

THE LEADERSHIP CONTRIBUTION OF THE (ROYAL) IRISH CONSTABULARY

The origins of policing in Ireland, and of its suggested influences on the eventual policing of mainland Britain are already well known. And quite obviously, this early evolution of the method of policing in Ireland strongly imbued those men who were a part of it, and who made it work. And because it appeared to work to a reasonable standard, when the mainland forces were coming into being in the 1830s to 1850s, and then subsequently, Ireland was the obvious recruiting ground to obtain experienced policemen to be influential leaders of these mainland forces, thus further spreading the Irish policing ethos. Eventually, the Irish Constabulary (granted the title 'Royal' in 1867) provided no less than the following twenty-two Chief Constables and Commissioners, and countless Deputies and Assistants as well.

ALLBUTT, Henry *born* 1857, Aston Manor, Warwickshire

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third District Inspector 15 November 1882 to 17 October 1886

LIVERPOOL CITY Deputy Chief Constable 1886 to 11 September 1894

BRISTOL CITY Chief Constable 11 September 1894 to 19 September 1906

died 1922, Hampstead, London??

BAYLY, Henry Lambart *born* 1808, Ballyarthur, County Wicklow

IRISH CONSTABULARY Third Sub-Inspector 31 January 1840 to 1 May 1849

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CONSTABULARY Chief Constable 12 May 1849 to July 1874

died 1905, Ryde, Isle of Wight

BROWNE, Philip Theodore Briarly *born* 1890, Iron Acton, Gloucestershire

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third Sub-Inspector 11 January 1914 to 1 October 1920

BOOTLE BOROUGH Chief Constable 7 October 1920 to March 1926

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND Chief Constable 4 March 1926 to 3 December 1951

died whilst holding office

COLERIDGE, Francis Randolph Cyril *born* 1852, Ottery Saint Mary, Devon

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third Sub-Inspector 28 April 1871 to 1 January 1892

DEVON CONSTABULARY Chief Constable 1 January 1892 to 31 March 1907

died 1932, Tregadock Saint Mabyn, Cornwall

DAVIES, Walter Stocks *born* 1859, Nottingham

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third District Inspector 14 November 1883 to 30 April 1898

BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH Chief Constable 30 April 1898 to December 1912

died 1913, Llandudno, Caernarfonshire

DUNNING, Leonard *born* 1860, London

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third District Inspector 4 December 1882 to 20 October 1895

LIVERPOOL CITY Assistant Chief Constable 27 December 1895 to 1902

Chief Constable 1902 to January 1912

HM INSPECTOR OF CONSTABULARY 1912 to 1930

died 1941, Horsham, Sussex

EGAN, Michael Joseph *born* 1884, County Limerick

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third District Inspector 11 August 1908 to 31 August 1920

SOUTHPORT BOROUGH Chief Constable 1 September 1920 to 31 August 1942

HM INSPECTOR OF CONSTABULARY 1942 to 18 April 1950

died whilst holding office

FOX, Willoughby George *born* 1826, County Tyrone

IRISH CONSTABULARY Third Sub-Inspector 19 September 1845 to 6 February 1857

DERBYSHIRE CONSTABULARY Chief Constable 1857 to 1873

died 1885, Fulham, London

GARDINER, Nicholson Roche *born* 1867, Drogheda, County Louth

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third District Inspector 2 September 1889 to 18 May 1900

WALSALL BOROUGH Chief Constable May 1900 to December 1901

died 1944, Willesden, London

GOOLD, Valentine Edmund *born* 1814, Leeds, Yorkshire

IRISH CONSTABULARY Third Sub-Inspector 12 April 1844 to June 1856

SOMERSET CONSTABULARY Chief Constable 1 July 1856 to 30 June 1884

died 1892, Bath, Somerset

LEES, Thomas Orde Hastings *born* 1846, Ballymacward, County Galway

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third District Inspector 30 January 1869

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CONSTABULARY Chief Constable 25 November 1875 to 22 June 1881

ISLE OF WIGHT CONSTABULARY Chief Constable 10 April 1890 to 1 March 1899

died 1924, Petersfield, Hampshire

LEFROY, Anthony Thomas *born* 1802, Warkworth, Northumberland

IRISH CONSTABULARY Third Sub-Inspector 1 February 1824 to 1 December 1839

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY Chief Constable 1 December 1839 to 1 July 1865

died 1880, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

MORIARTY, Cecil Charles Hudson *born* 1877, Tralee, County Kerry

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third District Inspector 16 April 1902 to 1 March 1906

Second District Inspector 1 March 1906 to 1 February 1914

District Inspector 1 February 1914 to 6 July 1918

BIRMINGHAM CITY Assistant Chief Constable 7 July 1918 to 1 September 1935

Chief Constable 1 September 1935 to 4 September 1941

died 1958, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire



Arguably the best known of the RIC 'alumni', Cecil Moriarty will forever be associated with generations of police officers by his book *Police Law*, an easy précis of the law which every police officer *should* know, all 316 pages of it in the first edition of 1929! It ran to well over twenty editions before ceasing in the 1980s. Not only that, but Moriarty also wrote *Police Procedures and Administration* (1930 and subsequent editions); *Questions and Answers on Police Duties* (1935); *Further Questions and Answers on Police Duties* (1938); *Emergency Police Law* (1940, with J. Whiteside, describing the great welter of necessary law in the early months of the war); and *Questions and Answers on Police Duties, Third Series* (1946).

MORLEY, George *born* 1873, Bradford, Yorkshire

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third District Inspector 18 October 1898 to 29 September 1910

HULL CITY Chief Constable 29 September 1910 to 1 October 1922

DURHAM CONSTABULARY Chief Constable 1 October 1922 to 13 October 1942

died whilst holding office

NOTT-BOWER, John William *born* 1849, York

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third Sub-Inspector 18 January 1873 to 30 June 1878

LEEDS CITY Chief Constable July 1878 to August 1881

LIVERPOOL CITY Chief Constable 30 August 1881 to 21 March 1902

CITY OF LONDON Commissioner 21 March 1902 to September 1925

died 1939, London

PEARCE, William Henry *born* 1793, Sussex

IRISH CONSTABULARY Third Sub-Inspector 1 May 1822 to 1 March 1839

County Inspector 1 March 1839 to April 1847

GLASGOW CITY Chief Constable 5 April 1847 to 10 April 1848

died 1874, Staines, Middlesex??

RAFTER, Charles Haughton *born* 1856, County Antrim

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Cadet 5 September 1882 to 16 October 1882

Third District Inspector 16 October 1882 to 16 July 1899

BIRMINGHAM CITY Chief Constable 6 August 1899 to 23 August 1935

died whilst holding office

ROBERTSON-GLASGOW, Colin Campbell *born* 1874, Kilwinning, Ayrshire

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third District Inspector 1 September 1899 to 30 April 1911

AYRSHIRE COUNTY Chief Constable 1 May 1911 to March 1919

died 1942, Newton Stewart, Ayrshire

STEVENSON, John Verdier *born* 1858, Athlone, County Meath

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third District Inspector 1 December 1885 to 2 April 1902

GLASGOW CITY Chief Constable 2 April 1902 to 1 April 1922

died 1933, Herne Bay, Kent

TURNBULL, Hugh Stephenson *born* 1882, Poona, India

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third District Inspector 15 October 1908 to 31 May 1913

ARGYLLSHIRE COUNTY Chief Constable 31 May 1913 to 31 July 1920

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND Chief Constable 1 August 1920 to August 1925

CITY OF LONDON Commissioner September 1925 to 1950

died 1973, Grantown-on-Spey, Morayshire

WRIGHT, James Browne *born* 1861, Newbliss, County Monaghan

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third District Inspector 1 January 1888 to 2 February 1899

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE CITY Chief Constable February 1899 to June 1925

died 1926, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

YATES, Lionel Westropp Peel *born* 1888, Kanturk, County Cork

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Third Sub-Inspector 6 February 1909 to 30 October 1914

Temporary County Inspector 19 November 1920 to 13 July 1922

DORSET CONSTABULARY Chief Constable 19 April 1924 to 28 February 1955

died 1963, Exeter

But it was not all one way. Robert Bruce, after an army career, was appointed as Chief Constable of Lancashire, before being appointed to the Royal Irish Constabulary :

BRUCE, Robert *born* 1825, Downhill, County Derry

LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY Chief Constable 6 February 1868 to 30 December 1876

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY Deputy Inspector-General 1 January 1877 to 12 May 1882

Inspector-General 12 May 1882 to 21 September 1885

died 1899, Farnborough, Hampshire

All the Irish information is from that wondrous tome compiled by the inimitable Jim Herlihy *Royal Irish Constabulary Officers : A Biographical Dictionary and Genealogical Guide, 1816-1922*. (ISBN 1-85182-826-5)