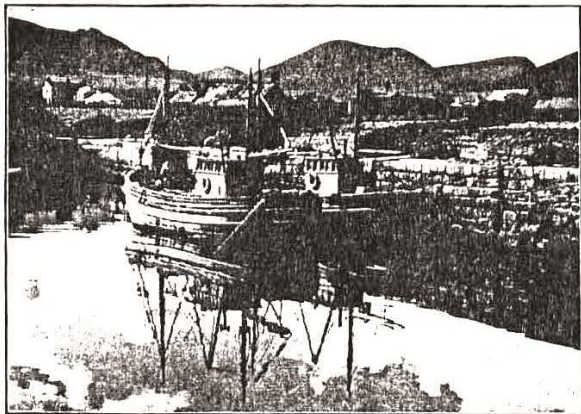


COUNTY DOWN



Annalong Harbour and Mourne Mountains, Co. Down.

By Neil Stack

Editor of The Revealer

Among Irish counties, Down is one of the most fertile and tranquil. It presents a picturesque contrast with its many lakes and beautifully cultivated low hills against the granite mass of the Mourne Mountains in the south. The old homesteads that once dotted the hilltops and valleys are now giving way to the modern trend. The thatched roof and white washed cottages are being replaced by more comfortable two story frame homes.

In the south, Slieve Donard rises from the sea to 2,796 feet while Sli-

eve Croob (1,755 feet) tops another group of hills in the center of the county. In the east, the Ards Peninsula forms a barrier between the Irish Sea and the large land-locked, island-dotted Strangford Lough. Bangor, Donaghadee, Newcastle and Warrenpoint are only a few of the fine resorts which line the beautiful coast of Down; and all are linked by excellent roads that follow the ever-winding shore. The county includes that portion of Belfast which lies east of the River Lagan.

LITTLE NATIVE TURF AND TIMBER FOUND IN COUNTY DOWN

The Peat-bog, so prominent a feature of many parts of Ireland, is at a minimum in Down. In the old days there was enough to supply much of the county with turf, but now it has

BELFAST'S LIDO PLAN MAY BECOME A REALITY
BELFAST--The Belfast city fathers knowing the importance of seaside beaches as a tourist attraction, as well as for their own enjoyment, plan to make Belfast Lough one of the prettiest lidos in these isles.

Behind this 20-year-old dream that is soon to be realized is small, dynamic Tommy Henderson, Belfast's most popular alderman and M.P.

At present the area is wasteland but Tommy visualizes gardens, fountains, open air cafes and dancing. "It will make Belfast famous as a tourist resort," he told the Belfast Corp.

Because of the present shortage of funds it is estimated that it will take at least 15 years to convert the land into a lido. Gradually, promenades, athletic grounds and piers will be built.

all been cut away. The last remaining bog was the Cotton Moss east of Newtownards, and there a few traces still remain. Native woods are likewise a thing of the past, except around the skirts of the mountains where oak and birch cling to their ancient home. Reforestation now accounts for many richly wooded parts of the county.

FLAX NO LONGER AN IMPORTANT CROP

About 384 square miles of land is under tillage (two-fifths of the county's area), and about the same portion under grass; the principal crops are oats, potatoes and turnips. Flax, once an important crop now takes a less important place; the lovely bright green wav-

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ing fields starred with blue flowers are no longer the familiar sight that they once were, the Belfast mills now derive their main crop from abroad. Old flax holes and ruined scutch mills show the decay of what was once a leading occupation.

DOWN'S HISTORY LIKE THAT OF ADJACENT COUNTIES

Down possesses little history distinct from that of counties adjoining it. It is associated with Antrim in many of the more stirring episodes, such as the rebellion of 1798, but one event of surpassing interest can be claimed by Down; it was near Downpatrick--a place of note since prehistoric times--that St. Patrick landed in 432 A.D. He had spent some years of his youth as a slave at Sliabh Mis (Slemish) in Antrim, and now returned as a Christian Missionary to preach the new faith. These events are further referred to under the heading of Downpatrick.

BANGOR (Beannéor: Peaked Hill)

This large residential town--one of the largest and best equipped seaside resorts in Ireland--is built around the sandy bars of Bangor and Ballyholme, near the entrance to Belfast Lough.

Bangor had its beginning in the monastery founded there about the year 555 by St. Comgall which became one of the most celebrated of Ireland's monastic schools, attended by students from Ireland, Britain and the Continent. Bangor produced many missionaries--notably St. Columbanus (who went as a missionary to Gaul, founded missionaries at Anegray, Luxeuil and Bobbio); and St. Gall (apostle of Switzerland; founded the monastery which

was the nucleus of the Swiss town and canton named after him). The monastery at Bangor was destroyed in 824 A.D. by the Danes, in an attack in which 3,000 are said to have been slain. St. Malachy, who was later consecrated archbishop of Armagh, became abbot of Bangor and, about 1120 A.D., rebuilt the church destroyed by the Danes. In 1469 the monastery was taken over by the Franciscans, who occupied it for nearly 150 years until, the seizure of the Clannaboye O'Neills' estates, the friary and its lands were given by James I to Sir Thomas Hamilton, afterwards Viscount Clancuboye. Much of the stone and old monastery was used by the new proprietor and his Scottish settlers in building the Protestant church on the site in 1617. The church still occupies the site today and is called the Abbey Church.

THE PRESENT TOWN IS OF MORE RECENT GROWTH

The present town--which is of comparatively recent growth--is well laid out, with fine promenades and gardens, parks and recreation grounds. Bangor Castle and the Castle Park estate (formerly the seat of Lord Clanmorris), on the southern edge of the town, are now municipal property.

Bangor possesses one of the finest enclosed swimming pools in Ireland. It is 100 ft. square and equipped with international high-diving boards, spring boards and water chutes; there is seating around the pool to accommodate 1000 specators. While many of the bathers use the small beaches and coves fronting the town, the most favored beach is at Ballyholme.

Other sports available are: golf, tennis, fishing and yachting. Bangor is one of the chief yachting centers in the north of Ireland. It is the headquarters of the Royal Ulster and Ballyholme yacht clubs.

DONAGHADEE (Doimnác Dú: Church of St. Diach)

Donaghadee fronts the Irish Sea near the entrance to Belfast Lough. It is a popular seaside resort with a fine sandy beach and a good harbor. Until 1849 it was connected with Portpatrick in Scotland by a mail packet service (the shortest sea crossing--22 miles --between Ireland and Great Britain), which was abandoned in favor of the Larne-Stranraer route. On the south the harbor is protected by a pier ending in a lighthouse.

Facilities are available for bathing, swimming, rowing, boating(both sail and powered) and land games such as golf, tennis and bowling on the green.

MOTOR COACH TOURS FROM BANGOR

From June 1st to the middle of Sept. the Ulster Transport Authority runs a number of bus tours from Bangor to surrounding towns and points of interest. Such noted places as Bann Valley, Portrush and Giant's Causeway (Page 151, please.)

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are visited. The cost of such a trip is 30/9d (\$4.30); this fare also includes lunch and supper. Other excursions are run to Lough Erne and Bundoran, Glens of Antrim, Mountains of Mourne, Silent Valley and Warrenpoint, to Ards Peninsula and a circular tour of Warrenpoint. Where meals are included, stops are made at U.T.A. Hotels--the finest in Northern Ireland.

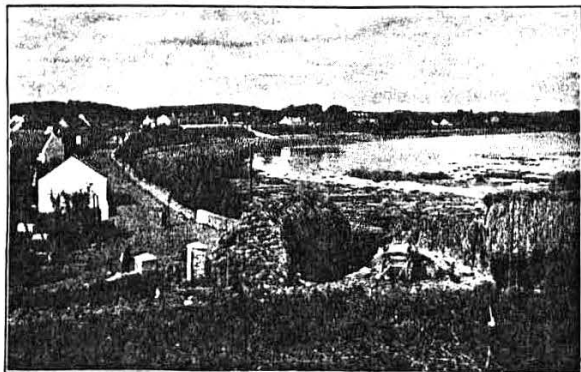
The Ards Peninsula

Na h Ardaí (in Irish--"The Heights") is a tongue of land about 20 miles long and 5 miles in average width, extends south of a line joining Donaghadee and Newtownards. A fertile area of numerous little hills between 100-200 feet in height, it faces the Irish Sea on the east and encloses on its western side the large sea inlet of Strangford Lough. There are several little resorts and fishing villages on the 40 miles of coastal road around the peninsula. Somewhat smaller than the peninsula, Strangford Lough contains many islands--the haunts of countless birds--and is noted for the number of castle and monastic ruins around its much indented shores.

Traveling south we pass through the seaside village of Millisle and on to Ballywalter, Portavogie and Cloghy. At the southern end of the Ards we find Portaferry where a ferry plies between this town and Strangford, on the farther shore.

Passing Kircubbin village, 7½ miles north of Portaferry, the road along the western shore of the peninsula reaches Greyabbey. In the abbey churchyard is the grave of the Rev. James Porter (1753-1798), Presbyterian pastor of Greyabbey and member of the United Irish Society, who was hanged in Greyabbey on a scaffold erected in full view of his church and home.

A short distance from Greyabbey, on the road to Newtownards, the estate of Mountstewart is passed. Here, in 1769, was born Lord Castlereagh (2nd Marquis of Londonderry) who, as British Chief Secretary for Ireland, secured by wholesale corruption the passage of the Act of Union in 1800. (Page 152, please.)



Cloughey Bay, Ards Peninsula

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OVERPRINT COILS WILL DRIVE YOU CRAZY "BUT YOU WILL BE IN GRAND COMPANY"

By PERRY ADAMS (E P A No. 84)

Watch the average general collector scan the Irish coils in the Scott Catalog especially the overprint groups. "Just five stamps in the first batch and eight in the second," he says. "Nothing to that." Listening Irish specialists either turn pale and rush out to commit mayhem, or give way to hollow laughter. In a few extreme cases they have laughed themselves to death.

The truth is, that those innocent looking groupings, Scott-19/22a and 59/62a (Gibbons 26/29a and 67/70a), are like rabbit burrows into a vast hidden city. The sights inside will amaze you. It is only during the past couple of years that work with a large body of collectors has produced--from sheer necessity--a practical coil check list which has enabled all of us, first, to correspond about them in a few words which mean the same thing to both parties; and second, which permits all hands to see at a glance, all the admittedly obscure variations in the group.

We have no intention of repeating coil information previously presented in these pages. The one big thing to keep in mind with overprint coils is that, while overprinted in sub-sheets of 240, they went to manual (Page 154, please.)

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ARDGLASS

On our way to Newcastle we pass through Ardglass, famous for its "Ardglass herrings." During the herring season one will find the harbor of this small fishing village bustling in activity.

NEWCASTLE

(Caisleán nua: New Castle)

Newcastle is noted for its beautiful seaside resort located on the western end of the great sandy beach fringing Dundrum Bay, and at the foot of Slieve Donard. The town, itself, lies in the shadow of the great mountain which looms skyward behind it. The town too, is noted for its famous Royal County Down championship golf course and recreation facilities.

THE MOUNTAINS OF MOURNE

These mountains were formed by an upheaval in the times which geologists call Eocene. A vast mass of granite protruded from below in to the salty rocks which covered the country, and broke through them or carried them up so that their fragments are left stranded on the mountain tops.

Throughout the eastern half of the range, the slopes are steep, though seldom precipitous, and the valleys deep, making grand walking for the mountaineer. There is very fine scenery along the coastal road from Newcastle to Warrenpoint, and also in the valleys among the hills. Many of the peaks are well worth ascending for the magnificent views from the summits. A tour of Silent Valley and the Mourne Mountains by UTA bus is recommended.

ANNALONG AND KILKEEL

Leaving the Mourne district, we continue 8 miles south to Annalong. We find a pretty fishing village which also exports dressed granite. From here we drive on to Kilkeel.

Kilkeel is the home of a large fishing fleet. In this town another industry is active--the quarrying and dressing of Mourne granite--a fine-grained stone which takes a high polish and is used extensively in building.

NEWRY. (tobar cinn trága: Strand-Head Yew Tree)

Besides being a large industrial town and port, Newry is also a port of entry from the Republic of Ireland. From ancient times this has been a place of importance because of its location at the "Gap of the North"--the main crossing between the hills into Ulster from Dublin and the south.

John Mitchell (1815-1875), author of the famous Jail Journal and other works, and one of the most distinguished Irish patriots of the nineteenth century, died at his residence in Dromalane suburb on the County Armagh side of the town. His grave is in the Unitarian cemetery on William Street. (Page 153, please.)

IRISH TRIANGULAR CANCELLATIONS

By Michael Leonard --- Liverpool, England

I am indebted to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs of Ireland for the assistance given me in the compilation of the following alphabetical and numerical Irish Triangular Post Office cancellations.

A	E
ABC Abbeyleix	EIP Enniscorthy
AIB Arklow	EJ Edgeworthstown
ALR Athenry	ES Ennis
ALT Athy	F
ANU An Uaimh	FE Ferns
ARD Ardee	FY Fermoy
B	G
BAC Dublin	GA Galway
BJ Ballinesloe	GF Gorey
BQ Birr	GS Greystones
BWY Ballina	K
BXY Ballyhaunis	KGT * See note
BYE Ballymote	KHH Kilkenny
BYJ Ballyshannon	KHR Killeshandra
BYS Bandon	KHX Killucan
BYV Bantry	KIF Kilmallock
BZC Belturbet	KIG Knocklong
BZJ Blackrock	KIJ Kilrush
BZQ Boyle	KIZ Kinsale
BZR Bray	KJG * See note
BZZ Buttevant	KOV Cobh
C	KOY Killarney
CCD Ceanannus Mor	L
CHB Charlestown	LK Limerick
CK Cork	IQF Lifford
CQN Claremorris	LTV Letterkenny
CTF Cahir	LUI Listowel
CTJ Callan	LUL Longford
CTO Carlow	LUS Loughrea
CTU Carrickmacross	M
CTV Carrick-on-Shannon	MJR Monasterevan
CTW Carrick-on-Suir	MPR Middleton
CUA Cashel	MPZ Mitchelstown
CUV Castlebar	MRB Moate
CUY Castleblayney	MRH Monaghan
CV Avoca	MRY Mountrath
CVI Castlereagh	MSI Mullingar
CVM Cavan	MUB Muine Bheag
CVT Clara	MW Mallow
CWB Clones	N
CWC Clonmel	NIG Naas
CWH Clonakilty	NIL Nenagh
CWU Cootehill	NJE New Ross
CXH Curragh Camp	P
D	PJU Portarlington
DA Drogheda	PTL Port Laoighise
DJA Donegal	R
DJO Dromod	RIG Roscommon
DLO Dun Laoghaire	RK Roscrea
DMG Dundalack	RIU Rath Luirc
DMP Dungarvan	S
DN * See note	SYK Skibbereen
E	SYN Sligo
EIF Edenderry	SYW Swinford
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NEWTOWNARDS

(Baile Ánna Uladh: Town of Ulster's Heights)

A town of 10,000 population, Newtownards is the center of several branches of the linen industry. Hand embroidery sustains a substantial home industry. It is here that buses of the Ulster Transport Authority, from Bangor and Belfast, enter the Ards Peninsula on the Wednesday and Sunday tours. The high square tower of the Priory of St. Columba may be seen at the south of the town.

Outside Newtownards, on the east, are the ruins of Movilla Abbey. The abbey was built on the site of the famous monastery and school founded by St. Finian in 540 A.D. The greatest pupil of Movilla was St. Colmcille. He transcribed a copy of the text of the Vulgate as revised by St. Jerome and brought to Ireland by St. Finian. St. Finian claimed the copy and the matter was referred to King Dermot who made the famous decision: "To every cow her calf, and to every book its copy". Colmcille's refusal to abide by this led to the disastrous "Battle of the Books" at Cildrevene, in County Sligo, for which Colmcille, as penance, went into missionary exile in Scotland.

DOWNPATRICK

(Dún pádraig: Saint Patrick's Fort)

Downpatrick, a quiet market town, is built on hilly ground beside the low-lying, marshy land of the Quoile river valley.

From the dawn of history this has been a place of note, and although its importance has waned in modern times, the town is still the administrative center of the county which was named from it. In early times it was known as Rathceltchair (from Celtchair, a hero of the legendary Red Branch Knights--first century A.D.). St. Patrick, who landed at Saul near by in 432, converted the chieftain Dichu and possibly founded the original church at Downpatrick. The name *Dún-dá-leath-ghlas* (Fort of the two broken fetters) was also in common use in 1177, when the town--then the royal seat of MacDonlevy, King of Ulaidh--was taken by the Anglo-Normans under John de Courcy. De Courcy made his headquarters here, and later added the name Patrick to the shortened form "Dun" in honor of the national apostle.

The visitor should not neglect to visit The Cathedral (Church of Ireland) which was built between 1790 and 1826. It incorporates portions of the twelfth-century cathedral, as well as features of later date.

In front of the old county jail (which is still standing), Thomas Russell, a founder of the United Irishmen, was hanged in 1803.

(The End)

OVERPRINTED COILS WILL DRIVE YOU CRAZY

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operators in panes of 120, 12 across by 10 down, and were first torn either into 12 strips of 10 or 10 strips of 12. The strips were joined by end paper beyond the perfs; the process resulted in what are called "paste ups." Obviously, a paste up pair is far scarcer than one joined by perfs in the normal way. Once you grasp this idea, you can run down through the check list and it should make sense. Almost every collector of Ireland eventually goes in for coils. They are elusive rascals--and their prices will make you gasp. At least this check list may help to bring a little order out of chaos.

A SPECIALIZED CHECK LIST OF IRISH OVERPRINTED COILS--BY HARRISON

(a) Rialtas

Singles-- 19-20-21-22-22a.

Horiz. pairs, paste up-- 19-20-21-22-22a.

Horiz. pairs, normal -- 19-20-21-22-22a.

Vert. pairs, paste up-- 19-20-21-22-22a.

Vert. pairs, normal -- 19-20-21-22-22a.

Horiz. pair, paste up (only)-- 22-22a.

Vert. pair, paste up (only)-- 22-22a.

Horiz. strips/3, normal & paste up-- 19-20-21-22-22a.

Horiz. strips/3, all normal-19-20-21-22-22a.

Vert. strips/3, normal & paste up-- 19-20-21-22-22a.

Vert. strips/3, all normal-19-20-21-22-22a.

(b) Saorstát

Singles-- 59-60-61-62.

Horiz. pairs, paste up-- 59-60-61-62.

Horiz. pairs, normal -- 59-60-61-62.

Vert. pairs, paste up-- 59-60-61-62.

Vert. pairs, normal -- 59-60-61-62.

Horiz. strips/3, paste up & normal 59-60-61-62.

Horiz. strips/3, normal only-- 59-60-61-62.

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Horiz. pairs, both types, normal-- 59/59a-60/60a-61/61a-62/62a.

Vert. pairs, both types, paste up-- 59/59a-60/60a-61/61a-62/62a.

Vert. pairs, both types, normal-- 59/59a-60/60a-61/61a-62/62a.

Horiz. strips/3, both types paste up and normal (arrangement varying)-- 59/59a-60/60a-61/61a-62/62a

Horiz. strips/3, both types, normal only (arrangement varying)--59/59a-60/60a-61/61a-62/62a/62a/62a. (Page 154, please.)

BLIAIN NUA FE MHAISE CHUGHAT (A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR)

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Vert. strips/3, both types, normal only (arrangement varying)-- 59/59a/59--60/60a/60--62/62a/62. * *

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ATHLONE CHILDREN LEARN IRISH--THE EASY WAY

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Two children, a different pair each time, run in behind the stage to work the dolls, and two others take up positions in front, one on either side, to work the curtains. Then the show begins.

Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf meet in the forest and chat in Irish. Grandmother, too, utters her frightened screams in the native tongue. And after the happy ending the Three Little Pigs take over the stage.

NEW YORK E.P.A. GROUP-GUEST EXHIBITORS

AT THE COLLECTORS CLUB

November 18th was "Irish Night" at the Collectors Club of New York. Members of the New York group of E.P.A. provided the entertainment for members of the Collectors Club.

Mr. Hans G. Zervas (Irish Overprint Specialist) and Malcolm G. O'Reilly, E.P.A. President (Overprint and Postal History Specialist) lectured on their respective fields. Their lectures were illustrated from material of Irish philately on exhibition.

Awards of appreciation were extended to the exhibitors--Michael Wadden, John Clark, Hans Zervas, Mal O'Reilly and Neil Stack.

Midway in the session, which lasted from 8:00 until 10:00p.m., refreshments were served the 75 members and guests present.

An unexpected honored guest, and member of E.P.A., was the Hon. Donal Scully, Trade Consul of the Consulate of Ireland at New York.

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TIK Templemore	WSM Wicklow
TIO Thomastown	WT Waterford
TIR Thurles	Y
TJA Tralee	YL Younghal
TJI Tuam	200 Dumanway
TJR Tullamore	507 Ballinrobe
TP Tipperary	

W	* These items unidentified.
WSC Westport	DN--Possibly Dublin before it
WSE Wexford	was officially known as Baile
	Átha Cliath (BAC). * *

TAFT SAYS IRELAND IS A NEW COUNTRY AGRICULTURALLY SPEAKING

It is a mistake to describe agriculture in Ireland as an ancient thing, declared W. H. Taft, the U.S. Ambassador, addressing a night session of the Muintir na Tire Conference in Cork.

"Ireland is a new country, agriculturally speaking," said Mr. Taft. "There are great things doing and to be done by such bodies as Muintir na Tire. With the aid of such organizations and their laudable ideals of self-help and co-operation, they could advance not only the farm production but also the ideal of community life in rural areas."

"That is the frontier which I believe you are really advancing here for the first time," the Ambassador said. "It is not a geographical frontier, but one wherein we can regard the farmer as a vitally important person, and his community of life as equally important, inasmuch as he can promote not only his religion but his industry, his society and his enjoyment of life."

MAYO PEOPLE TURN TO OATMEAL BREAD

BALLINA, COUNTY MAYO (INA) -- Oatmeal bread, which long ago was the "staff of life" in most parts of Ireland, is back on the menu in rural homes.

Farmers complain that flour, at 4/5 per stone (4½¢ per lb.), is too dear. By bringing a barrel of oats to the local mill and paying a small fee, they can get a bag of meal at half the price.

Oatmeal bread baked on a griddle over a red hot fire is very popular too in the Scottish Highlands.

PATRON OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs has included St. Gabriel Archangel, the recently proclaimed Patron of Telecommunications, as the center of ornamentation of the facade on the new Post Office at St. Andrew Street.

In addition to St. Gabriel there are other plaques which show other means of transportation: a ship by sea, a horse by land and birds represent communication by air. There is also a copy of the post horn which is generally regarded as a symbol of postal work in most European countries. * *

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PARNELL-DAVITT
1846-1946



The Parnell-Davitt commemorative was emitted on Sept. 16, 1946, in two denominations of identical design, a 2½d red orange and a 3d ultramarine. The stamps were issued to honor the centennary of the birth of two outstanding Irish patriots who contributed greatly towards Ireland's political independence.

Charles Stewart Parnell and Michael Davitt, whose efforts in the drive for Irish political independence place them with O'Connell and Father Matthew in the development of the new Nation. Both Parnell and Davitt were associated with the Land League, a society which fought against the eviction of the Irish peasant from his land.

Michael Davitt joined the Fenians, a society aimed at the overthrow of British power in Ireland. In 1870 he was arrested and

sentenced to prison. After a few years denial of freedom he was freed and came to the United States. A short time after he returned home he was again imprisoned--and several times thereafter. While serving one of his prison sentences, Davitt was elected to the British Parliament. In 1906, at the age of 60, he died in Dublin.

Quite the antithesis of Davitt was Charles Stewart Parnell, an educated member of a wealthy and respected family, a barrister and man of culture. Although he was Protestant landlord, Parnell for a time led the Land League. His work with Davitt resulted in the removal of the main pillar of British rule in the greater part of Ireland--the landlord "assendency."

While a brilliant speaker and idealist, the many unjust accusations made against Parnell by his colleagues in Parliament cause him to become a saddened and lonely man. At the age of 55, he passed away. His loss to the Nation was keenly felt but his inspiration lived on in the hearts of his countrymen.

The single design for this issue was the work of the well-known Dublin artist, Mr. Richard J. King. He chose as the central theme, a cottage with a ploughman in the foreground. The Irish inscription "Tir agus Teaghlach" (Country and Homestead) appears in an oblong panel above the cottage and the mountain Croagh Patrick. This places the scene in Michael Davitt's section of the country. At either end of the stamp, in the vertical panels, appears the names Parnell and Davitt. The four corners of the adhesive show the coats of arms of the provinces of Ireland. The name of the country, Ireland (Éire), is shown centered at the top of the stamp. At the extreme bottom of the stamp appear the centennary dates, the value of the denomination being centered between them.

FACTS ABOUT THE COMMEMORATIVE

Designed by R.J. King of Dublin

Issued Sept. 16, 1946

In two values: 2½d red orange & 3d. ultramarine.

Watermarked "E"

Perforated 14 x 15

Printing by typograph method

Issue still available through--The Controller, Philatelic Section, General Post Office, Dublin, Ireland.

1954 SCHEDULE FOR N.Y. MEETINGS

(E.P.A. BRANCH #1)

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Collectors Club--22 E. 35th St., New York. Members and friends are urged to visit us and get acquainted.

Meeting Date	Topic Scheduled
Jan. 19, '54	Saorstát Issues (Incl. Accent Varieties)
Feb. 16, '54	Definitive Issues (Booklets, Coils etc.)
Mar. 16, '54	Commemoratives
Apr. 20, '54	Air Mails
May 18, '54	Cancellations (1840-1922)
June 15, '54	Pre-Stamp era (1660-1854)