

## CASTLE-DAWSON, BELLAGHY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS.

**CASTLE-DAWSON**, or, as it was at one time called, **DAWSON'S-BRIDGE**, is a flourishing little market town, chiefly in the parish of Ballyscullion, but chiefly in that of Magherafelt, barony of Loughlinsholin, county of Londonderry, about 118 miles S. from Dublin, 35 S.W. from Belfast, 38 S.E. from Londonderry, 12 S. by E. from Kilrea, 11 S. by E. from Moneymore, and between 2 and 3 N.E. by S. from Magherafelt; delightfully situated on both sides of the Mayola river, on the road from Magherafelt to Ahoghill, and rather more than 2 miles S.W. of the north-western extremity of Lough Neagh. The river is crossed by a stone bridge, of one arch, supposed the largest span in Ireland, erected by the Dawson family, and hence its former name of *Dawson's-bridge*. Its present appellation is derived from its proprietor, Joshua Dawson, Esq., who, in 1710, was chief secretary for Ireland, and erected, in 1713, a castle, of which only the ruins remain. The present seat of the family, and residence of the Right Hon. G. R. Dawson, Castle-Dawson, is nearly adjoining to the town, situated in a beautiful demesne, through which passes an ancient avenue, three miles in length, opening to a magnificent view of Lough Neagh, to which it extends. On an eminence, contiguous to the town, stands a beautiful and lofty obelisk, erected by the Earl of Bristol, to commemorate the virtues and benevolence of the Dawson family. There are several other handsome residences in the neighbourhood, among which will be noticed that of William Gore, Esq., finely situated on the banks of the Mayola. The town consists of two principal and a few smaller streets, some of the houses composing which are large, and well built of stone. The manufacture of cotton prevails in the town and neighbouring district, and the making of coarse earthenware and bricks is carried on rather extensively. There are two admirably conducted

**POST OFFICE**, CASTLE-DAWSON, Ann Oliver, *Post Mistress*.—Letters from DUBLIN and all parts of the SOUTH OF IRELAND, likewise from ENGLAND, arrive every forenoon at eleven, and are despatched every afternoon at one.—Letters from BELFAST and from SCOTLAND arrive every forenoon at twenty-five minutes past eleven, and are despatched every afternoon at one.—Letters from LONDONDERRY, BALLYMENA, &c. arrive every morning at nine, and are despatched every forenoon at half-past eleven.

**POST OFFICE**, BELLAGHY, Alicia Steele, *Post Mistress*.—Letters from DUBLIN and all parts of the SOUTH OF IRELAND, also from ENGLAND, arrive every forenoon at half-past eleven, and are despatched every morning at half-past eight.—Letters from LONDONDERRY, BELFAST, &c. arrive every morning at half-past eight, and are despatched every forenoon at half-past eleven.

## GENTRY AND CLERGY.

Aikin Thomas, Esq. Rosegift  
Ashe Rev. Geo. H. Ballyscullion Glebe  
Crawford Hugh, Esq. Lake view  
Crawford Samuel D. Esq. (seneschal)  
Castle-Dawson  
Dawson Right Hon. George Robert,  
Castle-Dawson  
Dempsey Rev. Thomas, c.c. Bellaghy  
Doherty Rev. John, P. P. Bellaghy  
Godfrey Lieut. Whiteside, Leitrim  
House  
Gore William, Esq. Mayola [Villa  
Graves William, Esq. J. P. Gravesend  
Henry James, Esq. Fair View  
Henry Mrs. Jane, Castle-Dawson  
Hill Major John, Bellaghy  
Hill John, Esq. J. P. Bellaghy  
Hughes Rev. Nicholas, Castle-Dawson  
Leckey Andrew, Esq. Bellaghy  
McArthur Mr. George, Castle-Dawson  
McKee David, Esq. Green View  
McKee Rev. James, Rosgarn  
McManus Mrs. Helen, Toome House  
McPherson Rev. Thomas, Larkhill  
Macrory Miss Margt. Castle-Dawson  
Radcliffe Rev. John, Castle-Dawson  
Sheil John, Esq. J. P. Black Park  
Stevenson Rev. Hy. S. Castle-Dawson  
Stuart Hon. Chas. K. Castle-Dawson  
Wilson Rev. Gilbert K. Bellaghy

## SCHOOLS.

CHURCH EDUCATION SOCIETY'S  
SCHOOL, Bellaghy—William Buch-  
anan, master; Mary Ann Ander-  
son, mistress

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Bellaghy

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NATIONAL SCHOOL, Castle-Dawson—  
George Kenery, master  
WESLEYAN METHODIST SCHOOL,  
Bellaghy—Edward Finlay, master

## ATTORNEYS.

Hill Samuel, Castle-Dawson  
McArthur George, Castle-Dawson

## BLACKSMITHS.

Devlin Bernard, Castle-Dawson  
Devlin Patrick, Castle-Dawson  
Gregg William, Bellaghy  
McCallion James, Castle-Dawson  
Richey James, Bellaghy  
Thompson John, Castle-Dawson

## BOOT &amp; SHOE MAKERS.

Huston Alexander, Castle-Dawson  
McCluskey John, Castle-Dawson  
McCluskey Paul, Castle-Dawson  
McNeill John, Bellaghy  
York Maurice, Castle-Dawson

## BRICK MAKERS.

Edis James, Castle-Dawson  
Thompson John, Castle-Dawson

## CARPENTERS.

Keatly Abraham, Castle-Dawson  
McClelland Andrew, Bellaghy  
McCormick William, Bellaghy  
Sheil John, Castle-Dawson  
Tipping Thomas, Castle-Dawson

## CORN MERCHANTS.

Hillman Thomas, Castle-Dawson  
Mulholland Ambrose (and flax and  
meal), Bellaghy

## EARTHENWARE MAKERS.

Caulfield John & Co., Castle-Dawson  
Willex James, Leitrim

## GROCERS.

Barney John, Bellaghy [laghy  
Cassidy Bernard (and draper) Bel-  
Cullen Andrew, Bellaghy  
Dawson Richd. (& hardwareman),  
Castle-Dawson

Godfrey William, Bellaghy  
Hillman Thomas, Castle-Dawson  
Johnson William, Bellaghy  
Macartney Rachael, Bellaghy  
McCullen John (and oil and colour-  
man), Bellaghy  
McLernan Henry, Castle-Dawson  
McPeak Henry, Bellaghy  
Mann Thomasina, Castle-Dawson  
Mawhinney William (& earthenware  
dealer), Hill head  
Miller Robert, Bellaghy  
Mulholland John, Bellaghy  
Oliver Adam, Castle-Dawson  
Pepper William, Castle-Dawson

## LBERDASHERS.

Cassidy Bernard, Castle-Dawson  
Cullen Andrew, Bellaghy  
Godfrey William, Bellaghy  
Hunter Henry, Castle-Dawson  
Johnson William, Bellaghy  
Morrow James, Castle-Dawson

## HOTELS.

Commercial Hotel, Thos. Hillman,  
Castle-Dawson  
Three Tuns (and livery stables and  
posting house) Adam Oliver, Castle-  
Dawson

## IRONMONGERS.

Hillman Thomas, Castle-Dawson  
Oliver Adam, Castle-Dawson

## LEATHER SELLERS.

Dawson Richard, Castle-Dawson  
McCullen John, Bellaghy

## MANUFACTURERS.

Marked \* are Manufacturers of Linen.  
Dixon Peter & Sons (check & ging-  
ham), Castle-Dawson and Carlisle  
—John Boyd, agent

Ferguson John & Co. (check & ging-  
ham) Anarish and Carlisle—Jas.  
Graham, agent

\*Godfrey William, Bellaghy  
\*Hill Jos. W. Grange, Toomebridge  
\*Macanley Patrick (and bleacher),  
Castle-Dawson

\*McCullen John, Bellaghy  
Macdonald D. & J. (sewed muslin),  
Bellaghy and Glasgow—William  
Godfrey, agent

\*Mawhinney Wm. Billhead, Castle-  
Dawson

\*Miller Hugh, Green hall, Castle-  
Dawson  
\*Miller Thomas, Green hall, Castle-  
Dawson

MILLINERS & DRESS MAKERS.  
Keenan Anne, Castle-Dawson  
Rice Margaret, Castle-Dawson

## NURSERYMEN.

Keenan Bernard, Leitrim  
Keenan Charles, Leitrim  
Keenan Richard, Leitrim

## PHYSICIANS &amp; SURGEONS.

Godfrey Mitchell, Toomebridge  
Gordon R. H. M. D. Bellaghy  
Heaney Francis, M.D. Castle-Dawson  
Johnston Robt. M.D. Castle-Dawson  
McClean Robert, Castle-Dawson  
York John, Bellaghy

## SPIRIT &amp; PORTER DEALERS.

Brown Charles, Bellaghy  
Byrnes Roger, Bellaghy  
Coreoran Thomas, Bellaghy  
Davidson George, Bellaghy  
Hillman Thomas, Castle-Dawson  
Hunter Henry, Castle-Dawson  
Hunter Thomas, Bellaghy  
Johnson William, Castle-Dawson  
Kelly Elwood, Bellaghy  
McCullen John, Bellaghy  
McErlane Isabella, Bellaghy  
Mann Thomasina, Castle-Dawson  
Oliver Adam, Castle-Dawson  
Sheil John, Creagh

## SURVEYORS—LAND.

McNeill James, Leitrim  
Stevenson William, Bellaghy

## TAILORS.

Barelay Thomas, Castle-Dawson  
Divine James, Castle-Dawson  
Doherty Cornelius, Castle-Dawson  
Gregg Michael, Bellaghy  
York Thomas, Bellaghy

TIMBER AND IRON DEALER.  
McCullen John, Bellaghy

## WOOLLEN DRAPERS.

Johnston David, Castle-Dawson  
Morrow James, Castle-Dawson

## Miscellaneous.

Armstrong Wm. painter, Castle-Dawson  
Dickson Robert, miller, Castle-Dawson  
Doherty John, cart maker, Bellaghy  
Irvin John, baker, Bellaghy  
McCann Cornelius, umbrella maker,  
Castle-Dawson  
McMurray Francis, bonnetmaker, Castle-  
Dawson  
McNeill Hugh, cooper, Castle-Dawson  
McVeagh Edward, turner, Castle-Dawson

## PLACES OF WORSHIP.

## And their Ministers.

PARISH CHURCH, Bellaghy—Reverend  
George H. Ashe, rector; Rev. Henry S.  
Stevenson, curate.  
CHAPEL OF EASE, Castle-Dawson—Rev.  
George H. Ashe, rector; Rev. Henry S.  
Stevenson, curate.  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL, Bellaghy—  
Rev. John Doherty, parish priest;  
Rev. Thomas Dempsey, curate.  
PRESBYTERIAN MEETING-HOUSE, Castle-  
Dawson—Rev. John Radcliffe, minister.  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MEETING-HOUSE,  
Bellaghy—Rev. Thomas McPherson,  
minister.  
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN MEETING  
HOUSE, Bellaghy—Rev. G. R. Wilson,  
minister.  
WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL, Bel-  
laghy, ministers various.

## COACHES AND CARS.

To ANTRIM, the *Royal Mail* (from  
Magherafelt), every afternoon at one;  
goes through Toome and Randalstown.  
To BALLYMENA, a *Mail Car* (from  
Magherafelt), every forenoon at half-  
past eleven; goes through Portlengone  
and Gracehill.  
To BELFAST, the *Eagle* (from Maghera-  
felt), every morning at half-past five;  
goes through Randalstown and Antrim.  
To MAGHERAFELT, the *Royal Mail*  
(from Antrim), every forenoon at half-  
past eleven—the *Royal Mail* (from  
Ballymena), every morning at nine—  
and the *Eagle* (from Belfast), every  
evening at eight.

## CARRIERS.

To BELFAST, James Louden & Oliver  
O'Hara, from their houses once a  
week; go through Randalstown and  
Antrim—and Moore Ellis, from his  
house twice a week.

CASTLEWELLAN, CLOUGH, NEWCASTLE,  
AND NEIGHBOURHOODS.

**CASTLEWELLAN** is a market town, in the parish of  
Kilmeegan, barony of Upper Iveagh, county of Down, 82  
miles S. by E. from Dublin, 19 E. N. E. from Newry, and  
11 S.W. from Downpatrick; situated on the road be-  
tween the last-named towns, and romantically environed  
by eminences, but still occupying a conspicuous and  
cheerful site. Near the foot of one of these elevations,  
Slieve-na-lat, and on the border of a lake, is an elegant  
cottage, built by Earl Annesley, and on the taste-  
ful pleasure grounds is a temple, from which a fine  
view of the surrounding scenery is commanded. Earl  
Annesley enjoys the inferior title of Baron of Castle-  
wellan, in the peerage of Ireland. Within two miles  
of the town is Tollymore Park, the elegant seat of the  
Earl of Roden, the demesne abounding with delightful  
scenery, enriched with water and all that can adorn a  
perfect landscape. There are several other handsome  
dwelling, occupying pleasant situations, in the vicini-  
ty of the town. Castlwellan is a flourishing little  
place, and well built; it consists principally of an upper  
and lower square, connected by a main street. Bleach-  
ing of linen, which is the principal trade, was first  
introduced here by Mr. Moffat, in 1749, since which  
period it has continued to prosper, and there are now  
three large bleach greens, among which those of Messrs.  
Murland are on a very extensive scale. Mr. J. Mur-  
land has also erected two large mills, for spinning linen  
yarn, the machinery of one propelled by water power,  
the other by steam, and both lighted by gas, made on  
the premises. The yarn produced from these works  
is for the most part manufactured into linen for the  
houses here, and furnishes employment to numerous  
families in the town and neighbouring districts.

The places of worship are a chapel of ease, a neat  
Roman Catholic chapel, a Presbyterian meeting-house,  
and one for Methodists. J. Murland, Esq., munifi-  
cently built and endowed a school for children of both  
sexes, and there is one upon the national plan. The  
market is on Monday; and fairs on the second Monday,  
monthly. Population of the town, in 1841, 806.

**CLOUGH** is a post village, in the parish of Loughlin-  
Island, barony of Kinelarty, same county as Castlwell-

lan, 4 miles E. N. E. from that town, on the road to  
Downpatrick, not far from the head of Dundrum bay.  
An old castle here has a very antique and picturesque  
appearance; its erection is ascribed to the Danes, and  
to have originated for the purposes of defence; part  
of a winding staircase still exists, and the outworks are  
very extensive. Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, and  
Unitarians have each a place of worship. Fairs are  
held here in the months of May, June, July, October,  
November, and December. The population of the vil-  
lage, in 1841, was 431.

**NEWCASTLE** is a small sea-port town, in the parish  
of Kilcoo, barony of Upper Iveagh, same county as  
Castlwellan, about 4½ miles S.E. from that town;  
situated on the shore of Dundrum bay, and derived its  
name from a castle erected here by Felix Magennis, in  
the memorable year of threatened invasion by the Span-  
ish Armada. Previous to the year 1820 it was a very  
inconsiderable fishing village; but since that period it  
has been gradually augmenting in importance, and is  
now resorted to by many wealthy and respectable  
families in the summer, as a bathing place. There are  
now several large and handsome private dwellings, and  
numerous well furnished lodging-houses; hot, cold,  
and shower baths; and a handsome hotel—the latter,  
built by Earl Annesley, occupies the site of the castle  
erected by Felix Magennis. The Earl has likewise  
built an elegant marine residence, called Donard Lodge,  
the grounds of which are laid out with great taste, and  
contain a chalybeate spa, to which the public have  
access. The Slieve-Donard mountain, at the foot of  
which is the Lodge, rises to the height of three thou-  
sand feet above the sea. The places of worship in the  
town are the chapel of ease, a handsome building; a  
chapel for Wesleyan Methodists, and a meeting-house  
for Presbyterians. The nearest Roman Catholic  
chapel is two miles distant. Alms-houses, for twelve  
poor widows, have been lately erected, by means of  
funds, raised in 1842, for the support of widows and  
orphans of fishermen. Neither fairs or markets have  
as yet been established here. The population of the  
town, in 1841, was 1,057.