



## *Foreward by Séamus Aldridge*

Is cúis mhór áthais domsa fáilte a chur roimh an leabhar tábhachtach seo. Tugann Tomás Ó Raghail cuntas cuimsitheach ár cluichí Gaelacha i gCuige Laighean ó 1888 go 1999. Tá ár mbuíochas uile tuillte aige don éacht oibre seo.

The publication of this significant book of record is a key element in our celebration of Leinsters centenary year. The author of this work Tom Ryall has long association with C.L.G. in his county of Kilkenny, being secretary of his local club, Graigue Ballycallan from the mid 1950's to the early 80's, secretary of Bord nÓg since 1973, P.R.O. for Kilkenny County Board since 1980 and Central Representative since 1985.

He is a noted G.A.A. historian and statistician and is the author of the highly acclaimed book "Kilkenny the G. A . A story 1884-1984". He was also a member of the editorial team which helped to compile Raymond Smiths "Complete Handbook of Gaelic Games" Millennium Edition and he has also helped clubs in compiling their histories. This statistical record compliments very well the 1984 publication of Marcus De Burca.

We are fortunate that in Tom Ryall we have someone with a love for the history of our games, who displays a diligence in research and a dedication to accuracy.

Táim cinnte go mbeidh an leabhar seo thar a bheith usáideach mar ais tagartha dóibh siúd a dhéanann staidéar ar imeachtaí an Chumainn Chúige seo.

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