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The leaves will be gone by the time you receive this newsletter. The late fall can be a somber time, but for Irish Canadians in New Brunswick it continues to glow because of a number of very successful events that have taken place in the last few months.

This newsletter will include reports on these events and projects plus what we plan to do in the future. Since we are a Cultural organization, I will provide information on different books, magazines, organizations, etc. that will help us to know what our roots are and to make our Culture better known, not only to ourselves, but also to other people.

I will also mention a number of projects and ways that we can help them to achieve their goals.

Canada's First Irish Festival

A hard working committee, under the Chairmanship of Blair Clancy Jr., saw their dedicated work during the cold winter months, spring and early summer come to reality during the weekend of July 13, 14, & 15.

I am not going to go in to the festival in any great detail, because it was given much coverage in all of our daily newspapers in New Brunswick. Two reporters from Ireland also covered the festival. Dympna Bracken and Walter Stanley were good representatives for the Irish media. Miss Bracker did a well written article for the Limrick Leader.

The New Freeman, the Catholic paper for the Diocese of Saint John, did a two page picture spread on the festival. Patsy O'Shea wrote a full page article for the same paper.

The Irish American newspapers in Boston and New York have done articles. CBC-TV has completed a ½ hour show. Fundy Cable's Report on the Festival, which has won a special award, has been shown at least 15 times in the Miramichi area. The Irish Festival was so visible that it will do more than any other event to help us achieve our goals.

I also must pay particular tribute to our three local newspapers in the Miramichi area. The Miramichi Leader, The Miramichi Weekend and The Northumberland News have carried many articles on the festival during the past eight months. The Miramichi Leader and The Northumberland News published special "Irish Festival Brochures" that were available in their newspapers that week. Thousands of extra copies of the brochure were available at the festival.

A special thank you to Lois Martin; the editor of the Northumberland News, and also Fred Martin. Special thanks go out to Joanne Cadogan of The Miramichi Leader who have written many articles on the Festival.

Fred Hazel; editor of the Telegraph Journal-Saint John, wrote a full page article in his paper on July 28. Mr. Hazel attended the festival and sensed what was happening, and expressed those feelings very well. Space does not permit me to print the article. However, for our members to get an idea of Canada's First Irish Festival, I will print the much shorter article that Frank Hamilton, Shannon Development Corporation, New York wrote in an article in the Telegraph Journal on August 1, 1984.

"Going Back To New Brunswick Was Like Going Home"

Irish eyes (from New York) were smiling -- and tearful--  
at Miramichi's Irish festival

The Irish travelled to New Brunswick and came home humbled. At least I was...overwhelmed by the hospitality and mesmerized by the friendliness of the Miramichi. The first Irish Fest in Canada may be over... but the warmth and the memories still live. The flags may be stored away... but the spirit still soars. The crowds and excitement may be no more, but there is an even greater stirring, I'm sure, in all those who participated. I come from Limerick, Ireland's third largest city, and a port from which countless people emigrated to New Brunswick and the hope of a new life in a new world. In fact even before the Famine of the 1840's, Limerick merchant Francis Spaight was shipping people to New Brunswick and returning with lumber to Limerick. It was somewhat sad to stand on Middle Island and realize that many Irish emigrants never made it to the New World...never stepped ashore to breathe the free air of a growing nation. Never worked to build their lives...never saw their labors rewarded... never watched their children grasp at greater dreams. As the lonely notes of the Piper's Lament wafted out over the clear waterways of the Miramichi, who could but not feel that those in unnamed, unmarked mass graves had at last been honored.

I came to New Brunswick with the Tyrone Pipe Band. I work for an Irish Government Agency, and one of our undertakings is the Irish Heritage program, a joint Aer Lingus/Shannon Development travel venture which encourages Irish Americans to trace their ancestry. I had followed with interest the plans for Canada's first Irish Fest and the efforts of the Pipe Band to be present. When the band needed some sponsorship to make the journey, I had no hesitation in giving the grant to publicize Irish Heritage. So we left New York -- flew to Boston -- then to Bangor, Maine, and Bill Dietz of Cyr Bus Lines drove us all the way to New Brunswick. When we were over the Canadian border at Woodstock, our spirits soared when we bought a copy of The Telegraph-Journal and saw the fine coverage by David Meagher. Said Bass Drummer Pat McEntee from Queen's, New York: "Boys and girls, smarten up...they know we're coming..." We drove through the twilight hours beside lakes and trees and forests, and everywhere people seemed to marvel at this big red coach filled with an Irish Pipe Band and its supporters. Indeed the band supporters played a significant role. Clyde and Anne Mosley from Portland, Maine, became "mother and father" to the band; former U.S. Marine Dan Crowley, (affectionately known as Sergeant-Major) from Westbrook, Maine, brought his military experience to the overall tour organization; while Hugh Doonan from Queen's was always present to lend a helping hand.

The Tyrone Pipers were given such a welcome that when it was time to go, there were genuine tears. There were so many people we met -- so many we have to thank -- and so many we have yet to meet. Thank you to organizers Farrell McCarthy and Blair Clancy and the entire committee; to Jack Russell and daughter Crystle who brought me home to dinner and mailed my postcards; to D.A. Cadogan and Joanne and Bonnie Sweeney for the photographs; to Jean Cunningham for the interview; Shannon O'Mara from Skibbereen for the songs; Walter Stanley for the fun; and finally, CPB Chatham. To all those people whose names I cannot remember, but whose faces are familiar as new friends, thank you.

On the coach back to Bangor, in the early hours of Monday morning, Mary said to me: "Just think...tomorrow it's back to the savagery of the New York subway..." The entire band sighed, and Drum Major Tim Smith said that the Canadian trip had been the best...going back to New Brunswick was like going home.

For anyone who would like information on the Irish Heritage program or on Irish Surnames, just write to me at Shannon Development, 590 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10036.

Enclosed is an extract from one of a number of letters that we have received on the Festival.

"The Festival was a splendid success and a moving and memorable event for all. We were only able to attend Sunday's program, but that one day was the highlight of my life as a fourth generation descendant.

The mass at St. Michael's was an experience I shall treasure always. I have never heard a finer choir. The procession across the causeway to Middle Island and the ceremony attached to the unveiling of the Celtic Cross were handled with dignity and profound meaning."

#### Canada's Cultural Irish Festival - 1985

At the end of September, we held our 1st meeting to begin planning for our next Irish Festival that will be held during the 3rd weekend in July -- July 19, 20, 21. Some 60 people turned out for the meeting.

The same executive and Board of Directors were elected -- Blair Clancy Jr.; President, Farrell McCarthy; Vice-President, Cathy Bryan; Secretary, Marg Bowes; Treasurer. Board of Directors: Eleanor Richard, Rev. Bernard Broderick, Mary Murphy, Audrey Cormier, Lilian Barry,

The 50 other people present will serve on some 20 separate committees. The Committees range anywhere from "Irish restaurant" to "Cultural Booths."

We have and are receiving good constructive comments and suggestions from a number of people concerning the 1985 Festival. Feel free to write your suggestions down and send them to us. I can assure you that we will always keep in mind that it is primarily an Irish Cultural Festival.

#### Celtic Cross on Middle Island

The highlight of the Festival, most people will agree, was the ceremony connected with the dedication of the Celtic Cross on Middle Island. The mass at St. Michael's church was accompanied by the choir that brought lumps to our throats from time to time. The County Tryone Pipe Band led 1000 people across the causeway to Middle Island. The dedication of the cross on Middle Island by His Excellency Sean Gaynor, Ireland's Ambassador to Canada was preceded by the blessing by Coadjutor Bishop Edward Troy, along with priests and ministers who were invited from every denomination in the Miramichi area. This event had profound feelings on those who attended.

Finally, after 137 years, a Celtic Cross is now in place on Middle Island to commemorate the memory of 200 Irish Famine victims who are buried here. It also honours the memory of our ancestors who struggled and died to make our province what it is today.

Plans are being made to build an appropriate Memorial garden around the cross, and to unveil a plaque that tells the story of this tragic part of our history.

Rev. Michael McGowan, the Chairman of the Dedication Ceremony and Audrey Cormier, the Chairperson of the Celtic Cross Fund Raising Committee, have done a terrific job in bringing this project to reality.

#### Early Irish History Poster Map of New Brunswick

Hon. Richard Hatfield, Premier of New Brunswick, and His Excellency Sean Gaynor, Ireland's Ambassador to Canada officially unveiled this project during the opening Ceremonies of the Festival.

The map of New Brunswick on the poster list 160 settlements and dates where the Irish settled in the province. It also has dozens and dozens of notes on people who played a role in the early history of our province. Pictures on the map also show a number of churches and institutions that were founded by the Irish and helped them during their early years in a foreign land and often hostile climate.

The poster is an \$11,000 project. We received a \$5,000 Bicentennial grant. The poster is given free to our members and sells for \$4.95 or \$6.00 postpaid. They may be ordered from myself or Peter Rafferty, 122 Torwood Ct., Riverview, N.B., E1B 2K5

I want to express our sincere gratitude to Leo Hynes, Moncton and Peter Rafferty, Riverview for the excellent job they did. They offered their time freely. The poster will be a stepping stone to other ventures. People can easily see that the Irish were an important and numerous group in New Brunswick since the early 1800's.

I would urge anyone who gets the poster to either frame it or get it laminated. When we had our booth at Market Square (report in newsletter) the owner of the laminating business in Saint John laminated one of our posters. This will not only protect it, but will make it even more attractive. The address: Lamindex, P.O. Box 758, Saint John, N.B., E2L 4B3 -- 696-2054. Check the yellow pages in your area for one.

How about a poster, especially a laminated one, as a Christmas gift!

#### The Irish At Market Square - Saint John

I made arrangements in August to get one of the booths in Market Square in Saint John for the last week in August. I had felt sort of guilty that I had not been able to get to Saint John for a Regional Meeting. Once the Irish Festival was over, most of us connected with it, had attended some 50 meetings since November of '85. We were working at the Festival day and evening once school was finished.

However, there was much work left to do once the Festival was over, and I had decided that this summer I was not going to take a holiday, and would use a so called holiday looking after an Irish booth in Saint John.

My wife and I arrived in the city on Sunday afternoon of August 26. Our car, both trunk and back seat were filled with Irish books, poster maps, and a variety of other material such as buttons, banners, car stickers, material on genealogy, Irish magazines, etc. that I receive from time to time. I have been involved in Irish Culture for some 20 years, so I do have quite an inventory of things that I like to pass on to other people instead of throwing away.

After checking into the Holiday Inn, we went down to Market Square and spent Sunday evening setting the booth up so we would be ready for business the next morning. We hung the Irish flag across the top of the booth, and wrapped green, white and orange streamers around the poles of the booth. After about three hours of stocking, decorating, etc., we felt that we were ready for Monday A.M.

The Saint John Exhibition was going on during this week and that meant that less people were travelling through Market Square. However, due to an interview on CBC radio, advertising on a local radio station, and especially because on an article on the booth in the Evening Times Globe, things began to bloom.

My wife and I manned the booth from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. On Wednesday, we found a good saleslady in Eva Steele, who was one of the many people who came to the Festival from Saint John. Eva took some of our buttons and began selling them to a bus load of American tourists who just happened to be visiting historic Market Square. She was doing such a good job that we invited her to come into the booth and she helped us out for the remainder of the week. Her Irish wit and saleable way indeed came in handy.

Friday was especially a very busy day. So busy, that we did not have a chance to eat until 4:30. During the week, we sold some \$1400 worth of new memberships, posters, buttons, pennants, etc. for the Association. Over fifty new members were gained for the Association.

We closed the booth at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and headed back to the Miramichi that evening. We had spent 69 hours in the booth that week, and we must say that it was a very enjoyable week.

#### Irish Night In St. Stephen

Joan Jones, St. Stephen, contacted me some time in September about the possibility of coming to St. Stephen to give a talk on our Association. I welcomed the opportunity because we were very weak in that area of the province. In fact, we only had two members from that county.

We talked about a possible program, and then things were left to Joan and her Committee to look after publicity, etc. for the evening.

Saturday evening, Oct. 20, the Sarah McCaffrey Parish Center was filled to capacity. I then realized what a good job that Joan Jones and her Committee had done.

In her introduction remarks, Joan expressed her joy of attending the Festival in Chatham along with her husband John, and daughter Deibra. I spent about 20 minutes explaining why we started, etc. I also showed them the film (½ hr) "First Winter". We had a question and answer period. The evening began with about 25 minutes of entertainment. It closed with a tea, coffee and a light lunch. I would also like to thank John Healy for looking after the membership and Cultural talks along with my wife.

We went to St. Stephen with two members. We came back with 26 new members, plus the knowledge that many more people will become involved and help us to achieve the many goals that rightly belong to us.

#### Irish Night In Rexton

I believe we have one member from Kent County, which is at least 80% French speaking. However, Raymond Murphy, a teacher in Rexton, has invited me to come to Rexton on Wednesday, Nov. 14 to give a talk and put on a Cultural program. As he stated, their area use to have at least a small St. Patrick's celebration.

I thank you, Raymond, for taking the initiative to plan this evening. As with Joan in St. Stephen, and Dr. Britt in Saint John, it only takes one person to start the ball rolling.

#### Irish Language Classed On The Miramichi

Tom Coughlan, Newcastle, a native of Ireland wants to "brush up" on the Irish language. The best way to learn something is to teach it. His old school books have been sent over from Ireland. As I stated before some 60 people turned out for our Irish Festival '85 meeting. Ten of those signed up for Irish language classes.

What a Cultural enrichment go go back to your roots by learning a few words and expressions about the language that our ancestors spoke when they came here in the 1800's.

#### Irish Language

I received a letter dated July 31/84 from Anne V. O'Connell, Winnipeg, Manitoba. She states: "I am writing to you, as an Irish language teacher, invovled in developing an Irish Language Curriculum Program. I am working in consultation with the Department of Education here in Manitoba and the Department of Education in Ireland."

"Should your group not have a language program, I would like to extend an invitation to you to avail of our program (free of charge) at any time."

A number of people who filled out the membership form expressed an interest in the Irish Language. If interested, contact Anne O'Connell B.A., C.T.G. at:

The Irish Canadian National Association of Manitoba Inc., 203-265, Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2B2 Phone (204) 943-6565.

#### The Celtic Art Coracle

Magazine of Celtic Art & Calligraphy/Published by Ardan Meahan, at The Celtic Court, 1-771 Prior Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Subscription: \$15 for 12 issues.

Kevin Mann has taken out a 1 year subscription for the Association. A number of people were given the issues that have arrived so far. When more arrive I will send them to the ones who request them. Mr. Meahan also gives a correspondent course.

#### Carraig Books

P.O. Box 8733, Ste. Foy, Quebec G1V 4N6

Grosse Ile: Gateway To Canada 1832-1937 by Marianna O'Gallagher, S.C.H. (A timely book). With the recent announcement that the island of Grosse Ile will become a national park in 1988, this book fills a need. It gives an account of the Saint Lawrence River quarantine station that opened in 1832 when the first cholera epidemic hit North America. It gives an account of the way that Canada greeted its thousands of immigrants over the course of 105 years. The appendices are both valuable and curious: valuable for 619 names of orphans from the 1847 tragedy with the names of their adoptive parents; letters from Grosse Ile and various manuscripts. Illustrated, 184 pages. Paper \$14.95 (postpaid \$15.95) Canadian funds.

Sister O'Gallagher has indeed written a timely book. Grosse Ile, an island in the St. Lawrence River, near Quebec City holds a special place for the Irish. Some 50,000 Irish passed through this area alone during the time of The Irish Famine 1846-1848. Thousands were quarantined on Grosse Ile. Some 9000 Irish Famine victims are buried here.

Apparently, The Federal Government has announced that this Island will become a Federal Park in 1988. I am getting details on the announcement.

"The Corporation for the Promotion of Grosse Ile, Inc." has been set up. According to the brochure that I received on the Corporation, its' purpose is "To render homage to our immigrant forebears-".

If you are interested in more information on the proposed park, write to "The Corporation for the Promotion of Grosse Ile, Inc.", 5 Blvd. Tache East, Montmagny, Quebec G5V 1B6. I think that it is important that we become involved in projects like this, so that we can make sure that finally there is at least somewhere in Canada and even North America, where the Irish Immigrant fact is told and recognized in a proper way.

#### An Annotated List Of Resource Material on the Irish In New Brunswick by Turner Huggard

This is a 53 page report that was done by Mr. Huggard for the Dept. Of Historical & Cultural Affairs. It lists county by county the material that is available on the Irish in New Brunswick. In most cases, it lists page numbers in books, journals, etc. that concern the Irish in New Brunswick. If interested write to the Dept. Of Historical & Cultural Affairs, P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, N.B.

### Irish Flags

One of the most interesting aspects of the Irish Festival was the number of Irish flags that were flying in the area for the first time. Allan Barry, Chatham, who makes a well quality Irish flag, expected to have a number of them to sell in his booth. However, there was such a wide demand for them from motel owners, business establishments and individuals, that he was completely sold out before the festival began. However, whenever I go to meetings in other areas I am always asked the question -- Where can I get an Irish flag? You can get them from: Northumberland Flags, P.O. Box 305, Chatham, N.B.. E1N 3H7.

### Books Ireland

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### A Popular Book on The Irish Famine

I have received a number of inquiries about the popular book that came out over a year ago on The Irish Famine. The book is entitled "Paddy's Lament"- Ireland 1846-1847 by Thomas Gallagher. It is a hardcover book -- 335 pages including 20 pages of Bibliography. It is well written and easy to read. It would also make a good Christmas gift. It sells for \$19.95 + 1.50 postage -- total -- \$21.45. If you are interested in a copy of the book, please make your cheque or money order out to my name -- Farrell McCarthy, 109 Roy Ave., Newcastle, N.B. E1V 3N8 OR check with your local bookstore.

### Irish Meeting - Saint John - Nov. 4/84

Sunday afternoon, Nov. 4, could turn out to be the turning point for everything that our Association stands for in New Brunswick. Over 300 people turned out for a meeting at St. Malachy's High School.

Hats off to Dr. Danny Britt for the excellent job that he did in organizing this meeting. Dr. Britt, along with Clare Walsh are the area Representatives for our Association in the Saint John Region. Dr. Britt was the Chairman of the meeting and the main organizer for the event.

The meeting was front page news in the Monday, Nov. 5 edition of The Evening Times Globe. I will quote from the paper concerning each of the speakers.

Saint John is celebrating the 200th Anniversary of its incorporation as a city in 1985. The main purpose of the meeting was to see what interest exists to make sure that the Irish are involved in the celebrations in a very fruitful way.

"Dr. Norman Garey, who agreed to act as Chairman of the group, noted that in 1840 Saint John had a population of 33,000, but in the years between 1844 and 1847, this was swelled by another 32,000 Irish immigrants. There was a challenge, he said, to recognize and commemorate the contribution these people made to the building of a city which will be celebrating the Bicentennial of its corporation next year".

Fred Hazel, Editor of the Telegraph Journal & Evening Times Globe, gave an overview of Irish ideas and encouraged the audience to accept the challenge of recognizing their culture.

"We are first of all Canadians", he said, "and that means we are fortunate. We're New Brunswickers, and that means we're proud and hospitable. But this Irish heritage which helped build this city is also something special, and if we are to commemorate it, the time for action is now."

Mayor Elsie Wayne noted that the Irish had a part in formulating the city and the province. "I'm pleased to say that this is not only a Loyalist City, but an Irish city".

"J. Edmund Maloney, retired manager of Saint John Airport, recalled the richness of local drama in recent years. He said on St. Patrick's Day there would be not one, but six different dramatic productions".

"I hope by next March 17 there will be some group with the courage to undertake that sort of show".

Peter Murphy, a University student and local historian, described St. Mary's Cemetery on Loch Lomand Road as the burial ground for 16,000 Irish immigrants and first-generation descendants.

Only 500 graves are marked, and Mr. Murphy said he is concerned about possible vandalism to the tombs. As a project, he suggested a memorial to those buried in unmarked graves, and some form of protection to keep the cemetery from deterioration.

More Irish immigrants to New Brunswick are buried on Partridge Island, said Harold Wright, Co-ordinator Partridge Island Research Project who described the sites' military, marine and historic features. He urged elected representatives be pressured for action on Partridge Island.

Dr. Cyril Bryne of the English Department of St. Mary's University in Halifax spoke on the idea of A Chair of Irish Studies for an Atlantic University, noting that it is projected for St. Mary's in Halifax by 1986. He said support would be welcomed from Saint John Area.

"We need to recognize some Irish heroes", said Dr. Peter Toner of the history department of UNBSJ. Two such figures were Timothy Warren Anglin and well-known physician Dr. Boyle Travers, both prominent Irishmen of 19th century Saint John.

Anglin, who Dr. Toner described as the "best-known" Irish politician of his time", came to the city about 1848. He founded The Freeman, an Irish Catholic newspaper and stayed on as its editor and publisher. In later years, he was the only speaker of the House of Commons from New Brunswick said Dr. Toner.

Dr. Thomas Condon of UNBSJ said knowledge of the Irish contribution to New Brunswick should be increased. He said there was very little scholarship on this at present, "and there should be a major effort to recover that past."

Ann Marie McGrath, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Saint John said Irish immigrants began construction of the city's Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception in 1854, shortly after their arrival. The Centennial of the Cathedral's consecration in 1885 is next year, she noted. The building was seen as "a material testimony to their qualities of faith and perseverance and hope".

Association representatives attending including President Farrell McCarthy, who spoke on this summer's successful Irish festival in the Miramichi, and the executive committee.

Saint John indeed put on an impressive show. There are many good possible projects to do. I hope that the people of Saint John will rally around the chosen Committee, headed by Dr. Carey, and give them your wholehearted support.

Many people, not only in Saint John, but throughout New Brunswick and far beyond will look forward to attending one or more of the events that the Bicentennial Committee will undertake in the future.

The Association booth was very, very busy before the meeting and after. Thirty-eight new members joined. Our Poster maps, buttons, Irish books, especially Paddy's Lament and free handouts, were very popular.

In closing, one thing that I would like to stress is that no matter where we live in New Brunswick, I have found that there is such a great interest to "celebrate our Irish Heritage" that people are willing to help, and especially share in each area's special project.

If an Irish Festival is to be put on in the Miramichi, then the people of the Miramichi must work to put it on. If a special Irish project is to be done in Saint John, then the people of Saint John must work to achieve it. We can all exert political pressure, etc. to help, but the elbow work must come from the area where the project exists.

In some cases, projects are provincial. I look upon Partridge Island as a provincial project and when the time comes, we will work extremely hard to see that the Irish role is recognized in an appropriate way, both as a park on the Island, and a building on the mainland.

Once again, thanks Dr. Britt, for a job well done. Those of us involved in events like this know of the many hours that it takes to plan a meeting like the one that was so successful in Saint John.

Grosse Ile: Gateway To Canada - 1832-1937

Marianna O'Gallagher S.C.H.

I have received 15 copies of this book. If interested, please send \$15.95 to Farrell McCarthy, 109 Roy Ave., Newcastle, N.B. E1V 3N8 or order direct from Carraig Books.

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JOHN O'CONNOR  
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SAINT JOHN, N.B. E2L 4S6

I just received the Fall 1984 edition of The Irish Literary Supplement - A Review of Irish Books. It is a tabloid type newspaper -- 60 pages. Canadian subscriptions -- cheques must be made out to "Michael Kenneally", English Dept., Marianopolis College, 3880 Cote Des Neiges, Montreal, Quebec, H3H 1W1 -- \$7.00 for 1 year.

Genealogy

A number of our members have a keen interest in genealogy. The best thing that exists so far is "The Annotated List of Resource Material on the Irish" that I mentioned in this Newsletter.

Jerry O'Brien, Fredericton, one of our Vice-Presidents, is a past President of the Fredericton branch of the New Brunswick Genealogical Association of New Brunswick. We will discuss the possibility of forming a Committee to handle the request for information on genealogy.

In the meantime, I will bring your attention to a number of publications that may be of interest to you.

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The March 1983 issue of The Abegweit Review was devoted entirely to Irish immigration, etc. to Prince Edward Island. The Editor, The Abegweit Review, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada CIA 4P3.

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Much interest, especially in the Saint John area, is beginning to focus on Timothy Warren Anglin. The New Freeman, P.O. Box 6609, Sta. A, Saint John, N.B., E2L 4S1 has a few copies of the book -- Timothy Warren Anglin by William Baker -- 1822-96 on sale for \$10.00.

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Sister Fay Trombley, the first Canadian woman to receive a doctorate in theology from the University of Louvain, Belgium, chose for her doctoral dissertation, the nineteenth century Canadian Archbishop Thomas Louis Connolly. Archbishop Connolly was a man who did much to develop the missionary dioceses of Saint John and Halifax. The book is quite academic and covers the period from 1815-1876. I want to thank Sister Trombley SCIE for sending me a copy of the book.

I do not know if this still applies, but about a year ago, a limited number of copies were available for sale by contacting: Sister Genevieve Hennessey, Box 95, Saint John, N.B., E2L 3X1.

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Adams, William Forbes: Ireland & Irish Emigration To the New World from 1815 to the Famine -- check your bookstore.

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Ireland of the Welcomes -- P.O. Box 2744, Boulder, Colorado 80322. A colorful magazine that usually has a number of Cultural articles -- subscription price \$12 for 1 year in Canadian funds.

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The All-Ireland Heritage -- A journal of Genealogical and Historical Research. A publication geared toward both the genealogical and historical researcher; a useful tool to assist the average individual in tracing his/her Irish ancestry -- 2255 Cedar Lane, Vienna, Virginia, 22180. 1 year -- \$18.00 (U.S. funds).

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### Membership

Our membership really took off this year because of our main events. The Association booth at The Irish Festival saw some 90 new membership applications filled out that resulted in some 130 new members. The booth in Market Square resulted in 40 new applications -- 55 new members -- 20 new applications were filled out in St. Stephen -- 28 new members. 31 new applications were filled out in Saint John on Nov. 4/84 resulting in some 38 new members.

Mary Jane Losier, Bathurst, wrote an article in the TV section of the Moncton paper and it resulted in a few new members.

I also had a booth for 2 days at the Fredericton Mall this summer and signed up a few new members.

Our Association gained 280 new members as the result of the things going on that showed people that we are an active organization doing a number of concrete things that people can see.

### Irish Language Classes

I have been informed by Guy Cyr of the Secretary of States' Office, 860 Main Street, Moncton, N.B., E1C 1G2, that funds are available for Irish Language classes. The rate is \$55 for each of the 1st 20 students.

### Membership Renewals

We will state on the membership form if your dues are due. A few members who joined in 1983 have not paid their dues. Dues paid now will apply for the 1985 year. However, we cannot continue to carry people who have not paid dues since 1983.

Please always feel free to write and express your opinion on what we should be doing. Each region should try to have a get-together during the year. It could involve a little entertainment, a short film, discussion, and end with a social hour. Board of Directors in each area could plan it, and I would be willing to attend.

Once the new names are added to the membership list, a copy will be sent out to a Board of Director for each region.

### The Irish Echo

I have 50 copies of The Irish Echo, a weekly Irish American newspaper, published in New York, left over from the festival. If you are interested in a copy, plus a copy of the Irish Festival Brochure, send \$1.00 to cover postage to Farrell McCarthy, 109 Roy Ave., Newcastle, N.B., E1V 3N8.

### Early Irish Poster Map of N.B.

As stated earlier, everyone who joined or will join our Association in the future, will receive a Poster Map. Maps were supposed to be passed out to you when you joined at the festival, Saint John, St. Stephen, etc. In case you did not get one at the time, please write and let us know. The other poster maps are being sent out. I had to send to Ontario for some more tubes.

### Trip to Ireland

Dr. Cyril Byrne, English Department, St. Mary's University, Halifax, N.S., B3H 3C3, is organizing a tour to Ireland during the early summer of 1985. Plans are being made to have a Charter flight from St. John's, Saint John and Halifax to fly to Ireland and visit the places where most of the people of Irish descent in the Maritimes came from. Professor Dick Walsh of University College, Dublin is planning the Irish End of the tour. Write to Dr. Byrne for more details. I will have more information in the next Newsletter.