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- 5 contd** Volunteers.' A large number of the teachers under the Board (of Education), however, have been and still are permitted to become and remain members of the Ulster Volunteer Force. As the Department does not substantiate their claim about the Irish Volunteers, MacNeill states that it 'is clearly engaged in an invasion of public privacy' and its action is 'lawless, oppressive and intolerable.' 10pp
- 6** No date Manuscript notes concerning a 'rather fiery letter' MacNeill received from a volunteer criticising his advice not to rush into any acts of 'hasty, undisciplined and foolish violence' having read into this advice 'a great deal more' than MacNeill had meant. 1p

III. Finance

- 7** [1915] Manuscript draft of an article relating to the Irish Revenue and including tables of 'Figures of Irish Revenue as stated in the Treasury White Papers issued annually since 1891' and of a 'Forecast of Irish Revenue 1915-18.' 8pp

IV. Anglo-Irish Relations

- 8** No date Incomplete manuscript notes relating to the last election when 'you had Carson cooing (*sic*) democracy and studying formulae that would suit both sides of the economic tug of war.' Also mentions the 'gallant officers sitting on police inquiries' where 'everyday they are sending young men to jail.' 1p
- 9** 25 February 1918 Typescript letter from David Lloyd George to Sir Horace Plunkett chairman of the Irish Convention on Home Rule regarding discussions with representatives of this convention. Discusses a number of issues such as the transfer of customs and excise services to an Irish Legislature, and the establishment of a Royal Commission to re-examine financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland. Concludes that there 'seems to be within the reach of the Convention, the possibility of obtaining a settlement which will lay the foundations of a new era in the government both of Ireland and of Great Britain.' 2pp

- 10** 22 January 1918 Typescript handbill entitled 'Suppressed By Censor' relating to a letter sent to, and censored by a Dublin daily newspaper. Concerns remarks made by Canon Quinn at the UIL (United Irish League) Convention regarding Sinn Fein. Addresses the issue of conscription and states that 'the very Rev Canon possibly believes that Irish blood, like freedom is all right when showered on foreign lands.'
2pp
- 11** 11 June 1918 A typescript address on vegetable parchment 'To the President of the United States of America' (Woodrow Wilson) protesting against the introduction of conscription in Ireland and outlining attempts by the British government to 'inflammate prejudice' against Ireland in this matter.' This address was given at the Mansion House and signed by Lawrence O'Neill, Lord Mayor of Dublin, and chairman of 'a conference of Representative Irishmen' including John Dillon, T M Healy and William O'Brien. Thomas Kelly and John MacNeill are also included and are 'meeting in the place of E de Valera and Arthur Griffith, deported 18 May 1918 to separate prisons in England without trial or accusation, communication with whom has been cut off.'
11pp

V. Electoral System

- 12** 15 October 1919 **Proportional Representation:**
Examination of this system of election. Includes a typescript copy article entitled 'How to make a minority govern a majority under proportional representation' and a newspaper cutting from the *Free-man's Journal* entitled 'Preparing for "PR" – Model Election Conducted Before Dublin Audience.'
2 items.

VI. War of Independence

- 13** 23 December 1920-
5 January 1921 **British actions relating to Ireland:**
Reports of violence and outrages committed by English troops and criticism of English propaganda attempts; aspects of the Bryce Report (1915) on 'Alleged German Outrages in Belgium' – 'Identical Acts committed in Ireland justified by English Government'; lists of arrests, court martials proclamations and suppressions, armed assaults, sabotage and murder by the English troops and police; criticism of attempts by *Weekly Summary*, the official publication of

- 13 contd** the English Executive in Ireland and circulated to English Barracks in Ireland, to blame Sinn Fein for atrocities committed by English troops. 5 items

B. DÁIL ÉIREANN 1921-22

I. Dáil Proceedings

- 14** 16 August 1921 Clar na hOibre for Dáil Éireann for the week commencing 16 August 1921 and including the election of President of the Republic, nomination and ratification of new Ministry, Peace negotiations and motion regarding alteration of constitution. 2pp

II. De Valera's Document No. 2

- 15** December 1921 Typescript proposal [document no. 2] of a motion placed before the Dáil by [de Valera] as an amendment to the motion on the Treaty entitled 'The President's Alternative Proposals' and outlining the States of Ireland and the terms of [External] association. 5pp

III. Foreign Affairs

- 16** 10 August 1921 Typescript copy report by Richard O'Breandain, under-secretary for Foreign Affairs, concerning the establishment of a separate office for the Department of Foreign Affairs in February 1921 and outlining the work already done in the 'matter of co-ordinating the work of our Foreign Representatives and of keeping them closely informed on the situation at home.' Includes a list of envoys and the countries to which they have been sent such as Argentina, Chile, Italy, Russia, Canada, Britain and Australia, giving details of the progress which has occurred in each country. 7pp

IV. Home Affairs

- 17** 16 August 1921 Typescript copy Ministerial Report from the Department of Home Affairs concerning a number of issues such as the progress of Republican courts, and of the Republican Police, the establishment of a Relief Bureau under the Department for the purposes of coordinating relief work, and the emigration situation which shows a 'decided falling-off when compared with other years.'
- 1p
- 18** No date A 'Decree As to Purported Exercise of Public Functions' issued by the Minister for Home Affairs. Regarding those persons who 'purport to exercise judicial, administrative and legislative functions without the authority of the Republic' and also persons who 'act as clerks.' The decree states that the Minister can take action against such people and lists the type of penalties which may be imposed.
- 1p

V. Finance

- 19** 26 April 1922 Carbon copy of Dáil Éireann Orders of the day including questions to [Michael Collins] the Minister for Finance on such issues as monthly payments to Deputies of the Dail, and expenses which may have been allowed to them, and regarding a special compensation grant to the staff of the *Freeman's Journal*, departmental reports and notice of the motion my Miss Mary McSwiney TD concerning the proposed revoking of the Articles of Agreement signed in London, due to 'the grave danger of Civil Strife.'
- 2pp
- 20** 15 May 1922 Copy letter from TF Molony, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland to [Michael Collins] the Minister for Finance, enclosing an application (not enclosed) for Edward Patrick O'Toole, the Chief Clerk in the consolidated Accounting Office, for consideration when dealing with 'the appointment to responsible posts of Executive and Higher Rank in the new Ministries.'
- 1p

- 25** 7 April 1924 Copy letter from John B Doyle, Counsellor at Law to CJ O'Callaghan BSc, Fairfield Liverpool enclosing letter of recommendation, not attached from Mr. O'Neill of the General Tire and Rubber Co. stating that O'Callaghan is a 'live wire and a good business man.'
1p
- 26** 19 May 1924 Copy letter from JC O'Callaghan to Gordon Campbell of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce regarding 'Liverpool and the need for an Irish Consulate or Irish Trade Agency.' States that Liverpool is 'Ireland's Gateway to G[rea]t Britain and the world at large' and discusses the Free State Trade and Shipping returns for January 1924. Also discusses unfair trading against Ireland. Proposes the employment of a Trade Agent who would 'explore every possible avenue likely to strengthen Ireland's trading relations' and states that were the Ministry to agree with this case he would be glad to act at Liverpool in the capacity of Irish Trade Agent.
3pp
- 27** 8 October 1925 Letter from M Hamilton of Coláiste Flannain, Inis, Co An Clair to MacNeill as Minister for Education enclosing a list of names, not attached, which could be recommended for the Shannon Works [Shannon Electrification Scheme?]
2pp

IV. Home Affairs

- 28** 1923 Copy of the Saorstát Éireann Public Safety (Emergency Powers) (No. 2) Bill 1923 and of the Public Safety (Emergency Powers) Act 1923 which is 'an act to provide for the preservation of Public Safety and the protection of person and property and for matters connected therewith or arising out of the present emergency.' (to come into effect 1 August 1923)
12pp

V. Finance

- 29** 14 March 1924 Copy of memorandum of the Executive Head of the Ministry of Finance, Seosamh O'Braonain regarding the proposal to give immediate relief to agriculture by relieving farmers during the next financial year from a proportion of their rates. Outlines the proposals of the Minister of Agriculture [Patrick Hogan] and examines the

- 29 contd** whole area of the 'financial practicability of the suggested increase of Agricultural Grant.' Includes a table which shows the arrears of rates outstanding in rural districts at 31 March 1923, listed by county. 20pp
- 30** 22 March 1924 Letter from P Hogan to [MacNeill] Minister for Education enclosing a copy of a memorandum responding to a memorandum sent to the Executive Council by the representative of the Ministry of Finance on the report of the Committee set up to examine whether the proposals put forward by this Ministry in connection with rates for the year 1924/25 are financially and administratively practicable. 16pp
- 31** 1924- Two 'confidential' letters from P Coffey, Maynooth College, to MacNeill concerning economic and financial policy in Ireland and relating to rejected financial proposals which he and a colleague put before President Cosgrave in 1922. Includes a number of suggestions regarding such issues as imports and exports, financial settlement with England, separation of currency system from that of England and the way in which capitalist finance is 'strangling' industry. Also encloses a number of newspaper articles, not attached, which he himself wrote concerning such matters which he hopes may find their way from MacNeill to the hands of some of the heads of the Department of Finance, or Industry and Commerce, or Agriculture. 14pp
- 32** 23 February 1939 Extract from Department of Finance letter to [the Minister for Education] concerning the report of the Irish Studies Committee of the Royal Irish Academy in which was proposed the establishment of a new Board set up for the purposes of the study of place names. The Minister for Finance [Sean MacEntee] requests further details of this proposal such as the status of this new school and its relationship with other learned bodies [Folklore Institute and the Irish Manuscripts Commission], and a breakdown in how the proposed annual grant of £25,000 is to be used. The government cannot commit itself to this minimum grant of £25,000 'in the absence of full justification in detail.' 5pp

VI. Republican Deputation

- 33** 10 November 1923 Newspaper cutting from the *Irish Independent* entitled 'Mr. Johnson's Statement' concerning Mary MacSwiney's Request to [Thomas] Johnson asking for 'day and date and personnel of any Republican deputations who went to him or his party [Labour] officially to ask them to call a general strike.' 1p

VII. League of Nations

- 34** 1 October 1923 Newspaper cutting from *The Morning Post* entitled 'The Chance of a Lifetime' concerning the Imperial Conference, 1 October 1923. Alludes to 'the complete equality and entire freedom' here in considering affairs but also mentions the 'pitiful lack of policy on the part of the host –the Imperial Government' in the past and states that the history of the conference 'shoes that from the beginning almost until now it has failed of great achievement principally because the British Government opposed its negative to every constructive proposal put forward by the Dominions.' 1p
- 35** 19 May 1930 Manuscript letter from [M MacWhite] to MacNeill regarding the address of Briand's memorandum to all the European members of the League of Nations and his efforts to ensure the inclusion of the Saorstat. Also concerns [MacWhite's] meeting with Henry Ford and his son Edsel. 3pp

D. EDUCATION 1921-29

- 36** [1921] Newspaper article entitled 'Education in "Ulster" –"one serious objection" to Act' concerning a statement made by the Right Rev Dr Grierson at the opening of the Diocesan Synod in Belfast in which he urged that the "Northern" Education Act be amended to ensure that Protestant teachers be appointed to teach Protestant children. 1p

- 37** 1 August 1923 Letter from Sean Lester to MacNeill, Minister for Education concerning a proposed statement about appointments in education and attaching a newspaper cutting from the *Northern Whig*, Belfast, entitled 'The Southern Minority' consisting of a letter to the editor from the Bishop of Cashel. He gives wholehearted support to the Free State Government but is critical of those officials who had, 'in their zeal for the extension of the Irish language, done harm to education, been unjust to deserving officials of all creeds, and unfair to a very important section of the community.' Lester inquires whether or not this is a good enough cue for MacNeill in relation to his proposed statement. 1p
- 38** 11 September 1929 Newspaper cutting from *The Irish Times* entitled 'Education: A Contrast' dealing with the progress of education in the North as shown in the report of the Northern Ministry of Education for 1928 - 1929 and comparing it with the situation in the Free State where 'the needs of liberal education and the best interests of youth are being sacrificed to the official cult of Irish.' As a result, 'the Northern boy who seeks a livelihood abroad may hope to leave his Free State competitor "at the post."' 1p
- 39** 19 September 1922 Typescript copy of a Dail question raised by Tomas O'Connell concerning the 'unsatisfactory state of affairs' with regard to secondary teachers having no pensions and no security of tenure. Reply by [MacNeill] the Minister for Education stating that 'Reforms in secondary education must occupy the attention of this Dail as soon as the national position permits.' 1p
- 40** 26 January 1923 Typescript copy letter to MacNeill, Minister for Education, from the office of the President [of the Executive Council] concerning an enclosure (not attached) from The New York Times Company. The President [WT Cosgrave] wishes MacNeill to 'write the short article they ask for, as The New York Times is a company of great importance.' 1p
- 41** 6 May 1924 Typescript drafts for an 'Act to make further provision for Education in Saorstát Éireann and for purposes connected therewith.' 8 items

- 42** 3 August [?] Typescript letter from Gosta Laugenfeu, Berlin, Pension Fritz, Unter den Linden 62, to MacNeill as Minister for Education regarding a paper and some press cuttings about Ireland that he has sent to MacNeill. Asks MacNeill to have a look at some of his papers and certificates which he sent to Dr. Coffey, President of University College Dublin. 4pp
- 43** No date Note concerning a van wanted by Rev W Gan[ble] Redhill, Co. Cavan to transport children [to school] from outlying areas to commence on 1 October. 1p
- 44** 28 July 1923 Copy transcript circular to each minister regarding a message received by the President [William T. Cosgrave] from New York stating that O'Callaghan had arrived 'to control organisation, direct publicity and raise one thousand pounds for elections.' 1p
- 45** 3 April 1930 Letter to MacNeill from a 'Kerry woman' concerning the education of 'our youth.' 4pp

E. CONSTITUENCY CORRESPONDENCE

- 46** [1918/19] Congratulatory letter from Sean O'Carroll, Kincora Hotel, Lisdoonvarna to MacNeill [on his election] and concerning the electoral situation in Lisdoonvarna and in Ballyvaughan. 1p
- 47** No date Incomplete typescript [letter] concerning an application for a post in the Survey and Valuation Office and the need for a Ministerial review of this office. 1p

F. IRISH REVIVAL AT HOME 1894-1949**I. Irish Language**

- 48** October 1894-
September 1913 Letters to MacNeill concerning issues of an Irish nature such as the uniformity of Irish spelling to correspond with that of the Gaelic League; requests for assistance in study; congratulations on his Irish paper the *Gaelic Journal* which 'is a marvel of excellence'; and arrangements for meeting of the League in Belfast. 18 items
- 49** 5 September 1898 Letter from R Heneby, Portlaw, to MacNeill concerning some aspects of Irish grammar. 8pp
- 50** No date Manuscript notes concerning Irish 'consonant groups,' the modern usage of eclipses and the neuter gender. 4pp
- 51** No date Letter from Donmall Iosach Einrige to [MacNeill] suggesting the use of Scots-Gaelic words where there are no Irish equivalents and listing a few examples. 2pp
- 52** No date Article in Irish concerning Irish grammar. 5pp
- 53** No date Letter in Irish to the editor of *An Claidreamh Soluis* [MacNeill] from An Breach Breatnach regarding the use of 'Englishisms' by Tomas Ua Conceanainn. 3pp
- 54** 1926-43 Correspondence regarding the progress of Irish, lectures and publications by MacNeill and inquiries regarding the Irish language. Includes a letter a presentation to An Craoibhin. [Douglas Hyde]. (54(7)) 41 items

- 55** 15 April 1933 Copy notice of a meeting of An Cumann Litreacha at which a lecture will be given by Michael MacCraith. 1p

II. Gaelic League

- 56** 1894-99 Receipts for [membership fees] paid by MacNeill to 'Conradh na Gaedhilge.' 3 items
- 57** 1894, 95 2 letters from Padraign O'Fearail concerning the *Gaelic Journal* and its availability in Melbourne, Australia. Includes a number of newspaper cuttings inserted in the *Melbourne Advocate* by O'Fearail giving details of where the journal can be obtained and subscription prices. 7pp
- 58** 24 May 1906 Circular typescript letter from A H Considine, CC seeking a guarantee of £5 donation from a number of people for a proposed development project for the Claddagh in Galway. This proposed scheme includes the establishment of a Public Hall with a library, a concert room, and a School of Industry to train young fishermen in the best methods of fishing and to give them employment when fishing is impossible It is also hoped to establish a brand of the Gaelic League here where the children would be taught to speak, read and write Irish and 'the grown people taught to love it and cherish it as a precious heritage and a thing to be proud of.' 3pp
- 59** 4 January 1907 'Absolutely confidential' letter from [D M O'R] Monivea, Athenry, to 'Lloyd' regarding the Irish language and the Gaelic League, stating that he would like to be in a position to 'put a heart into the movement.' 9pp
- 60** 13 July 1913 Letter to MacNeill from Tomas Mac D O'[M?], "Cuileannac," Lindsay Road, Glasnevin asking MacNeill to attend a CG [Conradh na Gaelige] meeting the following evening 'at all costs.' Also makes mention of Douglas Hyde. 2pp

III. Royal Irish Academy

- 61** [1901-02] Typescript of the 'Dublin Committee 1st list' including the Rt Hon, the Earl of Rosse –the President of the Royal Irish Academy, The Duke of Aberdeen, The Lord Chancellor the Rt Hon Lord Ashbourne, TC Harrington MP –Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Standish O'Grady, AD Pratt Vice Consul USA and Sir Frederick Falkiner KC The Recorder of Dublin. 2pp
- 62** 16 March 1907 Certificate of membership of the Royal Irish Academy issued to John MacNeill MRIA with extracts from the by-laws relating to 'the Admission of members and Payments to be made by them' and signed by the secretary JA McClelland. Headed with the RIA crest and motto, 'we will endeavour.' 2pp
- 63** [1913] Sketch map of land adjacent to the 'public road' leading from the road to Tullow and showing the location of Clare Castle. Also shown are the [townland] areas of Skehane, Killoo North, [Killoograym] and Carrowgar. The names of the property owners are also provided and these include McCabe, McCarthy, Harding, McNamara, Keane and Brennan. The lands of McCarthy are in green watercolour while the others are left blank. 16" x 13" 1 sheet
- 64** 1939 Manuscript draft reply by the [Irish Studies] committee [of the Royal Irish Academy] to the request in the 'Extract from Department of Finance Letter of 23 February 1939,' for estimates as to the cost of the proposed scheme. The committee states that the proper body to draw up a plan of expenditure is the Department concerned [Education] 'if and when the project has been adopted by the Government in a form enabling estimates to be drawn up.' 1p

IV. Irish Studies

- 65** No date Rough manuscript pencilled notes concerning a proposed Bilingual Programme with a number of questions regarding areas such as arrangements for inspection, improvement in the published programme and the area of training colleges. Also outlines a general programme with notes on prices of courses. 3pp

- 66 1905 Leaflet outlining the courses available in the school of Irish Learning, 28 Clare Street, Dublin, in the Easter and Summer of 1905. 1p

V. Irish Manuscripts Commission

- 67 1928-49 **Irish Manuscripts Commission.** Material relating to the work of the Irish Manuscripts Commission. Manuscript copy of 2 Irish ballads sent for inspection to the Commission by the Knight of Glin; copy of *Analecta Hibernica*; correspondence with MacNeill as chairman, relating to a number of matters such as the possible purchase of a collection of original documents belonging to Dr. William Frazer; appointment of a transcribing assistant, and the possible obtaining of a grant for the registry of deeds for the purposes of employing someone to compile a complete card index to each will; progress of publications in 1945; a number of newspaper articles such as one from the *Cork Examiner* relating to the publication of the Civil Survey Books by the Irish Manuscripts Commission. 12 items
- 68 9 June 1929 Manuscript letter to John MacNeill from C McN, Oxford Hall, Cornmarket Strand, Oxford concerning drawing up a report on recent acquisitions of the [Irish Manuscript] Commission. Also mentions being asked to be external examiner in Archaeology for the NUI. Describes his lodgings in Oxford and makes mention of people he has met such as D Krastor, Keeper of the Western Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library. 2pp
- 69 16 April 1930 Typescript letter in Irish from 'An Seabhac' of the Irish Manuscripts Commission to MacNeill at the Pond Lecture Bureau enclosing an account of a meeting held the previous Wednesday (not attached) and relating to copies of *Analecta Hibernica* and *Bhealoideas*. 1p
- 70 17 May 1934 Typescript list of the 'Progress of Publications in the Press.' Books are listed individually with a separate comment on their individual progress. These include the *Book of Lecan*, *Annals of Loch Ce*, *Book of Armagh*, and *Ormond Deeds III*. 1p

- 71 No date Manuscript notes from Colm O Lochlainn to MacNeill giving details in Irish of his studies and work over the previous years and enclosing a typescript list and 2 copy lists of books from publications such as *The Irish Cottage*, books already issued such as *Brian's Battle*, and articles in the Irish Book Lover vols XXIII – XXVII.
12pp

G. IRISH REVIVAL ABROAD 1899-1931

I. Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language

- 72 26 March 1899 Letter from Francois Vallee, editor of *La Croix des Cotes-du-Nord* to Father Denis Murphy SJ concerning a revival of the Celtic Armorican language which was banished from the schools in the same way as Irish. Having heard of the success of 'the society for the preservation of the Irish language' Vallee requests some information about the society, its organisation, proceedings and results already obtained in order that he can have guidelines for the revival in France.
3pp

II. Organisation of the revival

- 73 1923 Agenda for an Irish Conference to be held in 1923 mainly concerned with a plan for federating Irish organisations throughout the world. Outlines the objects of this organisation which are to help the people of Ireland to attain their political, cultural and economical ideals, to promote trade and commerce and to foster throughout the world 'a knowledge of the Irish language, literature, history and general culture.'
2pp

III. America

a. Friends of the Universities of Ireland

- 74 1 June 1930 Letter to MacNeill from Anne Throop Craig, [Secretary pro-tem for the Committee of York, regarding her proposed contribution to a plan for spreading studies of Irish arts and letters, history and archaeology.
3pp

- 75** 2 December 1930 Typescript proofs of a publication concerning 'Friends of the Universities of Ireland' and entitled 'America Calling.' Outlines the objects of this new society including a campaign in America for studies in Irish History and cultural heritage; Manuscript draft and typescript proofs of the foreword which was written by MacNeill.
5 items
- 76** 3 February 1931 **Friends of the Universities of Ireland:** two letters to MacNeill from Dr. John L Gerig of the French Department of Columbia University, New York, and Anne Throop Craig concerning this society and the problems encountered in its development. Gerig states the society is only interested in supporting the Universities of Ireland but this 'is tantamount in the minds of some to supporting the Irish Gov[ernmen]t.'
2 items
- 77** 20 September 1931 Circular typescript letter from Anne Throop Craig, secretary of the pro-tem committee of The Society of Friends of the Universities of Ireland to MacNeill suggesting that those who have so far expressed interest in the work of this society, subscribe regularly to *The Gaelic American* for the 'purposes of following the work done as it develops.'
1p
- 78** 10 March 1931 Typescript copy letter from Algernon Rose, Honorary Secretary of the Author's Club in London to Dr. John L Gerig of Columbia University, New York congratulating him on having been decorated by the King of Romania with the Order of Commander of the Crown of Romania. He also notes that Gerig has received the decoration of Crown of Italy as well as the Legion of Honour of France.
1p

b. Irish Studies in American Universities

- 79** 17 June 1930 Typescript letter from Tom Peete Cross of the Department of Comparative Languages, at The University of Chicago to MacNeill giving account of some of the work in Irish and Celtic Studies there. It is hoped that the university will in the future become an 'important centre for the study of Irish civilisation and the influence of Irish culture upon the cultures of Western Europe and America.'
2pp

- 80** No date Incomplete typescript copy draft concerning the study of Irish culture in American Universities. 2pp
- 81** 4 April 1930 Typescript letter from Paul Grosjean SJ to Professor Tom Peete Cross, Department of Comparative Literature, at the University of Chicago concerning the development of the Irish Foundation of Chicago and regarding a scheme for the publication of manuscript items including Bardic poetry, religious and secular prose tracts, genealogies and a few saints' lives. This scheme is 'the greatest service that could be rendered to Celtic studies in general and Irish hagiography in particular.' 2pp

H. LITERARY PAPERS

I. Archaeology

- 82** July 1921 Typescript circular letter written in German from Dr. Wolfgang Schultz relating to an archaeological journal entitled 'Mitra.' 1p
- 83** 18 April 1925 Letter from [Fergus] O'Dolain, Ath Fhirdia, [to MacNeill] asking him for references to the 'Shrine of Patrick.' 1p
- 84** 26 April 1930 Manuscript letter from The Hon R Erskine of Marr, Trayles, Tenby, South Wales, to MacNeill concerning a 'fairly good offer' by *The Inverness Courier* to publish MacNeill's Pictish manuscript. It will first be published in the newspaper and thereafter issued in book form. Erskine will add remarks concerning the Scottish Picts so as to ensure Scottish interest and appeal. Outlines features of the proposed agreement. 3pp
- 85** 27 December 1930 Typescript letter from John O'Connor, New York to MacNeill concerning a number of issues in which they are not in agreement. O'Connor feels that 'our writers of the early Christian period knew that the Gael had come from Spain and knew that that fact was common knowledge.' Neither does he agree with the archaeologists' division of the metal ages as he believes man discovered copper, iron

- 85 contd** and gold at the same time. Gives a number of references to back up these points. 4pp
- 86** April 1930 Two personal typescript letters to MacNeill from Robert CM Auld, Vice-President of The New York Scottish Society and general secretary of The Robert Burns Memorial Association, concern an enquiry about the language of the Bronze Age Folk and the Beaker Folk. 1p
- 87** 1938 Handbook of the pre-history of Germany written in German. 4pp
- 88** Notes regarding an inscription in relief on a plate of tin in which the shapes and variations of the letters 'may indicate the work of an illiterate craftsman copying from a model.' Gives examples of the letter inscribed. 1p

II. Agriculture

- 89** Incomplete notes regarding shorthorn cattle. 1p

III. Historical Studies

a. Writings by MacNeill

- 90** No date Typescript notes concerning the appearance of the name of Arthur in all Celtic lands, 'this testifying to the early and vigorous growth of his legend' and giving examples of such. 2pp
- 91** Manuscript notes entitled 'Mensa SS Trinitatis' concerning Archbishop Luke's confirmation of the grants of his predecessors in the year 1230. 2pp

- 92** Manuscript notes of a reference from Letters and Papers Henry VIII.
1p
- 93** Manuscript list of 'various coercive Acts passed from the period of the Union up to 1847 by the British Parliament for the government of Ireland.'
2pp
- 94** Article relating to 'The Encumbered Estates Act 1848 amended by the Irish Landed Estates Act 1858.'
3pp
- 95** A manuscript address in Irish given to 'Fir an Claidhimh' entitled 'Irish under Home Rule.'
1p
- 96** No date Incomplete typescript article relating to the life of Erskine Childers from when he was a clerk to the British House of Commons, until he came to Ireland in 1919. Includes details of his involvement in the Boer War, the 'Anglo-German' war and mentions some of his writings.
2pp
- 97** No date Incomplete notes concerning the disappearance of Irish rural industries such as the linen industry and the resulting 'poverty, monotony and emigration' and the loss of a 'technical skill that had existed for 1500 years or more.'
2pp
- 98** Manuscript draft and typescript copy of an article about Thomas Davis and his teachings concerning nationality. Makes mention of the Tailteann Games, the promoters of which have striven to teach, as Thomas Davis did, 'that there is more, much more, in the life of a nation than politics and economics.'
6pp
- 99** Manuscript draft and typescript copy of an article entitled 'Aonach Tailtean' outlining its history from when first mentioned in 873 by an Irish Chronicler until its last celebration on the eve of the Norman invasion and mentioning its proceedings.
12pp

- 100** No date Manuscript notes entitled
‘Extracts from “A
consideration of Ireland in the Nineteenth Century” by G Locker
Lampere. Published in 1907.’ 4pp

b. Correspondence concerning historical writings

- 101** No date Letter from Seamus O’Neill to
MacNeill concerning studies on the
history of the sea and O’Neill’s attempts to get an article published
entitled ‘When Irish Fleets Swept the Seas.’ 3pp
- 102** 19 September 1923,
6 May 1924 2 letters from WF Butler to
MacNeill enclosing notes relating to
a history of the succession to the
Kingship of Wales and including a genealogical chart of the same
and concerning Irish landowning from the fourteenth century.
23pp
- 103** 10 October 1927 Incomplete manuscript letter to
Sean MacCraith from MacNeill
concerning a small bound volume entitled ‘Irish Manuscripts’ which
was given to him by the late Mgr O’Lavery PP. Describes the
contents of the volume which include translations in Irish and some
English verses. 1p
- 104** 28 February 1928 Typescript copy letter to R W
Postgate, Department Editor of the
Encyclopaedia Britannica, from MacNeill enclosing the abridgement
of Irish history to 1152. 1p
- 105** 31 May 1929 Incomplete manuscript letter from
MacNeill to Father Stafford
concerning bias in writing history in relation to bias in JR Green’s
Short History. 2pp
- 106** 8-9 January 1930 Letter from JJ Burke, Raheen,
Galway to MacNeill concerning a
previous letter to him in which he asked him to write a foreword to
an intended publication entitled, ‘The Last Resting Places of Notable
Irishmen.’ He is anxious for a reply to the letter and asks him will he
now write the preface; draft and copy reply from MacNeill in which

- 106 contd** he says 'it would be altogether out of place' to do so as 'the subject is almost entirely beyond my scope.' 2 items
- 107** 12 July 1930 Manuscript letter from Dorothy Winters to MacNeill enclosing a letter of recommendation from Tom Preete Cross of the Department of Comparative Literature at The University of Chicago regarding the preparation for publication by Winters of work which was begun by the late Lucius Gwynn. 2pp
- 108** 28 August [] Letter of recommendation from [FM N] Robinson to MacNeill relating to Mrs. George [Petrie] who is a very promising scholar in the Department of History and Government and who will be in Dublin the following Autumn. 2pp
- 109** 18 July 1933 Typescript copy letter to Brother O'Sullivan from MacNeill listing 2 books relating to the history of early Ireland and early Irish monasticism for his study. 1p
- 110** 12 March 1938 Manuscript letter to R M Zahl, Walnut Grove, California, from MacNeill concerning St. Brendan The Navigator in which he makes mention of the legends of his adventurous ocean voyages and describes the ships which were used by the Irish in the sixth century. 1p
- 111** 19 May 1938 Typescript letter from Liam Price to MacNeill regarding MacNeill's notes on the Battle of Dunbolg and furnishing him with some details of his locality, the location of certain forts and regarding the use and meaning of certain place names in the area. 3pp

c. Correspondence relating to Irish Law

- 112** 1922-24 Six letters from AS [Alice Stopford] Green to MacNeill arranging meetings to discuss his work, requesting law papers and books for reference purposes and discussing the possibility of Sean Gall writing a life of Griffith. 6 items

- 113** 11 March 1924 Typescript copy of a paper sent to WF Butler concerning land ownership under ancient Irish law. 4pp
- 114** 1 October 1930 Letter from JC Walsh to MacNeill regarding MacNeill's second instalment of material for the *Law Review*. 1p
- 115** 2 October 1930 Typescript letter from CW Tooke of New York University to MacNeill regarding a copy of the *Law Review* which he is sending MacNeill and requesting the other instalments of his lectures. 1p
- 116** 5 June 1931 Typescript letter from MacNeill to Messrs MH Gill & Son, 50 Upper O'Connell St, concerning a new edition of *Phases of Irish History* which is to include material from later papers on St. Patrick. MacNeill suggests the alternative use of his series of lectures given at New York University concerning Irish laws and institutions. 1p

d. Proposed Scheme of Historical Research

- 117** No date Typescript letter with attached postcard addressed to GFH Berkely, Hanwell Castle, Banbury, concerning a proposed scheme of historical research relating to Ireland, in the national archives and libraries of Europe. Outlines the need to build up a national tradition for Ireland in the eyes of the rest of the world. Discusses the fact that there are long gaps in the history of Ireland and the records here are not always satisfactory. It was thus decided to train some young man to carry out the research required. The author of the letter recommends the Marquis MacSweeney of Mashonaglass for this work and outlines the Irish record situation in other countries. Includes marginal annotations. 8pp

e. Irish Historical Society

- 118** 1937-8 Programme for the Irish Historical Society, session 1937-8 listing the officers and committee members including Eoin MacNeill as President, and R Dudley Edwards of the Editorial Committee. Also lists dates of meetings to be held throughout the year and the titles of lectures to be given at each. 4pp

IV. General Literary Pursuits**a. Correspondence**

- 119** 1 September 1920 Letter from Rev [Heg] Rope, Shropshire, to MacNeill concerning the writings of Pim in the *Plain English* newspaper entitled 'Adventures in the Land of Sinn Fein.' 4pp
- 120** 16-18 March 1927 Covering letter to MacNeill from Sean MacGiolla Fhaolain enclosing a letter from Timothy Lewis of the University of Wales, Aberystwyth requesting a copy of the report of the Gaeltacht Commission and asking MacNeill for assistance in getting a copy of the booklet MacNeill wrote about Celtic Religion. 4pp
- 121** 31 August 1927 Manuscript letter from JW Gord to Mrs. Green concerning an impression he got from MacNeill that 'the present government had nothing to do with Joyce.' 1p
- 122** 26 April 1930 Typescript copy letter from F. Cummins, secretary of the *Canadian Defence Quarterly* to MacNeill relating to an article in *An t-Oglac* by MacNeill entitled 'On the usefulness of Aerial Photography' and informing MacNeill that he is also sending him a copy of the *Canadian Defence Quarterly* containing an article entitled 'Aerial Surveying as applied to Engineering Problems.' 1p

- 123** 30 July - Draft and typescript letters from Michael Conway, representative of *The Freeman's Journal*, to MacNeill reminding him of a proposed article for a special number of this newspaper concerning the future of Ireland and asking MacNeill to forward his manuscript.
3 items
- 124** No date Manuscript letter from 'Sorley Boy' [MacNeill] to a [newspaper] and entitled 'Antrim and Limerick' regarding the letters of the Unionist politician, Digby Hussey De Burgh and disputing some of the statements made by De Burgh in relation to the climate, land, people and agricultural conditions of these two countries.
5pp
- b. Political development of the Irish Free State**
- 125** 18 April 1930 Typescript copy letter from Warner Moss of New York University to [James MacNeill] the Governor General regarding enquiries he has relating to an article he is writing about the constitution of the Irish Free State which is to be published as a dissertation under the Department of Public Law at Columbia University.
1p
- 126** June 1930-February 1931 Four letters from Richard Campbell to MacNeill mainly concerning the visit of Mrs. Ramsey to Ireland, MacNeill's American lecture tour, in relation to books previously sent to MacNeill and requesting MacNeill to write an article regarding the progress made by the Free State since 1921 for an early issue of *Foreign Affairs*.
4pp
- 127** 16 August 1931 Letter from Care Morgan and Co, Paris, to MacNeill returning the manuscript entitled 'Ten Years of the Irish Free State,' which was written by MacNeill to draw the attention of Americans to 'the accomplishment of the Free State in the ten years of its existence.' Asks MacNeill to make a number of alterations after which the article will be included in the next issue of the publication in question.
8pp

- 128** September 1931 **Development of the Irish Free State:** manuscript drafts and typescript of article entitled 'Revolution and Evolution in Ireland' written by MacNeill for *Foreign Affairs*, New York discussing the position of Ireland from the Union to the Provisional Government of the Irish Free State; the parliament of Northern Ireland; Dáil Éireann, the Treaty, the Free State Constitution; unemployment policy; the position and development of the Irish language in the Gaeltacht area. 3 items

c. Irish Judiciary and Executive Government

- 129** No date Article entitled 'The relations between the Irish Judiciary and the Executive Government with its bearing on Irish Opinion.' 153pp

d. General

- 130** No date Manuscript notes concerning 'the most profound mysteries and problems' such as the beginning of life on earth. 1p
- 131** No date Manuscript draft critique of 'a pleasant easily flowing tale' by ['Poctek']. 1p
- 132** 1929 Card with an 'announcement of new publication' by James Francis Kennedy. This is an introduction and guide to the sources for the early history of Ireland. Published by New York, Columbia University Press 2pp
- 133** No date Typescript [title and contents page] for article/book entitled 'Scottish Origins (The Men of Alba)' including chapters regarding 'migration of Dalriadic Dynasty,' and 'Pictland and the Picts.' 1p

- 134 Manuscript list of 'Books for Reference' in [German grammar].
1p

V. Addresses to and writings about MacNeill

- 135 1918-22 Addresses to MacNeill in English and Irish given by a number of groups including the members of the New Ross Branch of Cumann na mBan who welcome MacNeill as 'a sterling Patriot and Distinguished Scholar' to preside at the Feis na Meidhe, the Navan Board of Guardians and others. 4 items
- 136 [1930] 3 typescript copies of an article by James B Pond entitled 'Eoin MacNeill, Ireland's Illustrious Scholar-Patriot,' one of which includes pencilled corrections. 3 items

J. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

- 137 3 July 1920 Page from *Old Ireland* which includes articles by O'Flannagan, and Tomas MacNeill. PS
2pp
- 138 6 April 1922 Sporting features and news from *The Freeman's Journal*.
2pp
- 139 An edition of *The New Freeman* with marked passage entitled 'Readers and Writers.' 4pp

K. AMERICAN LECTURE TOUR

- 140 7 November 1929-20 March 1930 Letters and memorandum from the registrar of the National University and the President's Office, University College Dublin to MacNeill concerning recommendations

- 140 contd** for and testimoniums of honorary degrees for the Rev. Professor John Augustine Ryan of the Catholic University in Washington, the Rt Rev Monsignor James Huges Ryan and Michael J O'Brien, historiographer of the Irish American Historical Society.
3 items
- 141** 14-15 January 1930 2 letters from G. Harris of the White Star Line to Liam Burke, Cumann na nGaedhael regarding accommodation for Professor MacNeill on the "Doric" which is sailing on 22 March.
2pp
- 142** 8 March-19 July 1930- Correspondence and telegrams relating to MacNeill's lecture tour of America mainly concerning arrangements for meetings, travel, and lectures in various American universities. Include two contracts issued by The Pond Bureau for lectures to be given by MacNeill. Includes rail and steamboat tickets and notice of booking.
82 items
- 143** Typescript list of names and addresses given under headings such as New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago and entitled 'Names given by Burke.' These include Kevin Kelly, Secretary of the Irish Fellowship Club.
1p
- 144** 10 April-4 July 1930 Cheque book belonging to MacNeill issued by Koutze Brothers, New York. Includes notes of checks drawn and paid to The Governor Inc., *Columbia Unit Press* and the Cunard Steamship Co.
7pp
- 145** 14 April 1930 List of the table assignments for a 'dinner tendered to Professor Eoin MacNeill at Town Hall Club.' [New York University].
3pp
- 146** 16 April-13 May 1930 3 bills for 'The Grosvenor,' 35th Ave, New York made out to MacNeill.
5pp

- 147** 20 April 1930 Incomplete letter to Kevin Kelly
[Secretary of the Irish Fellowship
Club, Chicago] from [MacNeill], The Grosvenor Hotel, New York
thanking both Kelly and Faherty [Roger Faherty, Attorney at Law,
Chicago] for their arrangements for his visit. 1p
- 148** 22 April 1930 Typescript invitation [to MacNeill]
to attend 'at the exercises of
presentation and the initial showing of a collection of Ancient Legal
Documents from the Thirteenth Century,' to be held in the New York
University in honour of Frederick Brown. 1p
- 149** 29 April [1930] Menu from the Petrushka
Restaurant, Chicago signed by
MacNeill, Roger Faherty, Kevin Kelly and June Strain.
4pp
- 150** 29 April [1930] Typescript 'Memorandum to
Members of the Faculty from the
Public Lecture Committee' giving notification of a public lecture
entitled 'Medieval Irish Institutions' to be given by MacNeill.
1p
- 151** 10 May 1930 Typescript letter from the
University of Wisconsin
[unidentifiable signature] to Cornelius Sullivan of New York
regarding a proposed lecture by MacNeill. 1p
- 152** No date Envelope with an insignia of
the 'Cunard' and addressed
to Dr. Eoin MacNeill, Room 26.
1 item
- 153** 1930 Brochures for Savoy Park Shop,
The House for Flowers and Fruit,
Madam B Mosayeff's laundry, and H O Ambrookian & Co, Inc,
'Importers of Oriental Rugs,' New York. 3 items
- 154** [1930] Menu of the Old Munchen
Restaurant, New York.
1p

- 155** Brochure for Adele Neville, 'Expert Stenographer,' at the Hotel Ambassador, New York advertising translation, research, social correspondence, editing and revising of manuscripts and teaching a number of languages, and with a manuscript receipt for \$16.20, paid by MacNeill for 'typing MS with 4 sets of carbon copies.'
3pp
- 156** [1930] Notes of names, addresses, phone numbers and meeting arrangements to be held while MacNeill was in America and including those of the Irish Fellowship Club, Chicago, *Gaelic America* and Judge R Campbell.
10 items
- 157** [1930] Postcard on which is written the itinerary of MacNeill's American tour from his arrival in New York on 2 April until departure on 31 May and including university lectures.
1p
- 158** [1930] Souvenir 'abstract of log' from the White Star Line with picture of the SS Baltic and stating the name of the commander and times of departure and with envelope with the White Star insignia on the back.
2pp
- 159** [1930] Manuscript itinerary on the headed notepaper of Roger Faherty, Attorney at Law, 66 West Washington Street, Chicago. Includes visits to the Quadrangle Club, De Paul U[niversity] and Chicago U[niversity].
1p

L. PERSONAL MATERIAL

I. Correspondence

- 160** March 1898- Correspondence concerning a number of personal issues including the redecoration and repair of his house in Herbert Park and the renting of Hazelwood for five years. Includes a letter from the Artane Industrial School concerning the cost of 'food, lodging, and washing' for 'the boy'.
10 items

- 161** September 1923 Testimonial letter in Latin from the Episcopal palace of Bobbio recognising the attendance there of [MacNeill]. 1p
- 162** [post 1923] Manuscript draft letter written by MacNeill and draft French translation accepting an invitation to become 'an honorary member of the committee.' He mentions having met the President of this committee, M. Gabriel Hanotaux some years previously while visiting Geneva on behalf of the Irish Delegation of the League of Nations. Hanotaux obtained some photographs of the Calendar of Coligny for MacNeill and thus he states this 'invitation gives me the opportunity of once more acknowledging this favour accorded to me.' The photographs were forwarded by M Esperandieu. MacNeill regrets that he cannot 'be present to join with the committee in the ceremony homage to M Esperandieu and asks the committee to receive his subscription of 150 francs 'towards the expense of such a worthy undertaking.' 4pp
- 163** 13 May 1931 Letter written in French, from L Gongard, St Michael's Abbey, Harnborough, Hants to MacNeill thanking him and his wife for a most enjoyable time in Dublin. 2pp
- 164** 22 January 1935 Manuscript note from John [Lavan] to MacNeill thanking him for his 'kind and sympathetic message.' 1p
- 165** 25 May 1942 Copy letter of complaint from MacNeill to Francis Burke, Firewood Blocks Supply, East Arran Street disputing the weights of a consignment of blocks delivered to his address in Upper Leeson Street. 1p
- 166** July 1943 Circular typescript letter from Rev D F Murphy PP, Glenarm, Co Antrim asking for donations to help reduce the parochial debt following 'the recent acquisition of a site for a new church in Ballygalley and the proposed construction of a temporary chapel there.' 1p
- 167** 9 March 1931 Letter from John O'Connor to MacNeill with a note asking him to address the enclosure (not attached) direct to the Hospital Trust Ltd, 13 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin. 1p

- 168** No date Incomplete letter from the Royal Irish Automobile Club, Dawson Street, without author's name and concerning the McCarthy's of Castlemaine. 2pp

II. Memorabilia

- 169** [1908] Typescript circular 'To the Electors of the National University' from MacNeill, seeking votes as one of the two candidates chosen at a meeting of Government supporters among the graduate-electors and approved by the standing committee of Cumann na nGaedhael. 2pp
- 170** August 1915 Typescript minutes of the Convention of the AOH [Ancient Order of Hibernians] held in the Hibernian Hall, 28 North Frederick Street on 17 July 1915. Proceedings include the Presidential Address of Bro MJ O'Connor the chairman, reading of correspondence by the National Secretary, a discussion regarding Mortality Benefit, and the tending of sincere sympathy to Mrs O'Donovan Rossa on the death of her husband. 2pp
- 171** [1922-30] A number of calling cards including those of Lennox Robinson, New York, Theodore Wesley Koch, Librarian, North Western University, Illinois, James B Pond, manager of American Lecture and Concert tours, New York, Vernon Bartlett, of the League of Nations, and Eoin MacNeill, Minister De l'Instruction Publique, État Libre d'Irlande. c 56 items
- 172** 24 October 1930 Newspaper cutting from *The Irish News* concerning an address given to the Old Boy's Association of St Malachy's College. Included is a section entitled 'Brilliant Pupils' in which MacNeill is mentioned in connection with literature. 1p
- 173** 23 July 1940 Menu of the 'Dinner and Presentation to Most Rev Dr. Fogarty (Lord Bishop of Killaloe)' held at the Royal Hibernian Hotel. Includes a picture and the signature of Bishop Fogarty. 3pp

- 174** 1941 Memoriam card in Irish of an Athair Lorcan P O'Muireadhaigh who died 25 June 1941 aged 58 years. 1p
- 175** No date Brochure of Bahana Guesthouse and the Mount Maulin Silver Fox and Fur Farm near Powerscourt Waterfall, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow. 2pp
- 176** Manuscript notes of measurements for cupboards and vertical filing cabinets for surveyor's and secretary's office, some of which are to be put in a coach house in Francis Street. 2pp

III. Financial and Household Matters

- 177** 1895-1945 **Business and financial matters:** estimates, bills, receipts, licenses and items relating to financial concerns of a personal nature. 17 items
- 178** 1901-45 **Income Tax:** claims, notices of assessment, arrears of Income Tax, claims for relief and letters relating to the payment of income tax by MacNeill both in his capacity as professor at UCD and as Minister for Education. Includes a letter relating to the period when he was 'imprisoned and received no salary,' having vacated his professorship. He was thus '2 ½ years without salary or income of any kind, except a small sum that I derived from private lecturing and literary work.' (13 March 1923) 17 items
- 179** 31 October 1930 Manuscript notes written in Irish on headed notepaper from Switzer's writing rooms, Grafton Street, Dublin, and relating to MacNeill's tax calculations. 1p

IV. Travel

- 180** 1923 Passenger tickets for the Pullman Car Company Ltd, and The South Eastern and Chatham Railway. 2 items

- 181** 1923-46 Passports belonging to MacNeill in his capacity as Minister for Education and Delegate to League of Nations issued the 28 of August 1923 and expiring 28 August 1925. Belonging to MacNeill, Professor of Irish History, and his wife Agnes, issued 20 September 1938 and valid until 20 September 1943. Includes a 'Document of Identity' for Agnes MacNeill issued by the Royal Ulster Constabulary, 11 September 1946. 3 items
- 182** 1942 Travel Permit Card 'For Travel Between Ireland And The United Kingdom Only' belonging to MacNeill, issued 2 March 1942 and valid until 2 March 1943. 3pp

V. Obituary of Agnes MacNeill

- 183** 3 April 1953 Newspaper cutting of article by [Denis Gwynn] of the *Cork Examiner* entitled 'Mrs Eoin MacNeill' outlining her constant encouragement and support given to her husband throughout the pre World War I period. 1p

VI. Memoranda

- 184** [pre 1922] Note from the Old Grand Hotel, Ennis stating the arrival of Seamus O hAoda and attached to the hotel registration forms with notes of names and places. 2pp
- 185** 30 May 1922 Letter from P O'Neill, Crown Hotel, Warrenpoint, Co. Down, to MacNeill saying that he will be in Dublin the following day, and arranging a time of meeting. 2pp
- 186** No date Memorandum to MacNeill from W De [Loyeuse] on Sinn Fein headed noted paper arranging a meeting regarding an essay on legal matters. 1p

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- 187** No date Manuscript jottings of form variations of some Irish surnames.
1p
- 188** No date Manuscript notes regarding 'Emergency form to be lodged in case Bishop Doherty refuses.'
1p
- 189** No date Notes of names and locations including de Valera and his address. 2pp
- 190** No date Pencilled names of times and places of meetings and including mention of de Valera.
1p
- 191** No date Manuscript notes on postcard regarding the name O Cuanagh. and enquiring about another name. 1p

VII. Envelopes

- 192** 1922-30 4 envelopes addressed to MacNeill as Minister for Education and 'speaker of the Irish House of Parliament,' from the War Department, New York University School of Law, and Colaiste Flannain, Inis.
4 items