

## LIMERICK V. GALWAY

### HURLING.

Tipperary, Sunday.

In tropical weather the inter-provincial hurling tie of the Croke Cup competition was played off between Galway for Connaught and Limerick for Munster. The match in Gaelic circles throughout the country was looked forward to with much interest, for it was generally thought that the Galway men, with their complete organisation, would put forward a team that could at least hold their own against all comers. But this was not so, as the details of the play below show. However, they have improved a lot since they met Kilkenny in Dublin some months ago, and though they may not be uppermost in score to-day, they are yet bound to come out on top. The Kilfinane men appeared in the pink of condition and with a splendid record, having defeated in turn such teams as Tulla (Clare), Blackrock (Cork), and Kilkenny. In the next match, which will be the final for the cup in its second year of competition, they meet the winners of the Leinster final, which takes place next Sunday at Dublin between Kilkenny and Dublin. This (the final) is fixed for Thurday, and it is generally believed that the donor of the cup, his Grace the Archbishop of Cashel, will witness the play. The attendance to-day was moderate. The order could have been better, and if more attention had been paid to the fences in preparation for the event, there would not be such a number of the non-paying public on the field, and as a consequence the exchequer would be stronger. The members of the Central Council present were—J F Halvey, V P, Limerick; M C Shine, V P, Tuam; P McGrath, Tipperary; P Murray, Turloghmore; John Bourke, handicapper, and F B Dinon, secretary; W J Duffey, hon sec. Galway County Board; J Keane, Ardrahan; P Kinivane, Galway; J O'Loughlin, hon treas. Mr Michael Maher, captain Tubberadora Hurling Club, refereed the match.

Galway wore the first to attack, but were soon repulsed and called on to defend their own quarters, and before the lapse of five minutes Kilfinane scored a point. This reverse evidently had the effect of forcing the Connaught men to exercise more determination, and the play that followed for several minutes was of a most deciding description, and at length Limerick was obliged to put their best leg foremost to protect their posts, and Galway was, after some pressing play, awarded a fifty yards free, but it was charged down, and the Limerick champions following up in good fashion put in a goal. Even play followed for a short period, but Kilfinane at last got the upper hand, and coming away with a rush scored another point, which was rather quickly followed by another, and ere two minutes more had transpired they augmented their total with another minor. Galway, though showing all indications of game, could not cope with the onslaught of the Munstermen, and a free to the latter ended in the white flag going up again. The Galway backs now brought slight relief, and attacking gamely scored a point. From this to the close of the first half play was much evener than the score tells, but the Galway players seemed a little at sea in the way of luck and discipline, and their opponents got in two additional points, which left the score at half time

LIMERICK—1 goal and 8 points.

GALWAY—1 point.

The western men had the best of the opening half, and before Kilfinane could settle down to their work, Galway had scored a point. The Limerick men now commenced to play a really better game than that which characterised the opening thirty minutes, and holding in grand style, they quickly put in two goals in rapid succession, and very shortly afterwards followed them up with a major score. The Connaught men still showed pluck, and although their adversaries indulged in rather unbecoming and intolerable roughness, they played them in a good spirit, but the fortunes of war were against them, and point after point went in until the referee announced the final score as follows—

LIMERICK—7 goals and 14 points.

GALWAY—Two points.

Teams:—

Limerick (Kilfinane)—D Grimes, capt; J Hanly, M Flynn, M Finn, J Mulcahy, P Butler, F Dunworth, T Casey, P O'Brien, J Condon, W Flood, J Flood, T Brazil, M Downes, J Flynn, D Connolly.

Galway (Peterswell)—Goal, T Whelan, J Hill, T Lowry, Flanagan, Mitchel, Smith, Coy, Cahill, Walsh, Fleming, P Hanly, capt; Connors, Farrell, Hehir, Bourke, Walsh, Heighrey.