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I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES, HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Erris

TOWN OR VILLAGE Ballycroag PARISH Ballycroag COUNTY Mayo

TOPOGRAPHY

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

The best scenic views in this ~~parish~~ ^{district} are about the southern end near Mallaranny. The road from the latter village winds along the base of Claggan Mountain - a jagged rocky eminence 1256 feet high towering almost vertically above the road. Immediately on the west side of the road is Bellacragher bay - a long land locked inlet of the sea. On the far side of the bay is the Corraun peninsula occupied almost entirely by Corraun mountain (1715 feet), while to the N.W. is Slievemore mountain (2204 feet) on Achill Island. Running north all along the east boundary of the parish is the high Nephin Beg mountain range.

GEOLOGY

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

The great expanse of the parish as it runs north from Mallaranny is a wild and bleak uncultivated moor. The sub-soil is composed to a considerable depth of boulders clays and glacial drifts with a 10 foot layer of peat overlying all. The mountains are composed mainly of schists and quartzites.

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 of any interest occur.