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A TOAST TO CLADDAGH

I.

If I were in Claddagh I'd stand on the shore, It's there I'd see fishermen mending their gear. For I'd roam there for ever till the wide waves roll still. Here's a toast to you Claddagh at the foot of Fair Hill.

H.

I have seen white-robed clergy out blessing the bay, I've seen young and old fishermen kneeling to pray. May their homes be peaceful by God's Holy Will, Here's a toast to you Claddagh at the foot of Fair Hill.

III.

There were hurlers in Claddagh now they're dead and all gone, But their names live forever like the brave Father Tom. In their green and black jerseys I see them all still, Here's a toast to you Claddagh at the foot of Fair Hill,

IV.

And now to conclude here's good luck to you all, On land or on sea or wherever you roam, May your homes be peaceful by God's Holy Will, Here's a toast to you Claddagh at the foot of Fair Hill.

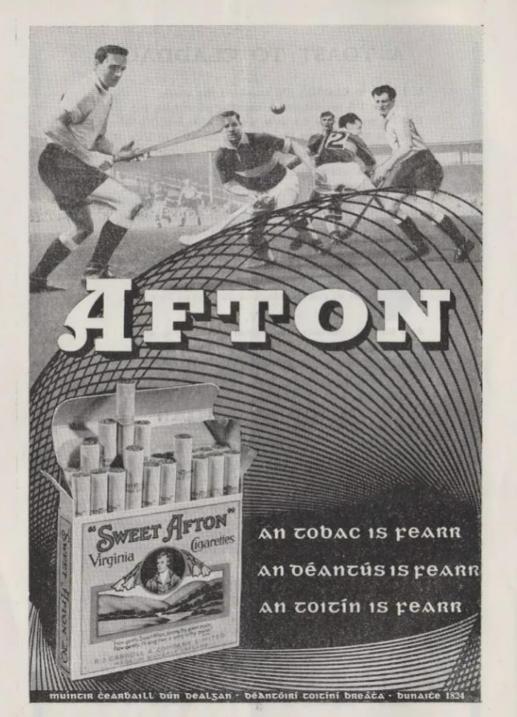
Stiab na mban

1.

1s ot liom péinis buala an laé úto
Too oul ar Saeil Doict is na céadla slad
Mar atá na méirlis as deanam séim dínn
1s a' rá nác aon ní leo píc' nó sleá.
Tior táinis ár Major i dtús an laé cúinn
1s ní rabamair péin ann i scóir ná i sceart
ac mar a seolpaí addaire le bó 'dtí an aonac
Ar taob na sréine de Sliab na mban.

2.

'Sé Ros do Öreoró is do člaoró so deo sinn mar ar pásaó mór-curo dínn sínce, las leanaí ósa 'na smóil ann dóice, 'San méro a pan beo dínn cois cluí nó scairc ac seallaim péin díb an té "déin an póla so mbeam-na i scóir dóib le píc" 'ste steá "Sso scuirpeam Yeomen ar crit 'na mbrósaib as díol a scómar leo ar sliab na mban.



GAILLIMH WERE IN FIRST FINAL

It is not generally known that Michael Cusack, the first Secretary and founder of the Gaelic Athletic Association, had made up his mind to hold the first foundation meeting of the proposed Association in Galway and not in Thurles.

Born in the Barony of The Burren, Co. Clare, Michael Cusack became a school teacher in South Galway early in his youth. He found the ancient Hurling pastime very strong in that Gaelic area, where Irish was still the spoken tongue of the people in 1880 and later.

Cusack, steeped in Irish History, had read that at the battle of Moytura fought on the Galway-Mayo border in pre-Christian days, there was a truce called between the rival armies. During the three days' truce, a great hurling match was played—27 men from each side.

Cusack also knew that the British Government prohibited Hurling in Galway in 1527. Galway County seemed the ideal place to establish the project which he had contemplated for several years. During the Summer of 1884, Cusack and some of his associates went down to Galway to interview Canon Duggan, a well-known Churchman and Patriot, calling on him to become the first Patron of the Movement. On the plea of age the Galway Churchman asked to be excused and pressed the claims of a younger and more vigorous man—Dr. Thomas Croke of Thurles. That is how the meeting in Liberty Square, Thurles was born.

Hurling was popular in Galway down the centuries; parish against parish matches were general; but it was in 1886 that the first organised tournaments were held, under the new Rules drawn up by the Central Rules Body in 1886.

Clubs multiplied in 1887 when the first Championships were held. There were many difficulties of organisation, but there was fervid enthusiasm in many Counties. Tipperary, represented by Thurles, had a very strong side. Under the rules then, there were goals and point posts standing side by side and when the defending side put the goal over the line there was a forfeit point. Three of these equalled a point, but no number of points was equal to a goal—between the central posts. Teams were 21 a side.

There were rival disputes in Cork and Limerick split into two boards. Meelick represented Galway and in the later stages beat Wexford (Castlebridge) by a tall score.

Tipperary, captained by Denis Maher of Killdinan (uncle to John Maher who captained the Tipperary Championship team of 1945), won through to the final, beat Clare (Smith O'Briens) by 1 goal 7 points to 2 points, and were much too good for Kilkenny (Tullaroan) in the semi-final.

The first All-Ireland Hurling Final was played at Birr, Co. Offaly, in April, 1888, and there was a big attendance, with bands and banners parading the streets.

Even in Tipperary there was some local difficulty and the regular captain, Denis Maher, did not travel. The team was captained by J. Stapleton. The game was very closely contested and the Galway backs put up a very fine defence. Galway forced the pace near the end and their forwards had some hard luck in shooting. Tipperary marking was particularly close and they won on the score: Tipperary 1 goal 1 point and 1 forfeit point, against Nil for Galway. The Tipperary team: J. Stapleton, D. Maher, T. Maher, M. Maher, A. Maher, M. McNamara, E. Murphy, J. Dwyer, T. Stapleton, E. Bowe, T. Healy, J. Dwyer, J. Mockler, D. Ryan, J. Ryan, P. Leahy, J. Dunne, T. Carroll, M. Carroll, J. Leamy, P. Lambe.

10máint

National Aspect of Hurling.

One of the ablest of our constructive minds, in the field of Ireland's national development, has recently spoken:

"A HURLEY IS AS MUCH A NATIONAL SYMBOL AS THE SHAMROCK, AND MORE SO THAN THE HARP."

Whilst the Harp can be claimed by many countries, the ashen Camán, as old as Irish History, is unique. In every graceful enduring line, the Hurley typifies the Ancient Gaelic Race—strength, resilience, resistance in times of stress, as mystic as the Mountain Ash from which it was fashioned. A Hurley should hang in a prominent place in every Irish home—a recognised National emblem that wll neither die nor fade away, as enduring as the Race itself, and as Irish as a welcoming smile.

Our oldest manuscripts, at present zealously preserved in our Museums and Universities, bear indisputable and frequent evidence of the antiquity of Hurling. Down through the centuries our written history and traditional literature extol the hurlers and their manly art. Heroes of all the ancient tales were outstanding hurlers and first won acclaim by their performances on the playing fields.

Interwoven in the warp and woof of our very oldest extant manuscripts, the Camán Art is part and parcel of the Irish Nation. The story of Hurling's rise, fall and resurrection follows closely on the fortunes of the Gaelic Race itself.

Hurling as played to-day is characteristic of the dash, skill and friendly rivalry of our young manhood. Many neutral critics consider hurling the fastest and most scientific field game in the world.

Hurling meets all the requirements of first-class outdoor pastimes, even by modern standards. The game develops strength, agility, dexterity, quickness of eye and brain. Comradeship, honour towards a worthy opponent; loyalty to clubmates, courage of a high degree with self-control! In fact, hurling is the ideal pastime for our Irish youth as a character builder as well as healthful sport.

Hurling, like Irish Nationality, was at a very low ebb when Michael Cusack and his pioneers founded the Gaelic Athletic Association in 1884. The game spread rapidly and now commands huge attendances at our major contests. But, thinking men were not satisfied with the position. There were wide areas of Ireland where the game was little known.

Many earnest efforts were made to establish Hurling as a truly National game, popular in every County in Ireland. A major one of these was in 1926 with the establishment of the National Hurling League with special grouping of what was then termed weak Counties. Close attention was paid to the development of the game in the Schools, Colleges and Universities. Juvenile competitions were subsidised by the supply of camáns at a minimum cost. Much progress was made, but much remained to be done and the Central Council have recently appointed a Special Hurling Committee of enthusiastic experts to revive hurling where it has lagged; to encourage it where it is neglected; and to improve the standard where it is required.

The aim of the Central Council and the Special Hurling Committee with the President, Dr. J. J. Stuart, as Chairman, is to make Hurling as widely spread through the Thirty-Two Counties as is the sister game of Gaelic Football.

This is an urgent and laborious task. It demands the wholehearted support of the Irish people generally and of parents particularly.

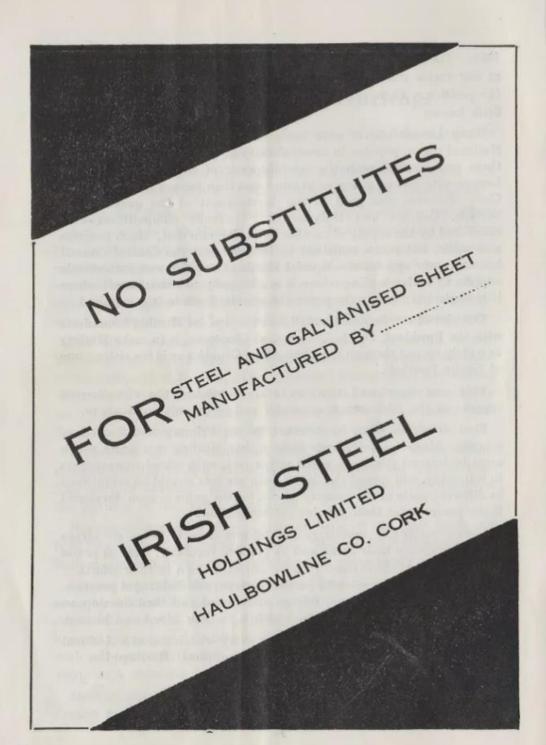
First attention must be directed to the Primary and Secondary schools. Many keen students believe that Hurling is a game which must be learned young. A small active area, with school competitions in full swing, will spread the light. Such pockets should be established in different parts of the country. Love for the game is soon developed if the parents give their genuine encouragement.

Let us, family folk, encourage our children to hurl. Let us encourage them to improve their game and to practice regularly. Let us praise their efforts and show them that we are with them in their efforts.

When personal attention by parents is given, one finds rapid progress. As if by instinct the young folk get interested and then develop an overwhelming love for the game which is in their blood and history.

Let our motto be: Have a Hurley in every Irish home as a National Emblem! Let us have a pride in our traditional Heritage!

> "Staine ar scroi is neart ar nséas is beart de réir ar mbriatar."



Linesiel : 5-8.

yolway: 3-10.

CRAOD 10MÁNA

Jalway: 3-4?

Timesich: 2-2.5.

10mána na mionúr.

Saillim

CRON-DEARS IS DAN (Maroon and White)

- 1. p. o patais (Fahy)
- 2. O. Mac Roibin (Robinson)
- 3. A. Mac Tomnaill (McDonnell)

(E. ...)

- 4. S. Promisias (Francis)
- 5. A. Mac Conbui (Conway)
- 6. S. O Liacain (Lyons)
- 7. S. O Mainnin (Mannion)
- 8. S. O Ceattar's (Kelly)
- 9. C. O Stantagić (Stanley)
- 10. 5. Mac Aosám (Egan)
- 11. 1. Sairnéan (Gardiner)
- 12. S. O Touttum (Devlin)
- 13. p. mas from (Glynn)
- 14. S. O Cormacám (Cormican)
- 15. p. O Siûroáin (Jordan)
- 16. S. O Corcorám (Corcoran)
- 17. 5. O locháin (Loughnane)
- 18. m. O Oupais (Duffy)
- 19. S. S. O Largin (Lane)
- 20. m. misceat (Mitchell)

Luimneac

Slas is ban (Green and White).

- 1. L. O namii (Hanley)
- 2. S. Mac Donneaga (McDonogh)
- 3. S. O brosnacám (Bresnan)
- 4. C. O Consitt (O'Connell)
- 5. S. O Cumneam (Guinane)
- 6. S. O Lionairo (Leonard)
- 7. m. O nAnnracáin (Hanrahan)
- 8. b. 6 Ceileacair (Kelleher)
- 9. p. 6 nairnéroe (Hartnett)
- 10. p. Cobb (Cobbe)
- 11. 1. O Ceanntai (Canty)
- 12. p. o murcu (Murphy)
- 13. e. O Ciaroa (Carey)
- 14. S. O naova (Hayes)
- 15. S. O Seasnam (Sexton)
- 16. C. O Consaite (Connolly)
- 17. O. O Outteam (Dillane)
- 18. p. O Oubsaill (Doyle)
- 19. T. O maonars (Meaney)
- 20. A. O briain (O'Brien)

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Zaillim v. luimneac

5. Rosenskéit

Saillim V. Ciobrad Arann

m. ve spánne

9

Saillim

(2)

(5)

S. Ó Dúzám

(I. Duggan)

DATANNA:

CRÓN-DEARS IS DÁN (Maroon and White)

(S. Cullinane)

(12)

(15)

(T. Conway)

m. Ó Suibne (M. Sweeney) (4) S. Ó Cuileanáin

p. ó Spiolláin p. De búnca (P. Burke) (F. Spillane) (6)

p. mac binéid S. Pibis (F. Benson) (J. Fives)

S. Ó BRADÁM (I. Salmon)

p. S. Ó Maotataió (P. J. Lally)

(11) (10) C. Ó Suibne S. ve Siún T. Ó COALLAIS (J. Young) (T. Kelly) (T. Sweeney) (14)(13)C. MAC Conbui

p. s. ó laistéis t. o neitt (P. J. Lawless) (W. O'Neill)

rin tonaio: (16) e. O Oorbain (E. Derrivan); (17) m. magftoinn (M. Glynn); (18) S. MAC CORRAGI (J. Conroy); (19) M. MAC AN TSionnais (M. Fox); (20) T. O DRUADAIR (T. Broderick).

Saillim	Cúit Goals	Cúitíní Points	Seacaí Overs	70 st. 70's	Saon- pocama Free Pucks
lat teat lst Half	,	3	6	2	4
2nd Half	1	2	2	2	4
tomlán Total	2	5	8	4	8.

For the most comprehensive coverage of to-day's game, read to-morrow's

CIOBRAD ARANN

DATANNA: Jorm is bui (Blue and Gold)

S. Ó TRÁDA (I. O'Grady) (3) (4) m. o brom míceál Ó meacair C. Ó CIARDA (M. Byrne) (M. Maher) (K. Carey) (5) (6) (7) S. Ó rinn A. De BAL Seán Ó Oubţaill (J. Finn) (A. Wall) (Capt.) (J. Doyle) (9) S. Ó heocac C. Inglis (J. Hough) (T. English) (10)(11) (12)D. Ó Mallam C. Ó Loncáin Séamus Ó Dubraitt (D. Nealon) (T. Larkin) (I. Doyle) (13)(14)(15)1. Ó Catáin 1. Ó Duibeannais 1. Ó Consaile (L. Keane) (L. Devaney) (L. Connolly)

FIR IONAID: (16) MAIRTÍN Ó MEACAIR (M. Maher); (17) S. MAC CRAIT (J. McGrath); (18) R. O RIADA (R. Reidy); (19) n. O Muncu (N. Murphy); (20) m. O Drom (M. Burns), fre Dinael Toxy Holines

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CIODRAD ÁRANN	Cúit Goals	Cürtini Points	Seacaí Overs	70 st. 70's	pocanna Free Pucks
lat teat 1st Half	4	4	4	1	5
2nd Half	-	5	10	1	4
tomlán Total	4	9	14	2	9.

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Brightly beams the summer's sun
On fair lands far away.
A garb of green the valleys wear
Where silver streamlets stray.
But then I love my boyhood's home
Though dark its fate may be,
And freedom's home where c'er I roam,
Tipperary's hills for me.

CHORUS:

Tipperary's hills for me; Tipperary's hills for me; And freedom's home where e'er I roam, Tipperary's hills for me.

Amid those hills the steel was heard
Mid music's martial strain.
There patriots sought to make our Isle
A nation once again.
The outlaw bold like eagle wild
O'er mountain's brow is free.
And freedom's home where e'er I roam,
Tipperary's hills for me.

CHORUS:

Let others boast of happier homes
In fair lands far away,
My love for thee shall never fade
Though far my footsteps stray.
Tipperary's homes of loving hearts
My mountain nurse, machree,
And freedom's home where e'er I roam,
Tipperary's hills for me.

CHORUS:

When Hurling was Banned in Galway

In the year 1536, Henry VIII sent orders to the City of Galway "That every man provyde with all spede long bowes and Englyshe arrows and to hunt shotyng, and specially every holy day; and to leve all other unlawful gamys."

-State Papers, Henry VIII.

The highest score by a losing team, 6—2, was secured by Lumneaê against toe Sarman in 1910, while, in 1896 call commits scored thirteen times against Tiobrato Arann and yet were well beaten: 7—13 to 3—10.

FIR AN TAREAIR

Má moltar le sséal is le hamrán

na pir a bí tréan asus píor.

To cuir clú asus cáil le na noánact

Ar steann asus srútán is sliab,

ná pásaró ar teire na traen-fir

To cruinnis ar pláinéit Muiseo

nuair a snótuis na Saill i loc Sarmáin.

Siato muinntir an larcair bí beo.

Cúnpa:

Seo stáinte na brear as an tartar óib To cruinnis te consnam san ár Seas siato san aimsear an séarsát, Seo stáinte rear Connact so brát.

II.

Támis na lonsa lá pomáir

So cuan Citt Alaió as snám

Is biomar com pada as súit leo

Is síleamar nac deiocpad so brác.

Ac cosais na hadarca as séidead

Á puasaire so raid siad ar páil

Asus corruisead spreacad i néirinn,

Mac múchar i sConnáce so brác.

Cúrpa :

III.

Ac soirm na Franneais brea' Láidir,'
A cáinis le Numbert anall,
Mar cus siad dúinn croí i misneac
Nuair a bíomar so brónac san nsár,
Asus trocaire de ar na céadtaí
Oo tit is de leasad san Ár
Tá a scnámaí faoi fód-slas na h-Éireann
Is cuimneocaid muid orra so brát.

Cúnpa :

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