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I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Kilmaine

TOWN OR VILLAGE Hollymount PARISH Rohes + Kilcomman COUNTY Mayo

TOPOGRAPHY

Brief description of outstanding scenic views in the district, natural attractions, or unusual topographical features.

This is an area which stretches from Annies Rowland on the north-east shore of Lough Corra, to Fochall. The county line between Galway and Mayo lies a length of about 11 miles - the parish, which near Lough Corra is some 4 miles wide, runs S.E. to Fochall in a narrowing strip. Rohes takes in the district just east of Lough Corra - including a town taken from the river Roke which has its course here. Kilcomman embraces the area from Roundfont to Fochall.

GEOLOGY

Brief notes on unusual geological features, such as caves, eskers, etc. (Contd. on Page 2)

The area is totally of a limestone character. It is eminently suited to cultivation and grazing. Harveys Mine well here. The area is fully agricultural. In the Roke river at Hollymount is a clay which is suitable for pottery. It is said that pottery objects were once made at Hollymount.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections? Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

None of imposing character. Hollymount House, residence of Mr. J. Loftus was until 1922 the home of a landowner called Lindsay Fitzpatrick who was well-known as a breeder of excellent horses and who inaugurated an annual horse show at Hollymount which was said to be "second only to Ballsbridge". The house is large but unpretentious.

Topography, Page 2

The Kilsannon area has nothing of distinctive scenery. For the most part it is undulating terrain with tilled land and pasture fields and timber patches. Lough Linnis is small but adds much needed contrast. The village of Roundfort is tiny and from here to Hollymount is ~~less~~ two miles. The Kileen and Hollymount area is very pleasant country if not scenically outstanding. There are the woods of Belinch, Cloonacree, Bloomfield, Carnfield and Newbrook and these add much to the undulating character of the district. The parish touches the eastern shore of Lough Linnis and from the road at the ruins of Brownstown House a pleasing view is obtained of the lake and its small islets (one of which is Castle Island where lie the ashes of Peisgen mac nDara). To the north are the wooded mountains to the far shore and in the ^{near} distance ~~but~~ quite clearly viewed, the Reek, the Parkis mountains and the Connemara mountains.