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Confidential monthly report for February 1915.

1. During the month of February this Riding has been, on the whole, quiet & free from serious crime. There are two persons receiving protection viz:—(1) John Nolan, (head on the Carroll estate at Lissmhall near Nenagh). Such protection is afforded by means of ordinary patrols, (2) Michael Flannery, who has taken and gone into occupation of an erected farm near Bonisokane. A protection post, consisting of three constables, has been formed to afford Flannery personal protection.

2. During January three indictable offences were reported. During February four indictable offences have been reported, none of them of a serious character, or affecting the general peace of the Riding.

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3. No action has been carried out or no evicted farm has been re-taken. Some trouble is taking place at Greencastle, near Toomevara, where the tenants are anxious to effect the purchase of their farms. There are hopes that a settlement may take place shortly.

On the whole, rents are fairly well paid, and (for the most part) relations between Landlords & tenants are good.

4. There are 35 branches of the U.D.L. in this Riding. None of these have shown any activity, with the exception of holding a few meetings to continue their existence.

There are eleven divisions of the A.O.H., also branches of the G.A.A., Gaelic League, Land & Labor League, and Town tenants League.

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in connexion with any of them during the month.

There are 32 branches of the National Volunteers, with a nominal membership of 3,391. With the exception of two route marches (in which some 40 members took part) at Thurles, nothing has been done by any of them. They possess 73 rifles of an obsolete Italian pattern, 1 mauser, 46 martini-metford, 6 martini-Henry, 2 Lee-Enfield, & 14 miniature B. S. A. ~~rev~~ rifles, with the exception of a small quantity of cartridges for the last mentioned, the Volunteers possess no ammunition.

5. No boycotting or intimidation has occurred.

6. A certain number of men have enlisted into the Army during the month. They are practically all from the Towns. I cannot

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Hear of any farmers' sons having enlisted. This improvement is (in my opinion) due to the fact of leading members of the Parliamentary Party having joined the army. Apart from Sinn Féin sympathy, there is no hostility to the Empire, but there seems to be an apathy largely based on confidence in the Navies & Armies of the Allies.

During the month the entire number of German prisoners of War interned at Templomore, were removed to England. The military barracks are now occupied by a battalion of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, who received an enthusiastic reception on their arrival. The tone of the local Press is moderate.

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