

aspect highly diversified and considerably picturesque, exhibiting a combination of singular and common-place character, in ancient piles and modern edifices curiously mingling. Downpatrick is celebrated as the burial-place of Saint Patrick, and claims, according to some antiquaries, to be the oldest town in Ireland. Before the time of this celebrated saint, it is alleged to have been successively called *Aras-Keltair*, *Rath-Keltair*, *Mich-Dnach*, *Dun-de-Leth-Glass*, and *Dunnam* or *Down*. On the north-west side of the town stands a conical rath sixty feet high, enclosed by two ramparts, one of which is thirty feet broad, and the whole circuit of the works is three-quarters of a mile. It is supposed to have been the site of the palace of the kings of Ulidia or Down. Although history affords no light upon the origin or purposes of this specimen of great antiquity, it is obvious, from its construction, that it must have been a strong military post when the sling, the spear, and the cross-bow, were the weapons of destruction. The town is composed of four main streets, converging to a centre, and intersected by smaller ones and lanes; and it is lighted under the provisions of an act 9th George IV. A lofty square tower, containing the town clock, stands in a central position relative to the principal streets, and is a conspicuous object to most parts of the town. The sessions-house is an extensive and handsome building, standing upon an eminence in English-street: its interior affords all the facilities for the transaction of public business, whilst its architectural appearance without renders it an ornamental object. The county gaol, situated at a convenient distance, was completed in 1830, at a cost of about 60,000*l.* to the county, and it affords the means of perfect classification. A large building, called the Hotel, adjoining the court-house, was the county gaol up to 1796, when it was converted into reception rooms for the gentlemen of the county and the grand jury, and, in addition, there is a ball room of good size.

Downpatrick had a corporation at an early period, the existence of which is recognized in 1403, when letters of protection were granted to it by Henry IV, under the title of the 'Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Down in Ulster'; but the corporation became extinct towards the end of the seventeenth century. The assizes or sessions for the county are held twice a year, viz. in March and October, and petty sessions on alternate Thursdays. A manor court is held every third Tuesday, which has jurisdiction in pleas not exceeding £10.; and a court leet is held by the seneschal twice a year, in spring and Michaelmas. The borough returned two members to the Irish parliament so early as 1585, and exercised that privilege until the Union, since which the borough has sent one only to the Imperial Parliament: the present representative is David Stewart Ker, Esquire, Portavoe, Donaghadee, and Battersea House, Battersea, London. The

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NOBILITY, GENTRY, AND CLERGY.

Alder Rev. Samuel, Saul
Anderson the Misses Catherine and Ellen, Stream st
Archbold Rev. Charles, Rathmullan
Beaulerker Major Aubrey William, Ardglass Castle
Birney James, Esq. J. P. Oakley
Birney Rev. Richard, J. P. Killough
Browne Patrick R. M. Esq. deputy Lieutenant and J. P. Jonville
Campbell Rev. Charles, Ardglass
Casement Mrs. Joannah, the Hill
Cleland Hugh, Esq. Irish st
Cooper Rev. Joseph, Saul st
Craig Miss Eliza, Irish st
Curran Miss Eliza, Irish st
Carran Waring, Esq. Infirmary lane
Fleming Miss Elizabeth, Saul st
Forde the Lady Dowager Harriet, Hollymount

Forde Rev. James, English st
Graham Rev. William, Irish st
Hanna Miss Eliza, Irish st
Harpur Rev. Edward, Saul st
Harrel David, Esq. Quoile road
Johnston John B. Esq. Ballykelbeg
Johnston Mrs. Mary, English st
Keown William Esq. Ballydougan
Keown John, Esq. Ballydougan
M'Auley Rev. Bernard, Stream st
M'Clune Rev. William, Stream st
M'Kittrick Mrs. Elizabeth, Irish st
Maxwell John Waring, Esq. J. P.
Finnebrogue [nebrogue]
Maxwell R. Percival, Esq. J. P. Fin-
Miller Alexander, Esq. J. P. English st
Milligan Rev. James, Irish st
Nelson Rev. Samuel Craig, Infir-
mary lane
Perry Captain Joseph, Quoile
Pilson Aynsworth, Esq. Bridge st
Quail Mrs. Dorothea, Saul st

Russell James, Esq. Ardglass
Saunders Joseph, Esq. J. P. Ardglass
Sharrocks Mr. George, Saul st
Simms Reuben, Esq. Saul st
Stevenson James, Esq. English st
Wallace Miss Amelia, Saul st
Wallace John, Esq. Irish st
Ward Bernard, Esq. J. P. & coroner, Vianstown
Ward Mr. Patrick, John st
White Rev. William, Saul st
ACADEMIES AND SCHOOLS.
BLUE SCHOOL, English st—Charles M'Credy, master; Grace Guade, mistress
DIOCESAN SCHOOL, Saul st—Rev. Joseph Cooper, master [st
Graham Rev. Wm. (boarding), Irish
INFANTS' SCHOOL, Infirmary lane—Mary Wallace, mistress
LANCASTERIAN SCHOOL, Saul st—Henry Graham, master

linen trade of Downpatrick furnishes employment to many families in the town and district; but the retail trade for the supply of the surrounding country, together with a not very considerable import and export business, constitute the chief trading interest of the place. The corn trade is extensive, and the merchants in this branch are wealthy, and there are large corn mills. Quoile Quay is the port of the town, and admits vessels of one hundred tons; the exports consist principally of agricultural produce; and the imports are chiefly timber, iron, slates, coal, and salt. Branches of the 'Northern Bank,' the 'Provincial,' and the 'Ulster,' with a savings' bank, are the monetary establishments. The press of the town publishes a newspaper weekly, the 'Downpatrick Recorder,' a remarkably well conducted and talented journal.

Downpatrick was erected into a bishop's see by Saint Patrick, whose remains were interred in the abbey of the Canons Regular, founded in 493, now the cathedral. The see was united to that of Connor, and subsequently to that of Dromore—the latter being one of the ten suppressed bishoprics under the late Whig administration. The cathedral, a stately embattled edifice, is situated on an eminence at the top of English-street. It is chiefly built with unhewn stone, supported externally by buttresses; and comprises a nave, choir and aisles, with a lofty tower at the west end, surmounted by pinnacles, and smaller square towers at each corner of the east gable. In 1533 the church was greatly damaged by Leonard Lord Grey, which profanation constituted one of the articles of impeachment against him, and from this period it continued a magnificent ruin until 1790, when its re-building and improvement was commenced; and, in 1818, divine service was again performed under its lofty roof. It is furnished with a good organ, and the choir is handsomely fitted up with stalls for the dignitaries. The parish church, which stands about the centre of the town, is a capacious and well finished edifice. The other places of worship are a neat Roman Catholic chapel, two Presbyterian meeting-houses, and the same number of Methodist chapels. The principal charities comprise an infirmary and fever hospital, creditable both as respects its internal arrangement and architectural pretensions; alms-houses for aged men and women, with schools on the same foundation, endowed in 1733; and Sabbath and other schools free to children of the poor. Within a mile of the town is a celebrated race-course: the meetings are mainly supported by the society of horse breeders, incorporated by charter of James II. The market-house, in the centre of the town, is a convenient well-arranged building: the market is held on Friday. Fairs, the second Thursday in January, March 17th, May 19th, June 22nd, October 29th, and November 19th. The parish of Down contained, in 1841, 8,812 inhabitants, and the town of Downpatrick 4,651 of that number.

Directory.

DOWNPATRICK, &c.

Ulster.

M'Cune Matilda (boarding), English st
NATIONAL SCHOOL, Infirmary lane—
John Bell, master; Jane Olpherts, mistress [st
Patterson Margaret (brdng.), Scotch

APOTHECARIES.

(See also Surgeons.)
Clarke John, Scotch st
Hodges John Frederick, Irish st
Killen Hector, Saul st
Young George, English st

ATTORNEYS.

Beckett Charles, Church lane
Craig Rowland (and clerk of the peace), Irish st
Craig Rowland & John, Irish st
Forde Stewart King (and commissioner for taking acknowledgments of deeds by married women), Saul street, and 51 Camden st, Dublin
Gordon Samuel, Irish st
Keown William, Church lane
Murland & Nelson, Saul st
Murphy Edward, Irish street, and 56 Camden street, Dublin
Rathven Charles (and crown solicitor for the county Down), English st, and 51 Camden street, Dublin
Wallace Hugh, English st
Wallace William, English st
Ward John Archinleck (and clerk to the board of guardians), Irish st
Warnock John, English st, and 118 Middle Gardner st, Dublin

AUCTIONEERS.

Hannan James, Irish st
Martin John, Scotch st

BAKERS.

Brown Mary, Irish st
Darley John, Scotch st
Jarvis John, Irish st
M'Dade William, Bridge st
M'Mullan Charles Clark, Irish st
Moore John (& confectioner), Irish st

BANKS.

NORTHERN BANKING CO. (Branch), English st—(draw on Glyn, Malifax & Co. London)—Mr. James Stevenson, manager
PROVINCIAL BANK OF IRELAND (Branch), Saul street—(draws on Spooner, Attwoods & Co. London)—Mr. Reuben Simms, manager
ULSTER BANKING CO. (Branch), Irish street—(draw on Prescott, Grote & Co. London)—Mr. Hugh Cleland, manager
SAVINGS' BANK, Irish st—(open every Wed. & Sat.)—James Quail, secretary; Hugh Wallace, treasurer; William Olpherts, actuary

BLACKSMITHS.

Crickard Francis, Scotch st
Coulter Thomas, Quoile Bridge
Flanaghan Henry, Irish st
Haffey James, Bridge st
Kennedy Matthew, Mary st
Magillon Hugh, Stream st
BOOKSELLER, STATIONER AND PUBLISHER.
Pilson Conway, Irish st
BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS.
Cochran James, Pound lane
Hutton Joseph, Scotch st
Laffin Joseph, Saul st
M'Henry John, Scotch st
M'Neagh Alexander, Irish st
Magennis Hugh, Saul st
Magennis James, Stream st
Tate John, English st

BUILDERS.

(See also Carpenters.)
Hudson John, Stream st
Jordan William, Scotch st
Martin Hugh, Church st

BUTCHERS.

Carr John, Irish st
Conrison Edward, Irish st
Lloyd William, Saul st
Lloyd William, jun. Irish st
M'Comisky Alexander, John st
Madden John, John st
Morrison James, Stream st
Morrison Thomas, John st
Ranaghan Patrick, John st

CABINET MAKERS.

Lloyd John, Irish st
Martin John, Scotch st
Quail Rowland, Irish st

CARPENTERS.

(See also Builders.)
Casement James, Scotch st
Fowler Luke, Saul st
Hudson John, Stream st
Lennon James, Scotch st
M'Collagh William, Saul st
Martin Hugh, Church st
Nesbitt John, John st

CHINA, GLASS & EARTHENWARE DEALERS.

Bell William, English st
Roney Patrick, Irish st
Shaw Hunter, Irish st
Hamilton Hugh & Co. Saul st
Kennedy William, Stream st

COACH BUILDERS.

Corckery Hugh, Irish st
Hogan Margaret, Stream st

COAL DEALERS.

Corckery Hugh, Irish st
Hogan Margaret, Stream st

COOPERS.

M'Call Alexander, Bridge st
M'Call Alexander, jun. Saul st
Nesbitt James, Scotch st
Nesbitt Richard, Scotch st

COPPER AND TIN-PLATE WORKERS.

Blair William, Irish st [st
Neill Thomas (and plumber), Irish

CORN AND FLOUR MILLER.

Henry Thomas, ROCKVILLE MILL; house Irish st

CORN MERCHANTS.

Cranston Alexander, Church st
Hastings John, Irish st
Hastings William, Irish st
Henry Thomas, Irish st
Richardson John & Joseph, Irish st
Thompson William & James (and seedsmen), Irish st

FIRE, &c. OFFICE AGENTS.

STANDARD (life), Hugh Cleland, Irish street [street
STAR (life), Thos. M. Sam, Scotch

GROGERS.

Bell James, Infirmary lane
Bell Joseph, Irish st
Corckery Hans, Stream st
Corckery Hugh, Scotch st
Curran Henry, Irish st
Hunter William, Scotch st
Johnston Arthur, English st
Keeler Edward, Saul st
Kelly John, Scotch st
Keown William, Scotch st
Little Ann, Irish st
M'Callister Robert, Church st
M'Dade William, Bridge st
M'Hroy George, Scotch st
Martin Robert, Bridge st
Menown James, Scotch st
Miller James, Bridge st
Patterson David, Irish st
Patterson Edward, Irish st
Saul Thomas M. (family) Scotch st
Savage Daniel, Scotch st
Richardson John & Joseph, Irish st
Steel James, Bridge st
Thompson William & James (and seedsmen), Irish st

GUNSMITHS.

Petticrew William, John st
Reid Samuel, Scotch st

HABERDASHERS.

See Linen Drapers & Haberdashers.

HAIR DRESSERS.

Carty Stephen, Irish st
Harper Simon, Saul st
Savage Daniel, Scotch st

HAT MANUFACTURERS.

Erwin James, Scotch st
Graham George, Irish st

INNS AND HOTELS.

(See also Spirit and Porter Dealers.)

Commercial Hotel, Elizabeth Martin, Irish street

Head Inn (and commercial hotel and posting house), Robert Denvir, English street [Irish street

Victoria Hotel, William Newell, English street

IRONMONGERS AND HARDWAREMEN.

Corckery Hugh, Scotch st
Johnston Arthur, English st
Kearns John, Irish st
Lloyd John, Irish st
Tate Esq., Irish st
Thompson Wm. & James, Irish st

LEATHER SELLERS.

Corckery James, Irish st
Corckery Thomas, Irish st
Dougherty John, Saul st
M'Henry John, Scotch st
Tate James, Irish st

LINEN & WOOLLEN DRAPERS AND HABERDASHERS.

Bell John Rowan, Scotch st
Davidson Samuel, English st
Gilchrist Hugh, English st
Graham James, Scotch st
Hannan James, Irish st
Johnston Adam, Scotch st
Lowry John, Scotch st
M'Giffin John, English st
Martin John, Irish st
Porter Hugh, Irish st
Quail Gray, Irish st
Reid James & Alexander, Irish st
Rowan Elizabeth & Sisters, Irish st
Rowan Thomas, Irish st
Russell John, Irish st
Sharrock John, Irish st
Talbot J. & J. English st
Todd John, Scotch st
Townley Ann, Irish st

MILLERS.

See Corn and Flour Millers.

MILLINERS & DRESS MAKERS.

Brazier Ann, Irish st
Coulter Mary Jane, Irish st
Lowey Ellen, Saul st
M'Callagh Sarah, Saul st
Orr Jane, Sam st
Rowan Elizabeth & Sisters, Irish st
MUSLIN MANUFACTURERS—SEWED.

Dunn James & Co. Scotch st, and Glasgow—John Lowry, agent

Macdonald David & James, Scotch street, and Glasgow—James Andrews, agent

NEWSPAPER.

DOWNPATRICK RECORDER (Saturday)—Conway Pilson, proprietor

NOTARIES—PUBLIC.

M'Cune William (and clerk of petty sessions), English street

Rathven Charles, English street