

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Kilmaine

TOWN OR VILLAGE Shrule PARISH Shrule COUNTY Mayo

TOPOGRAPHY

Brief description of outstanding scenic views in the district, natural attractions, or unusual topographical features.

This is the most southerly parish in Co. Mayo and is bounded east and south by the Galway/Mayo county line. The village of Shrule lies almost on the boundary which is the Black River.

Scenically the area is not rich - there are the woods of Dalgan which lend a pleasing contrast to the north-east of the district - except to the west where the parish reaches

GEOLOGY

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Brief notes on unusual geological features, such as caves, eskers, etc.

Basically a limestone area - generally the soil is most suitable for cultivation except for a rocky area near Long Corrib.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections? Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

none

Lough Corrib, little of diversity is obtainable. The lake shore is 6 miles from Shule village. From Ballycurran Castle an excellent view is obtained of the lake and its islands of Inghinard - and of the many defiles and summits of the Connemara mountains - the fair shores of the lake seem to have mountains rising from the water's edge all ~~over~~ their length.

From the castle called "Cahernane" a more distant view of Lough Corrib is obtained but the view takes in the mountains from Keptin to the Clare Hills - the Keek and the Connemara mountains are clearly visible.