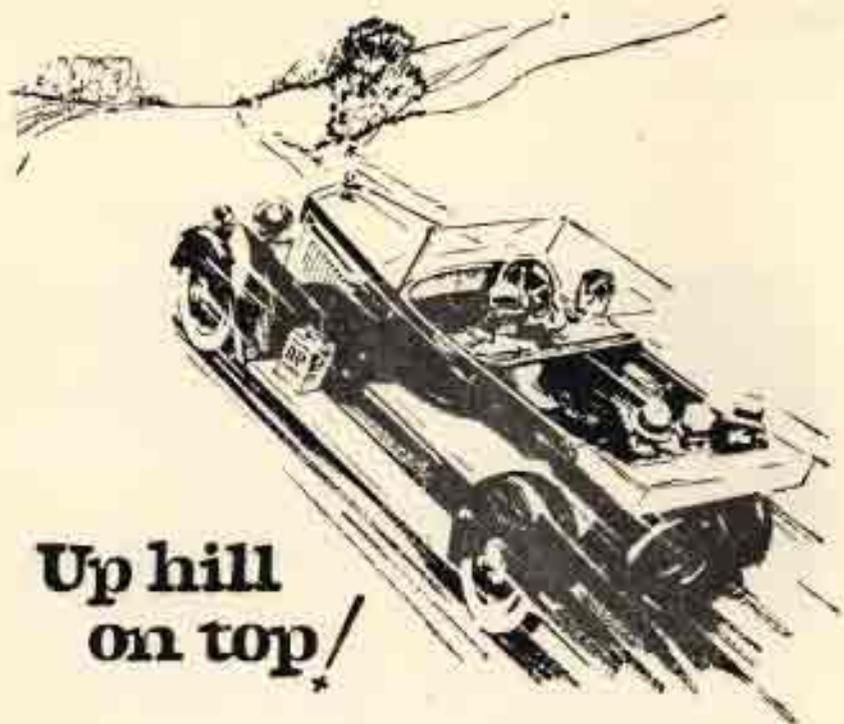
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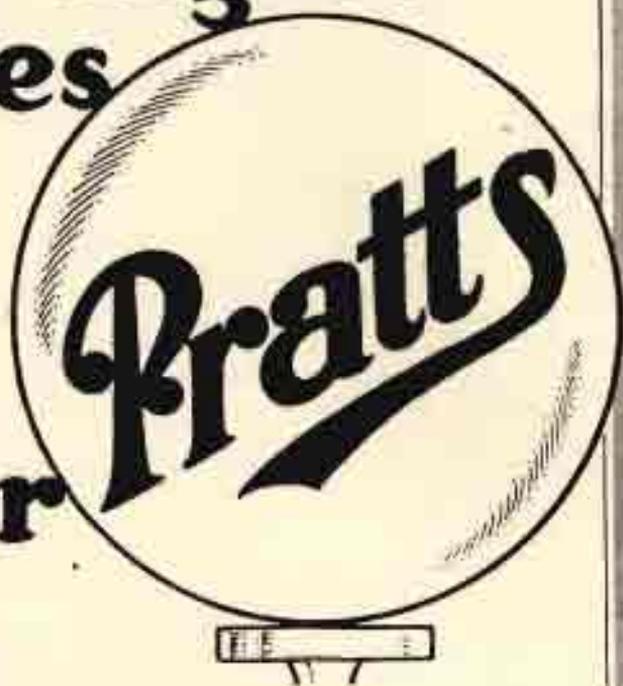
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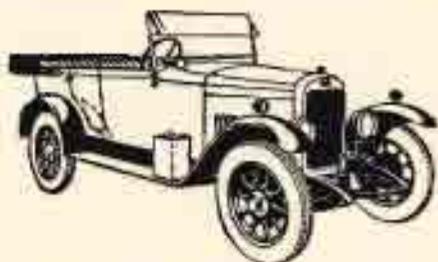
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Athletics.

THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.—GARDAI FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN FINALS.

THE National Championships at Croke Park on the 26th and 27th June, 1926, resulted in the Gardai maintaining and in some instances improving upon, their previous performances. Space allows only of a very brief summary. Birmingham defended and sustained his title in slinging the half-hundredweight, and second and third fell to Gardai Kennedy (Eaniscorthy) and Gore (Dublin). Birmingham and Byrne tied for second place in the 16 lb. hammer competition. Connor was unable to hold his place in the long jump, victory going to R. J. Cussen, with Shanahan (G.S.) and Maloney (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 16 lb. shot—Colhoun (Ulsterville H.) securing the honours in the absence of the holder, O'Grady.

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

In the cycling events, Sergeant Lyon annexed the one mile championship, and he was second to the holder, N. Dummelly, 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. Maloney 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. Grogan 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 an outlet during Garda Week.

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GARDA VICTORIES DURING 1926

THE list of championships, medals, first prizes and other notable awards won by the Guards during the 1926 season would, if given here in detail, monopolise more space than is permitted, so that we are necessarily confined to giving but a short summary of the successes registered for that period by the more prominent athletes. A limited analysis of the various awards and placings shows that with the discus P. J. Bermingham is still "out on his own," in so much as he still retains his title of Irish and British Champion and Irish "56" Champion, having successfully disposed of all who aspired to acquire those much-coveted distinctions during the season. At Tralee Sports last year he threw the "56" (from stand without follow) a distance of 27ft. 1in., and later in the same year at Sports in Clara, he established a new record for the discus throw.

W. Shanahan, the well-known runner and high jumper, has, as a result of the various competitions in which he took part during the 1926 season, added the following successes to his already brilliant record: Won the Leinster High Jump Championship, and in addition had the distinction of being runner-up in four Irish Championships, viz:—High and Long Jump, Hurdles and Javelin. He tied for 1st place in High Jump at Triangular Sports (International) at Glasgow last year. It would not be amiss to mention here that amongst Shanahan's previous successes he won the National 120 Yards Hurdles Championship in 17 sees., and was second to Stanley in the High Jump.

On the Cycling track, Sergt. Michael Lynn has successfully maintained his previous brilliant record by the following achievements during 1926:—Secured second place in the Quarter-Mile National Championships and second place in the One Mile Leinster Championship; he holds the Ten Mile National Championship, as well as the Five and One Mile. In addition, he holds the Three Mile Championship of Leinster, the One Mile Championship of Connaught and the Five Mile Cham-

pionship of Connaught. His other successes for 1926 include the County Dublin One Mile and Ten Mile Championship, together with the One Mile and Three Mile State Inter-Service Championships. His previous record is dealt with at greater length elsewhere in this programme.

Guard Kelly. At Glasgow, this well-known cyclist won the Three Mile Cycle Invitation event; at New Brighton he was second in the Five Mile Scratch; in the Irish Cycle Championship he was second in the Mile event, and third in the Quarter Mile Leinster Championships. In 1926 he added the following successes to his record:—Second in the One Mile Connaught Championship; second in the Five Miles Connaught Championship; second in the Five Miles and One Mile County Dublin Championships; first in the Three Miles Connaught Championship; first in the Three Miles Handicap at Ballinasloe, and second in the Five Miles Handicap at the same venue; first in the Five Miles Handicap at Wexford, and first in the Half-Mile Handicap at Garda Sports.

Yet another well-known, Guard Batt. O'Connor, has, during the 1926 season, brought additional honours to the Garda Athletic Club. His total successes for 1926 are 32 firsts, 16 seconds and 8 thirds. The following are some of the more important events in which he competed:—Won the Half-Mile Championship and Four Miles Championship of Leinster; secured four seconds in Leinster Championships, lap prize and third in Five Miles National Championships; the One, Two, Three, Four, and Five Mile Motor-paced Records of Ireland; won the Three Miles Scratch at Clonmel; the Five Miles Scratch at Castlebar; Three Miles Scratch at Cork, Donegal and Caelow, and was second in the Sibbit Invitation Quarter-Mile Scratch at Clonliffe.

At Abbeyleix, in August of last year, Garda Con Connor jumped 8ft. 3½ins. and added yet another Irish record to those already in possession of the Garda.

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IRISH RECORDS COMPARED WITH THOSE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES

On this the second Sunday in October 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 German entrants. Several returned excellent times, such as Fischer, Leipzig, 10 1-5th secs; König, Breslau, 10 secs; R. Göts (Stuttgart), German Champion, 9 4-5th secs. The final results were Göts; London (Polytechnic); König. Won by half a yard in 10 secs.

The following are the times for this event taken from meetings in 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. Cassin won in 10 seconds. This year Lavitt and Eastace shared the title in 10 1-5th 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, Bocher, Porritt, New Zealand, 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 Lavitt was not extended, and could have done much better time.

440 YARDS.

At the A.A.A. Championships, Rickel, 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 purpose 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.

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

In the 380 Yards at the A.A.A. Championships, 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.A.—1 min. 55 4-5 secs.
South of England—1 min. 58 4-5th secs.

In this event, we have two very good half-milers in McKashearn 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 Becker, 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. 28 1-5th secs.
U.S.A. Inter-College—4 mins. 22 5-10th secs.
A.A.A.—4 mins. 17 2-5th secs.

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

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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 (Horne Hill) in 18 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.

Our native best falls short of 100 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.

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. 7½ins.



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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.

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)—147 ft. 8 ins.

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

Coxson, 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 Kirwin. The following are distances taken from the most important meetings of this year:—

Irish Championship—22ft. 7½ins.
A.A.A.—23ft. 8ins.
U.S.A., Inter-College—23ft. 0½ins.
South Africa—23ft. 7ins.
Cambridge v. A.A.A.—23ft. 8ins.
North of England—21ft. 2ins.
South of England—21ft. 1½ins.

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ATHLETIC STANDARDS.—(Continued).

16lbs. HAMMER.

The following are the results at 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 tramp 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 acrobatic he would reach first-class distances, as his style and action are perfect.

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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. 5½ins. For the purpose of comparison other results are given:—

Drake, U.S.A.—48ft. 5½ins.
 Pennsylvania, U.S.A.—40ft. 9ins.
 A.A.A.—44ft. 11ins.
 U.S.A., Inter-College—50ft. 0½ins.
 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, pro-

mise 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 with 142ft. 4ins., Askildt (Norway) and Hoffmeister (Germany) being second and third with 139ft. 5ins. and 135ft. 0½ins., 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 public have now become masters. Can it be hoped that with a 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 visit, 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.

I.A.A.A. discus champion, 1919 and 1920; N.A.A.A. discus and "50" champion (height and distance).



P. J. BERMINGHAM.

1923; Irish and English discus, 1924 and 1925; and Irish champion "50" (height and distance); Irish and English discus champion, 1926, and

Irish "50" champion, 1926. Represented Ireland at Olympics and Tailteann Games in 1924. At Gaelic Sports, in 1925, he threw the "50" (from stand without follow) a distance of 27ft. 1in.; and later in the same year at sports in Ulster he put up a new Irish figure for discus throw.

BRADLEY, A.

A member of D.M.D. novice team. A useful jumper and sprinter.

BYRNE, J.

I.A.A.A. hammer champion, 1921 and 1922. Won hammer throw for Ireland at Triangular International (Belfast) in 1921; also represented Ireland in 1923.

CHESOT, M.

A member of D.M.D. novice team. A very promising runner.

CASHILL, J.

A promising shot putter and discus thrower. Winner of many prizes since leaving Novice Team.

CLIFFORD, M.

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

DRAHY, M. (Sergeant).

G.A.A. champion, 1922, and winner of many other prizes for all-round weight throwing. Was also a champion bowler player for Co. Cork.

DWYAN, JERMI.

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DEANE, M.

Winner of Club Handball Championship, 1927.

DIMPSEY, J.

Another member of the novice athletic team. A promising jumper and sprinter.

FLANAGAN, MATT.

Irish amateur cruiser-weight champion, 1925 and 1926. Also a member of the athletic team.

FLANAGAN, LEO.

A shot putter of the novice team. A member of the Dubston tug-o-war team, 1925.

FINN, M.

Member of Garda hurling team. Played with Garda hurling team, 1926-'27 (Dublin champions).

GLYNN, T.

Leinster G.A.A. long jump champion, 1920. Long jump and hog step champion, 1920, for Leinster Inter-County. Leinster long jump and hog step champion, 1922. Co. Dublin long jump and hog step champion, 1924 and 1925. Represented Ireland at Triangular International, 1925, and at Tailteann Games, 1924. Leinster long jump champion, 1926. All-Army long jump champion, 1925.

GLYNN, M.

Member of D.M.G. novice team. A promising sprinter and shot putter; also a handballer of note. Having, when partnered with M. Joyce in slubmate, won the Co. Dublin soft ball championship in 1926; also Club doubles, 1924.

GERAGHTY, M.

Runner-up novice cross-country champion, 1926; also handballer and footballer.

GOSE, WM.

Famous as "55" weight thrower; also prominent at other weight events.

HEALY, THOMAS.

Co. Dublin shot putt champion, 1926 (distance 45ft. 6in.). Runner-up Irish shot and discus champion, 1926.



THOMAS HEALY.

HANESSY, H.

Long-distance runner. A member of novice athletic team.

HAYDEN, JOE.

Middle distance runner. A member of the D.M.G. cross-country team, 1926 and 1927; also a boxer of note.

KENNELLY, PE.

D.M.G. Club, intermediate handball (soft) champion, 1926. Won many prizes with the "56."

KIRKMAN, BOME.

A useful jumper and sprinter, footballer and handballer.

KELGAN, T.

A member of the novice boxing team; also a good handballer.

KRATING, JAS.

Winner of junior "doubles" soft ball club championship; also a member of I.M.D. handball team.

KENNEDY, M.

A member of the novice athletic team.

LYNAM, J.

Member of Garda Football Team; also a useful handballer.

MULLEN, J.

Prominent member of Garda Football Club.

MAHAN, G.

I.A.A. half-mile champion, 1918; 40, half-mile and mile champion, 1910; 40, 1921; 800 metres, 1,500 metres; one mile steeplechase champion, 1922. Was a member of Irish cross-country team at Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1924. Many times Irish champion at various distances, and Co. Dublin senior cross-country champion, 1927. A footballer of note; presently playing with Garda F.C., and gained All-Ireland honours in the past when playing for his native County (Kildare).

MAHER, J.

A useful high jumper.

MAHER, M.

A weight thrower.

MOYNIBAN, P.

Member of D.M.G. novice athletic team; a high and long jumper; also a good 100, 200 and 400 yard man.

MULCAHY, WM.

A promising young boxer.

MCSWENNEY, J.

An all-round weight thrower; winner of many prizes during the past year.

MCMANARA, J.

A most promising middle distance runner; member of D.M.G. novice athletic team.

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NOLAN, A.

A noted sprinter and hurdler; also a good footballer; a potential Irish sprint champion; winner of Intermediate handball championship (D.M.G. Club), 1927. Member of Garda F.C.



A. NOLAN.

O'CONNELL, C.

An all-round man, who does best with shot and javelin; he is also a good footballer and a member of the Garda F.C.

O'CONNOR, C.

Munster high jump champion, 1923; Irish high jump champion, 1926; at Abingdon Sports he cleared the bar at 5 ft. 6 in. A fine all-round athlete.



C. O'CONNOR.

O'CONNOR, P.

Member of D.M.G. novice team; also a boxer and hurdler.

O'HALLORAN, M.

I.A.A.A. shot putt champion, 1922; N.A.C.A. javelin champion, 1925. Represented Ireland in International contests, and winner of numerous prizes for all-round events.

O'DRISCOLL, JOHN.

Irish amateur heavy-weight champion, 1924, 1925, 1926; runner-up English championships, 1929; Irish and British police heavy-weight champion, 1927; also a member of the athletic team.

O'DWYER, M.

Noted as a jumper, sprinter and hurdler, at which events he has won many prizes.

O'REILLY, T. J. (Scout).

Ex-Irish handball champion, and is still a force to be reckoned with; represents Dublin in Inter-County matches. Was double-handed Inter-national handball match Ireland v. U.S.A. in 1924.

O'REILLY, J.

Member of Garda F.C.; also a fine handballer.

O'REILLY, C. J.

A promising young boxer.

O'TOOLE, J.

Member of athletic novice team, also a noted footballer, who has played several Inter-County matches; presently a member of Garda F.C.

O'NEILL, B.

A useful handballer and boxer.

O'NEILL, M.

A promising heavy-weight boxer; a good handballer; plays for D.M.G. in tests.

POWER, THOMAS.

N.A.C.A. starting high jump champion, 1924. Represented Ireland at Tailteann Games; is a good all-round weight-thrower.

POWDERLY, P. J.

Winner of many prizes at shot putting; is also a handballer, a footballer and boxer.

RYAN, P. F. (Jumper).

A prominent weight-thrower; winner of the I.A.A.A. hammer championship, 1920; Leinster shot and "28" champion, 1925. "Amateur of the Garda" hammer champion, 1926.



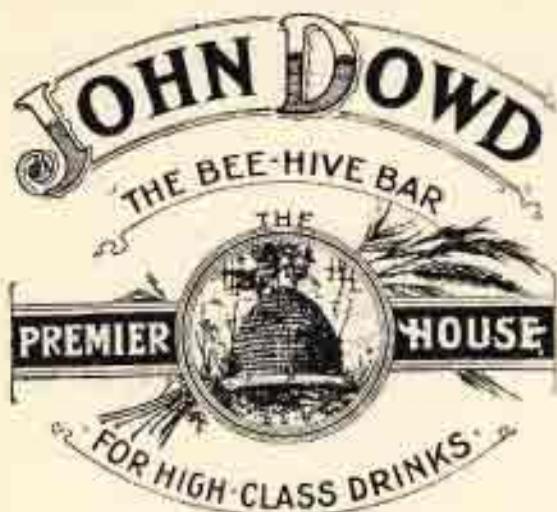
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RYAN, C.

Senior "Stagles" soft ball champion, D.M.B. 1925. Won the Co. Dublin soft ball "Doubles" handball championship (with M. Joyce as partner) in 1927.

RYAN, M.

A member of D.M.B. novice team, 1927.



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D.M.D. ATHLETIC RECORDS.—(Continued).

SHANAHAN, W. F.

G.A.A. high jump champion, 1919; G.A.A. high jump champion, 1919; tied for 1st place Munster high and long jump championship in 1919; runner up in "56" over the bar Irish championship in the same year; G.A.A. high, long, and hop step jump championships in 1920; and in the same year he has also won all-round athletic championship (Irish). Won Irish championships as follows, 1922: Running and standing long jumps, three standing jumps and standing high jump; won Co. Dublin high jump and hurdles championship in 1924; won Munster champions



W. F. SHANAHAN

hip in the high and hop step jumps in the same year; in 1923 won Munster championship in long jump and hurdles, and in the same year won the Co. Dublin high jump and hurdles championship; in 1924 he won the Leinster high jump

championship, and, in addition, had the distinction to be runner-up in four Irish championships—high and long jumps, hurdles and javelin. In 1924 he tied for 1st place in high jump at Triangular International at Glasgow. He represented Ireland at the Olympic and Taittman Games.

SHANLEY, A. J.

A fine all-round athlete and a boxer of note.

STANLEY, J.

Irish and English high jump champion, 1924; Irish high jump champion, 1922; represented Ireland at Olympic and Taittman Games, and at the latter he cleared 6ft. 3 1/2 in., to get second place in Galway, the world's champion. He is also a fine long jumper and hop step man, being runner-up in Irish championships in those events in 1925. He has also won prizes at most other athletic events. As an exponent of scientific touch football he is probably unequalled at the present time. He is a member of the Garda P.C., and holds Midland honours in the latter name.

SINNOTT, P.K.

A very good long jumper, who has in the past covered 22 feet; also a useful sprinter.

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A boxer, handballer, footballer, and a good distance runner.

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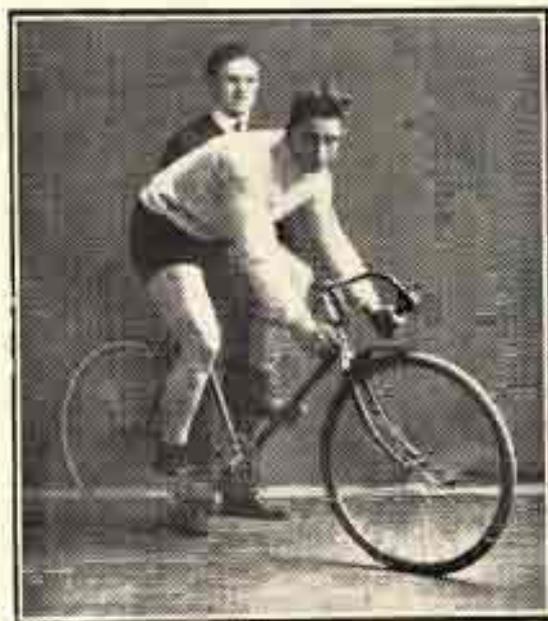
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GARDA "TOM" KELLY.—His career as a track cyclist is one long series of successes in championships and other events. He is a consistently fine performer and needs no introduction to sporting circles at home or abroad. Lack of space precludes us from giving more than a brief résumé of his victories during the years 1925 and 1926:—

- 1st.—Three Miles Invitation (Scratch) Glasgow Police Sports.
- 2nd.—Five Miles (Scratch) at New Brighton.
- 2nd.—One Mile Championship of Ireland.
- 1st.—Half-Mile Handicap, National Championships.
- 1st.—Half-Mile Handicap, Grocers Sports.
- 1st.—Two Miles Handicap, Grocers Sports.
- 1st.—Three Miles Handicap at Drogheda Sports.
- 1st.—Five Miles Handicap at Drogheda Sports.
- 1st.—Half-Mile (Scratch) at Castlebar.
- 1st.—One Mile Handicap at Castlebar.
- 1st.—One Mile Handicap at Garda Sports.
- 1st.—Three Miles Handicap at Craik Park.
- 1st.—Three Miles Handicap at Ballina-lough.
- 1st.—Half-Mile (Scratch) at Ballinacree.
- 2nd.—One Mile Connought Championship.
- 2nd.—Five Miles Handicap at Ballinacree.
- 1st.—Five Miles Handicap at Wexford.
- 1st.—Twenty-five Miles Handicap at Dublin.
- 1926—1st.—Half-Mile Handicap at Craik Park (Garda Sports).

LYNN, SERGT. M.—It is to be regretted that the limited space available does not allow of the reproduction in detail of this well-known athlete's achievements on the track. His career as a cyclist has been a brilliant one, and as his most recent successes illustrate, he is still very much to the fore. We can do no more here than briefly record his most important successes and state that during the past six years he has secured over 100 first prizes, and has been placed second in over 40 events:

- 1918—1st in Three Mile Mayo County Championship.
- " 2nd in Eight Mile Provincial Championship (Connought).
- 1919—1st in Mile and Three Mile Provincial Championship (Connought).
- 1921—1st in Seven Mile Championship of Ireland.
- " 1st in Half-Mile and Four Mile Connought Championship.
- 1922—1st in Half-Mile and Four Mile Connought Championship.
- " 2nd in Seven Mile Championship of Ireland.
- 1925—2nd in Five National Championships.
- 1926—1st in Quarter and Seven Mile Leinster Championships.
- " 1st in Three Mile Championship of Connought.
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- 1920—1st in Ten Mile National Championship.
 — 1st in One Mile National Championship.
 — 1st in Two Miles National Championship.
 — 1st in Three Mile Leinster Championship.
 — 1st in Five Mile Connacht Championship.
 — 1st in One Mile Connacht Championship.
 — 1st in Two Mile Co. Dublin Championship.
 — 1st in One Mile Co. Dublin Championship.
 — 1st in One Mile State Inter-Services Championship.
 — 1st in Three Mile State Inter-Services Championship.

Sgt. Lynn has also won the Five Mile Scratch (Miles Cup) in 1923, City of Dublin Assurance Cup—Ten Mile Scratch; and the City of Dublin Assurance Cup—Five Mile Scratch.

CONNOLLY, P. (Garda).—In 1924 he secured five first prizes and three seconds in the 100 yards event; these include the Woods Cup and the Officers' Cup (Drugheda).

In 1925 he secured four firsts and five seconds in various events—100 yards, 220, 300, and 45 lb. shot.

In 1926 he followed up his previous successes by winning the 220 yards at Waterford, and in the same year he secured five seconds in varied distance events, ranging from 100 to 300 yards. As can be seen from his record, Connolly is a sprinter of note, and shows promise of even better things in the future.

COLEMAN, PETER (Garda).—College and Schools Championships, 1920—1st in Junior High Jump; All-Ireland College and Schools Championships, 1921—1st Senior High Jump; 2nd Long Jump; 1st, 12 lb. shot; 2nd, Hop, Step and Jump. Participated in G.A.A. meetings, 1921 and 1922—Secured three first prizes in High Jump.

In 1924 he secured the following prizes under N.A.C.A.:

High Jump—Two 1sts; Long Jump—Two 1sts.
 100 Yards—1st and 2nd. 440 Yards—One 2nd and one 3rd.

In 1925 he secured 2nd place in the High Jump, 3rd place in 100 Yards and 2nd place in the 220 Yards.

In 1926 he secured four 1st prizes in the High Jump, and three 1sts in the Long Jump. He was second on three occasions in the 100 Yards; secured two 2nds and one 3rd prize in the 220 Yards, and brought that year's record to a successful conclusion by winning the 220 Yards Relay Race.

Coleman's record of the past few years, as outlined above, speaks for itself. He is undoubtedly an athlete of merit, who gives promise of securing bigger successes in the athletic world in the near future.

OREGAN, M. (Garda).—In May, 1923, Oregan won the 440 Yards Handicap off 10 yards. In five ensuing meetings he took three first and one second prize. In 1924 he was placed second in the 440 Yards Championship of Co. Dublin. He figured in the Tailteann Games 300 and 400 Metres, and in the 1,000 Metres Relay Race, in which the Irish team were placed second in the famous U.S.A. Quartette. In all the Garda secured nine first and thirteen seconds in that season.



M. OREGAN.

In 1925 Oregan represented Ireland in the 100, 220, and 440 Yards events, being third to Sean Lavin in his record-breaking 440. In the same year he won the 220 Yards Championship of Dublin University. The Garda secured seven first prizes and twelve seconds in this season.

In 1926 Oregan secured second prizes in the 440 Yards County Dublin and National Championships, and in the same year represented Ireland at Glasgow in the 220 and 440 Yards events. Later he secured the Championship in the 440 State Services event, and was second in the 100 Yards event.

In the Leinster Championships of that year he won the 100 and 220, and was second in the High Jump. In this season Oregan had nine first and sixteen second prizes to his credit. He was appointed Secretary of the Depot Athletic Club on its formation.

WATERS, M. (Garda).—Started in 1924 to seriously tackle athletics and competed at the following meetings:—

1924—Mayo Abbey, 1st, High Jump.

— Castlebar, 2nd, High Jump.

— Glencorris, 2nd, High Jump.

Kilkeny—1st, High Jump; Castlecomer—1st, High

Jump; Lethbrannagh—1st, High Jump; Cavan—1st,

High Jump and 2nd, Long Jump; Drogheda—2nd,

High Jump and 3rd in Long Jump; Derry—2nd in

High Jump and 3rd in Long Jump; Galway—2nd

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DEPOT ATHLETES.—(Continued).

MCALINDEN, MI. (Garda).—Competed in the following events at the places mentioned below:—

Tullow—Three firsts—100 Yards, 220, and 440.
 Drogheda—Two firsts—100 Yards, 100 Yards.
 Fermoy—One first—100 Yards.
 Clonliffe—One first—100 Yards.
 Cork—Two firsts—220 Yards Relay.
 Kilkenny—One first—440 Yards.
 Tralee—One first—440 Yards.
 Cavan—One first—100 Yards.
 Sligo—One first—Relay.

Secured in addition a total of 57 seconds at various other meetings throughout the country.

O'CONNOR, BATT. (Garda).—Holds a consistently good record as a cyclist of note. In the year 1925 he secured eight firsts, ten seconds, four thirds, making in all a total of twenty-two successes for that year.

For the year 1926 he has to his credit thirty-two firsts, sixteen seconds, and eight thirds; Half-Mile Championship and Four-Mile Championship of Leinster; four seasons in Leinster Championships; Lay Prize and third in Five Mile National Championship; the One, Two, Three, Four, and Five Mile Motor-Paced records of Ireland. He won the Three-Mile (Scratch) at Clonmel, Five Mile (Scratch) at Castlebar, Three Mile (Scratch) at Coek, Donngal, Carlow and Nowbridge; and was placed second to J. E. Sibbit in Invitation Quarter Mile at Clonliffe.

O'DARA, WM. (Garda).—A member of Clonliffe Harriers, 1924-1926. In 1924 he succeeded in capturing the Doran Shield for the 3 Miles Continued Flat Handicap, a distinction

which he followed up in 1925 by securing third place in the Doran Cup, 3 Miles Continued Handicap. He was a member of the winning team (Clonliffe Novices) Cross-Country Race, 1924, and also in the Co. Dublin and All-Ireland Junior of the same year. An experienced long-distance runner, both cross-country and flat.

SULLIVAN, PK. (Garda).—In 1925 he competed at Cavan Garda Sports and secured first prize in the Long Jump and tied for 2nd place in the High Jump. In 1926 he secured first prize at Wexford Garda Sports in the Long Jump, and at Clonliffe, in the same year, was first in the Long Jump and tied for first place in the High Jump. At last year's Garda Annual Sports he tied for second place in the High Jump.

WEHICK, T. K.—A member of the Depot A. C. In 1924 he competed in Novice League, and secured 24 points in five contests—the Club's record.

All-Army Championships, 1924, 2nd place, Long Jump (200 ft.). At Dundrum in the same year he secured 1st prize in the 100 Yards and 3rd in the Long Jump.

His record for 1925 is as follows:—

2nd—Long Jump, at Carlow.
 1st—220 Yards, at D.M.O. Sports.
 2nd—100 Yards, at D.U.T. Sports.
 1st—100 Yards, Balbriggan.
 2nd—Long Jump, at "Kickham."
 1st—100 Yards, at Bray.
 1st—200 Yards, at Bray.
 1st—100 Yards at Castlebar (Grand Heat).
 2nd—220 Yards, at Kinsale.

In 1926 he secured 1st in the 200 Yards event and 2nd in the Long Jump at Rathfrilly.



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Handball

SOYE, TOM (Garda), Dept. 51, who is only 24 years of age, has the following long record to his credit—

1919—Winner of the Dublin Schools Championship.
1921—Winner of Dublin Schools Championship, singles and doubles.

1921—Runner-up in Senior 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 Ireland.

1925—Defeated J. J. Kelly (Champion of Ireland) in Dublin Senior Championship at Judoon; Referee ordered, as the Indroosee Ball-Court was not a standard court, being 55 ft. short. Played on following Sunday in the "Bout" Ball-Court, being beaten 4 games to 2.

1926—Defeated J. Dowdall (Leinster Champion, 1923) in Soft Ball Championship.

1926—Defeated E. Kulligan (Champion) in Senior Hard Ball Championship, Dr. Harty Cup.

1926—Winner of double-handed Challenge Match, with Jim Doherty, for Gold Medal, against J. Slicker and P. McGill.

1926—Defeated T. J. O'Reilly and U. Ryan in the Dublin Championship, with Edward J. Doherty as partner.

1926—Winner of Senior Championship of Leinster (Hard Ball).

1926—Defeated Army Champion, Garda Week.

1926—Defeated B.A.A. Selection in Dublin, with St. Sergt. O'Reilly as partner.

1926—With St. Sergt. O'Reilly as partner in double-handed played 8 matches, consisting of 31 games, winning 24 games and losing 17. Played in Linurick, Hospital, Charleville, Rathkeale, Wexfordbridge, Fermoy, Kilkenny, and Tipperary town, losing only one match.

Edward Soye has participated in various tournaments in Cork, Cusack, Athy, Dondale, with notable success.

O'REILLY, T. J. (Sgt.)—Ex-Irish Handball Champion, and is still a force to be reckoned with. Represents Dublin in Handball Inter-County matches; also won the double-handed International Handball Match, Ireland v. U.S.A., in 1924. Patrons of the game will have an opportunity during Garda Week of seeing this famous handballer at work on the alley.



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FINN, A.—Co. Dublin intermediate hard and soft ball champion, 1926. Co. Dublin hurdles champion, 1926, and a good all-round athlete.



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JOYCE, M.—1926 senior soft ball champion, 1925. Co. Dublin doubles soft ball champion, 1926 and 1927. Holder of the Purcell Cup.

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THOUGH still in its infancy, the Garda Swimming Club is making steady progress. Since the opening of the season of 1927 numbers of inquiries have been received from prospective swimmers, and an increase in attendances at the Leagh Baths is noticed each Friday when the Club meets for practice from 12 noon until 1 p.m.

One of the reasons for the increased interest is that the services of an instructor have been obtained to teach the best methods of swimming, including the "crawl," which is, of course, the fastest stroke of all.

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The competitions at Blackrock Baths on Thursday, 23rd June, will, it is hoped, attract bumper entries and should show progress amongst the Garda. The swimming clubs in and near Dublin are very sympathetic towards the efforts to promote the sport in An Garda, and will do all they can to make the Gala a success. A really good Polo Match, which will be a trial for an International Match the following month, will be one of the highlights, while a Life-Saving Display by the pupils of Mountjoy School will also be worth seeing.

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| 1.—100 Yards Novices Inter-Services (Confined). | 6.—220 Yards Championship of An Garda. |
| 2.—50 Yards Handicap for Boys (Open). | 7.—50 Yards Breast Stroke (Open). |
| 3.—100 Yards Championship of An Garda. | 8.—Life Saving Exhibition. |
| 4.—100 Yards Handicap (Confined). | 9.—Water Polo Match. |
| 5.—100 Yards Ladies' Handicap (Open). | 10.—100 Yards Handicap for Men (Open). |

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PERSONNEL.

GILL, M. (Captain).

One of the most prominent players in Co. Galway. Participated in Connaught and All-Ireland Championships with that County. He has played with Garda and Dublin since 1924, and won the Leinster and All-Ireland Championships. Three successive Dublin Championships with Garda Team, President's Cup winners. Twice played with Leinster Selection against Munster in Inter-Provincial Competitions, 1927.

TOBIN, E. (Sergt.).

Played with Fingha and Dublin for several years prior to joining An Garda, was Dublin Champion three years; Leinster Championship four years; All-Ireland Championships two years. Has played in all important matches with the Garda Team whilst stationed in Cork. A brilliant player who has made a name for himself on the hurling field. In 1927 he played with Leinster in the Inter-Provincial Match with Munster.

MCNERNEY, P.

The oldest and most consistent member of the team. Played with his native County-Clare, for several years, and won Munster and All-Ireland Championship honours as far back as 1914. Since his advent to An Garda he has played with the Garda Team and has won Dublin Championship three years and President's Cup three years. Played in all important matches as "full-back" for Dublin. Played with Leinster in the Inter-Provincial match with Munster in 1922.

MEAGHER, W.

Prior to joining An Garda Meagher played with Tullaroun in the Kilkenny Senior Championships for several years, and with the Kilkenny County Selection in the Leinster Championship, 1923, and also in National League.

GLEESON, JOHN J. (Sergt.).

Played with Roscrea College when they won the Leinster School's Hurling Cup in 1919. Played with St. Flannan's College, Ennis, when they won the Connaught Hurling Cup, 1921-'22. Played with the winning team in the Clare County Championship and League in 1923. Played with Garda Team when, in 1925, they won the President's Cup. Played with Tipperary Juniors in 1928 when they won the All-Ireland Championship. Played with Tipperary Seniors in Munster Championship in 1926, and in the same year with the Garda Team when they captured the President's Cup. This record illustrates plainly his ability and consistency on the hurling field.

O'BURKE, THOS. (Garda).

Played with County Clare in the years 1919 to 1922; with County Westford in 1923, '24, and '25; with the Garda Team in 1924 and '26, when they won the President's Cup, and with the Garda Team in 1927 when they won the County Dublin Championship.

POWER, M.

One of the best forwards in Ireland. Played with Kilkenny for several years. Won Leinster and All-Ireland Championships in 1925. Has played with Garda Team in all important matches. He played for Leinster Selection against Munster on St. Patrick's Day, 1923.

HOWARD, G.

Played with his native County, Limerick, for several years, and won Munster and All-Ireland Championships with that County. Has since been playing with Garda team and won Leinster and All-Ireland Championships. Played with Leinster and Ireland in Tailteann Games. Played with Leinster in the Inter-Provincial match with Munster in 1927.

BROWNE, P.

As far back as 1916, Browne played with the winning team in the Tipperary Junior County Championship; and won the Senior County Championship in 1917. Played with Tipperary County Selection in Munster Final in 1922 and in the All-Ireland Final of the same year. He has assisted the Garda Team in all important matches, and is a prominent member of the Dublin Team.

PRELAN and DUNPHY.

Both natives of Leix, for which County they played for several years prior to joining An Garda. Were also prominent members of the Army Command Teams. Since their advent to An Garda they have ably assisted the Garda Team in winning the Dublin Championship three years and the President's Cup three years. They have also rendered valuable help to the Dublin Team in all its important matches during the past three years.

RYAN, J. (Sergt.).

Has played with Fr. Matthew Hall and Douglas, Cork, prior to joining An Garda. Played with Garda Senior Team since its formation, during which period he assisted in winning three County Championships. Played against Army Selection in all important matches and assisted Kilkenny's Selection in 1924 and 1925.

CONROY, J. (Garda).

Played with Leix in the years 1916 to 1919, Inter-County Championships. Played with St. Mary's, Cork, 1920-1921. Played with Dublin, Inter-County Championships 1923 and '24, and Leinster Championship. Assisted Garda Team in all important matches up to date.

BURKE, J. (Garda Goal).

A native of Cork. Played in all important matches with the Garda Team since 1923; three County Championships; President's Cup, 1925-'26. Assisted his native County in 1927.

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FAHY, E. (Sergt.).

Played for Clare, his native County, in Munster Junior Final, 1924, and participated in all Senior Inter-County Championships up to and including 1927. Played with Clare Team in National League, 1925-'26. Assisted Garda Team in winning Co. Championships, 1925 and '27, and League Championships for 1925, also played in match for President's Cup, 1926. Played with the Leinster Team which defeated Munster in the Inter-Provincial Final, 1927. Presently assisting the County Dublin Team for 1927 in the National League, which, so far, has been successful in defeating Cork, Clare, and Limerick.

MCGANN, J. (Hrda).

Played with the Garda Team when they won the President's Cup in 1924 and 1926. Assisted Tipperary in defeating Cork in the Junior Munster Final, 1926, also assisted the same team in the Semi-Final and Final of Junior All-Ireland, 1926. Assisted the Garda Team in Final of County Dublin Senior Hurling Championship, 1927.

KIRWAN, J.

For a number of years Kirwan played with his native County, Galway, when they won Connaught and All-Ireland Championships. Since joining An Garda he has played with the Garda Hurling Team in all important matches, and is presently a member of the Dublin Hurling Team.

FINN, M.

A native of Galway, where he first learned the art of wielding the caman with effect. Has played with the Garda Team in all important matches.

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GARDA FOOTBALL TEAM, 1927.

SMITH, JAS.

Played with Cavan team when they won the Championship of Ulster in the years 1923, '24, '25 and '26. Played with Ulster Selection versus Munster, 1926. Played with the same team against Munster in the Tailteann Games and was one of the All-Ireland team on the same occasion. Continued playing from 1925 to the present year with Garda Team in League and Championship matches.

RICE, J. (Sergt.).

Played with Kilsack (Co. Kildare), Senior Team in County Championships during years 1917, '18, and '19. Played with Boyle (Co. Roscommon) Senior Team in County Championships during the years 1924, '25, and '26. Played with Roscommon County Selection 1924, '25 and '26 in Connaught League Championships. Played with Connaught Selection in Tailteann Games and also with the Garda Team in League and Championship during 1926.

RUSSELL, P. (Garda).

Played with Killarney in Kerry Championship, 1922, '23, '24 and '25; Munster Championships, 1923, '24, '25, and '26. Played in All-Ireland matches with Kerry in 1923, '24, and '26, and with Munster in 1926 Inter-Provincial Championships. Played with Garda Team against the Army in match for Minister for Defence's Cup. Also played with Garda Team in League and in the Championship of Dublin, 1927.

CARTHY, THOS.

Played with Wicklow in Inter-County Championships (Leinster Junior Final). Assisted Wicklow in all important matches from 1918 to 1922. Played with Tipperary Junior Football Team when they won All-Ireland honours in 1923; and later, in 1925, he played with the Senior team in the Munster Championship; also in the McGrath Cup Competition. Played with Garda Senior Football Team when they won the Dublin Championship in 1927.

KIRWAN, JAS. (Garda).

Prior to joining An Garda he played with Brideswell in the Wexford Championships and won the Senior Championships in 1919 and 1920. Also played with Wexford County Team in 1920 and '21. Later he played with Carrow in Co. Wicklow Senior Championships, and also in Leinster Championships. Since joining An Garda in 1925 he has played with the Garda Team, and assisted them when they won the 1926 League and the Minister for Defence's Cup during Garda Week. He also played for Wexford in the 1926 Championship.

SCANLAN, J. J. (Sergt.).

Played with his native County, Clare, in the Provincial Championships 1923-1924, and was a member of the Munster Tailteann Team when they won the Provincial Cup. Played with the Garda Team in all important matches since 1924.

FLYNN, P. (Garda).

Played for Sligo, his native County, in 1917, 1922, and '25 and '26 in Connaught Championships. Also played for Sligo in the Malway Cup and for Dublin in 1919, '20, '26 and '27 Leinster Championships. A record such as Flynn's, covering such a long period in football circles speaks for itself. His services to the Garda Football Team have proved of immense value.

HENSON, Y. (Garda).

Has been playing with Ballinasloe since 1920; also assisted Galway County Senior Team in all Inter-County matches from 1922 to 1925. Was selected as a sub. for Galway on the team which the latter fielded against Dublin in the All-Ireland Final in 1923. Played with Galway against Wexford and Cavan in the All-Ireland Inter-Provincial contests 1925, since which time he has been playing with the Garda Senior Team.

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EIRWAN, J. (Garda).

Played for his native County, Galway, in all important matches during the years 1921, '22, and '23, and also assisted the same team against Dublin in the All-Ireland Final, 1922. Has rendered valuable aid to the Garda Team in all its engagements since his advent to the Force. He played with the Dublin Selection in the Leinster Championships and National League, and with Garda Team when they won the 1927 County Dublin Championship.

STANLEY, J. (Garda) (Capt.).

A spectacular footballer whose initiative, tact and skill have brought him numerous honours on the football field. In 1916 he assisted Black-trench (Kildare) in the County Junior Championship; in 1919 he played with the winning team in the County Senior Championships and in the Leinster and All-Ireland Championships; in 1925 he played with the Dublin County Selection All-Ireland Football Championship; in 1926 he played with the Garda Team in the County Dublin Senior League, and in the same year with Kildare County Selection in the Leinster Senior Championship. He has brought a brilliant record up to date by piloting the Garda Team to victory in the Final of the Dublin Championship, 1927.

O'REILLY, JOE, (Garda).

His career as a footballer began in 1920, when he assisted Rathangan (County Kildare), when they won the Junior Championship; played with the same team in the "Leinster Leader" Cup, 1923 Competition; assisted the Garda Team in winning the Dublin Senior League, 1926, and played with the same club when they won the Dublin Senior Championship, 1926; played goal for Garda Team in Final of the Dublin Championship, 1927.

GARDA POOLE.

Played for "Round Towers" 1919-'21. Played for G.H.Q. (National Army) Team, winners of A.M.S. Cup and Medals, 1927; played with Dublin Selection in the National League, 1928, and has assisted the Garda Team in all important matches since 1925, including the Senior League, 1926, and Dublin Senior Championship, 1927.

GARDA SHERLOCK.

An experienced footballer and presently a member of the Dublin Selection. Played in the 1923 All-Ireland Final with Dublin. Has played right full-back for Garda Teams in all important matches, including the 1926 Senior League and Dublin Senior Championships, 1927.

GARDA MULLEN, J.

Played with Portarlington in 1921 when they won the Championship of Leix and Oserry, whilst serving in the National Army was Captain of the 11th Battalion Team which won the Limerick Command Championships. Since joining An Garda has played for An Garda Team in Championship and League matches.

GARDA MAGAN.

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Back Row—Messrs. T. Carthy, M. Reidy, P. Russell, J. J. Shannon, P. Flynn, Mullens, O'Connell,
 and Rice.
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 Front Row—M. McCoy and J. Kirwan.



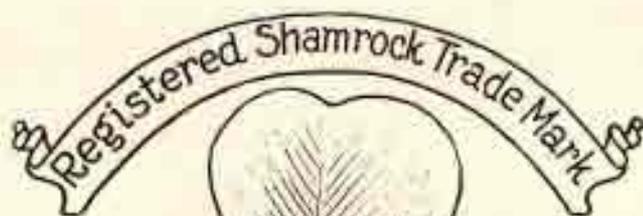
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ΔΟΝΑC AN ΣΑΡΤΑ

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Wednesday, 22nd June:—

MORNING.

Handball: Castle and Depot Alleys.

AFTERNOON.

- A.—State Service Championships, 4 p.m.
 Divisional Tug-of-War, 4 p.m.
 International Tug-of-War, 7 p.m.
 B.—Billiards: N.C.O.'s Mess.
 C.—Cinderella Dance: Recreation Hall,
 10 p.m.

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 Billiards: N.C.O.'s Mess.

AFTERNOON.

- A.—(1) Presentation of Scott Medal.
 (2) Garden Party.
 (3) Massed Bands.
 (4) Gymnastics, First Aid, and Fire Drill Displays.
 B.—Aquatic Sports: Blackrock Baths,
 5 p.m.

Friday, 24th June:—

MORNING.

- A.—(1) Handball.
 (2) Billiards: N.C.O.'s Mess.

AFTERNOON.

- B.—International Boxing: British Champions v. Gardaí, Depot Square, at 7 p.m.

Saturday, 25th June:—

A.—Finals of Handball and Billiards.

AFTERNOON.

- B.—Fifth Annual Sports, 1 p.m., at Croke Park.
 C.—Cinderella Dance: At Recreation Hall at 10.30 p.m.

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NOTICE

Since going to press the dates of Garden Party and Swimming Gala have been changed to Wednesday, the 22nd of June, and that of the Athletic Championships at Lansdowne Road to Thursday, 23rd of June.

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Garda Siothchana (D.M.D.) Band

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, LANSDOWNE ROAD,
Wednesday, 22nd June.

1. March	...	"Quarter Deck"	...	<i>Alford</i>
2. Overture	...	"Morning, Noon and Night"	...	<i>Suppé</i>
3. Valse	...	"Hydropaten"	...	<i>Gung'l</i>
4. Selection	...	"Hibernian"	...	<i>Gready</i>
5. Fox Trot	...	"In a Little Garden"	...	<i>Ival</i>
6. Dance	...	"Grasshoppers"	...	<i>Bucalossi</i>
7.	...	Three Irish Dances	...	<i>Ansell</i>
8. Selection	...	"Betty in Mayfair"	...	<i>Simpson</i>
9. One Step	...	"Valentine"	...	<i>Christine</i>
10. Valse Song	...	"Mignouette"	...	<i>Nicholls</i>
11. Serenade	...	"La Paloma"	...	<i>Vradier</i>

Finale ... National Anthem.

A. J. NORRIS, *Superintendent*,
Director of Music.

SWIMMING GALA, BLACKROCK BATHS,
Thursday, 23rd June.

1. March	...	"Col. J. Ward"	...	<i>Cheesman</i>
2. Overture	...	"Le Domino Noir"	...	<i>Auber</i>
3. Valse	...	"España"	...	<i>Waldtefel</i>
4. Selection	...	"Princess Charming"	...	<i>Sirmay</i>
5. Fox Trot	...	"That Night in Araby"	...	<i>Snyder</i>
6. March	...	"March of the Dwarfs"	...	<i>Greig</i>
7. Medley	...	"The Darkies' Dreamland"	...	<i>Bidgood</i>
8. Selection	...	"A Life on the Ocean"	...	<i>Birding</i>
9. Song	...	"O Sole Mio"	...	<i>Padua</i>
10. Spanish March	...	"A Bunch of Roses"	...	<i>Chapi</i>

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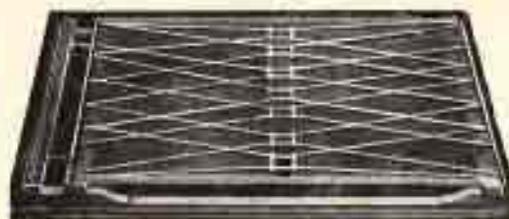
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Garda Siothchana (Depot) Band

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Thursday, 23rd June.

1.	...	Grand March from "Faust"	...	<i>Borlioz</i>
2.	Overture	"Oberon"	...	<i>Weber</i>
3.	Ballet Suite	from "The Queen of Sheba"	...	<i>Gounod</i>
4.	...	Excerpts from "Samson and Delilah"	...	<i>Saint-Saëns</i>
5.	...	Hungarian Rhapsody No. 9	...	<i>Liszt</i>
6.	...	Selection on Traditional Irish Ales	...	<i>Delaney</i>
7.	Prelude	"The Deluge"	...	<i>Saint-Saëns</i>
8.	...	Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's Operas	...	<i>Sullivan</i>
		Finale ... National Anthem.		

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BOXING CONTESTS ON DEPOT SQUARE.

Friday, 24th June.

1.	March	"Hoch Habsburg"	...	<i>Kral</i>
2.	Overture	"An Irish Comedy"	...	<i>Hayes</i>
3.	Valse	"Gems of Gung'l"	...	<i>Gung'l</i>
4.	...	Excerpts from "La Bohème"	...	<i>Puccini</i>
5.	Duet (for two Piccolos)	"Rippling Streams"	...	<i>Gemin</i>
6.	Selection	"Pinafore"	...	<i>Sullivan</i>
7.	Entr'acte	"Husarenritt"	...	<i>Spindler</i>
8.	...	Excerpts from "Princess Charming"	...	<i>Sirmay</i>
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Garda Siothchana (D.M.D.) Band

FIFTH ANNUAL SPORTS, CROKE PARK,

Saturday, 25th June.

1. March	...	"Beavest of the Brave"	...	Gay
2. Overture	...	"Festival"	...	Lautner
3. Valse	...	"Laetitia"	...	Fuhrbach
4. Selection	...	"Lily of Killarney"	...	Benedict
5. Song	...	"The Trumpeter"	...	Dix
6. One Step	...	"Matador"	...	Gomez
7. Suite	...	"La Feria"	...	Taromi
8. Selection	...	"No, No, Nanette"	...	Yomanz
9. Fox Trot	...	"Lenesimo and Sorry"	...	Conrad
10. Medley	...	"Rackett at Gilligans"	...	De Wett
11. March	...	"Faithful and Bold"	...	Rust

Finale ... National Anthem.

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Garda Siothchana (Depot) Band

FIFTH ANNUAL SPORTS, CROKE PARK,

Saturday, 25th June.

1. Grand March	...	"Father Rhine"	...	Lincke
2. Overture	...	"Sunlight and Shade"	...	Parker
3. Valse (Piccolo Solo)	...	"Silver Birds"	...	Le Thiere
4	...	Excerpts from "Faust"	...	Gounod
5. Characteristic Piece	...	"Nightingale and Frogs"	...	Eilenberg
6. Selection	...	"Pirates of Penzance"	...	Sullivan
7. Descriptive	...	"Trip to Coney Island"	...	Tobani
8. Suite	...	"At the Movies"	...	Souza
9. Songs from <i>Eurline</i>	...	a "Sweet Spirit"	...	Wallace
		b "A Father's Love"	...	
10. Selection	...	"Sunny"	...	Kern

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Sunday, June 26th, 1927.

1. March	...	"A Nation Once Again"	—	<i>Bressé</i>
2. Overture	...	"The Roman Carnival"	...	<i>Borlicz</i>
3.	...	Introduction to 3rd Act and Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin"	...	<i>Wagner</i>
4.	...	"Hungarian Rhapsody"	...	<i>Reindel</i>
5. Fantasia	...	"Tannhauser"	...	<i>Wagner</i>
6. Overture	...	"1812"	...	<i>Tchaikowsky</i>
7.	...	Ballet Music from "La Gioconda"	...	<i>Ponchiello</i>
8. Fantasia	...	"The Mastersingers"	...	<i>Wagner</i>
9. March	...	"Entry of the Boyars"	...	<i>Halvorsen</i>
		<i>Finale</i> ... National Anthem.		

Conductor ... CADET DOYLE.

Garda Siothchana Mased Bands

AERIDHEACHT MOR, DEPOT SQUARE,

Sunday, June 26th.

1. Grand March	...	"Aonach an Gharda"	...	<i>Delaney</i>
2. Overture	...	"Stamus O'Brien"	...	<i>Stanford</i>
3. Selection	...	"Songs of the Gael"	...	<i>O'Donnell</i>
4. Fantasia	...	"Hibernia"	...	<i>Greedy</i>
5.	...	Grand Selection on Traditional Irish Aies	...	<i>Delaney</i>
		<i>Finale</i> ... National Anthem.		

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Walter Scott Medal for Valour

DECORATION OF GUARD JOHN J. WARD.

The Scott Medal for 1926 will be presented on Wednesday afternoon, 22nd June, to Guard John J. Ward ("E" District, Dublin Metropolitan Division); Silver Medal to Guard Francis O'Donoghue (Middleton, Co. Cork, I.R.) and a Silver Medal to Guard Charles Scully ("C" District, Dublin Metropolitan Division).

ON the 23rd March, 1926, at 8.23 p.m., two men arrived with revolvers entered the Post Office at Kimmage, possessed the revolvers at the Assistant, a Miss May O'Lea, who was alone at the time, and ordered her to hand out the cash. The lady screamed, shouted for help, and the raiders, becoming apprehensive of assistance arriving, decamped.

The Postmistress telephoned the Garda Station at Teyntre, and all the available men in the District were tried out to look for the culprits. Guard Ward, who was off duty, came into the Station at the time and volunteered to assist in the search. With this object in view he procured a bicycle and set out, in plain clothes, unarmed, and searched the roads in the vicinity. The Guard was supplied with a description of the wanted men.

While he was cycling along the Canal Bank from Harold's Cross Bridge towards Parnell Bridge he saw two men coming towards him whom he considered answered the description of the raiders. His suspicions were further aroused by seeing that each had their right hand in their pocket, and he believed they were armed. Guard Ward cycled past them, then dismounted and called on them to halt. Both stopped and faced the Guard and immediately drew revolvers from their pockets and fired almost simultaneously at him. When the Guard saw the revolvers he turned his side to the men. He was then about eight yards away and heard the noise of the bullets whizzing past. After these shots, which providentially missed him, the Guard kept shifting his position in order not to present an easy target for other shots.

The two criminals, who up to this had been together, then separated, and one of them put his revolver at full cock and shouted to the Guard: "Put your hands up, you black-guard." Ward refused and moved towards them, and the man who had ordered him to put up his hands fired at him. The Guard, although he did not notice it at the time, believes that this bullet hit his overcoat and passed between his legs, as a subsequent examination revealed a bullet hole in the right flap of his coat.

Both men then ran away, pursued by the Guard towards Harold's Cross Bridge, and when near the Bridge they both turned and fired again. Then they continued on under-

neath the Bridge and Harold's Cross Road. Guard Ward cycled across the Bridge and caught sight of them emerging from underneath the Bridge and running into a layaway off the Canal Bank.

While crossing the roadway Guard Ward saw Guard Michael North, 11550, Rathmoss Station, coming along and shouted to him what had happened. This Guard, who was off duty in plain clothes and unarmed, joined his comrades in the chase.

The Guards then followed the robbers into the layaway mentioned above and saw one of the men in the act of throwing his overcoat over the wall adjoining the layaway and continue to run. Guard North stopped and picked up the coat, but Guard Ward continued on and captured his mate, but the other man was lost sight of. The prisoner was handed over to a party of detectives who had arrived on the scene and the search for the second man was continued, but he was not arrested at the time.

The revolver which was in the possession of the man arrested by Guard Ward was found near the overcoat which he had thrown away, and he was, therefore, unarmed when actually arrested by the Guard, who was not, however, aware of that fact, as he believed when he grappled with his prisoner that he had the revolver in his possession.

Guard Ward, during the whole of the happenings leading up to the arrest of the criminal, displayed courage and heroism of the very highest order. Although repeatedly fired at and narrowly escaping serious injury or death, he continued his pursuit and eventually secured his man. At the finish of the strenuous chase, he without hesitation, grappled with the robber, although he believed he was still in possession of his revolver and prepared to use it. Guard Ward's courage and devotion to duty cannot be too highly praised.

The other man who was concerned in the occurrence was arrested a few days later, and both of them were sentenced to 21 months' hard labour at the Dublin Circuit Court in April, 1926.

SILVER MEDAL.

On the 10th November, 1926, at 7.45 p.m., a telephonic message was received from Carrigrohilly Station to the effect that a motor car had passed through Carrigrohilly in the direction of Middleton at an excessive speed, and it was believed to be conveying a party of Irregulars. The area between Cobh and Middleton was known to be well organised from the Irregular Battalion Headquarters at Cobh, and the "Staff" were active and moving frequently



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through both Districts. Instructions had been issued to "S" Branch Units at Cobh and Middleton to break up these lines of communication by special attention and frequent hold-up and search of all vehicles of a suspicious nature passing through the Districts. The uni-

ty of motor cars in such circumstances, he was fully aware of the risks to be undertaken when not accompanied by an armed member of the "S" Unit. Guard O'Donoghue, in company with Guard Michael Mason, 5687, who is Clerk to the Superintendent, felt immediately to take



PRESENTATION BY PRESIDENT COSGRAVE OF THE SCOTT MEDAL TO SERGT. PETER O'REILLY, AT LAST YEAR'S MONACH.

formed parties were instructed to co-operate fully as they, being always on the spot, were in a position to observe any indication of activities and also to keep the "S" Branch Units in immediate touch with any such indications.

On receipt of the telephonic message at Middleton there was no member of the Detective Unit available, one member attached being on 12 hours' leave and the other on duty elsewhere. Guard O'Donoghue was present in the Dayroom in uniform when the message was received, and having taken part in the holding

up a position on the Bridge at Middleton, over which the car would have to pass if proceeding through Middleton, and both Guards were unarmed. It was quite dark at the time.

The Guards took up position on the bridge; about five minutes later a car came along at a high speed and was signalled to halt by Guard O'Donoghue, who stepped into the glare of the headlights. The occupants failed to obey the signal and drove past the Guards, turning into the Fermoy Road, which passes across the railway, which is guarded by gates. The Guards were aware that the gates, which are

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about 300 yards distant from the bridge, would be closed as the Cork train was due, and they had no time in pursuing the car on foot, and they came up with it as it turned to retrace its route towards Milltown on finding the road barred.

Guard O'Donoghue again called on the driver to halt, and again the order was ignored, the occupants apparently having decided to take no notice of the unarmed Guards, and were putting on speed to again proceed on their journey.

Guard O'Donoghue then jumped on the running board and caught the driving wheel and again ordered the driver to halt. Due to the occupants on the front seat catching the Guard by the throat and endeavouring to push him off the car. The Guard, however, succeeded in shaking off the grip and turned the steering wheel with the object of running the car into a wall. The occupants then screamed "Don't kill us." The car was travelling at about 20 miles per hour, and the Guard then seized and applied the hand-brakes. After a struggle the car was eventually stopped.

Detective Oliver Lynch, who had alighted from the Cork train, heard the commotion and hurried to the scene and helped Guard O'Donoghue, who had placed the occupants of the car under arrest, to escort them to the Station.

Examination of the car showed that there was no licence card displayed and a search revealed a fully-loaded Webley revolver under the front seat and nine rounds of revolver ammunition under the back seat. In addition, a quantity of treasonable documents were discovered. The occupants of the car, Joseph Kieley, Derwent Kieley, Jeremiah Graley and Liam Doherty, all of Cork, were identified as being members of the Irregular Battalion Staff, and it was subsequently ascertained that they were proceeding to a Battalion Council Meeting, which had been called, apparently, with the object of organising the raids on Garda Stations which took place on the following Sunday. These raids resulted in the murder of two members of the Garda, Sergeant Fitzsimons and Guard Ward.

Guard O'Donoghue acted with great promptitude and displayed great courage and devotion in duty in stopping the motor car single-handed and securing the arrest of the occupants. Although severely assaulted he remained on the running board of the car and eventually succeeded in stopping it. The Guard was quite aware of the risk he was running, and although the occupants did not use the arms they had in the car, it is highly probable that they would have done so if the Guard, by his action in steering the car into a wall, had not taken them completely by surprise. The action of the members of the Irregular organization on the evening Sunday in murdering two members of the Garda Staff, shows that the use of firearms against unarmed members of the Garda was not contrary to the policy of that organization.

SILVER MEDAL.

On the 26th June, 1926, at 9.50 p.m., a man, whose name was subsequently ascertained to be William Cooney, and who resided at 17 Presford Street, Dublin, entered the dairy shop, 62 North Clarence Street, Dublin, the property of Mr. Thomas Hanley, who was behind the counter at the time. He requested to be supplied with some sweets, and then suddenly drawing a revolver from his pocket, said: "Give me your money or I will shoot you."

Mr. Hanley shouted for help, and at the same time struck the revolver, which went off, the shot narrowly missing him.

Cooney then became alarmed and rushed out of the shop, followed by Mr. Hanley, who related what had occurred in a number of men who were standing at the corner of North Clarence Street. The men started to pursue the raider, and they were joined by Guard Scully, who was on duty in the vicinity.

The Guard and a civilian named Mr. John Long easily out-distanced the others, and keeping Cooney in sight, quickly closed in upon him. Cooney ran along North Strand Road, Kilmurphy Street, Lower Buckingham Street, and Halfway Street, entering a cul-de-sac off the last-named street. Finding himself cornered, he at once turned at bay, and pointed the revolver at the Guard, who was about five yards away and well in front of Mr. Long, who had also continued the chase.

The Guard immediately nocked at Cooney and seized the revolver. In the struggle a shot was fired which narrowly missed the Guard, who successfully disarmed the robber and took him into custody. Mr. Long had by this time arrived on the scene, and he gave the Guard every assistance in bringing the prisoner to the Station.

The Guard had pursued his prisoner a distance of fully 440 yards and arrested him single-handed and, beyond helping him to survey the prisoner in the Station, Mr. Long gave no assistance in the actual struggle. The Guard was wounded during the whole occurrence. The revolver which was in the possession of the prisoner was a six-chambered one and two cartridges had been discharged.

Cooney was subsequently charged with the attempted armed robbery and attempted murder of Mr. Hanley and also with the attempted murder of Guard Scully. He was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment by Mr. Justice Hanna at the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, on the 14th July, 1926.

At the hearing of the case the learned Judge and Mr. Carrigan, State Counsel, highly commended the Guard for his courage and devotion to duty.

Guard Scully in this case displayed bravery of the very highest order. He knew that the robber was armed and had already discharged one shot at the proprietor of the shop he had endeavoured to rob, yet without hesitation, and regardless of the consequences to himself, he grappled with the assailant, who pointed the revolver at him, and secured his arrest.

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P. McNamara, Det.-Sgt. P. Devaney.

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 championship of the world at London a fortnight previously.

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From this to 1923 tug-of-war in Ireland was at a very low ebb, but at this stage it experienced another revival, and an absolutely 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 dauntless and formidable opponents as the Liverpool Police at Shillbourne Park on the 31st May; the Civil Guard (Kilkenny) on 1st June; St. James's Gate, Ratheniska, the Mount of Ardenall, 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 forty-four 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.F.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 notable 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.

The following is a brief record of the team's most recent victories.—At Annagh an Gharda, 14th July, 1926, at Lansdowne Road, the D.M.P. tug-of-war team won the open and confined competitions, thereby securing two valuable prizes—the "Duggan Cup" and the "Minister of Finance Cup."

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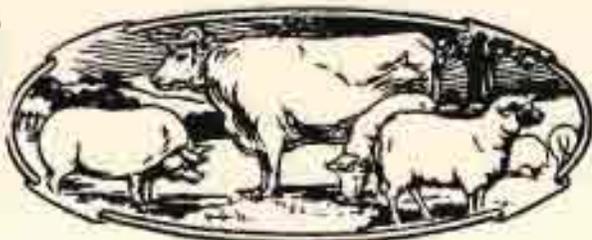
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INSPECTOR B. HURLEY.

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 Depot 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 City 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 unbroken record for the past three years.

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The team, individually and collectively, has continued to maintain during the past season the high standard of efficiency and consequent series of successes which has characterized their efforts in the ring since the inception of the "noble art" in the Garda Síochána.

Since last year's Anach, when the Garda team gained a decisive victory over the French Team, they have added the following successes to their credit—in international contests against the Liverpool Police, Scottish Police, Liverpool amateurs, and Welsh Police, the Garda Team was successful.

In addition, members of the Garda Boxing Team took part in international contests against Germany and Denmark with the following results—Garda Cooper won three contests against the Danes and 2 against the Germans; Garda Chase won two contests against the Germans and 3 against the Danes; Garda Driscoll won three contests against the Danes and lost two against the Germans.

In the 1927 Irish Championships, the Garda Team registered the following successes—Garda M. Flanagan, in the absence of Garda Driscoll (holder of the title) annexed the Irish Heavy-Weight Championship; Garda J. Murphy, won the Cruiser-Weight Championship, and Garda J. Chase successfully defended his title of Irish Middle-Weight Champion. Garda F. Cooper was somewhat unlucky in not gaining the verdict in the final of the Welter-Weight contest. Altogether this programme was a splendid exhibition of skill and sportsmanship, and the results of the various contests reflected great credit on the individual

members of the Garda Team, who were faced with a tough proposition in forging their way through to the finals and eventually capturing these much-coveted distinctions.

In the British Police Championships seven members of the Garda Team took part and succeeded in annexing three of them, as well as being runners-up in two other events. In connection with the latter championships, the Police Chronicle Challenge Cup was won by



Garda Driscoll, and the Pearman Challenge Cup by Garda Chase. Garda Driscoll, Chase and Cooper carried away the Championships in the Heavy, Middle and Welter-Weight events respectively, and Garda Healy and Flanagan were runners-up in the Middle and Heavy-Weight events.



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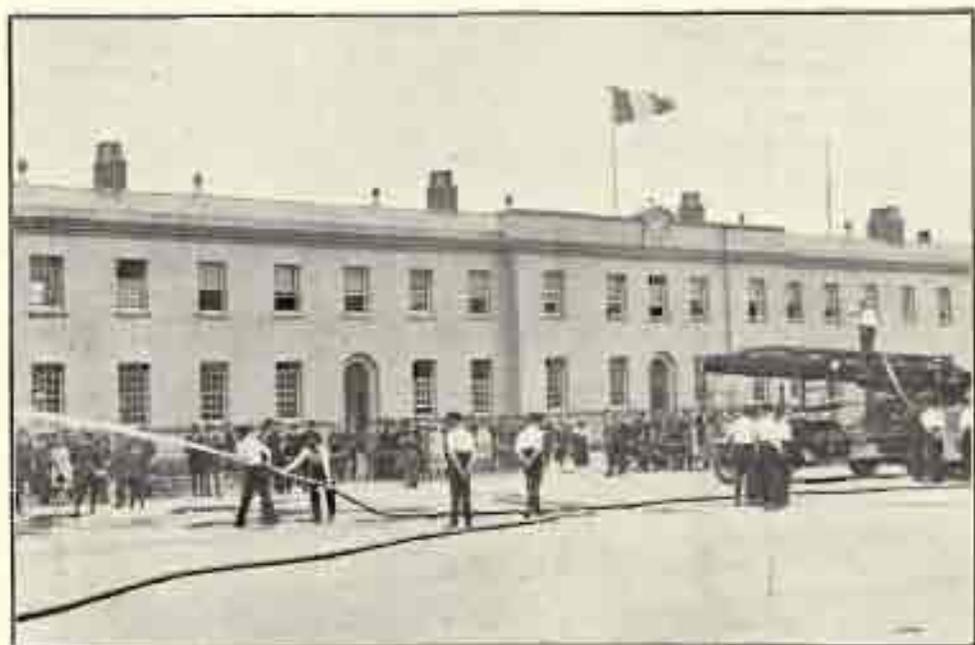
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Successes of Garda Athletes at Aonach an Gharda, 1926.

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EVENTS.

100 Yards Handicap.—Won by Gda. M. Gregan; time: 9 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

440 Yards (Scratch).—Won by Gda. M. Gregan.

Tug-of-War.—Inter-Divisional and International Contests: D.M.G. Team won.

Relay Race.—Won by Garda Team.

Javelin (Scratch).—Won by Garda Keaney—157 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.—1st.

„ „ Garda Shanahan—132 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.—2nd.

„ „ „ Stanley—129 ft. 7 in.—3rd.

Discus.—Won by Sgt. Bermingham—135 ft. 2 ins.—1st.

„ Gda. Healy—124 ft. 7 ins.—2nd.

Long Jump.—Won by Gda. Shanahan—20 ft. 7 ins.—1st.

„ Gda. Sinnott—20 ft. 4 ins.—2nd.

„ Gda. Stanley—20 ft. 3 ins.—3rd.

Half-Mile (Flat).—Gda. Magan—2nd.

High Jump (Services).—Won by Gda. O'Connor, 5 ft. 10 ins.—1st.

„ Gda. O'Donnell) Tied for 2nd place at 5 ft. 9 ins.

„ Gda. Shanahan)

One Mile Cycle.—Won by Sgt. M. Lynn (Depôt)—3 mins. 23 secs.

N. J. Donnelly (C.S.)—2nd.

Gda. T. Kelly.—3rd.

100 Yards (Final).—Won by Lieut. O'Flaherty, of the Army, from Gda. M. Gregan and Gda. McAlinden. O'Flaherty won by inches after a brilliant finish.

16 lb. Shot.—Won by Gda. Healy—42 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.—1st.

„ Gda. O'Halloran—38 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.—2nd.

„ Gda. Teahan—38 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.—3rd.

16 lb. Hammer.—Won by Insp. P. T. Ryan, 134 ft. 8 ins.—1st.

„ Stn.-Sergt. P. J. Bermingham—130 ft. 1 in.—2nd.

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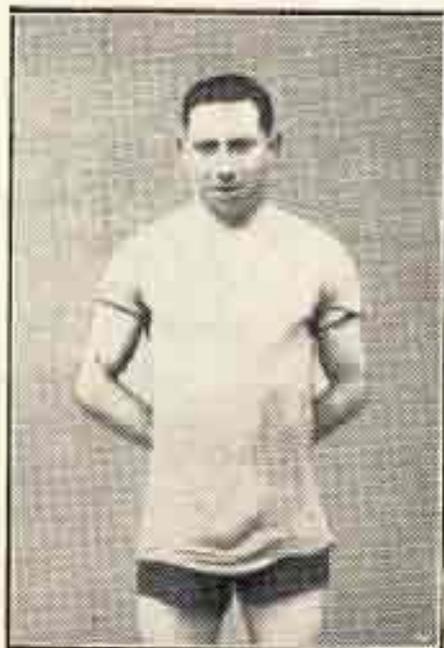
DIVISION OF CARLOW AND KILDARE.

Two athletes from this Division whose records in athletic circles are well worth mentioning are: Garda Hayes and Garda Collettire. The former, since 1922, has captured many coveted prizes and honours in throwing the 36 lb. over bar. He has not confined himself to winning honours with the same weight, but has many firsts to his credit in other events of this class with the 16 lb. shot and 28 lb. At various provincial sports at which he has competed, notably Cullinstown (Co. Kildare), Twinnishouse (Dub.), Managhan, Ballygay, Neiragh, Limerick, Bruff, Kilsash, Ennis and Newmarket, he secured seventeen firsts and four

Limerick with a throw of 22ft. 9in., and at Ennis he was awarded 1st prize for a throw of 31ft. with the 28 lb.

GARDA COLLETTIRE.

The following is a brief record of the successes of this well-known athlete during the past three years: In 1924 he secured 12 firsts and four seconds in various events, including 100 yards, long jump, high jump, 120 yards hurdles, pole jump, and standing jump (Irish Championships). In 1925, at various sports meetings, including Glasgow Police Sports, Kilsenny, Cork Army Sports, U.L.C. Sports, Derry; Crokes Park and Boyle, he secured three firsts and two seconds in the long jump, two firsts and two seconds in the 120 yards hurdles, three firsts and two seconds in the 100 yards, three firsts in the 16 lb. shot event, first in the hop, step and jump event (Garda Sports, July), and first in the 220 yards at Boyle. In 1926, he added to his previous victories the following honours: Two firsts in the long jump at Longwood (Co. Mon.) and Cappaghin respectively; first in the 36 lbs. sling, and first in the 100 yards at Naas, Co. Kildare.



GARDA E. J. COLLETTIRE.

seconds in the years 1922 to '26. Amongst his most notable successes it will be sufficient to mention that at Managhan town in July, 1923, he secured first prize in 16 lb. shot event with a throw of 37ft. 7in., and later at Limerick, in a similar event, secured 1st prize with a throw of 37ft. 10in. In the 36 lbs. event he secured second prize at

DUBLIN AND WICKLOW DIVISION.

GARDA McGAHERAN.

A handballer of note and one who holds out promise of bigger things in the future. In 1924 he played in the County Dublin Junior Championships Final; in 1925 he played for Clonsilla Club in Junior Championships (winner of handball competition); in the following year he played for Bray Handball Club in Junior Soft Ball Club Championships.

GARDA LALLY.

In 1925, Lally played with Bray Club, winning the Junior Inter-Club Championship of Dublin; in 1926 and '27, he played in the Senior Soft Ball Doubles, going into the final of both competitions.

SUPP. O'REILLY.

Winner of the Middle-Weight Boxing Novices' Competition, Garda Week, 1926; Tennis Championship, Garda Week, 1926, secured 2nd place in the 100 yards and 3rd place in the 220 yards Swimming Gala during Garda Week. Played Gaelic football for Kilsash 1924-'25 and for Clare Juniors in 1925. In 1925 he ably assisted the Officers' (Depot) Football Team.



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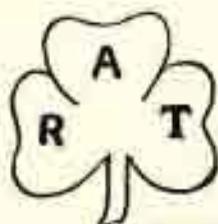
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CONWAY, JAS. (Garda).

Played with the Toomevara Hurling Team in the Tipperary Championships, 1919 and 1922. Played with "Young Ireland," Dublin, 1924; Garda Team in match against the Army, 1924; with Dublin County Selection, 1925 (Kilckham Selection). Was graded to Junior status this year and selected to play with Wicklow County Team versus Dublin.

GRACE, P. (Garda).

Member of the Tullaroan Hurling Club (Kilkenny), for three years. Played in the Final of the Senior Championship, 1923 and 1924 (winning team). Member of the Garda Team until 1923, when he was selected to play for Dublin Juniors.

WEXFORD DIVISION.

DRISCOLL, G. (Garda).

Plays with New Ross "O'Hanrahans," and also with the County Junior Team, of which he is captain. Likely to get his place on the Senior Team in the near future.

O'DONOVAN, J. (Garda).

A good all-round performer with the Caman. Plays with the New Ross "O'Hanrahans."

SERGT. QUINN.

A very consistent hurdler. With a little practice he should qualify for the County Team.

FOOTBALL.

GARDA COONEY (Wexford No. 2).

Plays for Wexford "United" Team. A very good footballer, and has been selected to play in Inter-County matches this year.

GARDA GILLERAN (Courtown Harbour).

Played with Roscommon in Senior Inter-County Championships. A good performer, he will probably find his place in the County Team.

GARDA CRONIN (Carrigle).

Plays with the local team (Carrigle), and has been selected to play Inter-County Junior this year.

GARDAI LYNAM & DEEGAN (Taghmon).

These two men are presently playing first grade Junior with the local team, and are certainly a promising combination on the football field.

GARDA O'CONNOR (Blackwater).

Assists the local team in all its matches, and is considered to be one of its best.

GARDA EUGENE KENNEDY (Dungannon).

A good all-round athlete who has won numerous prizes as a fast sprinter and jumper. Since 1923 he has been competing at principal sports throughout the country and has the following successes to his credit: At Newtownhamlet, in 1923, he was first in the 220 yards flat race, second in the long jump, and third in the 440 yards flat race. At the same place in the following year he was first in the 220 yards and second in the "half-mile." At Kilmystal in 1923 he won the long jump and secured second place in the 220 yards flat race. In 1924 he again won the long jump at Ballindagga and ran second in the 100 yards. At Dungannon, in 1926, he secured first place in the 120 yards hurdles, and was placed second in the 100 and 220 yards flat races. These are but a few of the achievements which Kennedy has to his credit; lack of space does not permit of our giving his record in full.

GALWAY E. H. DIVISION.

SUPT. DICK CREAGH

Began his football career in 1918 with Castlebar Junior Team when only 17 years of age. Was selected on Mayo Junior Team same year—winners of Connaught Championship. Since then has played for Mayo Seniors, who won three Connaught Championships, Croke Park Tournament, 1921, and Railway Cup twice. Helped Kilkenny (football) in 1925. Played with Garda v. Army at Annagh, 1926. Up to last year always played goal, and in that position was considered one of Ireland's best. Was selected centre full-back for Connaught against Leinster and Munster in 1926 Inter-provincial Championship, and in that position will captain the Mayo Senior Team this year. He is a useful handballer, and takes a keen and active interest in all branches of athletics.

SERGT. JACK MORAN.

Commenced his football career in 1926, playing in the Junior Championships in Co. Mayo, and in 1918-'20 in the Senior Championships (Mayo) with Ballyhamois. Captained the Garda Team in the Depot in 1923, when the Garda, for the first time, ran into the Final of the Dublin County Championship, and were beaten only by a two points margin in the same year; assisted Mayo in the All-Ireland Final of 1921, against Dublin. Played with Waterford County in 1924 and with Kilkenny County in 1925. Assisted the Garda Team in the Depot in 1926 in both League and Championships, and in the Garda v. Army selected match at last Annagh; played with Mayo in the 1926 Championships, and is also assisting Mayo in this year's Championship. Has played mostly in the back line or centre field, but is considered a sound and consistent player in practically any position. Is also a handballer of merit, and took part in some of the Dublin Handball Championships of recent years.

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GALWAY E. R. DIVISION.

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GARDA MICK SMITH.

Has played for Roscommon for a good number of years, and is a footballer of great merit. He assisted the Garda Depot Team of 1923 in both Leagues and Championships; was selected for Comaught as a substitute in the Inter-Provincial Championships of 1926, and is assisting his native Co. Roscommon in this year's Championships. His position is centre full-back, and it takes a really good forward to beat him there.

LOUTH AND MEATH DIVISION.

PROMINENT FOOTBALLERS.

SERGE P. J. KIRWAN.

Played with Dublin in the Inter-Provincial ties, 1923, and with Gayan in 1924, '25 and '26.

SERGE J. J. SMYTH.

Played with Gayan in Inter-Provincial ties in 1921 and 1922; Monaghan in 1923 and 1924, and Louth in 1925, '26 and '27.

J. FARROLL (Garda).

Played with Kildare County selected team in 1924. In 1925 and '26 he assisted Sligo. Presently playing for Louth.

J. REYNOLDS (Garda).

Played with Roscommon Inter-Provincial ties in 1921 and '22, and with Tipperary in 1923 and '24. Presently playing for Louth.

A. HAYES (Garda).

Played for Meath County in 1926. Presently playing for Louth.

J. PORDE (Garda).

Played for Mayo in Inter-Provincial ties 1923, '24, '25 and '26. He played for Comaught in the Final of Railway Shield in 1927.

GARDA PETER BLESSING.

Played for Louth in 1925, and is presently assisting his native County, Leitrim, in Inter-Provincial ties.

GARDA JAS. REYNOLDS.

Played with his native County, Leitrim, in Inter-Provincial ties in 1923, '24, '25 and '26.

GARDA JOHN McMAHON.

Played with Louth Selection when they won the All-Ireland Junior Championship in 1925, and also played with winning team Leinster Junior Championship.

DONEGAL DIVISION.

SERGE D. TAYLOR.

An athlete of note, who has the following successes to his credit:—At Derry Sports, on the 25th of June, 1926, he was first in the 100 Yards and 220 Yards events (Open).

He competed in last year's Aonach in the 100 Yards, securing 2nd and 3rd place in heats (scratch and open events). At Letterkenny, in July of the same year, he secured first and second place respectively in the 100 and 220 Yards events. At the Military Sports in Buncrana last August, he added two firsts to his record by winning the 100 Yards and 220 events. In the same month he competed at Finnan Camp Military Sports and succeeded in capturing two firsts—100 and 440 Yards (Open). At Letterkenny Sports he secured first place in the 100 Yards and 2nd place in the 100 and 220 Yards Open events. In Keshikillan he was first in the 100 Yards and 220 (Open), and last, at Newtowncunningham, he secured two firsts in similar events.

1927.—In April of this year he was first in the final heat of the 100 Yards event (Open).

MEAGHER, L. (Garda).

Won the Half-Mile Clster Championships, 1925, at Garda Sports, Letterkenny. Was second in two events—Half-Mile and Mile—at Finnan Camp, 1925; and was placed first in similar events at Buncrana Military Sports in the same year. In 1926, he was first in the 440 Yards event at C.B.P.C.C. Sports at Derry, and 2nd in the 880 Yards and One Mile events. In the Inter-State Service Championships he secured 2nd place in the Half-Mile. At Letterkenny in July, 1926, he was 2nd and 1st respectively in the Half-Mile and Mile Open events; 1st in the Mile at Keshikillan Sports; 1st and 2nd respectively in the Half-Mile and Mile at Buncrana. Up to the end of 1926, he had secured, in addition to the above, seven 1sts and four 2nds, including the Six Miles Cross-Country event at Derry for the McAlinden Challenge Cup.

DIVISION OF WEST CORK.

GARDA GEORGE WALSH.

(Cashford) has the following honours to his credit:—Minster Championship (1924), 16 lbs. shot, 1st place; Cashford Sports, 15 lbs. shot and 50 lbs., two 1st prizes; Cork County Championship, "shot putting," 1st place 1925; Minster Championship, 16 lbs. shot, 2nd place 26.; Southern Command Sports, 56 lbs. over bar, and 24 lbs. follow, two 1st prizes; Drinarriff Sports (Cork), 16 lbs. shot, 2nd prize; Blarney Sports, 50 lbs. between legs without follow, 1st prize; Firvooy Sports, 16 lbs. shot, 2nd prize; 50 lbs. between legs without follow, 2nd prize. Holder of the Munster Championship for the 50 lbs. and 16 lbs. shot.

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

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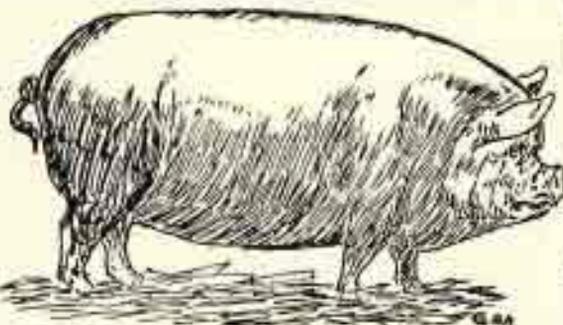
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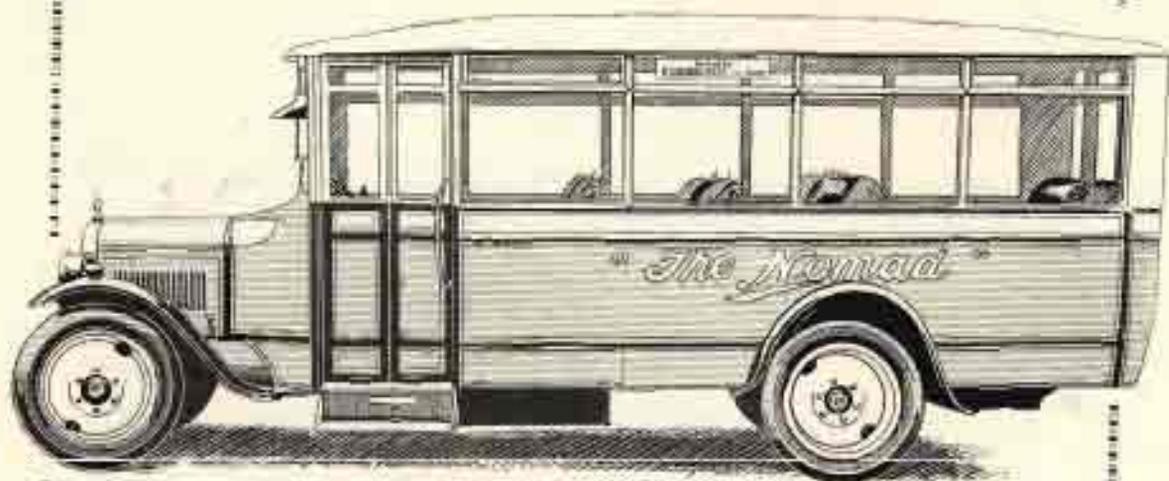
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GARDA P. F. McGRATH

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

GARDA G. J. MULLAN

(Skibbereen) has played in several Inter-District hurling matches, and in 1925 he played with the Skibbereen hurling team for the Cork Semi-Final.

DIVISION OF CORK, E.I.

SERGEANT GEORGE STYLES

(Union Quay). Played with Cork County Junior Football Team, 1926. Played with Senior Team, 1927.

SERGEANT PATRICK CLANCY

(Togher). Played Inter-County with Cork Senior Football Team in 1926 and 1927.

GARDA THOMAS CARROLL

(Bridewell). Played with Geruklines, winners of Co. Louth Championship and League. Played with Louth Inter-County Senior Football Team years 1924-5-6. Assisted Dup64 Junior Team, 1926.

GARDA JOSEPH DERMODY

(Buttevant). Plays Junior Inter-County for Cork—hurling and football. Assisted Cork Junior Team, winners of All-Ireland Championship, 1926.

GARDA JAMES BRENNAN

(Union Quay). Played Inter-County with Cork Senior Football Team in 1926 and 1927.

GARDA JAMES MAHER

(MacCurtain Street). Has obtained 22 prizes (1st and 2nd) in One and Three Mile events in 1917. 2nd in Two Mile Championship of Ireland, 1918. Gained 25 prizes (1st and 2nd) in Half Mile and Three Mile events. 2nd in One Mile Championship of Munster, 1919. Gained 10 prizes for latter distance in that year. 2nd in One and a Half Mile Championship of Connaught, 1922. 2 first prizes in similar events in 1923. Has over 60 prizes to his credit. Is at present a member of the Cork Garda Club.

GARDA MICHAEL EGAN

(Togher) 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 JAMES McKEOWN

(Union Quay) is a fairly useful water-weight boxer. Competed in events in Cork successfully.

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1925.—Contested six races, winning five and second in one, being beaten by a local fishing crew which were endeavouring to regain their lost laurels. The Garda crew lost this race mainly through one of the crew breaking his oar in the progress of the race.

1926.—Contested thirteen races in this year, winning twelve and losing one. These races included the Open Yawl Championship of Cork Harbour, which was pulled at Kinsale Regatta, and was won by the Garda crew. Several noted crews competed in the latter event, including crews from West Cork as well as Cork Harbour. Another successful event for the Garda crew was the Challenge Race between the Garda crew and a crew from H.M.S. "Seasame," which caused a great deal of interest. The race was pulled at Crosshaven Regatta, the Garda crew being successful.

The most notable event of this season was the Challenge Race between a crew from Glandore Harbour (West Cork) and the Garda. The Garda lost this race, which was pulled at Cobh Regatta, mainly through their opponents being in possession of a superior boat. When again challenged by the Garda the Glandore crew refused to row.

Crew—Gds. Kelly, Kenny, Harro, Scott, Burke, and D/O. Bessie.

DIVISION OF CLARE

GARDA ROCHE

(Lahincheda). An all-round athlete and a good footballer. Played with the local Senior football team, and with Coolmeen Senior team for the Semi-Final of the Clare Championships. Competed under N.A.A.A. Rules in 100 and 220 Yards at Kerry.

GARDA McGETTRICK

(Killaloe). Played with the Sliogo Senior football team prior to joining An Garda; has played for Limerick County during the past few years.

GARDA CLANCY

(Frankle). Assists the local team, and is a good, clean type of hurler.

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GARDA WM. HEGARTY

(Callan). A long-distance runner of note, who has in recent years established himself in athletics by virtue of his numerous successes on the track. Amongst his most recent successes are the following:—1923, secured 1st place in the Seven Mile Flat event, Army Championships; in the Kerry Command Championships and All-Army Championships of the same year he secured 1st place in the Seven Miles Marathon and Seven Miles Steeplechase respectively. In 1924, whilst representing the Temperance Athletic Club, Waterford, he secured the following prizes—Half-Mile Flat, 1st; One Mile Flat, 1st; Three Miles Flat, 1st; 220 Yards Flat, 1st. In 1925 he was awarded 2nd place in the Mile Flat, and two 1sts in the Half-Mile and 10 Miles Flat. At the Kildham Cross-Country Championships he was third in the Four-and-a-Half Mile Flat and 1st in the Half-Mile Flat.

GARDA TIMOTHY O'DONNELL

(Thomastown). A very promising and consistent jumper who has placed the following successes to his credit: In 1925, at Ferncy Sports, he secured 1st in the High Jump and 1st in the Hop, Step and Jump. At Kinsale in the same year he was first in the High Jump, and 1st in the Hop, Step and Jump. In the Kilkenny County Championships he secured 1st place in the High Jump and Long Jump. In the same year (1926) he was placed 2nd in the Long Jump and tied for 1st place in the High Jump at Castlecomer. At Lansdowne Road in the State Inter-Service Championships he tied for 2nd place in the High Jump, and secured 1st prize in a similar event at the Garda Sports, Dublin. At Waterford Civic Guards' Sports he was first in the High Jump, and first in the Long Jump at Knocktopher (Kilkenny) Sports last year.

GARDA THOS. FLOOD

(Kilkenny). A sprinter of merit, who in the past few years has registered the following successes:—1924—1st in the 220 and 2nd in the 100 Yards at Killenault; in the same year, at the Garda Sports, Dublin, he won 1st prize in the 56 lbs. event; he also has the following successes to his credit for that year: 2nd in the 100 Yards, 1st in the 220 and 440 Yards. His record for 1925 is as follows:—100 Yards, 2nd; 220 Yards, 2nd; 56 lbs., 1st; 440 Yards, 1st; 100 Yards, 2nd; 220 Yards, 1st. In 1926, he competed at Castlecomer and Abbeyfeix, and at both venues secured the following successes:—440 Yards, 1st; 100 Yards, 1st; 440 Yards, 3rd.

MAYO DIVISION.

GARDA H. LEONARD

(Castlebar). Member of Ballina Junior Football Team 1923, '24, '25, and '26. Played with Ballina Hurling Team and won the 1924 County Championships from Ballinaha-

derent. Played with Ahaseragh (Co. Galway) Junior Hurling Team, 1921, and won the Co. Junior Championships. Played with Ahaseragh Junior Football Team and won the North Galway Junior Championship, Sept., 1921. Organised a Hurling Club in Ballina, 1923, as hurling was unknown there at that time. Played in all League matches with Ballina Junior Football Team.

GARDA THOMAS FORDE

(Gweasalla, Co. Mayo). Winner of Soft Ball Tournament organised by 11th Batt. National Army, at Waterford, 1923. Winner of the Mayo Inter-Divisional Soft Ball Tournament, 1926. Semi-Finalist Soft Ball (Junior) Aonach an Gharda, 1926. Winner of Junior Hard Ball Championship, Aonach an Gharda, 1926.

GARDA H. BUCKLEY

(Westport Quay, Co. Mayo). Member of Westport Junior Football Club and Captain of Westport Hurling Club, 1927. Organised the first hurling club in Westport, 1925. Hurling was practically unknown there up to that time; now there are two clubs in Westport. Played with Westport H. C. in Championships and League, 1925, '26, and '27. Member of Mayo Co. Hurling Club, 1925 and 1926. Played with Mayo against Roscommon in Connaught Championship, 1925. Played in matches with Westport Junior Football Club.

GARDA P. FALLON

(Louisburgh, Co. Mayo). Slings 56 lbs.—1st prize, Mayo Garda Annual Sports, 1925 (distance, 26ft. 3in.); 2nd prize, Mayo Garda Annual Sports, 1925 (distance, 24ft. 11in.); 1st prize Mayo Garda Annual Sports, 1926 (distance, 23ft.); 1st prize, Garda Annual Sports, Roscommon (distance 23ft.); 1st prize, Westport Athletic Carnival, 1926 (distance, 24ft. 6in.).

SERGEANT MICHAEL O'LEARY

(Castlebar). Played with Mayo Junior Football Team, 1924 and '25, and also in the All-Ireland Semi-Final against Kerry in 1925. Played in Co. Mayo Senior Championship, 1925. Presently playing with Castlebar Senior Football Team. Played with Mayo County Hurling Team, 1925 and 1926; presently playing with Ballyheane Hurling Team. Has started a Garda Castlebar Football Team which shows promising results. Obtained 2nd prize at Ballyhaunis Sports, 1925, for "Long Puck."

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KERRY DIVISION.

SGT. T. DONOVAN *(Fenit).*

An ex-100 Yards Champion of Munster. During last season he competed in the 100 Yards Garda Championship of Kerry and succeeded in securing same. An old leg injury hampers his progress as an athlete to a large extent.

GARDA McCARTHY

(Killarney). A newcomer to athletics who has given evidence during last season of his ability as a sprinter of merit and promise. He has won several prizes in local sports in the 100 and 440 Yards events.

GARDA KIRK

(Tralee). A long-distance runner of note, who was a member of the Dept. Cross-Country Team in 1925.

GARDA W. J. MALONEY *(Longford).*

LONGFORD & WESTMEATH DIVISION.

GARDA WM J. MALONEY

(Longford). Holder of the Hop, Step and Jump Championship for 1926 (440, 716).

Amongst his most recent successes the following are worthy of mention: Winner of One Mile Relay Race at Wexford; winner of 100 Yards, 120 Yards Hurdles at Garda Sports, Roscommon; winner of 220 Yards Championship of Cunnought; winner of 100 Yards and Long Jump at Longford I.N.F. Sports, and second in Long Jump at Cavan Garda Sports. Maloney is an all-round athlete and a boxer of note.

SLIGO AND LITRIM DIVISION.

FOOTBALL.

GARDA WM. TUITE

(Sligo No. 1). Plays with the Sligo County Senior Selection, and is also a handballer of note, having purchased the Connacht Championship on several occasions on which they won.

SERGT. J. GORMAN

(Ballynate). Also a footballer of note who plays with the Sligo County Senior Selection.

SERGT. S. KING

(Gortass). Played with St. Finian's, Cork City Senior Hurling team, and also with Galway and Cork Selections.

GARDA REDDING

(Ballinacree). A noted high-jumper who, during the last season, has competed at 15 sports meetings and has won eleven prizes.

LIMERICK DIVISION.

GARDA D. O'KEEFE

(Marree). Won many first prizes as a sprinter and long jumper; a consistent performer in 100 and 440 Yards events.

GARDA MICHAEL KEATING

(Limerick). Another good sprinter who has competed at recent meetings with success; shows promise of becoming a good all-round athlete.

SERGT. J. RABBIT

(Limerick). Captain of the Divisional Senior Football Team which won the County Championship in 1924, were runners-up in 1925, and are in the final for 1926, which has not yet been played. Sgt. Rabbit has been selected to play in all County matches since his advent to this Division.

The Divisional Sports Committee are to be congratulated on the success which attended their recent fixtures, including the Annual Divisional Sports and the Boxing Tournaments.

DIVISION OF CARLOW-KILDARE.

GARDA P. P. BRENNAN

(Myshall). Represented the Division in the Handball Competitions during Garda Week last year, and succeeded in getting to the second round.

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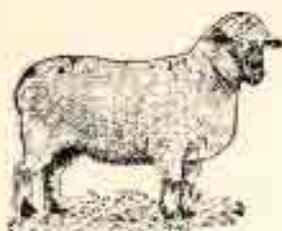
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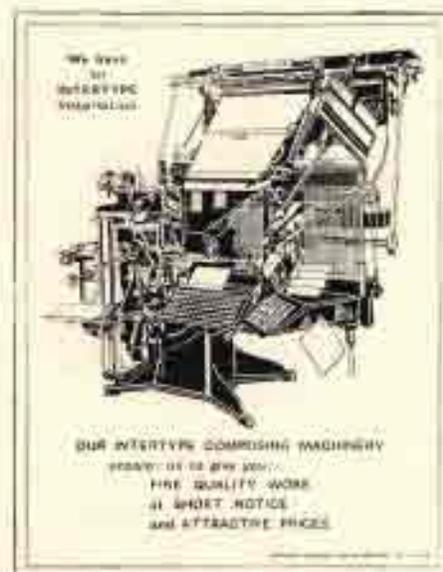
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