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GAELIC SUNDAY

FIXTURES BROUGHT OFF WITHOUT A HITCH

Gaelic Sunday, organised by the Gaelic Athletic Association, was observed throughout the country yesterday with great success. Every football and hurling team in the country took part in a match, and in all some 54,000 players were engaged. As a result of the withdrawal of the prohibition against Gaelic games enforced for the past couple of weeks by police and military, there was no interference with the matches, which were carried out with perfect order in the presence of large numbers of spectators. Every town and district had its own venue, and all the matches started simultaneously at three o'clock (old time). The progress of the play was everywhere followed with enthusiasm, and the occasion provided a unique display of the popularity of the Gaelic games. The proceedings of the day, the good order among the crowds, the perfection of organisation, and the magnificent response made by every team and club throughout the country, constituted at once a vindication of the Gaelic Athletic Association and its objects, and a demonstration of the popular hold which the Gaelic games have on the interest and sympathy of the Irish people.

THE DUBLIN VENUES.

In Dublin city and county matches were played at Croke Park, Phoenix Park, Ringsend, Clondalkin, Sandymount, Baldoyle, Fox and Geese, Crumlin, Balheary, St. Margarets, Clonsilla, Blackrock, Cornelscourt, Terenure, Church Road, and Bray. At these venues twenty-two football matches and two hurling matches were played.

Large crowds witnessed the play at all the centres. No police were present, and there was no interference with the matches.

Some forty matches were arranged under the auspices of Cork Co. Board for the city and county, but rain fell so heavily during the afternoon and evening that in Cork City and district the matches had to be abandoned.

A fife and drum band which played through the streets of Dublin yesterday when returning from a football match was stopped by the police in Townsend street. A crowd of about three or four hundred persons followed the band, which was proceeding to its rooms on Sir John Rogerson's quay. The bandmen having being halted for some time resumed their march, no disturbance having taken place.