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I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF COSTELLO

TOWN OR VILLAGE BEKAN PARISH BEKAN COUNTY MAYO

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The parish lies to the west of the town of Killybeggs. Its greatest length is north to south, about 2 miles - from Mariner Lake to Coghoy. Its greatest width is about 1 1/2 miles.

Scenically the area is somewhat uninteresting. There is grassland, leached soil and bog relieved slightly by scattered tree growth. The country is undulating and the vista is never far-reaching or beautiful. Bekan village, off the main highway, is a straggling rural centre built around a neat church. Bekan Lake, nearby, adds a

GEOLOGY

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

The area is of limestone and where not drift covered, is peat capped. The land is of undulating character but seldom rises beyond 400 ft. There are some remaining eskers (small) and a few others sand and gravel ridges which, however, are not predominant.

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.

outstanding touch to the landscape. So also do the lakes of Cullencragh and Mannin, both small water sheets. Mannin Lake belongs partly to the parish.

From Bekan village, on rising ground, the view, while not encompassing, gives to the south and east a goodly glimpse of undulating country dotted with homesteads and green fields near patches of bog. away to north-west is Neptun's nose and in nearer view is Slieve Horew. Further west can be seen the tip of Coagh Patrick and neighbouring mountains while south-west are the Parkoy Hills. In between lies a broad expanse of undulating terrain.

a trip through the parish could be made from Bellinacorney nearest town. Take the Knock road and after about a mile turn right (north) to Carganboy (and Mannin Lake) (2½ M.). Then turn left and travel slightly south-west to Bekan (2½ M.). From Bekan to the main road, past Bekan rly. station to Brickellus (3 M.). Turn left and proceed east through Ballinvilla, Red Hill to Loghey (4 M.). Then left again to Bellinacorney, (about 3¾ M.).