

PLOUGHING.

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The winter snows and rains have left their mark on Eire's fair countryside, and these pictures show miles of flooded fields and meadows in County Meath. Rivers have burst their banks, and muddy streams have become raging torrents of swirling water which have caused inundations all over the country. But floods or no floods- Kilkenny carried out the All-Ireland Senior Ploughing Championships in a spirit of gaiety and enjoyment. One of the most popular sideshows ~~is~~ the tossing of the sheaves. ~~First of all they must be weighed.~~ Mr Bergin- General Secretary of the National Ploughing Association was among the record crowd of visitors. The tossing of the sheaves was carried out by a band of strong young men and very well they did it. Then there was plenty of time for a bite before the serious part of the days proceedings started. Now for the ploughing- Watch these sturdy Irish farmers ploughing up the 15 acre field- Seven teams of four competed for the honours. Here is Mr J, Hughes, of Kilkenny, going well into the closing stages of the Championships. But the ace of them all was Mr ~~Kilakxak~~ Michael Redmond- of Wexford- who beat the ploughmen of seven counties,- the best at his job in the green land of Eire. Yes, it's quite alright- Redmond is the best of the lot. It must be very difficult to keep a ~~and~~ straight furrow- but these sons of the warm, Irish loam, seem to take it all in the day's work. Take another look at the winner of the Royal Dublin Society's Cup- Mr J, Hughes of Kilkenny.

Yes, it's good to see a peaceful scene like this amidst those days of anxiety & trouble.