



TOMÁS BAIRÉAD PAPERS

GP2/74

Galway County Council Archives

I started this on June 24th 110 Bellvue Ave GP2/74 (1)
& you can see how Silajlad Pgh. Pa 15252
I am. I will show you a
couple of the reports I get of the June 24th 1969.
Galway teams in the E.W. Cont'd July 28th 1969
ngod

As Comrao a Sean Capal dil.

I will start your letter by copying from
yours Bhi faibe ngod roim do wap
ngod broos roim do euid wepescawubg
I am also glad to know that you are
enjoying such good health. We can
thank God that we are around & able
to correspond with each other once in
a while. As you know I was delighted
to get some news from Moycullen although
a lot of it was sad. I was sorry to see
about Emily Cullinanes death. I did like
the Cullinane family. I was also sorry
to hear about George Kyne he was a nice
man as was all his brothers & sisters -
you know there was 24 of them there was
as I am sure you know 2 wives. I remember
seeing Seagoin O Ciadain. He was not a very
big man he used to wear one of those tall
hats something like Father Currans

3
Tim Kyne was holding Connolly who was half drunk & he kept screaming to let him go saying there never was a man raised in the mountains who could hold him.

Tim as you know was very patient & listened to Johnny for a long time but in the end he got mad & he just lifted Johnny & threw him away. a crowd then separated them but Johnny was afterwards arrested & I heard he had about 6 or 7 summons for that day. I am sure you remember that I am not sure now but it seems to me that Johnny took off for a while then I think he left the country for a while but of course Michael McNeill was able to get it fixed up. you know that bringing all those things back to mind make me feel good.

I am sure I do not have to tell you that Paddy O'Donoghue's death saddened me not a little Paddy & me always had our friendly arguments but I sure gave Paddy credit for making a number of us who were active at that time better Irishmen or more informed young men than you could find in many parishes around Galway.

2
GP2/74(?)
He was supposed to be a powerful man in his day & of course you know what Tim was like & even George though he was small was a great bit of a man. I wonder do you remember Patsy (Seamus) Donaghue ~~cloniff~~ he was somewhat a character he had a little grey beard & always carried a cane He one time had a 3 wheel bicycle. Patsy was a great seoyce always talked Irish. I remember when Ballinahalla & the mountains were pulling tug of war in the town Patsy was leaning on his cane & he said to Tim Kyne *caipín, sí tim caipín* *Tha caipín sí O'obail úgus sí sí fínn* I hope you will be able to translate that. Ballinahalla won the pull but Father MacAllinny disallowed it as he was supposed to start it & somebody else gave the word. Ballinahalla refused to pull over & the mountains were awarded the match. There was a big fight at the raas in Oughtreard afterwards afterwards of the tug of war Johnny Connolly & Michael O'Keefe started it. I was watching

Patrick Walsh (John Pat) told me one time that he could safely say that the young men of Moycullen were more intelligent & up to date than any parish he could think of. I used to think that this was not so. Until I got acquainted with many other young men in many parishes all around Galway & Mayo & I could safely say that you could find from 30 to 50 young men in Moycullen that could compete with any country parish in Ireland & make a good showing.

Now whether I was right or wrong I always gave credit to Padraig more than any other person for this. As you know he took an active part in the Gaelic League, the G. A. A. the beginning of the Volunteers, I. R. B. etc. I always as I said had friendly arguments with Padraig but I always looked upon him as my best friend not alone a good friend but a good teacher as well.

- X I do not know if his wife is still living of course. I knew her well as I knew every person in Moycullen that was 16 yrs old or over. You knew them all the way down to the cradle.
- X I have asked you this before. Do you remember when you asked me to stand out by the gate

GP2/74(3)

at the church & watch the youngsters come
out & you started to tell me who all the kids
from Poulnealough were you gave me a
surprise & you were right on every one
you could tell them by their looks how
they resembled their parents. all these
things make me feel better when they
come back to mind. I love America
it is to me the greatest in the World but
as you I think know well there is nothing
in the world nearer to me than Erin
so bric with all its faults & shortcomings
it is to me the greatest & is closest to my
heart. It was too bad that fate made me
leave there for as you have said more
than once before it was there that I did
belong. *To ndeugard Dui goeapaput
sp faw.* I was sorry to hear of Mark
X McDonaghs illness. I hope & pray that
he is home & well. I suppose that this
son who is building is married
d? so he live with mark now. Paddy
Connely Marks Binlow writes to me
quite often! I just wrote to him today.

x interested in the G. A. A. I get pretty good reports of G. A. A. happenings in the Irish World each week John Reilly Devine son of a Co Clare man gives very good accounts of what is happening in Ireland & the U.S. I met him once at a field day in Gaelic Park they had 5 very good games there that Sunday as they do every Sunday up to October.

I was glad to see where they had a Moycullen man on the Co Slurking team. How did they get Clonruff from Curra. Your letter to me was postmarked April 12th 1969. I received it on May 19th & this is July 29th its over 3 months since you wrote yours a long time to wait for a reply. but I hope you will forgive me as I shall start to write. & I am getting worse day by day. we have had a very hot spell here for the past few weeks nearly 90 every day. I go to 11 AM mass & then I sit out on the front porch & read the morning & evening papers & come in to watch some of my favorite programmes on T.V. I just cut the grass once in 2 weeks & that's about my limit. I will have to draw to a close.

X? Do you know how poor mugs Welby is. He is 85 yrs old this year. Te Suid Niamh & Bob Paul tu go ri niamh do capaidh niamh

GP2174(4)
as you know Killagoola was in the Shewinemas Dist & the 3 of us was from Moycullen Dist. We knew that John Dullwan was an old Redmondite & we thought we would have a hard time ^{with him} to come around so & behold did we get a surprise when he told his there was no other place to go but to Surveys every voter in Killagoola voted for Pádraig Ó Máille. Wm O'Malley only got 8 votes in the Shewinemas Dist. Dan Mahoney & Peter Clancy John Taherty & Ed Griffin & I suppose their wives. I think there was 32 in the Moycullen Dist, a little more in your old Dist Tulliboyne, less than 100 in the 3 Dist in Moycullen.

That sure was an interesting episode about Bloody Sunday I enjoyed reading it. It was for that poor Tommy O'Kalen was charged & he was not there. An old friend of mine told me that he saw Tommy receiving Holy Communion that Sunday morning in a church in Ringsent.

Congratulations on the success you are having with your books I hope I will have the pleasure of reading them some day. I am also glad that you are still

6

I see you are still interested in the G.A.A. I always gave you credit for getting Moycullen into the G.A.A. where I got my Baptism of Nationalism with the Gaelic League. By the way is there a National Gaelic League organisation. I see by the D.K. papers that Jack Reynolds F. Fail party made a very good showing in last weeks election. I am waiting for this weeks Irish World it will have a full report on the final result.

Day how are the elections now I am sure they are not as exciting as the ones in the early part of the century who takes active parts in them in Moycullen nowadays. Its well I do remember the 1918 election I spend the day before the election all day & I rained not canvassing as every voter in Poul-na-Longh Toomey Lisagorran was on our side. I was trying to arrange for transportation & how illiterates could vote for our candidate. Pádraig Ó Sé & I & myself was in Killaquola on the previous Sunday.