

## COIN HOARDS IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND, DUBLIN

ON a brief visit to Dublin recently, I was shown by Dr. W. O'Sullivan and Dr. McCoy a number of coin hoards in the collections, particulars of which do not appear to have been published. In the time available detailed examination was not possible, but the following

summaries of the contents of the hoards taken from the museum register are recorded here as an indication of the material that exists. I have to thank Dr. O'Sullivan and Dr. McCoy for permitting this. More detailed study of the hoards, particularly of Drummercool and Kilmaine, would probably be rewarding, and I hope that some member of the Society may have the opportunity to undertake it.

KILMAINE, Co. Mayo (1946). Short-cross, &c., pennies. Total 280.

English: Henry II, 13; Richard I, 6; John, 52; Henry III, 100; "Irregular", 15.

Irish: John as King, 12.

Scottish: William the Lion, 9; Alexander II, 1.

Unfit for registration, 72.

DRUMERCOOL, Co. Roscommon (1941). Long-cross, &c., pennies, halves, and quarters.

Total 232.

English: Henry III, pennies 81; cut halves, 99; cut quarters, 37.

Irish (Dublin): Henry III, pennies, 5; cut halves, 4; cut quarters, 2.

Scottish: Alexander III, pennies 2; cut halves, 2.

This hoard was found  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet below the surface, arranged in three neat rows. The high proportion of cut halfpennies and farthings is to be noted.

ORMONDE CASTLE FIELD, Carrick-on-Suir (1931). Long-cross pennies. Total 22.

English: Henry III, 19.

Irish (Dublin): Henry III, 3.

CUILLEENOLAGH, Co. Roscommon (1943). Tudor. Total 55.

English: Philip and Mary, shillings, 2; Elizabeth I, shillings, 5; sixpences, hammered, 47; milled, 1.

KNOCKABOUL, Co. Limerick (1943). Tudor. Total 117.

English: Philip and Mary, shillings, 3; sixpence, 1; Elizabeth I, shillings, 14; sixpences, 92; threepences, 5.

Irish: Elizabeth I, shilling, 1.

Spanish: 1 fragment.

ELLISTOWN, Co. Kildare (1945). Tudor-Stuart. Total 30.

English: Elizabeth I, shillings, 7; sixpences, 14; James I, shillings, 8; sixpence, 1.

BALLINASLOE, Co. Galway (1942). Civil war. Total 321.

English: Edward VI, shilling, 1; sixpence, 1; Philip and Mary, shillings, 3; Elizabeth I, shillings, 57; sixpences, 161; James I, shillings, 39; sixpences, 13; Charles I, half-crowns, 3; shillings, 22; sixpences, 6.

Irish: James I, sixpences, 2.

Spanish: fragments of dollars, 13.

RANNYHUAL, Co. Donegal (date not recorded). Civil war. Total 34.

English: Philip and Mary, shillings, 3; sixpence, 1; Elizabeth I, shillings, 8; sixpences, 5; James I, shillings, 6; sixpences, 4; Charles I, half-crowns, 3; shillings, 3; sixpence, 1.

DERAMFIELD, Co. Cavan (date not recorded). Civil war. Total 14.

English: Philip and Mary, shilling, 1; Elizabeth I, shillings, 2; sixpence, 1; James I, shilling, 1; sixpence, 1; Charles I, half-crown, 1; shillings, 3.

Spanish: Cob dollars, 4.

GORTNAHILTA, Co. Mayo (1945). Civil war. Total 6.

English: Elizabeth I, sixpence, 1; James I, shilling, 1; Charles I, shillings, 2.

Spanish: dollars (clipped), 2.

TEMPLETUOHY, Tipperary (1944). Civil war. Total 5.

English: Elizabeth I, shilling, 1; Charles I, half-crowns (Tower), 3.

Irish: Charles I, "Blacksmith's" half-crown, 1.

GALWAY COURTHOUSE (1904). Civil war. Total 8.

English: Edward VI, shillings, 2; James I, sixpence, 1; Charles I, half-crown, 1; shilling, 1.

Irish: Henry VIII, groats, 2.

Spanish: Philip II-IV, dollar, (clipped) 1.

In addition to the above, there are in the Dublin Museum the Smarmore hoard (1929), a detailed account of which is published elsewhere in this number, and an important civil war gold hoard found at Derryville, Portarlinton, in 1946 and 1948 which Dr. O'Sullivan is planning to publish.

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