

Confidential



Armagh

12th Nov. '13

State of County

1. I beg to report that this County is in a peaceful state at present. There is not much political or sectarian bitterness on the surface but there is a strong undercurrent of antagonistic feeling between the two great political parties.
2. Six outrages were committed ^{or reported} last month viz: a case of malicious injury one of cutting the person (not serious) one of incendiary fire (believed accidental) one of attempting to obtain money by false purchases one of cattle stealing and one of burglary. The malicious injury consisted of throwing down some stones of corn on a farm from which the previous tenant was evicted.
3. No evictions took place last month. Relations between landlords & tenants are good. No cases of purchases under Land Purchase Acts.
4. I.R.B. 23 circles.
A.O.H. (I.A.A.) 14 Divisions.
A.O.H. (B.P.E.) 48 divisions. A few local meetings held.
U.L.F. - 40 branches. Some local meetings held and collections made for The Irish Parliamentary Fund.
G.A.A. - 13 affiliated & 44 non-aff. branches.

The last but

Sinn Féin - Four branches. The I.R.A.
and Sinn Féiners are giving some assistance
to Larkin in connection with the Dublin strike.
Some trifling sums were sent up.

Earlie League - Four branches.

Ulster Vol. Force. This organisation is saturating
throughout the County. Sir E. Carson addressed
a meeting in Armagh on 14th Oct. which
was attended by about 17000 persons.

Volunteers to the number of 3000
marched past Sir E. Carson. The organisation
numbers ^{in Co. Armagh.} Ulster close on 6000 individuals.

Benbrook Armagh & Portadown appear
to be the places where the greatest
interest is taken in it. It has been found
by persons of good position who at
first held aloof from it. The anti-Homer
Rule feeling is more intensified and
there is no doubt that should the Bill
become law there will be large numbers
of people who will give it strenuous
and determined opposition and who
will go any length under their leaders
to prevent its taking a practical form
in the Government of this part of the
country. Disputable riding and speaking is
being practised at intervals. It is reported
that there are about 1250 rifles in

this County, the majority of the old Italian pattern but there are some Mousers and some are reported to be of the Martin-Henry pattern. ~~These~~ steps are being taken to form the W.V.F. on territorial lines but it does not yet appear to have taken very effective shape up to the present. About £60000 from ^{from} ~~through~~ ^{Largan} ~~P. down~~ has been promised ^{towards the} ~~the~~ ^{indemnity fund}.

5. There is no boycotting or intimidation.

6. Prices are all very favourable to farmers and crops have turned out well. There is a large potato crop and consequently prices are moderate which is very beneficial to the working classes. The tone of the local press is moderate.

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