



Ploughing Matches, Newspaper Articles.

COLERAINE CHRONICLE,

INTERNATIONAL PLOUGHING.

ULSTER'S GREAT EVENT.

LIMAVADY THE VENUE: RECORD
ENTRIES.

(By a Special Correspondent).

Everything is now in apple-pie order for the Northern Ireland Ploughing Association's first great international championship ploughing contests at Limavady on February 16, on the farm of Mr. John C. Drennan, J.P., at Carse Hall.

Entries Total 111.

Entries total 111, from Eire, Scotland, England, and of course, from Northern Ireland, and there is certain to be very keen contests in the various competitions, especially in the team and individual championship events. Eire is represented by two teams from County Wicklow Ploughing Society (Messrs. S. G. Shirley, P. Byrne, and Hugh Pierce, J. Halpin); Innishowen Society, County Donegal (Messrs. B. Hutchinson, T. M'Candless, James M'Kinley, James Thompson, Raymond Mills, R. M'Eldowney); and County Meath by Mr. P. J. Maher.

The English entries are as follows:—Hampden-in-Arden, Knowle and Solehull, and Coventry branches of the National Farmers' Union (Warwickshire); Skelton Society, Cumberland; Billingham Society, Durhamshire, Scotland—Machars Society, Wigtownshire; Whithorn and Glasserton Society, do. (two teams); Skene Society, Aberdeen; Penninghame, Minnigaff, Kilnareck Society, Wigtownshire, and an individual entry from Mr. Isaac Martindale, Dumfries. The representative of the Billingham Society, Cumberland, is Mr. John Dixon, already champion in 85 contests, and who is bringing with him his 45-year-old plough. The Penninghame representative is Mr. W. Rennie, farm manager to the Most Noble the Marquis of Bute.

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NORTHERN IRELAND'S REPRESENTATIVES.

The Northern Ireland Ploughing Societies are represented as follows:—County Antrim—Kilroot, Killead, Toomebridge (two teams), Ballycastle, Bushmills (two teams), North Antrim (three teams). County Down—Listooder, Craigantlet, Dromara. Armagh—Mullahead, Mid-Armagh, Wheatfield. County Derry—Bovevagh and Roe Valley, Cumber Y.F.C., Coleraine. County Fermanagh—Fermanagh Ploughing Society (two teams). Tyrone—Donemana, Clogher Valley.

The following Young Farmers' Clubs are represented:—Limavady, Killead, Portaferry, Carnmoon, Mullahead, Cumber, Donemana, Millisle, Fermanagh, Eglinton, Newtownards, Coleraine, Donaghadee, Clogher Valley.

The following are in the style and appearance class:—Messrs. James M. Beare, James M'Kinney (North Antrim); J. O'Connor (Roe Valley); John M'Millan (Cumber Y.F.C.); Edward H. Sturdy (Kilroot); David Watson (Clogher Valley). The prizes offered in the Y.F.C. class and the style and appearance class have been increased to 1st, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £2.

THE JUDGES.

The following have been appointed as judges:—Ploughing competitions—Mr. J. Johnston, "Glenvar," Morton, Carlisle; Mr. William Young, West Preston, Preston Mill, Dumfries; Mr. John Hart, Hartfield House, Damhead, Coleraine; Mr. John M'Knight, Lisbuoy, Beragh, County Tyrone; Mr. William Doherty, Clonleagh, Lifford, County Donegal. Reserve—Mr. J. Getty, Kirkmoyle, Ballymoney.

Style and appearance—Mr. J. O. Drennan, J.P., Carse Hall, Limavady; Mr. James Mark, Carrowmena, Limavady; Mr. J. Douglas Gibson, Broughter House, Limavady. Reserve—Mr. James Crammon, Omagh, County Tyrone.

104 HORSES TO BE PROVIDED.

Apart from laying-out the field for the contests, one of the major tasks undertaken by the local field committee under the chairmanship of Mr. W. J. McElroy, Rosstowney, Limavady, is the provision of 104 horses for those competitors unable to bring their own animals. Since, however, many competitors will be working animals that are strange to them, the rules permit them an assistant to lead the horses for the first two rounds, scratch and back. So the horses—good animals of the Ulster soil—will have to acclimatise themselves to orders in a variety of accents from Eire, Scotland and England!

Each plot to be ploughed will measure 1 rood statute, and ploughing will consist of one back, one wing and one hint. The ploughing of the last two furrows will be left to the discretion of the competitor, so as to leave the best "hint" or finish suitable for crossing with a reaper or binder. No dresser but the tail-piece will be permitted for the broken or rib work.

Competitors will report to the secretary at 10 o'clock on the morning of the contests to draw for their plots and teams, and whole work will commence at 10.30, competitors being allowed 4½ hours to complete their plots. Competitors doing broken (rib) work will commence at 11 o'clock and will be allowed four hours for the job. Allowing an interval for luncheon, it is hoped to have the contests completed by about 3.30 p.m.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

The main events will be, of course, the (1), Team Championship, and (2), the Individual Championship. The winners of the former will get a magnificent trophy and a cash prize of £25 or more, the runners-up getting £10, while the champion ploughman also gets a trophy and a cash prize of £10. He will, as well, be deemed United Kingdom Champion for 1938.

The Royal Ulster Agricultural Society has presented a trophy for the best Northern Ireland ploughman, while Messrs. William Thompson & Co. (Londonderry) Ltd., have presented a cup for the best ploughman under 25 years hailing from the North-West of Ireland (Donegal, Tyrone, Derry and North Antrim).

"Our aim is to encourage good ploughing, the foundation of good arable farming," said Mr. Peter Fitzpatrick, B.Agr., chairman of the Association, in an interview. "Running the contests on an international scale will help to bring the plain working farmers of Ireland, England and Scotland closer together. We are delighted with the interest taken in the contests, which augurs well for our policy. All that remains to make them the success they deserve to be is the weather."

Other officials are Mr. Humphrey Jamison, hon. secretary; Mr. R. M.

BALLYCASTLE

ANNUAL

Ploughing Match

WILL BE HELD

On WEDNESDAY, 24th January,

At COLERAINE ROAD

(In a Field kindly granted by Jim Greer, Esq.).

CLASSES and PRIZES.

SENIOR SWING PLOUGH. 1st Prize, M'Curdy Cup (presented by Captain M'Curdy, R.A.M.C.), with £1 10s added; 2nd Prize, Bag Flaxseed (presented by Messrs. John Lytle and Sons, per Mr. W. J. Scally, Ballycastle); 3rd Prize, 40 Sprouting Boxes (presented by Messrs. John Nicholl and Son); 4th Prize, Horse Cover; 5th Prize, Set Ploughing Chains (presented by J. F. M'Lister, Esq., J.P.).

SWING PLOUGH (Junior Competition) 1st Prize, Set Backropes; 2nd Prize, Horse Cover; 3rd Prize, Kidney Cover; 4th Prize, Felling Axe (presented by A. M'Kinley, Esq.).

CHILL PLOUGH (Open). 1st Prize, Casement Cup (presented by the late Captain J. Casement, D.S.O., D.L.), with £1 10s added; 2nd Prize, Bag Flaxseed (presented by Messrs. E. F. M'Cambridge and Son); 3rd Prize, £2; 4th Prize, Horse Cover; 5th Prize, Set Ploughing Chains.

CHILL PLOUGH (Junior). 1st Prize, Set Backropes; 2nd Prize, Horse Cover; 3rd Prize, Kidney Cover; 4th Prize, Set Ploughing Chains.

TURN-OUT CLASS. 1st Prize, Capt. S. J. Lyle, M.C., D.L., Cup (presented by Captain Cecil Downing Fullerton), with £1 added; 2nd Prize, Pair Winkers (presented by Messrs. D. Thompson and Son); 3rd Prize, 10st. Bag Flour (presented by Alexander Boyd, Esq., J.P.); 4th Prize, 5lb. Turnip Seed (presented by Messrs. John Lytle and Son).

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Silver Medal (presented by John Glass, Esq.), for Best Gelding or Mare, not including Cup winners in Turn-out Class.

5lb. Turnip Seed (presented by W. J. Scally, Esq.), for Best Gelding or Mare, not including prize winners in Turn-out Class.

£1 1s (presented by W. C. P. Scally, Esq., M.R.C.V.S.), for Oldest Ploughman competing at Match.

£1 for the Youngest Ploughman competing at Match.

Swing Ploughs commence at 10-30 a.m.

Chill Ploughs commence at 11 a.m.

Draws will be made for Plots 15 minutes prior to start.

Entry Fee in all Classes, 2s 6d each.

Entries will close at 8 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

An Official of the International Ploughing Society will be in attendance at Match to see that Society Rules are carried out. Copy of Rules can be had from the Hon. Secretary:

A. S. M'VICKER,

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BALLYMONEY PLOUGHING MATCH.

COMPETITORS UNDAUNTED BY
BAD WEATHER.

SPLENDID WORK IN ALL
CLASSES.

Keen interest was evinced in the twenty-seventh annual ploughing match of the North Antrim Ploughing Society on Tuesday in fields kindly granted by Messrs. Thomas S. Gilmour and William R. Wilson at Enagh and Drumskea respectively. The standard of ploughing was excellent, and the judges had a hard task in their adjudication.

Although the weather was unfavourable, a large crowd witnessed the competitions which this year included tractor classes. As in former years, the judges, committee, and other friends received lavish hospitality at the field from Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour.

The judges were Mr. David Stafford, Knockintern; Mr. William J. McIlroy, Derry; Mr. Andrew Price, Rock Cottage, Ballycastle; Mr. George Haslett, Myroe; and Mr. F. D. Gibson, Myroe.

The arrangements were carried out by an energetic committee of which Mr. James Campbell was the efficient secretary.

The Awards.

SWING PLOUGHS—1. Alexander Anderson, Craighpark, Bushmills; 2. William McCurdy, Croaghbeg; 3. Samuel Cochrane, Turfahun, Bushmills (plough held by son George).

CHILL PLOUGHS—1. Mrs. Hanna, Ballygan (son James); 2. James G. Getty, Kinkmoyle (son James); 3. John Jamison, Carroweagh (son William).

CHILL PLOUGHS (Beginners)—1. Mrs. Hanna, Ballygan (William Nevin); 2. Thomas Halliday, Ballinamoney (Thomas Sharkey); 3. David C. Martin, Moneycannon (William Thompson); 4. James M'Kinney, Greenhill (James Craig).

RANSOME PLOUGHS—1. Samuel M'Lean, Forttown, Ballymoney (son Samuel); 2. David Getty, Kilmoyle (son Jack); 3. Jack Glenn, Ballysally, Coleraine; 4. Edward Irwin, Newmills (son George); 5. Alexander Wotton, Ballyboggey (son Thomas James); 6. Thomas Craig, Bootown, Dervock (son James).

TURN-OUT (Ploughing)—1. Mrs. Morrison, Drumaduan, Coleraine; 2. James M. Beare, Cross, Ballymoney (John M'Laughlin); 3. James M'Kinney, Greenhill (James Craig); 4. David C. Martin, Moneycannon (William Thompson).

TURN-OUT (Confined to County Antrim)—1. James M. Beare, Cross; 2. Mrs. Morrison; 3. James M'Kinney; 4. D. C. Martin.

TURN-OUT (Open)—1. James M. Beare; 2. Mrs. Morrison; 3. James M'Kinney.

TRACTOR CLASS—1. J. and R. Dunlop, Ballyversal, Cloyfin; 2. James Torrens, Heathfield, Killykeegan; 3. James Knox, Ballykeel, Portrush; special—John Knox, Ballykeel, Portrush.

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Best back (swing class)—Alexander Anderson. Best hint (swing class)—Alexander Anderson. Best hint (chill classes)—Mrs. Hanna. Best hint (Ransom class)—Samuel M'Lean. Best hint (turn-out class)—James M'Kinney. Best hint (tractor class)—J. and R. Dunlop.

THE FESTIVE BOARD: HAPPY FUNCTION FOLLOWS COMPETITIONS.

After the competitions the judges, officials, competitors and friends of the Society were hospitably entertained in the Route Cafe, Ballymoney.

Mr. W. W. B. Keers, Co. C., who presided, extended a welcome to the guests. He regretted that, owing to the weather, some who would have been at the table with them had to go home. But, what they lacked in quantity they had in quality, as they had the cream of the merchants and professional men of Ballymoney with them. (Applause). The Route was entirely an agricultural district, and he regretted to say that agriculture was passing through a rather depressing time owing to three causes—labour difficulties, low prices for what they had to sell, and high prices for their feeding stuffs. He felt, however, that the farmers would stand together and surmount the difficulties which beset them. (Applause).

In proposing the toast of "The Merchants of Ballymoney," the Chairman paid a tribute to the support which they gave the Society.

Mr. Denis O'C. Taggart, in responding, said a grand opportunity was afforded all workers under 55 to take advantage of the new scheme for pensions at 65. He strongly advised everyone coming within its scope to take advantage of it.

Mr. W. G. Kerr (manager of the Northern Bank) also responded.

JUDGES' COMMENTS.

Responding to the toast of "The Judges," Mr. Milroy said he considered that the work done that day was extremely creditable having regard to the inclement weather conditions which made operations tremendously difficult. The work compared favourably with previous years. Referring to the forthcoming international ploughing match, he expressed the hope that Ballymoney would take a prominent part in the competitions, and he felt sure they would do credit to their district and Society. He had seen some of the best ploughing in the North of Ireland at matches in the Ballymoney district. (Applause).

Mr. Stafford also referred to the high quality of the work, and paid a tribute to the ploughmen.

The Chairman referred to the presence of Mr. Joseph A. Craig (hon. secretary of Coleraine Ploughing Society), and said they appreciated the assistance they gave the Ballymoney Society in its matches.

Mr. Craig suitably replied.

The sentiment of "The Prizewinners" was responded to by Mr. D. C. Martin, Mr. Jack Getty, Mr. James M'Kinney, Mr. William Jamison, and Mr. James Craig.

TRIBUTE TO SECRETARY'S WORK.

Proposing the toast of "Our Secretary," the Chairman said were it not for the unceasing efforts of Mr. James Campbell, there would be no ploughing match in Ballymoney.

Mr. Campbell, responding, said he felt it a pleasure to do anything to further the interests of the Society. He regretted that the committee had not worked so enthusiastically as in former years, and he felt that was hardly fair. Members

**Ballycastle and District Tractor
Ploughing Society.**

**THE FIRST ANNUAL
TRACTOR**

Ploughing Match

Will be held on

WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY

(Or in case of frost the first open
Wednesday thereafter),

At WHITEHALL, BALLYCASTLE,

Commencing at 11 a.m.

(In a Field kindly granted for the occasion
by Messrs. Leo Brown, Joseph Devlin and
Patrick Lavery).

PERPETUAL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP
(presented by R. P. Woodside, Esq.,
Ballycastle) for the best all-round work
(whole or broken) for any make of
Tractor or Plough.

SILVER CUP (presented by Messrs. John
M'Elderry, Ltd., Ballymoney), with £1
added; 2nd Prize, £2; 3rd Prize, 30s;
4th Prize, £1; 5th Prize, 15s; for the
best Broken Work by any make of
Tractor or Plough (to be won three
years, not necessarily in succession).

SILVER CUP (presented by J. S. Scarlett
& Son, Ballycastle), with £1 added;
2nd Prize, £2; 3rd Prize, 30s; 4th
Prize, £1; 5th Prize, 15s; for the best
Whole Work by any make of Tractor
or Plough (to be won three years, not
necessarily in succession).

SILVER CUP (presented by J. W.
M'Caughan & Son, Ballycastle), with
£1 added; 2nd Prize, £2; 3rd Prize,
30s; 4th Prize, £1; 5th Prize, 15s; for
the best work, whole or broken, by
Ferguson or Ford-Ferguson Tractor
and Plough (to be won three years, not
necessarily in succession).

**TWO - WHEELED TRACTOR (One
Horse).** 1st Prize, £2; 2nd Prize, £1;
3rd Prize, 10s.

Prize of £1 for Youngest Ploughman
(presented by Charles Lawrence, Esq.,
Ballycastle).

Prize of £1 for Oldest Ploughman (pre-
sented by Richard Kerrigan, Esq., Bally-
castle).

Prize of a Bag of Flour for best Reaper
Hint (presented by C. A. M'Collam, Esq.,
Ballycastle).

Prize of a Bag of Flour for best Back
(presented by Alexander Boyd, Esq.,
J.P., Ballycastle).

Prize of Bow Saw for best Ins and Outs
(presented by Archie M'Kinley, Esq.,
Ballycastle).

Special Prize of £2 2s for best work done
by three-furrow plough (presented by J.
Stewart-Moore, Esq., Ballydivity).

Prize of £1 for the best Junior Plough-
man who never ploughed at any Tractor
Ploughing Match before (presented by
Charles Neill, Esq., Ballycastle).

Special Prize of something useful on a
farm, valued at £1 (presented by Messrs.
W. Cameron & Co., Ltd., Ballymena), for
the best kept Tractor in field.

the best kept tractor in field.

The Match will be Ploughed under
International Rules.

Lots Drawn at 10-30 a.m.

The five prizes allotted to each class will
only be awarded if six or more entries for
each class are received.

Entries (Fee, 5s) to be in the hands of
the Secretary not later than SATURDAY,
3rd FEBRUARY, 1945, and accompanied
by Fee.

Admission to Field, One Shilling.

THOMAS WHITE, Hon. Secretary,
7023 The Trench, Ballycastle.

Coleraine and District Tractor Ploughing Society.

ANNUAL TRACTOR Ploughing Match

Will be held

On Friday, 26th Jan., 1945

Or in case of frost the first open
Friday thereafter,

At Ballycairn, Coleraine,

Commencing at 11-30 a.m.

(In a Field kindly granted for the occasion
by the Misses Hughes).

Classes and Prizes as advertised.

Admission to Field 1s.

The DISTRIBUTION OF CUPS
AND PRIZES will take place in
CORPORATION ARMS HOTEL,
COLERAINE, on SATURDAY, 27th
JANUARY, 1945, at 7 p.m. sharp.

JAMES EAKIN, Hon. Secretary,
c/o J. W. McCaughan & Son,
Portrush Road, Coleraine.

Phone 349.

BUSHMILLS PLOUGHING MATCH.

KEEN COMPETITION IN WINTRY WEATHER.

The ploughing competitions organised by Bushmills Ploughing Society were to a great extent marred by the unfavourable weather on Friday last; snow and hail showers made matters most difficult and unpleasant for the competitors. The number of entries was eminently satisfactory, 32 ploughs in all taking the field, which was put at the disposal of the Society by the Hon. Sir F. A. Macnaghten, Bart., Dundarave. The standard of work, despite the conditions, was very high indeed.

At mid-day, the committee entertained the judges to lunch in Nicholl's Hotel. The President, Mr. Alex. M'Curdy, R.D.C., gave the toast of the King. He expressed regret at the absence through illness of their former President, Mr. S. A. Forgie, J.P., who, he said, had for many years taken a very keen interest in the Society, and to whom its success was in a large measure attributable. The toast of the judges was responded to by Messrs. M'Elroy, Black and Hart, all of whom testified to the high quality of the work of the competitors. They urged that at least two entrants from the Bushmills Society should compete at the Northern Ireland Ploughing Match to be held in Antrim on 16th February next, and they felt sure that some of the laurels would come to Bushmills. The treasurer (Mr. James Dunlop, R.D.C.) and secretary (Mr. Samuel Acheson) were next toasted. Mr. Dunlop, in his reply, stated that the Society was financially strong. He thanked the judges who had made the long journey handicapped by the lack of transport and by the wintry weather, and who had performed their difficult tasks in a praiseworthy manner. A vote of thanks was passed to the Hon. Sir F. A. Macnaghten for the use of the field. The vice-president of the Society is Mr. Charles M'Vicker, Ballykeel.

The judges were—Tractors, Messrs. F. M'Elroy, J. Hart and J. Getty; horses—Messrs. J. Black, J. Young and S. M'Lean; turn-outs, Messrs. J. Hart, J. Young and W. Lyons.

The cups and prizes were presented to the successful entrants at a dance held in the Bushmills Orange Hall on Friday evening. In spite of the weather conditions almost 400 people attended, and spent a most enjoyable night. The music was supplied by Mr. J. Matthew's Dance Band, Liscolman.

BALLYMONEY PLOUGHING MATCH.

GOOD WORK IN INCLEMENT WEATHER.

The thirty-fourth annual ploughing match of the North Antrim Ploughing Society took place on Tuesday at Greenhill, Ballymoney, in a field granted by Mr. Jas. M'Kinney. The weather was most inclement. Mr. Jas. Campbell (hon. secretary), with a hard-working committee, made excellent arrangements, and the various competitions were got through in good time. The judges were—Messrs. J. M'F. Young, Coleraine; W. J. M'Elroy, Derry; A. Price, Ballycastle; George Haslett, Myroe; and John C. Drennan, J.P., Limavady.

The awards were:—

Swing ploughs—1, George Cochrane, Turfahun; 2, Jack Getty, Kilmoyle; 3, James M'Kinney, Greenhill, Ballymoney (plough held by James Craig).

Chill Ploughs—1, J. T. Kennedy, Caheney; 2, F. M'Auley, Macilvennon, Portrush; 3, John Taggart, Tullycapple (son Alan); 4, A. Campbell, Moneycannon.

Ransome ploughs—1, James M. G. Getty, Kirkmoyle (son James); 2, Wm. Cochrane, Carnfinton; 3, James Morrison, Knockinteeragh; 4, Thomas Watton, Ballybdggey; 5, Alex. Calvin, Clunties; 5, T. Loughridge, Ballyveeley, Pharos (son John).

Turn-out (confined)—1, A. Morrison, Knockans; 2, Robert Campbell, Garryduff; 3, John Campbell, Rockhead, Finvoy; 4, James Loughridge.

Turn-out (open)—1, Lyle Morrison, Ballywattick (Beare Cup won outright); 2, James M'Kinney, Greenhill; 3, A. Morrison; 4, James Hemphill, Burnside, Portstewart.

Class confined to Finvoy Y.F.C.—1, Wm. Cochrane, Carnfinton; 2, James Watson, Carnfinton; 3, Alex. Campbell, Rockhead; 4, Wilson M'Cracken, Carnfinton; 5, John Campbell, Rockhead; 6, A. Morrison, Knockans.

Turn-out (confined to Finvoy Y.F.C.)—1, A. Morrison; 2, A. Campbell; 3, John Campbell.

Turn-out (beginners)—1, A. Campbell; 2, J. Campbell.

Turn-out (ploughing)—1, James Loughridge; 2, Thomas Loughridge; 3, John Campbell; 4, Alan Morrison.

Specials (confined)—Best mare—Alan Morrison; best gelding, J. Campbell; youngest ploughman, A. Campbell; best back, Wm. Cochrane; best hint, Wm. Cochrane; straightest furrow, Wm. Cochrane.

Specials (open)—Best mare—James M'Kinney; best gelding, James Hemphill; youngest ploughmen, A. Campbell, George Cochrane, and A. Taggart; oldest ploughmen, James Craig and F. M'Auley; ploughman who had competed greatest number of times, Jack Getty; best back, George Cochrane; best hint, George Cochrane; best hint (chill class), James Morrison; best back (chill class), James Getty; oldest hired ploughman, James Craig; straightest furrow in field, James Morrison.

THE LUNCHEON.

Mr. John Cooper presided at a luncheon which was afterwards held in the Route Cafe, Ballymoney.

The chairman said that despite the inclement weather they had a good entry and spirited competition. He extended a cordial welcome to Mrs. Hughes, who at a later stage presented the cups and prizes to the winners.

After the toast of "The King," the sentiment of "The Judges" was honoured.

Mr. W. J. M'Elroy, in responding, said the work, which was rendered very difficult by the bad day and the ground conditions, reflected great credit on those who took part. He paid a tribute to the very efficient work of Mr. James Campbell, who was one of the finest secretaries he had ever met.

Mr. M'Elroy's remarks were endorsed by Mr. James M'F. Young.

The chairman, in proposing "The Donors of Prizes," said last year two cups were won outright and this year one. As the cups could not at present be replaced, Nestle's Ltd. had given six guineas to be spread over two years; Mr. Hugh Taggart had given three guineas for this

Hugh Taggart had given three guineas for this year and had promised three more; and Messrs. M'Elderry & Moffett, three guineas.

Mr. Hugh Taggart, in responding, said it was a great pleasure to him to assist the Society in any way. The successful end of the war was in sight and the farmers of Ballymoney and district had done as much for victory as any other section of the community. They had a lot of restrictions during the war period which they would be glad to be rid of, and they all looked forward to better times ahead. (Applause).

Mr. T. E. Hayter (Nestle's Ltd.) said his firm was pleased to support the North Antrim Ploughing Society as they realised how important such an organisation was. He thought the Imperial Government was taking more notice of Ulster, and that Ulster to-day had an opportunity which it never had before with regard to its agricultural produce. Ulster was now sending to Scotland 20,000 gallons of milk a day. Most of this was going to schools. The milk producers of Ulster could feel proud that they were able to supply home needs and have so much to spare for the community in Scotland. The export of eggs had improved and he believed the time was ripe when Ulster could take the place of Denmark. With modern transport and other facilities, the farmers' position should improve to the benefit of Ulster and Britain as a whole.

The toast of "The Successful Competitors" was responded to by Messrs. Lyle Morrison, James M'Kinney, and Jack Getty.

Responding to "The Donor of the Field and Mrs. M'Kinney," Mr. James M'Kinney said it was a pleasure for his wife and himself to do anything they could for the Society.

Mr. James Campbell, proposing "The Trade and Commerce of Ballymoney," referred to the support given by the business men and women of Ballymoney to the Society. Their generosity and co-operation were greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Hughes, in responding, said farmers had always been of great assistance to her in her business, and it was only natural that she should try to help them in any way she could. She thought it was a high honour to be asked to this function, and if in the future she could render any assistance she would only be too happy to do so. (Applause).

Mr. J. P. Owens also responded.

"The Northern Ireland Championship Ploughing Association" was responded to by Mr. R. S. Benson (hon. secretary); "Prosperity to Agriculture," by Mr. Peter Fitzpatrick; "The Y. F. Clubs of Ulster," Mr. Hugh Gray and Mr. M'Allister; "Our Secretary," by Mr. James Campbell; "Our Treasurer," by Mr. S. Dunlop; and "The Press," by Mr. R. Kane ("Coleraine Chronicle.")

TRACTOR PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIP.

AGHADOWEY WINNER AT COLERAINE.

SUCCESS OF BALLYCASTLE VETERAN.

Winner of the championship trophy at the Coleraine and District Tractor Ploughing Society's annual match on Friday of last week was Mr. Hugh B. Barr, The Curragh, Aghadowey. Members of the Barr family are noted ploughmen, and two brothers of this year's championship winner had also a very successful day.

Seventy-eight years-old Charles Moore Lawrence, of Ballycastle (a former championship winner), who won his first trophy at Coleraine over half-a-century ago, scored a popular success—first place in the whole work class—and at the other end of the age line, Master Jack Glenn Kennedy, Ballysally, Coleraine, aged just 13 years, also figured in the awards.

Twenty-four ploughs took part, the competitors representing widely-separated parts of Counties Derry and Antrim. Originally there had been thirty-seven entries, but severe frost had caused two postponements of the match, and in the intervening period a number of the tractors had developed mechanical trouble. In the circumstances, twenty-four tractors "facing the starter" at the line-up was a very satisfactory total. All were expertly handled and generally the standard of the work done reached a high level, with the result that the judges had no easy task in placing the plots in order of merit. From all standpoints the match proved very successful. Fixtures of the kind unquestionably serve a most useful purpose, and their value in helping to improve agriculture on the productive side could hardly be over-estimated.

The venue of the match was a spacious field at Ballycairn, overlooking Coleraine, owned by the Misses Hughes, Portstewart, and let in conacre to Mr. Robert M. O'Neill, R.D.C., Ballygallon.

The match was patronised by a goodly crowd of spectators, and throughout the day interest in the work of the competitors was well maintained. The judges were:—Whole work—Messrs. W. J. M'Elroy, Rosstowney, Derry; John Hart, Damhead, and W. M'Curdy, Calhame, Garvagh. Broken work—Messrs. Andrew Price, Lagavar, Ballycastle; George Haslett, Myroe, Limavady; and Wilfrid Hanna, Ballygan, Ballymoney.

Principal officials were:—Messrs. S. J. Henry, J.P. (President); W. T. Kennedy (hon. treasurer); James Eakin (hon. secretary); J. W. Stewart (judges' steward); James Black (Carnace); J. C. Black (Dundooan), James M'Math, and T. J. Linton (chief stewards). The arrangements for the match worked very smoothly and efficiently and reflected very creditably upon the officials, especially Mr. Eakin who, in his first year as hon. secretary, deservedly gained for himself a big measure of praise.

THE AWARDS.

Championship Cup (presented by Mr. T. D. Macfarlane, Coleraine), for best all-round work (whole or broken) by any make of tractor or plough—Won by Hugh B. Barr, Curragh, Aghadowey.

Championship class. Cup (presented by Mr. Graham Stuart, Coleraine) for best broken work, any make of plough—1, Andrew Barr, Ballytaggart, Coleraine; 2, Burns M'Lean, Outhill, Cloyfin; 3, J. M. Lees, Outhill; 4, R. Dunlop, Corbally, Portrush; 5, Jack A. Cochran, Ballinteer, Coleraine.

Championship class. Cup (presented by Messrs. Christies Ltd., Coleraine) for best whole work, any make of tractor or plough—1, C. M. Lawrence, Gortconny, Ballycastle; 2, R. B. Torrens, Agivey, Aghadowey; 3, R. E. Holland, Magheralane, Randalstown; 4, J. Andrews, jun., Toomebridge; 5, R. G. Thompson, Kilgreel, Templepatrick.

Practical class. Cup (presented by Mr. R. J. Maxwell, Coleraine) for best practical work on

Maxwell, Coleraine) for best practical work on time limit basis—1, W. R. Dunlop, Kilgrain, Coleraine; 2, Joseph S. Barr, Curragh; 3, James Chestnutt, Ballyhemlin, Bushmills; 4, S. C. Young, Ballylease, Portstewart (ploughman, Patrick Murray); 5, John Hamill, Ballymagarry, Portrush. Practical class. "Fastol"

Cup (presented by Messrs. Charnock Bros. & Co., Ltd.) for best practical whole work on time limit basis—1, Hugh B. Barr; 2, Jeff Smyth, Knockaduff, Aghadowey; 3, Andrew Barr (Robert Harte); 4, Robert M. O'Neill, Ballygallon, Coleraine (Patrick Murray); 5, John Glenn Kennedy, Ballysally, Coleraine.

Cup (presented by Miss Craig, Newmarket Street, Coleraine), for best work (whole or broken) by competitor who had not previously won a first or second prize in any tractor ploughing competition—Jack A. Cochrane.

Cup (presented by Messrs. H. & T. Bellas, Ltd., Coleraine), for best all-round work (whole or broken) by Lister Cockshutt plough—Hugh B. Barr.

Cup (presented by Messrs. Harry Ferguson (Motors) Ltd.), for best work (whole or broken) by Ferguson tractor plough—W. R. Dunlop.

Cup (presented by Messrs. R. McIntosh & Co., Ltd., Coleraine), for best all-round work done by Ransome plough—R. E. Holland.

Cup (presented by Mr. J. J. M'Lean, Coleraine), for best work in any class by a member of Coleraine Young Farmers' Club—Jeff Smyth.

Special prize (presented by Mr. A. Boyd, Bendooragh, Ballymoney), for best work done by Case tractor—J. M. Lees.

Silver watch (or £3 3s) (presented by Mr. T. D. Macfarlane, Church Street, Coleraine), for best work (whole or broken) by Fordson tractor—Hugh B. Barr.

Special prizes (presented by Messrs. Harry Ferguson (Motors) Ltd.), for best work done by a Ferguson or Ford-Ferguson tractor—1 (£2 2s), W. R. Dunlop; 2 (£1), James Chestnutt.

Four special prizes of £1 each (presented by Messrs. Charnock Brothers, Ltd.), for competitors using "Fastol" Oil—Hugh B. Barr, Andrew Barr, W. R. Dunlop, and R. B. Torrens. Four 10s prizes (same donors)—Jeff Smyth, R. E. Holland, Joseph S. Barr, and Jack A. Cochrane.

Prize of £1 (presented by Messrs. J. R. Watt & Son, Ltd., Coleraine), for youngest ploughman—Jack G. Kennedy.

Prize of £1 (presented by Mr. J. M'Kee, Camus House, Coleraine), for oldest ploughman—C. M. Lawrence.

Prize of £1 (presented by Mr. J. R. Hunter, J.P., Coleraine), for best ins and outs—Gabriel Lamont, Castleroe, Coleraine.

Prize of 10s (presented by Mr. J. Young, Spital Hill, Coleraine), for best reaper hint—Hugh B. Barr.

Prize of £1 (presented by Mr. C. M. Lawrence) for best back in any class—Andrew Barr.

Silver medal (presented by Mr. J. McKee, jun., Camus House, Coleraine), for best work done in practical class by entrant who had never won a first, second or third prize in any tractor ploughing competition, including the present match—Robert M. O'Neill (Patrick Murray).

Cash prizes (presented by Messrs. O.D. Cars, Ltd.), for best work by employed ploughman—1 (£1 1s), Robert Harte; 2 (10s 6d each)—Patrick Murray and John Lafferty (tied).

CUPS AND PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.

The cups and prizes were distributed by Mr. R. M. O'Neill, R.D.C. (Ballygallon) at a dinner in the Corporation Arms Hotel on Saturday evening. Mr. S. J. Henry, J.P. (President) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance.

Returning thanks for the honour conferred upon him, Mr. O'Neill said there was one thing he would like to see—the winning, by a member of that Society, of the Northern Ireland Championship.

The toast of "The King" having been honoured.

Mr. J. F. Hunter, J.P., proposing "All Competitors," emphasised that competitions such as theirs were promoted for the specific purpose of raising the standard of ploughing and all which that meant. He thought there was general agreement that that object was being attained to a very great extent. Good workmanship, good ploughing and good cultivation were really worth while and that was what that Society was out to achieve. Were it not for the tractor, he was afraid they could not have met the demands of the Government in regard to war-time tillage.

Messrs. C. M. Lawrence and Andrew Barr responded, the former recalling that it was over 50 years since he won his first trophy at Coleraine.

Mr. J. W. Stewart, R.D.C., proposing "The Judges," said he thought they were to be congratulated on the manner in which they discharged their onerous duties. They had reason to feel honoured, too, by the general satisfaction with which their awards had been received.

Messrs. John Hart, R.D.C., and Andrew Price (a big winner at ploughing matches in bygone years) replied. Mr. Hart said he was perfectly convinced that, in the right hands, the tractor was a good implement, and in the room that evening they had men who could hold their own with the best in Ireland.

Mr. Price said he had long held the opinion that the horse plough could not be equalled,

but latterly he had come to the conclusion that the tractor was the implement of the future. Congratulating the Society on its successful activities and wishing it continued prosperity, Mr. Price paid tribute to Mr. Eakin, a Ballycastle man, and said the Society was extremely fortunate in having him as its secretary.

Mr. James M'Math proposed "The Donors of Prizes," and expressed appreciation of the support readily given to both Coleraine Ploughing Societies.

The toast was responded to by Messrs. J. F. Hunter and C. M. Lawrence.

Mr. J. Eakin submitted "The Donors of the Field," to which Mr. R. M. O'Neill replied.

Giving "The Coleraine and District Tractor Ploughing Society," Mr. John Hart said the Society was progressing by leaps and bounds, and that was as it should be and what was expected when the Society had such an excellent set of officers from the President down. He hoped the Society would go from strength to strength.

Replying, the President spoke of the big strides made in tractor ploughing since the inception of that Society nine years ago. He gratefully acknowledged the financial and other support extended to the Society and paid tribute to the committee which, he remarked, was composed of men who were out always to give of their very best in the Society's interests. He praised especially also the work of Mr. Eakin, hon. secretary, and Mr. W. T. Kennedy, hon. treasurer, and said it was a fine tribute to the way in which the Society's matches were conducted when year after year they had the support of competing ploughmen from many parts of Counties Derry and Antrim. Concluding, the President mentioned that the Society was sending two competitors to the forthcoming championship match at Antrim. He wished them every success.

"Kindred Societies" was submitted by the President and replied to by Mr. James M'Math (President of the Coleraine Ploughing Society), and Mr. Thomas White (hon. secretary of the Ballycastle and District Tractor Ploughing Society).

Mr. W. T. Kennedy expressed the Society's thanks to Mrs. S. J. Henry and Mrs. Jim Dalzell for supplying tea to officials and competitors at the field.

"The Press" was given by Mr. J. W. Stewart, and acknowledged by Mr. S. Troy ("Coleraine Chronicle").

Mr. John Hart, as chairman of the Northern Ireland Ploughing Society, referred to the impending championship match at Antrim, and appealed to Antrim and Derry farming folk to give the fixture their full support.

ARMOY PLOUGHING MATCH.

FORTY-THREE TEAMS TAKE PART.

POPULAR EVENT.

There was a large attendance of competitors and spectators from over an extensive area at the fifth annual ploughing match held at Armoy on Tuesday on lands at Limepark, kindly granted by Mr. Jim Craig. The arrangements for the fixture—which proved most successful and demonstrated a new keen interest in a popular event, which is one of the most outstanding of its kind—were in the hands of an energetic committee of Armoy Ploughing Society, whose president is Rev. G. Clenaghan, the revered parish priest of Armoy, an enthusiastic and progressive agriculturist. He had the valuable assistance of other officials, who included Mr. William Armour, chairman; and Mr. H. J. Kennedy, the efficient hon. secretary.

The quality of the work in the various sections and the keenness displayed by the competitors occasioned high commendation from the judges, and the ploughing standards set at the Armoy match can certainly rank as among the highest in all Ulster. While entries were not just as heavy as last year, they were nevertheless highly gratifying, over forty-three teams participating, and this—together with the large mead of public support—is considered very satisfactory in view of the fact that there was a "rival attraction" on the same day in the form of a ploughing match at Garvagh.

The ploughing was carried out under international rules. There was no leading of the horse, or handling of the furrows, so that the spectators could see exactly what the plough left behind it. All the trials were keenly contested, and the high standards of the ploughing in all the classes sustained interest throughout.

Where all was so excellent, it would be invidious to single out anyone for special mention, but one of the best ploughmen on the field was Mr. Alec Price, Ballinlea, winner of the cup in the senior grade, who scored the high total of 98 per cent. This competition was judged by Mr. J. Andrews—himself a champion ploughman.

The judges—who warmly praised the high standards set by the various competitors—were as follows:—Messrs. D. M'Henry, Ballinlea; A. M'Gregor, Ballinlea; J. Andrews, Toomebridge; John O'Neill, Lurgan; Michael M'Allister, Glenavy; Charles Morgan, Glenavy; J. Burnside, Kilrea; and Joseph M'Conaghy, Ballycastle.

THE AWARDS.

Swing ploughs (open)—1 (and St. Olcan's Cup), Alec Price, Ballinlea; 2, James Henderson, Bushmills; 3, James Gillen, Ballycastle; 4, William M'Mullan, Ballycastle; 5, James M'Kiernan, Ballycastle.

Swing ploughs (junior)—1 (and Glen Cup), James Gillen, Ballycastle; 2, Paddy M'Mullan, Ballycastle; 3, Andrew Spence, Culkenny; 4, Patrick Burns, Armoy.

Chill ploughs (open)—1 (and Knocklayde Cup), John M'Auley, Kilcroagh, Armoy; 2, Alex. Cassley, Armoy; 3, Wallace Todd, Culkenny; 4, John M'Auley, Kilcroagh; 5, John M'Cambridge, Ballinlea.

Chill ploughs (junior)—1 (and Cromaghs Cup), James M'Auley, Kilcroagh; 2, John Donnelly, Ballintoy; 3, Daniel Forsythe, Bushmills; 4, Dan M'Auley, Glenshesk.

Turn-out (open)—1 (and Armoy Cup), William Brown, Dunloy; 2, Wallace Todd, Culkenny; 3, James Loughbridge, Pharis.

Best pair of ploughing horses—1 (and Limepark Cup), Patrick Burns, Armoy; 2, John O'Kane, Armoy.

Best mare—1 (and gold medal), Hugh G. Acheson, Armoy.

Two-wheel tractors—1, G. Stanton, The Moy, Co. Tyrone (ploughman, Hector Cassley); 2, Martin M'Arthur, Armoy; 3, G. Spence, Moyarget (ploughman, D. M'Garry).

Special awards were as follows:—Oldest ploughman, Alec Jamieson, Ballycastle. Youngest ploughman, Barney Laverty, Armoy. Best opening in swing class, Alec Price, Ballinlea. Best hint in swing class, Alec Price, Ballinlea. Best opening in chill class, Alec Cassley, Armoy. Best hint in chill class, John M'Auley, Armoy.

There was an overflow attendance at an enjoyable 'Ploughman's Dance' held in Armoy Hall on Tuesday night, when the prizes won by the successful competitors were distributed by Rev. Father Clenaghan who, in a few well-chosen words, referred to the success which had attended their annual ploughing match and expressed his thanks to all who had helped in any way.

GARVAGH PLOUGHING MATCH.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB
ENTERPRISE.

FIXTURE ATTRACTS RECORD ENTRY.

Following a postponement of upwards of three weeks, the sixth annual ploughing match under the auspices of the Garvagh Young Farmers' Club was held on Tuesday. Since its inception the Garvagh fixture has always been very popular both with competitors and spectators, and the postponements made necessary by the weather conditions in no way detracted from the interest in the tournament.

This year's fixture was held at Bellevue, Blackhill, on the lands of Captain Hugh R. Morrison, D.L., Greenhill, Aghadowey, and in fields kindly granted by Messrs. Harold J. W. Workman, Ballynacally, and A. J. M'Dermott, Aghadowey. The venue was ideally situated, overlooking the fertile valley of Aghadowey. With the exception of an occasional heavy shower, the weather was very satisfactory. There was a large attendance of spectators, many of whom came from a distance.

The entries received were a record; 20 horse ploughs and 19 tractor ploughs, being seven more than last year. The fields were excellent from the point of view of enabling competitors to give a display of their best work. It was of a uniformly high standard, which earned the praise of the judges and spectators.

There was a constant flow of spectators from the horse ploughing section to the scene of the tractor classes in the adjoining field. Among the competitors taking part here were Masters George Gordon, the nine year old son of Mr. R. Gordon, Tamheymore, and Will Torrens, the eleven year old son of Mr. James Torrens, Heathfield. These very youthful competitors displayed great skill in the handling of the tractors. Both figured in the prize-list, Master Will Torrens being placed fourth in the Ford-Ferguson tractor plough class, and Master George Gordon winning the prize for the youngest ploughman in the tractor classes.

A revised and increased prize list included one new cup, presented by Messrs. Thompson & Nutt (Central Motor Company), Garvagh and Limavady, which was allocated to the Ford-Ferguson tractor plough class. It was won by Mr. J. Stewart, Gorticloughan, Garvagh.

Most outstanding in the horse plough section was the achievement of Mr. Wm. J. Hall, Liscaill, who for the second year in succession won the cup in the Young Farmers' Club members' class. He also carried off three special prizes.

The judges were:—Ploughing—Mr. John Hart, R.D.C., Hartfield House, Damhead, Coleraine; Mr. James M.F. Young, Bellemont, Coleraine; Mr. Hugh Gray, Glenvale, Finvoy; Mr. Andrew Price, Ballycastle; Mr. W. J. M'Elroy, Rossdowney, Derry; Mr. J. G. Black, Carnanee, Portstewart. Turn-out—Mr. John C. Drennan, J.P., Carse Hall, Limavady.

The ploughing match officials were:—Chairman, Mr. R. N. Workman; hon. secretary, Mr. S. Workman; hon. treasurer, Mr. John S. G. Moore, Inchaleen; committee—Messrs. T. A. Laughlin, Hart Buck, John F. M'Clenaghan, D. Glenn Kerr, Samuel J. Moore, James M'Fet-

did his utmost to make it as great a success as possible. Credit for the outstanding success attained is due in no small measure to the very efficient hon. secretary, Mr. S. Workman. Members of the Club gave much valuable assistance during the day as stewards. By means of loud speaker equipment installed by Mr. D. G. McKenna, Maghera, spectators and competitors were kept in close touch with the progress of the match. The ploughmen and handers were entertained in the field at mid-day by the Society, the catering being entrusted to Mr. Wm. Peacocke, The Green Cafe, Garvagh.

THE AWARDS.

Chill plough (open broken work)—1 (and cup, presented by Mr. John H. McCay, J.P.), Jack Kennedy, Moneycarrie, Aghadowey; 2, J. A. Hamill, Portrush; 3, Andrew Lamont, Castleroe, Coleraine.

Chill plough (confined to Ransomes, broken work)—1 (and cup, presented by Mr. R. B. Lytle, M.B.E., J.P.), Jack Getty, Kilmoye, Ballymoney; 2, Thomas Watton, Ballyboggey, Dervock; 3, Alan Morrison, Knockans, Finvoy.

Members' class (Chill plough, broken work)—1 (and cup, presented by Mr. D. Glenn Kerr), William J. Hall, Liscall, Garvagh; 2, Joseph Brizzel, Kewrin, Garvagh; 3, Fred G. Moore, Mettican, Garvagh; 4, Jack W. Linton, Magheramore, Garvagh; 5, James Kennedy, Caheney, Garvagh.

Open to members of Young Farmers' Clubs (Chill plough, broken work)—1 (and cup, presented by Mr. Robert N. Workman), Douglas Getty, Kilmoye, Ballymoney; 2, Jack A. Huston, Islandtassity, Coleraine; 3, Harold Adams, Loguestown, Portrush.

Tractors (broken work)—1 (and cup, presented by the Misses J. & S. Torrens, New Park and Belfast), Burns M'Lean, Outhill, Cloyfin; 2, G. Lamont, Castleroe, Coleraine; 3, Andrew Barr, Curragh, Aghadowey; 4, Joseph Barr, Curragh, Aghadowey.

Whole work—1 (and cup, presented by Messrs. O'Kane & McCartney, solicitors, Garvagh), Robert Price, Ballycastle; 2, Hugh Barr, Curragh, Aghadowey; 3, J. W. Smyth, Knockaduff, Aghadowey; 4, J. Doherty, Ballymacallion, Dungiven.

Ford-Ferguson tractor plough (broken work)—1 (and cup, presented by Messrs. Thompson & Nutt, Garvagh and Limavady), J. Stewart, Gorticloghian, Garvagh; 2, H. J. W. Workman, Ballynacally, Blackhill; 3, Matthew Moody, Liscall, Garvagh; 4, Master Will Torrens, Heathfield, Killykegan, Coleraine.

Turn-out competition (open)—1 (and cup, presented by Messrs. Clyde Bros.), John Clyde, Gortin, Aghadowey; 2, Alan Morrison, Knockans, Finvoy; 3, Andrew Lamont, Castleroe, Coleraine; 4, J. Hemphill, Burnside, Portstewart.

Members' turn-out—1 (and cup, presented by Mr. Robert Robertson), Jack W. Linton, Magheramore, Garvagh; 2, R. W. Brizzel, Kewrin, Garvagh.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Best hint in class 3—W. J. Hall.

Best back in class 3—W. J. Hall.

Youngest ploughman in class 3—W. J. Hall.

Best back in class 5—Burns M'Lean.

Best back in class 6—R. Price.

Best back in class 7—J. Stewart.

Youngest ploughman in classes 5, 6 and 7—Master George Gordon (aged 9 years), Tamneymore, Garvagh.

Best gelding or mare in field, bred in Ireland—Andrew Lamont.

One cwt. lime (presented by Messrs. Hazlett & Spiers, Carmean, Limeworks, Moneymore), for the best work done by horse plough—Jack Getty.

One cwt. lime (presented by Messrs. Hazlett & Spiers) for the best gelding in class 9—Joseph Brizzel.

One cwt. lime for best mare in class 9—Jack W. Linton.

OFFICIALS ENTERTAINED.

At the conclusion of the ploughing match, a company of upwards of fifty, which included members, officials, judges, and the members of the executive committee of the Garvagh Shipwreck, met around the festive board at the annual ploughing match supper in the Imperial Hotel, Garvagh. All were the guests of the Young Farmers' Club ploughing match committee, with the exception of the Executive Com-

mittee of the Garvagh Show, who were present on the invitation of Mr. Thomas A. Laughlin, chairman of committee, and Mr. S. Workman, hon. secretary to the committee.

Full justice having been done to an excellent repast, served by Mrs. Fitzsimon and her staff, Mr. Robert B. Lyttle, M.B.E., J.P. (Club President), who presided, gave the toast of "The King," which was loyally honoured.

In extending a hearty welcome to all present, Mr. Lyttle said that day had seen their sixth annual ploughing match brought off as successfully as any of its predecessors. The Garvagh Young Farmers' Club was doing a grand job of work in organising and promoting from year to year such fixtures. Their main object was to educate the young people on the most up-to-date methods of modern farming, so that when the older generation had passed away the younger people would be fully fit to take their place. Anyone who had been present at the match that day and had observed the keen, intelligent interest that the younger generation took in the horses and the tractors, would firmly agree that the Club's object had been attained. He then called upon Dr. T. A. Adams, Garvagh (President of the Garvagh Show Committee) to address the company.

SHOW CHAIRMAN HONOURED.

Dr. Adams said that many years ago when the old Garvagh Show was in full swing two local men, now deceased, took a leading part in its well-being—his father (Dr. A. M. Adams) and Mr. T. Laughlin, The Grove. After a lapse of thirty years that Show had been revived, and no man had played a greater part in its revival than the late Mr. Laughlin's son, Mr. T. A. Laughlin, whom they were about to honour that evening. Mr. Laughlin had been appointed chairman of the Show committee. He had used his brains for the organisation of the show, and his bodily ability for the arduous work that was done behind the scenes. No man had ever worked harder for the success of any event than did Mr. Laughlin for the revival of the Garvagh Show. It was the desire and wish of the Show Executive Committee that Mr. Laughlin's work should not be allowed to pass unrecognised, and on their behalf he had great pleasure in presenting Mr. Laughlin with a beautiful walking stick suitably inscribed.

On rising to respond, Mr. Laughlin was received with prolonged applause, the company joining in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Laughlin expressed his thanks for their very beautiful gift which he assured them he would always cherish. He had done nothing more than anyone else to deserve such acknowledgment.

Continuing, Mr. Laughlin, in referring to the revival of the Show, said in their committee he never met a more agreeable band of willing workers. He had expected every man to do his duty and all responded very wholeheartedly. To one, and all, it had been a real labour of love. At their last general Show Committee meeting in July, everyone had been thanked for what they had done for the Show, but he felt they had omitted one important person who had played a very great part in the successful revival of the Show. He alluded to Dr. T. A. Adams, their very popular Show Committee President. Through Dr. Adams they had obtained from Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Lambert the use of the beautiful grounds of Garvagh Demesne for the Show. He took that opportunity to thank Dr. Adams for all he had done.

Concluding, Mr. Laughlin said he again wished to thank the Show Committee, one and all, most sincerely for the splendid gift they had presented to him that night.

Mr. Lyttle said that but for Mr. Laughlin there would have been no Garvagh Show revival. It was mainly through his efforts that the Show had been resuscitated.

Dr. Adams intimated that the services of their worthy hon. secretary had already been acknowledged.

JUDGES PRAISE COMPETITORS.

Submitting the toast of "The Judges," coupled with the names of Mr. W. J. M'Elroy, Derry, and Mr. John C. Drennan, J.P., Carse Hall, Limavady, Mr. Lyttle expressed thanks to them for coming year after year. They had accomplished their task to everyone's satisfaction.

Responding, Mr. M'Elroy said he was very pleased to be back in Garvagh once again. He had been present at all their tournaments, and year by year he had noticed a great improvement in the work done. Never was the standard higher than it had been that day. It was all exceptionally good. They as judges had a very difficult task, but in making their awards they had done what they thought was right. He was sure their club representatives would bring home a share of the honours from the International match at Antrim.

Mr. Drennan also responded, and cordially endorsed Mr. M'Elroy's remarks.

Proposing "The Donors of the Field," coupled with the names of Captain H. R. Morrison, D.L., Mr. H. J. W. Workman and Mr. A. J. M'Dermott, Mr. T. A. Laughlin said they as a Society were under a deep debt of gratitude to the donors of the field, without whose generous co-operation it would have been impossible to hold their annual tournament.

Responding, Captain H. R. Morrison said it was to him a great pleasure to assist the Garvagh Y.F.C. He was glad to see Mr. Lyttle, their worthy President, looking so fit and well, and also his old school chum, Dr. T. A. Adams. He was very pleased to see them honour Mr. Laughlin. As a man, Mr. Laughlin was second to none. Referring to the revival of Garvagh Show, Mr. Morrison recalled that it was at Garvagh he had gained his first prize as an exhibitor. Concluding, Captain Morrison deplored the great mistake many farmers were making in turning over to *méchanised farming*, replacing the horse with tractors, which he believed were unsuitable for farms in Northern Ireland. He looked forward to the time when all would be back to the horses again.

Responding on behalf of Mr. M'Dermott and himself, Mr. Harold J. W. Workman said they were only too glad to assist the Garvagh Y.F.C.

"The Competitors" was proposed by Mr. D. Glenn Kerr, who said he was the oldest member of the old Garvagh Show Society present that evening. He thanked the competitors for their loyal support and complimented them on their excellent work.

Responding, Mr. James Hemphill, Burnside, Portstewart, said he had never missed a ploughing match at Garvagh, and every year he came he had enjoyed it more.

BALLYCASTLE PLOUGHING MATCHES. HORSE AND TRACTOR TOURNAMENTS.

The first annual Ballycastle tractor ploughing match was held at Whitehall on Wednesday. There were 30 competitors in the tractor ploughing section and four competitors in the two-wheeled tractor (iron horse) section. The tournament was a great success and the committee are to be heartily congratulated on their enterprise.

The judges were—Messrs. J. W. M'Caughan, J.P., Ballycastle; Wm. M'Gregor, Moyarget; Daniel M'Henry, Kilmahamogue; Andrew Price, J.P., and Archie M'Caughan, Mullarts.

The officials of the Society were:—Mr. F. M'Caughan, Glenshesk, chairman; Mr. Moore M'Conaghey, Gortconny, vice-chairman; Mr. Thomas White, The Trench, Ballycastle, hon. secretary; and Mr. Wallace Todd, Culkenny, hon. treasurer.

THE AWARDS.

Perpetual championship silver cup (presented by Mr. R. P. Woodside, Carnsampsion), for best all-round work (whole or broken) by any make of tractor or plough—Hugh B. Barr, Curragh, Aghadowey.

Silver cup (presented by Messrs. John M'El-derry Ltd., Ballymoney, with £1 added), for best broken work by any make of tractor or plough in championship class—1, James Chestnutt, Ballyhemlin, Bushmills; 2, J. M. Lees, Outhill, Coleraine; 3, Robt. Huggins, Ballyvoy, Ballycastle; 4, Andrew Barr, Ballylntagh, Coleraine; 5, Patrick Black, Carnately, Ballycastle.

Silver cup (presented by Messrs. J. S. Scarlett & Son, Ballycastle, with £1 added), for best whole work by any make of tractor or plough in championship class—1, Hugh B. Barr; 2, Charles Lawrence, Gortconny, Ballycastle; 3, Robert Torrance, Agivey, Aghadowey; 4, Daniel Campbell, Carnkirk, Bushmills; 5, W. Smyth, Gortconny, Ballycastle.

Silver cup (presented by Messrs. J. W. M'Caughan & Son, Ballycastle, with £1 added), for best work (whole or broken) by Ferguson or Ford-Ferguson tractor and plough—1, James Chestnutt; 2, Robert Huggins; 3, Gardiner Hayes, Wilmount, Ballycastle; 4, Wallace Todd, Culkeny, Ballycastle; 5, R. C. Price, Rock Cottage, Bushmills.

Two-wheeled tractor (iron horse)—1, Andrew M'Garry, Magheracastle, Ballycastle; 2, Martin M'Arthur, Armoy; 3, Thomas Coleman, Moy, Co. Tyrone.

Special prizes—Youngest ploughman, Francis Black, Carnately, Ballycastle; oldest ploughman, Charles Lawrence; best reaper hint, Robert Torrance; best back, J. M. Lees; best ins and outs, Samuel Woodside, Clare, Ballycastle; best work done by a three-furrow plough, T. J. White, The Trench, Ballycastle; best junior ploughman who had never competed at a tractor ploughing match before, Robert Huggins; best kept tractor in field, Charles Lawrence.

The judges were entertained to dinner in the Antrim Arms Hotel, Ballycastle.

At a dance held by the Ballycastle and District Tractor Ploughing Society in the Dalriada Hall, Ballycastle, on Wednesday night, the cups and prizes were presented by Mr. F. M'Caughan (chairman). Mr. M'Caughan said the tractor ploughing match had been a great success, and this was mainly due to the energy and hard work of the hon. secretary (Mr. T. White) and Mr. Moore M'Conaghy. He also thanked the judges for the excellent manner in which their task was discharged.

Mr. T. White (hon. secretary) expressed thanks to the members of committee and all others who had rallied round him and made their first tournament so successful. He especially mentioned Messrs. Leo Brown, Joseph Devlin, and Patrick Lavery for granting the use of the field, and those who had presented cups and prizes.

Mr. Moore M'Conaghy also spoke and thanked the Chairman for his kind reference.

Mr. James Scott, R.D.C., complimented the officials, the judges, and the competitors on the very gratifying success which had attended the tournament.

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HORSE PLOUGHS IN ACTION.

Another Successful Event.

The annual ploughing tournament was held in Ballycastle on Thursday. There was a very large attendance. Ballycastle ploughing match is one of the oldest in Ulster, being first held over 50 years ago. There were twelve competitors in the Chill plough class and six in the Swing plough class. There were also three two-wheeled tractors (iron horse). The judges were well pleased with the work and the turn-outs. The officials and committee were cordially congratulated on the success of the event.

The judges were:—Swing plough—Messrs. Wm. Hanna, Ballygan, Ballymoney, and C. M. Lawrence, Ballycastle. Chill plough—Messrs. James Getty, Kirkmoyle, Ballymoney, and Wm. M'Lean, Ballymoney. Turn-out—Mr. James A. Craig, Limepark, Armoy.

The officials were—Mr. James Scott, chairman; Mr. A. Price, J.P., vice-chairman; Mr. Jackson Todd, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. S. M'Vicker, hon. secretary.

The judges were entertained to dinner in the Antrim Arms Hotel, Ballycastle, by the committee.

Mr. James Scott (chairman) presided and, in welcoming the judges, he said some of them had been coming to Ballycastle for the last 25 years, and were well known and trusted friends. He also welcomed Rev. G. Glenaghan, P.P., Armoy, and Mr. C. M. Lawrence, the latter an old friend and veteran competitor who was going as strongly as ever.

Mr. A. Price, J.P. (vice-chairman) said the Ballycastle Ploughing Society had a long record of successful tournaments, and this year's was second to none. They were greatly indebted to their Ballymoney friends for their generous entries.

Rev. G. Glenaghan, P.P., joined in congratulating all concerned on the success of the tournament.

Mr. James Getty, on behalf of the judges, said it was a great pleasure to come to Ballycastle, where they were always received with great kindness and hospitality.

Mr. A. S. M'Vicker (hon. secretary), on behalf of the Society, thanked Mr. Stanton, who had brought another feature to Ballycastle—the iron horse, and who kindly gave a display. He also thanked the donors of prizes. He welcomed Mr. Gault, the new agent for the Ballycastle Estate, and thanked Captain Fullerton for his valuable cup.

THE AWARDS.

Swing plough class (open)—1 (and M'Curdy Cup), Alexander Price, Ballinlea; 2, James Henderson, Croaghmore, Bushmills; 3, James M'Kiernan, Ballycastle; 4, Wm. M'Mullan, Moyarget; 5, Hugh Spence, do. (plough held by son Andrew); 6, James M'Gill, Mallendeven, Carey.

Swing plough class (junior)—1, Wm. M'Mullan; 2, Hugh Spence.

Chill plough class (open)—1 (and Casement Cup), Mrs. Butler, Glenmakcerin, Carey (Alexander M'Collum); 2, Patrick M'Auley, Kilcroagh, Armoy; 3, James M'Gill, Ballinlea (son James); 4, Robert Huey, Grove End, Armoy; 5, Mrs. Sarah Donnelly, Ballintoy (son John); 6, Wallace Todd, Coolkenney, Ballycastle.

Chill ploughs (junior)—1, Patrick M'Auley; 2, Robert Huey; 3, Mrs. Sarah Donnelly; 4, Wallace Todd.

Iron horse (two-wheeled tractor)—1, M. M'Arthur, Armoy; 2, Andrew M'Garry, Magheracastle; 3, T. Coleman, Moy, Co. Tyrone.

Turn-out (Lyle Cup)—1, James M'Kinney, Greenhill, Ballymoney; 2, Jackson Todd, Coolkenney, Ballycastle; 3, Robert Twaddle, Ballyoglagh, Bushmills; 4, James M'Gill, Ballinlea.

Silver medal for best gelding or mare in field—Jackson Todd.

Special prize for best gelding or mare in field (all prize-winners excluded)—Daniel M'Alister, Coolkenney, Ballycastle.

Oldest ploughman—Alexander Jamieson, Ann Street, Ballycastle.

Youngest ploughman—Daniel M'Veigh, Broughanlea, Ballycastle.