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CONTEXT

Biographical history

Born in Coleraine, County Derry in 1889, and educated at St Columb's College, Derry, Clongowes Wood, University College Dublin and King's Inns, he was called to the Bar in 1921. He had failed to win the Derry seat for Sinn Féin in 1918 but was elected a Cumann na nGaedhael TD for the National University at the 1923 general election and became Minister for Industry and Commerce after Joe McGrath's resignation, his achievements including the establishment of the Electricity Supply Board in 1927, the implementation of the Shannon Scheme, and the establishment of the Agricultural Credit Corporation. He also became Minister for External Affairs after Kevin O'Higgin's assassination and led the Irish delegation to the Imperial Conference, 1930. He was hugely influential at the Committee on the Operation of Dominion Legislation and at the Imperial Conference. The Statute of Westminster that emerged from these meetings gave greater power to dominions in the Commonwealth.

He was appointed Professor of Constitutional Law, International Law, Criminal Law, and Procedure at University College Dublin in 1934 and Senior Counsel in 1946. He served as Minister for Finance in the First Inter-Party Government, 1948–51, and introduced the first Keynesian budgets; and as Attorney-General in the Second Inter-Party Government, 1954–57.

McGilligan retired from the Dáil in 1965 having served for over 40 years.

He died in Dublin on 15 November 1979.

Archival history

These papers and the other tranches of Patrick McGilligan's papers, P35a, P35b, P35c and P35d, were deposited in UCD Archives in 1977–78.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Patrick McGilligan's ministerial papers as Minister for Industry and Commerce, 1924–32, including material relating to the electrification of the Irish Free State and the Shannon hydro-electrical scheme including files of the Shannon Board of Control. Ministerial papers as Minister for External Affairs, 1927–32, including material relating to the Imperial Conference and Statute of Westminster, Ireland's position in the Commonwealth, and relations with Britain and Northern Ireland. Ministerial papers as Minister for Finance, 1948–51.

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Access

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Archivist's note

Originally processed by Deirdre Smith in June 1978. The catalogue was substantially revised and the papers prepared for preservation reformatting by Seamus Helferty in 2007.

1. INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

**1.1 Minister's papers on the electrification of the Irish Free State,
1919-32**

P35/1 August 1924-May 1925

60pp

Title: World Power Conference. Sub-Conference on Imperial Resources. Report from Sir John Snell. File number: P.S.91. Verbatim report of the conference proceedings. Also, a memorandum drawing the Minister's attention to a remark that English firms were incapable of constructing large hydro-electric works.

P35/2 October-November 1924

10pp

Copy letters from the Minister for Industry and Commerce to Albert Thomas, Director of the Bureau International du Travail and M Etienne, Director of a hydro-electric factory, Usine Chancy-Poigny, Switzerland, requesting and acknowledging information. Their replies are also included. Correspondence mainly in French

P35/3 March 1924-July 1927

50pp

Title: Ontario Hydro-Electricity. Information sent by the Ontario Hydro Electricity Commission on its work, including the text of the Federal Water power Act 1920. Also contains the South African Electricity Act of 1909 and the proposals of the Czech Parliament concerning electrification, 1926. Memorandum on compensation for schoolteachers in Parteen, County Clare as a result of the Shannon Scheme.

P35/4 November 1924

4pp

Copy memorandum: Proposed hydro-electric scheme on River Shannon. White Paper 26.11.'24. Recent large contracts let to British firms without tender.

- P35/5** 1924
3 items
Title: Siemens-Schuckert Plan.
▪ Contains printed report: *The Electrification of the Irish Free State—the Shannon Scheme* by Siemens-Schuckert. And *The Shannon Scheme, General Summary of the hydraulic part*, a typescript copy of one section from the printed report (March 1924).
▪ Printed report. *The Electrification of the Irish Free State—the Shannon Scheme: Report of the experts appointed by the Government.* (September 1924).
- P35/6** [October 1924]
31pp
Printed appendix to Siemens report on the Electrification of the Irish Free State 'In the appendix to our scheme submitted herewith, we have discussed the various suggestions of the experts point after point'.
- P35/7** [March 1925]
200pp
The Electrification of the Irish Free State-The Shannon Scheme Tenders. Copy of the Siemens Schuckert tender.
- P35/8** February 1925
7pp
Printed qualifications and testimonials of James M Fay. [Later appointed Secretary to the Shannon Board of Control.]
- P35/9** [1925]
3 items
Report on the development of industry and electricity in Norway (5pp) with handwritten notes by McGilligan (2pp). Memorandum on the organisation of the Free State electricity supply (4pp).

P35/10 March 1925–July 1931

60pp

Papers on Shannon Scheme, and replies to parliamentary questions. Includes:

- Text of a paper given by the Minister at University College, Dublin on the engineering achievement of the Scheme.
- Speech on wage rates of workers on the scheme.
- Text of government booklet on the Shannon Scheme.
- Memorandum from Patrick McGilligan to the Executive Council, 1931, recommending the reconstitution of the Electricity Supply Board because of financial mismanagement.
- Newspaper cuttings reporting the demand of the managing-director of the E.S.B. Dr Thomas McLaughlin, for expert opinion on the matter.

P35/11 May 1925–May 1929

50pp

- Estimated cost of the Shannon Scheme in May 1929 given by Professor Rishworth [chief civil engineer] and Dr Sothman [chief electrical engineer].
- Text of the Electricity [Finance] Bill, 1929, and a report on the passage of the second stage of the Bill through the Dail.
- Includes a memorandum on the division of duties between the full-time members of the E.S.B. Also, an article from the *National Review*, London (1928) entitled 'German Influence in Ireland'.

P35/12 August 1925–September 1926

100pp

Correspondence with American and Canadian engineering and finance companies regarding possible backing for the Shannon Scheme, with particular reference to electrical distribution.

P35/13 October 1925–July 1926

17pp

Irish Land Commission report on the valuation of the lands acquired by the Government for the Shannon Scheme.

- P35/14** November 1925–February 1926
15pp
Title: Shannon File, sundry papers in connection with foreign schemes. Copy out letters acknowledging the receipt of information from Sweden, Canada and the United States.
- P35/15** January–September 1926
15pp
Title: Organisation for Shannon Control.
 - Handwritten drafts by Patrick McGilligan of the powers of the Electricity Supply Board.
 - Handwritten draft and typescript copy of the memorandum presented to the Executive Council: Organisation for Future Control (4pp).
- P35/16** January–December 1926
50pp
Title: Ministers file. Shannon Scheme, organisation for future control.
 - Organisational memoranda presented to the Executive Council.
 - Memorandum on the sale and distribution of power.
- P35/17** January 1926–March 1927
75pp
 - Draft of the Electricity [Supply] Bill, 1927 with amendments.
 - Reports on and correspondence with existing electricity and gas undertakings.
 - Copy of the minutes of evidence before the Oireachtas Committee on the East Leinster Electricity Supply Bill, 12 February 1925 (22pp).
 - Includes a list of non-statutory electricity undertakings with a description of the scale of operation of each.

P35/18 February 1926–July 1928

75pp

Title: Shannon, Cost of Generation.

- Estimates of total cost, 1927.
- Correspondence with the Department of Finance and reports on the payment of interest on advances made from the Exchequer to the Shannon Electricity fund.
- Legal opinion of the E.S.B.'s legal agent on the Electricity [Supply] Act 1927.

P35/19 March 1926

35pp

Title: Shannon Distribution. Printed copy of the United Kingdom bill on the constitution and general powers of the central electricity board.

P35/20 1926–27

15pp

- Confidential memorandum by the Economic Committee on the consumption of domestic light, fuel and power, 1925-27.
- Reports on the cost of wiring a house and of the Board wiring consumers' premises and recovering the cost by inclusion in the charge for electricity.

P35/21 June 1926–June 1928

20pp

Title: J M Fay.

Memoranda and correspondence between J M Fay [Secretary, Shannon Board of Control], Gordon Campbell [Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce] and Patrick McGilligan regarding problems of liaison with the E.S.B. and difficulties in determining the extent of the responsibilities of the Shannon Board of Control.

P35/22 July 1926–May 1927

75pp

- Reports and correspondence from the Department of Finance concerning the provision of State funds for the Shannon Scheme.
- A memorandum from Gordon Campbell (July 1926) notes that 'The Department of Finance are ... deliberately obstructing ' the scheme.
- Unidentified copy memorandum: Shannon Scheme, future arrangements assuming a state system (19pp).
- Extracts from and printed copies of five U.K. acts of parliament relating to electricity and coal (1899-1926).

P35/23 September 1926–April 1927

100pp

- Unidentified memorandum addressing various aspects of the scheme including: cost of electricity from Shannon supply and from local supply; question of bulk supply to Dublin Corporation; rights of Dublin Corporation to relieve rates etc. from the surplus of the electricity undertaking; ratepayers versus electricity consumers; and powers of the Board other than those of expropriation or confiscation (7pp).
- Memorandum: Plans and principles for enquiries into electrification addressing issues of calculation of consumption; power resources; erection of power plants; maintenance of supply; tariffs; and planning the distribution system (14pp).
- Draft of memorandum: Shannon scheme, organisation for future control (11pp).
- Circular from the Electricity Supply Association of Ireland, the representative body of the private electricity undertakings, suggesting amendments to the Electricity [Supply] Bill 1927.
- Handwritten minute on government contracts – fair wages clause (2pp).
- Memoranda and reports on electrification in Sweden (2 items).

P35/24 December 1926–January 1932

150pp

Title: Shannon Scheme, Board of Control.

File copies of agendas for meetings of the Shannon Board of Control itemising subjects for discussion and documents already circulated.

- P35/25** January 1927
- 20pp
- Memoranda circulated to the Executive Council relating to the control and financing of the Shannon Scheme (2 items).
 - Text of a speech made by C Von Siemens at the site of the first tower erected in the Shannon Power plant (5pp).
 - Note on the electricity supply system in New Zealand (3pp).
- P35/26** January–April 1927
- 50pp
- Material concerning possible compensation to existing electricity undertakings.
- Personal letter from Laurence Kettle, City Electrical Engineer, Fleet Street, Dublin, to Kevin O'Higgins, canvassing support for amendments to the Electricity Supply Bill (28 March 1927, 2pp).
 - Protests from local bodies in Dublin, Offaly, Monaghan, Galway.
 - Copy of *The Irish Trade Journal* which includes an article on Shannon Power Transmission.
 - Correspondence with interested parties concerning suggested amendments to the Bill.
- P35/27** February 1927–January 1930
- 150pp
- Title: Shannon Fisheries.
- Memoranda and reports from the Department of Lands and Fisheries on the value of salmon and eels from the Shannon 1919-27.
 - Reports from the official valuer.
 - Heads of the Shannon Fisheries Bill 1930.
 - Typescript copy of the Bill, 1931.
- P35/28** February 1927– May 1931
- 200pp
- Copy of *Proposed hydro-electric scheme on the River Shannon. Correspondence between the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Siemens-Schukertwerke, Berlin (4pp)*.
 - Memorandum: Estimate of activities of the E.S.B. in the early years of its existence (5pp).

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- P35/28 contd**
- Memorandum: Electricity Supply Board. Compensation items in connection with existing undertakings (4pp).
 - Series of notes on various aspects of the proposed scheme such as the sale of electrical material (2pp); attempt to forecast activities of the Control Board in the first two years (4pp); on the necessity for a Shannon Board (4pp); on the acquisition of existing undertakings (4pp); and on the payment of compensation (6pp).
 - Unidentified memoranda: What is the object of the Electricity Supply Bill (6pp); The propaganda against the Bill (6pp); and Work remaining to be done (15pp).
 - Article entitled 'The Present state of electrical legislation in all countries of the world.' by Dr Siegel (15pp).

P35/29 March–May 1927

50pp

Title: E.S.B. Act 1927

- Pamphlet prepared by existing electricity undertakers entitled 'The Difference between the Original Shannon Scheme and the Present Bill' suggesting its amendment.
- Amendments proposed by gas undertakers and the Minister's replies.
- Handwritten personal letter from John J. Hearne, Parliamentary Draftsman's Office, to the Minister, concerning the commendations he had received for his work on the Bill, from the Minister himself, the Parliamentary Draftsman and the Attorney General (14 March 1927, 3pp).
- Correspondence between the Minister, Arthur W. Matheson, Parliamentary Draftsman, and John A. Costello, Attorney General, concerning sections of the Bill (March–May 1927, 6 items).
- Minute of a meeting between the Minister and representatives of the gas industry (7 May 1927, 3pp).
- Unidentified memorandum: What the nett result of non-acquisition of the Dublin and suburban municipal undertakings would be (4pp).
- Correspondence between the Minister and Senator H.S. Guinness, St James's Gate concerning amendments tabled by the Senator (May 1927, 3 items)

P35/30 March–July 1927

20pp

Typescript copy text of notes from Professor Meyer Peter, Zurich, on the principal results of discussions and conferences on 17 May 1927 at Limerick and 19 May 1927 at Dublin, concerning raw material for construction of power stations; head race;; works at

- P35/30 contd** Parteen Villa; and embankments (27 May 1927, 12pp). Transcript of replies by Gordon Campbell to questions from W. Good TD at the Technical Education Commission regarding apprenticeships on the Shannon (10 March 1927, 7pp).
- P35/31** March 1927–December 1929
75pp
Title: Eamon O'Neill, Kinsale. Electricity Supply Board and compensation to unauthorised undertakings. File number: PM 156/1929: correspondence, memoranda, extracts from Dáil and Seanad debates concerning compensation to existing undertakings and the referral of disputes to arbitration.
- P35/32** July 1927
25pp
Correspondence, minutes and memoranda concerning requests submitted by Siemens to the Minister for an extension of time to finish the works and an increase in the costing of Borrow Pits.
- P35/33** August 1927– June 1928
40pp
Title: Memorandum. Shannon power development works.
 - Memorandum on the present position of the Shannon power development works (15pp).
 - Shannon Power Development. General plan of works. 1 inch to 1 mile.
 - Includes material concerning working conditions and rates of pay on the Shannon including information supplied to the Minister to reply to a parliamentary question.
- P35/34** March 1928–December 1932
400pp
Title: E.S.B. Progress of works, quarterly reports etc. Correspondence, memoranda, minutes and drafts of reports including:
 - Reports and correspondence between the E.S.B., the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Department of

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Finance.

- Memoranda on the financial position of the Board and estimates of its revenue and expenditure.
- Minister's memorandum to the Executive Council (1 May 1931) recommending reconstitution of the Board before further public funds are granted.
- Board's reply to the accusation of '...essential recklessness in the financial sense...'

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September 1928–October 1931

50pp

Title: Shannon Civil Engineering Contract.

- Correspondence with Arthur Cox and Co. [Solicitors] and Siemens, relating to the latter's claim for more time and money to complete the Shannon Scheme.
- Copies of correspondence between Siemens and the Department of Industry and Commerce.
- Copy of Specification Part 1: General Conditions of Contract.
- Includes copy of articles of agreement entered into on 13 August 1925 by the Irish Free State Government and Siemens.

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November 1928

2pp

Memorandum concerning the reprinting as a booklet of articles from *The Engineer* concerning the Shannon scheme. Circulated for consideration at the next meeting of the Board of Control.

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December 1928–July 1931

35pp

Title: Average price per unit in British undertakings. Relates to the financial position of the E.S.B.

- Correspondence and minutes concerning the opinion of W Borgquists on capital investment required in the scheme.
- Estimates of the total expenditure of the Board until 1931.
- Memorandum on average unit prices in Britain.
- Notes in a number of hands [for answers to parliamentary questions] concerning points raised by opposition members mainly concerning financial aspects of the scheme.

- P35/38** March–July 1929
- 60pp
- Title: Shannon, Final Cost. Correspondence, memoranda, notes and tables relating to the final expenditure on the Shannon works including construction, interest, administration charges and compensation. Includes:
- Estimates and accounts from the Shannon Board of Control.
 - Memorandum on the arrangement of sections and the text of the amendments of the Electricity (Finance) Act 1929.
 - Further amendments from the Department of Finance and legal opinions.
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- P35/39** March 1929
- 12pp
- Title: Private Bills, Liffey Schemes.
Memorandum presented by the Minister to the Executive Council concerning the case of Colonel Claude Cane in regard to the expense incurred by him in opposing three Private Bills introduced in 1924 for Liffey electrification schemes.
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- P35/40** November–December 1929
- 6 items
- Title: Electricity Agreements (Adaptation) Bill 1929.
- Text of the Bill introduced by four deputies from Cork to compensate employees of existing undertakings in Cork.
 - Includes a letter from W T Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council, to Patrick McGilligan (12 December 1929) drawing his attention to Cork Harbour Commissioners' resolutions concerning compensation for employees in the Cork Electricity Supply Company
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- P35/41** June 1930
- 40pp
- Title: Electricity Supply (Amendments) Bill 1930.
- 2 copies of the Bill, May 1930, with amendments from the Parliamentary draftsman.
 - Reports on consultations with senators concerning the Bill.
 - Memorandum on the rating and valuation of the works.

- P35/42** January 1931–February 1932
- 30pp
- Title: Shannon Contract. Correspondence, minutes and notes concerning contractors' claims for extra payments. Includes:
- Note for final decision of Executive Council outlining the background to the claims (1p).
 - Newspaper cutting from the *Irish Independent* (20 January 1931) relating to Siemens claim for an additional £750,000, with a message from Gordon Campbell, noting that he had tried to prevent its publication '...until proceedings were formally instituted...'
 - Memorandum from the Minister, recommending the payment of only a further £150,000 to Siemens
- P35/43** March–November 1931
- 50pp
- Title: Shannon Flooding.
Memoranda on flooding and compensation in general and valuers reports in several individual cases. Also contains material on the cases of lock-keepers in county Clare faced with redundancy.
- P35/44** July 1931
- 4 items
- Unidentified copy memorandum on the powers of the Shannon Control Board advising on the type of management policies to implement and recommending '...drastic powers in the matter of distribution policies...' (7pp). Unidentified copy memorandum entitled *General note on Shannon control* (6pp). Copy typescript text of a statement by [the Minister to the Dáil] on the second stage of a bill to regulate the distribution of electricity (14pp). Newspaper reports Submitted by Kennedy Crowley and Co. [auditors] 37 Westmoreland St. Dublin on the resignation of Dr T A McLaughlin from the managing directorship of the E.S.B. and demands from several sources for an expert report on the management of the Board
- P35/45** September 1931–February 1932
- 50pp
- Title: Ministers Private File. Copy correspondence, memoranda concerning the financial position of the ESB.

P35/46 October 1931–January 1932

12pp

Title: Carlos A Cotelo, Consul for Portugal, enquiries regarding production and cost of electric current. File number: E.S.B. 80

P35/47 December 1931

22pp

Title: Memorandum on English law relating to Finance of Local Authority Electricity undertakings. Relates to the application of the ESB for an increase in tariffs, using the accounts of large British electricity undertakings as an argument.

1.2 Shannon Board of Control Files, 1925-31

P35/48 11 January 1927

3pp

Title: Charges on the Shannon works due to alterations in the telegraph and telephone systems. File No. S.B. 1.

P35/49 18 February 1927–8 February 1929

7pp

Title: Hydrometric Survey. File No. S.B.2.

P35/50 7 December 1926

90pp

Title: Poles for transmission lines.
Tenders for supply and correspondence with contractors. File No. S.B. 3

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- P35/51** 16 July–25 November 1926
5pp
Title: Line conductors on the 38 K.V. Loop. File No. S.B.4.
- P35/52** July 1926–April 1930
120pp
Title: Navigation Power Canal, Ships hoist, locks.
Mainly tenders for supply and requests for sanction of
expenditure. File No. S.B.5
- P35/53** 16 July 1926
10pp
Title: Contract for roller gates at weir. File No. S.B.6.
- P35/54** 16 July 1926–27 February 1930
80pp
Embankments-Snipe Hill, Little Brosna Portumna. File No. S.B. 7.
- P35/55** 16 July 1926
3pp
Title: Hydrometric survey–staff. File No. S.B. 8.
- P35/56** 14 July 1931–18 January 1932
75pp
Title: Compensation. Valuation reports and particulars of
unsettled cases. File No. S.B.9.

- P35/57** 16 July 1926–30 April 1930
50pp
Title: Building Contract General papers.
Includes estimate of costs, 1927 and correspondence relating to the conflict between the chief engineer and the contractor over responsibility for the design of the works. File No. S.B.10.
- P35/58** 16 July–18 November 1926
7pp
Title: Films of works. Proposal to arrange for the filming of civil and electrical engineering works at Shannon every 6 months. File No. S.B.11.
- P35/59** 1 October 1926
2pp
Title: Railway Bridge, Quinspool South. Requesting sanction to erect the bridge. File No. S.B. 17.
- P35/60** 8 May 1931
8pp
Title: Kilmastulla River. Cut at Parteen Embankments. File No. S.B. 18.
- P35/61** 1 October–18 November 1926
4pp
Title: Administrative Expenses.
'An Account of the advance to and payments from the Shannon Power Development Fund in the year ended 31 March 1926' Printed pamphlet by Gordon Campbell. Also memorandum on whether administrative expenses should be recovered from the sale of electricity or be provided from the vote for the department of Industry and Commerce. File No. S.B.20

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- P35/62** 15 August 1927–26 March 1929
7pp
Title: Switch Plant. Orders for machinery submitted to the Board by the Chief Electrical Engineer. File No. S.B. 21.
- P35/63** 20 September 1927–22 January 1930
42pp
Title: 110 K.V. and 38 K.V. transmission General Papers. File No. S.B. 22.
- P35/64** 17 November 1926–3 February 1930
75pp
Title: Electrical Side, Progress of work. File No. S.B. 23.
- P35/65** 25 November 1926
3pp
Title: 38 K.V. sub-stations. File No. S.B. 24.
- P35/66** 10 December 1926–5 May 1930
100pp
Title: Power Station, Ardnacrusha. Orders for materials necessary in the construction of the power stations. File No. S.B. 25.
- P35/67** 8 December 1926
2pp
Title: Temporary transformer station Dublin. File No. S.B. 26.

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- P35/68** 7 December 1926
2pp
Title: 38 K. V. Line from Dublin to Dundalk. File No. S.B. 27.
- P35/69** 16 July–10 December 1926
6pp
Title: Electrical Engineering Staff. Concerns their appointment, salaries and conditions. File No. S.B.28.
- P35/70** 26 January 1927–31 August 1928
9pp
Title: Works for flood prevention between Meelick Weir and Banagher Bridge. File No. S.B. 29.
- P35/71** 9 August 1927–14 May 1930
50pp
Title: Electrical Contract General Papers, prices etc. Sanctions for additional expenditure on minor works and electrical equipment. Includes approximate estimate for the electrical and mechanical sections. File No. S.B. 31.
- P35/72** 1 July 1927–11 February 1930
200pp
Title: Civil side-progress of work. Monthly reports to the Board. Correspondence between the Minister and Siemens regarding the slow progress of the work, and wage rates of the workers on the Scheme. File No. S.B. 32.
- P35/73** 27 January–14 December 1927
15pp
Title: Experiments for Weir design at Parteen Villas-tests. File No. S.B. 33.

- P35/74** 21 February 1927–13 December 1930
200pp
Title: Transformer Stations, Valuers reports, cost of materials, extension and erection of each station. Some allegations of over-charging by Siemens. File No. S.B. 35.
- P35/75** 22 March 1927–11 November 1929
15pp
Title: Professor Meyer-Peter. Consultations. Arrangements for his visit to the works to give technical advice. Points to be raised at the consultation. File No. S.B. 36.
- P35/76** 22 March 1927
4pp
Title: Purchase of motor boat for inspection purposes. File No. S.B. 37.
- P35/77** 17 May 1927
7pp
Title: Hospital Services for workmen. File No. S.B. 39.
- P35/78** 17 May 1927–27 July 1929
15pp
Title: Cutting of trees along transmission line route. File No. S.B. 40.
- P35/79** May–August 1927
12pp
Title: Supply of power from Carlow Factory. Concerns the erection of a temporary transformer station from the Carlow Sugar-Beet factory, pending the completion of the Shannon Works. File No. S.B. 41.

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- P35/80** 25 June 1927–10 February 1930
10pp
Title: Right of way for transmission lines. Correspondence between the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Quit Rent Office. Memorandum on the type of agreement with land owners used by the Swedish Board of Waterfalls. File No. S.B. 43.
- P35/81** 2 November 1927–7 May 1930
50p
Title: General Weir papers. Policy statement on their weir building programme by Siemens. Equipment orders. File No. S.B. 48.
- P35/82** 25 September 1927–10 January 1930
175pp
Title: 10 K.V. Transmission Lines. File No. S.B. 49.
- P35/83** 7-10 February 1928
6pp
Title: Arrangements for temporary supply on Loop IV. File No. S.B. 50.
- P35/84** 15 October 1927–22 August 1929
7pp
Title: Staff – Professor Rishworth. Request of the Shannon Board of Control that Professor Rishworth be granted leave of absence from University College, Galway, for a further year. File No. S.B. 51.
- P35/85** 3 April 1928–27 February 1930
19pp
Title: Paint Supply. File No. S.B. 52.

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- P35/86** 23 April 1928
2pp
Title: Water Table Gauges. File No. S.B. 53.
- P35/87** 12 June 1928
2pp
Title: Damage to Roads by transport (Mechanical and Electrical section). Compensation claims for damage caused by the transportation of transmission poles and other materials. File No. S.B. 54
- P35/88** 26 June 1928–18 March 1929
12pp
Title: Total Cost of Shannon Works. Estimates for the civil electrical and mechanical works. File No. S.B. 56.
- P35/89** 3 October 1928–18 March 1930
45pp
Title: Electricity Supply Board. General Amendments. Financial arrangements for work executed at the request of the E.S.B. relating to the importation of foreign skilled labour for the scheme. File No. S.B. 58.
- P35/90** 3 September 1928
3pp
Title: Pump Systems. Portumna to Meelick. File No. S.B. 59.
- P35/91** 8 February 1928
3pp
Title: Model Experiments for Waste Channels. File No. S.B. 60.

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- P35/92** 12 September 1930
6pp
Title: Extra works, Portumna–Meelick Section. File No. S.B. 61.
- P35/93** 7 October 1927–29 August 1929
18pp
Title: Staff for Works. Recruitment, housing and training of staff. Includes letter from Dr Thomas McLaughlin to the Minister, asking him to release engineers from the Department of Industry and Commerce to work for the Board ‘...As you know, we have a settled policy of working the whole Shannon business as far as humanly possible with native staff...’ (30 May 1929). File No. S.B. 62.
- P35/94** 7 October 1927–7 March 1928
5pp
Title: Penstocks. Requests for sanction for expenditure on equipment. File No. S.B. 63.
- P35/95** 27 August 1929–12 March 1930
18pp
Title: Stringing of cables over railway lines, payments for flagging. File No. S.B. 66.
- P35/96** 8 January 1929–21 May 1929
12pp
Title: Minutes of Meetings with Contractors held in Limerick. Discussing technical matters related to the Shannon works. File No. S.B. 68.

Patrick McGilligan Papers

- P35/97** 28 November–15 December 1928
13pp
Title: St Molua's Oratory. Submissions from R.A. MacAlister, Professor of Celtic Archaeology, University College Dublin, and Dr Michael Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe concerning the site for the re-erection of St Molua's Oratory, an ancient monument endangered by the Scheme. File No. S.B. 69.
- P35/98** 26 January 1929
2pp
Title: Headrace. Minute from Professor F. S. Rishworth on the culvert through the right bank of the headrace near Snipe Hill. File No. S.B. 69.
- P35/99** 26 January 1929–9 May 1931
40pp
Title: Water Supplies in works area. Water supplies in Limerick city. File No. S.B. 70.
- P35/100** 26 March–12 October 1929
12pp
Title: Railways, Sidings and Connections. File No. S.B. 71.
- P35/101** 26 March 1929–15 May 1930
6pp
Title: Removal of Timber from lands to be flooded. File No. S.B. 72.
- P35/102** 7 November 1929
4pp
Title: Application by Messrs Siemens Bauunion for repayment of Customs Duties. File No. S.B. 73.

- P35/103** 7 November 1929–25 January 1930
4pp
Title: Contingencies Fund. Accounts of unexpected minor expenses incurred in construction of the Shannon works. File No. S.B. 74.
- P35/104** 16 December 1929–30 April 1930
5pp
Title: Fencing of Works. File No. S.B. 75.
- P35/105** 27 February–25 March 1930
40pp
Title: Claims by Contractors.
 - Includes correspondence with Arthur Cox and Co., Siemens' solicitors and between the Department of Finance and the Department of Industry and Commerce.
 - Letter from J J McElligott, Minister of Finance to Gordon Campbell: '...before we agree to make any payment I am of the opinion that we should insist that the contractors abandon all rights to arbitration in regard to matters comprising their present claim...' (24 March 1930) File No. S.B. 76.
- P35/106** 23 April 1930
6pp
Title: Works necessary on various owners property. Minutes from F.S. Rishworth relating to repair work necessary as a result of the Shannon Works. File No. S.B. 77.
- P35/107** 29 May–14 July 1930
5pp
Title: Killaloe Weir. Minutes presented by Siemens and F.S. Rishworth concerning the deepening of Killaloe Weir. File No. S.B. 77.

P35/108 19 September 1930

2pp

Title: Watering Places for Cattle. Sanction requested by F.S. Rishworth for payment to farmers in the Portumna area to dig a drain through the new embankment which has cut off access to the river for their cattle. File No. S.B. 79.

P35/109 15 May 1930

2pp

Title: Railway Protection Works. Sanction requested for the erection of such protection works as concrete walls and siphons at Killaloe. File No. S.B. 80.

P35/110 13 December 1930

2pp

Title: Closing of Roads. Memorandum on Father Moloney's complaint that his parishioners '...have to walk an extra two miles in consequence of the Tail-Race of the Shannon Scheme cutting the old direct road to Parteen Village...' File No. S.B.81.

1.3 Dr Thomas McLaughlin: his warrants of appointment and correspondence with Patrick McGilligan relating to the Shannon Scheme 1926-40

P35/111 [July 1926]

2pp

From Dublin. Suggests a meeting with other members of the Electricity Supply Board before going on his tour of inspection of Scandinavian electricity plants. Technical staff are to be appointed on his return to take office as Managing Director in September.

P35/112 29 July 1926

4pp

From Oslo. Notifies his arrival and considers that a 'huge blunder' has been made in the appointment of Dr Sothman as Chief Electrical Engineer. He advises greater care in the selection of staff. In pencil.

P35/113 29 July 1926

4pp

From Oslo. Again recommends Dr Hansen above Dr Sothman but assures the Minister that the '...study of Norwegian conditions has given me tremendous confidence in the Irish future...'

P35/114 31 July 1926

2pp

From Trollhatten, Sweden. Discusses his meeting with W Borgquist, who also opposes the choice of Dr Sothman and '...is wildly opposed to private organisation...' of the Shannon Scheme.

P35/115 20 August 1926

4pp

From Donnybrook, Dublin. Urges that Patrick McGilligan, Kevin O'Higgins and J J McElligott should also visit Scandanavian works, to assist in making a decision between private and state control

P35/116 23 August [1926]

7pp

From Corbally, Co. Limerick. Advises against McGilligan's continuance in ministerial office after the next election because of ill-health. Again urges a visit to Scandinavia and expresses satisfaction that '...we can electrify the farms in all except the very poor areas like Kerry...'

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- P35/117** 26 [August 1926]
2pp
From Donnybrook, Dublin. Repeats his arguments against Patrick McGilligan remaining in office after the next election. Discusses the allocation of academic posts at University College, Dublin.
- P35/118** [1927]
2 fragments
2 parts of a letter relating to the composition of the Shannon Board of Control. Refers to the qualities of unidentified individuals.
'He asked Fant – the machinery expert of the I.A.O.S. about him. Fant knows him well & describes him as an objectionable type of crooked intriguer much addicted to alcohol'.
- P35/119** 18 July 1927
3pp
From Limerick. Relates to the Electricity Supply Board, its powers, staffing and the salaries of its members. Requests further information on the terms of his appointment as Managing Director.
- P35/120** March 1937, April 1940
2 items
Dr Thomas McLaughlin's warrants of appointment as a member of the Electricity Supply Board, signed by Eamon de Valera.

1.4 Published Material relating to the Shannon Scheme, 1926-29

1.4.1 Publications by Siemens and the Government

- P35/121** October 1926–November 1929
- 4pp each
- 38 pamphlets published by Siemens under the general title: 'Siemens, progress on the Shannon'. All include photographs of the work in hand.
- P35/122** November 1928
- 40pp
- Minister's autographed copy of the booklet entitled 'The Shannon Hydro-Electric Power Scheme. Construction work carried out under the direction of the Department of Industry and Commerce'. Originally a series of articles in *The Engineer* (December 1927–March 1928).

1.4.2 Opinion and reportage

- P35/123** October 1926–April 1927
- 'The Future of Electricity Supply in Ireland' by Lawrence Kettle: a copy of the Chairman's address reprinted from the *Journal of the Institute of Electrical Engineers*, 1926 (24pp).
 - Editorial comment from *The Irish Electrician* on the Electricity Supply Bill, 1927 together with the text of the Bill (10pp).
- P35/124** 12 February–9 March 1927
- 4 items
- Cuttings of articles entitled 'Big Turbines and Big Talk' by S Muireadhach from three consecutive issues of *Honesty* (10pp, 12–26 February 1927). Notes (2pp) from J M Fay comment that it is 'too intensely stupid to deserve an answer' but 'two glaring errors' are corrected by him.

1.5 Minister's Files relating to other aspects of Departmental business 1924-32

P35/125 September–October 1928

12pp

Title: Government Economy. Copy of the address by W.T. Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council, to a meeting of heads of departments (4 October 1928) making a 'special and personal request to all Accounting Officers to make the maximum effort to achieve immediate and substantial economies in the services for which they are responsible'.

P35/126 May 1930–January 1932

18pp

Title: Saorstát Éireann Production. Imports, Exports and Tariffs.

- Tables on the export of home produced commodities and the corresponding imports in 1929.
- Statistics relating to the clothing industry and the numbers employed in protected industries. List of factories started during 1930.

2. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

2.1 The Irish Free State and the Commonwealth 1923-31

2.1.1. The Imperial Conference and the Statute of Westminster

P35/127 October 1923

50pp

Title: 1923 Imperial Conference Treaties and Territorial Waters.

- Minutes of the Committee on the position of the Dominions and India in relation to the signature of treaties and the question of territorial waters.
- Resolution on the negotiation, signature and ratification of international agreements.

- P35/128** August–October 1924
32pp
Title: Consultation between Great Britain and the Self-Governing Dominions. Suggested revision of the present system. File Number: P.S. 120.
- P35/129** July 1925–October 1926
100pp
Title: Defence and Coastal Defence Documents submitted to the Executive Council.
 - Memoranda on matters discussed at the Imperial Conference such as Empire Naval Policy.
 - Other memoranda on Coastal Defence and the formation of a reserve force.
- P35/130** April–September 1926
10pp
Title: Imperial Conference Empire Migration.
 - Typescript text of chapter 13 of an ‘Act to make better provision for furthering British settlement in His Majesty’s overseas dominions (31 May 1922).’
 - Correspondence with the Irish Free State Legation in Washington regarding the proposed reduction of the immigration quota.
- P35/131** May–June 1926
25pp
Title: General Organisation for War Imperial Conference.
 - Memorandum on ‘General Organisation for War’.
 - Admiralty memorandum on Empire Naval policy and co-operation.
 - Ministry of Defence memoranda on the relation of the Saorstat Defence position to the Locarno Treaty on Mutual Guarantee and on specifically Irish problems such as population decline and educational standards in the Army.

P35/132 September 1926–October 1929

40pp

- Home Office memoranda on nationality questions.
- Memorandum on the nationality of married women by the national Council of Women of Ireland. Copies of the 'Aliens Acts' of South Africa and New Zealand.
- Printed proceedings of the Conferences on the operation of Dominion Legislation and Merchant Shipping Legislation 1929.
- Printed copy of the questions raised at the Imperial Conference 1926.

P35/133 December 1926–June 1927

50pp

Title: Coastal Defence Conference under Article 6 of the Treaty. Correspondence and memoranda concerning preliminary steps towards the conference on coastal defence contemplated by article 6.

P35/134 April 1928–March 1931

30pp

Secession.

- Memoranda on South Africa's claim to the legal right to secede and on the constitutional right of secession as an issue at the coming conference.
- Verbatim proceedings of the Gwyer Committee's discussions on secession, 1929.

P35/135 December 1928

53pp

Proposed Expert Committee on the Operation of Dominion Legislation. Confidential preparatory memorandum containing a survey of existing legislation passed by the Imperial Parliament which affects the Dominions.

- P35/136** August 1929
27pp
Title: Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.
Memoranda by J J Hearn [Legal Adviser to the Department of External Affairs] on Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in International Law and the Territorial Limitation of Dominion Legislation.
- P35/137** September 1929
46pp
Title: The principles underlying or embodied in the Colonial Laws Validity Act 1865. Memorandum by J J Hearne.
- P35/138** September 1929
36pp
Title: The Colonial Boundaries Act [1865]. Memorandum by J.J. Hearne on the principles underlying or embodied in the Colonial Laws Validity Act 1865.
- P35/139** October 1929
5 items
Title: Colonial Laws Validity Act.
 - Copy draft minutes of the first meeting of the Colonial Laws Validity Act Committee. Irish Free State representatives J J Hearne and J A Costello (6pp).
 - Draft report of the Committee (9pp).
 - Annotated copy of the provisional conclusions of the Conference on the Operation of Dominion Legislation and Merchant Shipping Legislation (9pp).
 - Copy of a redraft of paragraphs 54 and 55 of the 1929 report based on suggestions made by the Minister for Defence (6pp).
 - Annotated draft schedule of the Statute of Westminster (8pp).
- P35/140** October 1929
19pp
Annotated draft report of the committee on the Colonial Laws Validity Act 1865.

- P35/141** October 1929

15pp

Typescript draft sections of the British Commonwealth (Legislative Powers) Act, 1929 and related material.
- P35/142** October 1929

2 items

Copies of two Department of Defence memoranda: Irish policy on Defence and Cognate questions at the Imperial Conference 1926 (12pp) and Defence Status of Saorstát Éireann (21pp) sent at the Minister's request by Michael McDunphy, Department of the President.
- P35/143** [1930]

16pp

Title: Air Navigation, Preliminary memorandum. Submitted to the Executive Council by the Department of Defence.
- P35/144** November 1930

102pp

Summary of Proceedings of the Imperial Conference, 1930. Confidential printed report.
- P35/145** October 1930

60pp

Opening statements at the Imperial Conference and report of the statements made at the second plenary session of the conference. Both are printed annexes to the Summary of Proceedings.

P35/146 November 1931

8 items

Title: Statute of Westminster.

- Correspondence between Patrick McGilligan, J H Thomas [Secretary of State for the Dominions] and Ramsay MacDonald concerning Winston Churchill's proposed amendment to the Statute of Westminster, limiting the legislative freedom of the Irish Free State, which, the Minister contends '...strikes at the whole basis of good will and free co-operation on which alone the Treaty can be securely founded...' (14pp).
- Copy memorandum on the 'Churchill Amendment' and the Irish Free State (12pp). Text of the discussion at the Gwyer Committee on the Statute of Westminster (10pp). Three pamphlets from the 1921-22 period stating arguments for and against the Treaty.

2.1.2 Merchant Shipping and Copyright Sub-conference of the Imperial Conference, 1930

P35/147 1926-28

100pp

Title: Merchant Shipping 1926.

- Correspondence, minutes and memoranda concerning the establishment and functioning of a sub-conference of the 1926 Imperial Conference to discuss merchant shipping.
- Preparatory memorandum on existing Merchant Shipping legislation (8pp).

P35/148 September 1929

21pp

Title: Sub conference on Merchant Shipping Legislation. Preliminary memorandum dealing with administrative difficulties. Report of the functions and work of the Marine Branch of the Department of Industry and Commerce, 1928-29.

- P35/149** [October 1929]
20pp
Conference on the operation of Dominion Legislation and Merchant Shipping Legislation. Typescript copy of the Speech by the Attorney General of the United Kingdom.
- P035/150** October–November 1929
11 items
Conference on the operation of Dominion legislation and Merchant Shipping Legislation. Confidential printed reports of proceedings.
- P35/151** August 1930
63pp
Title: Merchant Shipping. Preliminary Memorandum. Includes text of the draft agreement.
- P35/152** August–October 1930
10pp
Sub conference on the Copyright (United Kingdom and British Dominions) Order 1930.
 - Draft memorandum by J J Hearne.
 - Industry and Commerce memorandum.

**2.2 Constitutional Status of the Irish Free State and Relations
with Great Britain 1921-33**

P35/153 June 1921–April 1932

150pp

Title: Treaty-Finance Relations.

- Correspondence, memoranda and estimates from the 1921-22 period, including copy letters from Michael Collins. Draft Bill to establish the Offices of Comptroller and Auditor General and Assistant Comptroller and Auditor.
- Material relating to the Ultimate Financial Agreement between the Irish Free State and Britain, land purchase annuities and the Oath of Allegiance.
- Includes memoranda on Irish government's liability for imperial debt and a comparative list of the concessions made by Britain and the Free State on the questions of local loans and land purchase annuities.

P35/154 March–June 1924

13pp

Title: Conclusion of International Treaties. Constitutional Position of the Irish Free State. File Number P.S. 119.

Typescript copies of confidential correspondence and despatches between T M Healy, [Governor General, Irish Free State] and J H Thomas [Secretary of State for the Dominions].

P35/155 February 1925

15pp

Title: Power of Disallowance by the Crown of Acts of the Oireachtas. File Number: P.S. 112. Memoranda presented to the Executive Council.

P35/156 April 1925–May 1926

16pp

Title: Flag of Saorstat Eireann. File Number: P.S. 10.

- Memoranda on the recognition of the tricolour.
- Memoranda and reports concerning the adoption of separate flags by other Dominion countries.

P35/157 May 1926

4 items

Title: Constitution Irish Free State. Amendments.

- Confidential report of the Amendments to the Constitution Committee (16pp) and copy of the Constitution showing the amendments proposed in the report (25pp).
- List of the amending acts showing the articles amended (20pp).
- Copy of the 'Act to Enact a Constitution for the Irish Free State' 1922 and the Act implementing the Anglo-Irish Treaty 1921.

P35/158 October 1927–September 1930

75pp

Title: Wigg and Cochrane Case. File Number: P.S. 527.

Memoranda, correspondence and circulars relating to the action taken by two civil servants, transferred from the British to the Free State Civil Service to obtain a declaration that they were entitled to benefits under Article 10 of the Treaty. Includes articles from the Civil Service Journal and a memorandum from W. Gentry Bingham on the breakdown of law and order in India following the overruling of the judgement of the judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

P35/159 1927–30

50pp

Title: Governor General.

Memoranda, reports and correspondence on the status and functions of the Governor General. Includes a secret report from J.P. Walshe, Secretary, Department of External Affairs, to the Minister on a meeting with Lord Lovat at the Dominions Office, accompanied by Desmond FitzGerlad, to discuss the office of Governor General (30 November 1927, 5pp).

P35/160 August–October 1929

3 items

- Unidentified Irish memorandum on the Law relating to the British Sovereign and the Royal Family (17pp).
- Offprint of an article entitled 'A Constitutional Anomaly' by Rev R S Devane S J (1929, 10pp).
- Leading article from *The Universe* entitled 'The King's Religion'

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urging the removal of restrictions on the freedom of religion of the British Monarch.

P35/161 October 1929–May 1930

15pp

Title: Privy Council. Draft despatch from the Department of External Affairs to the British Government submitted to the Executive Council. Correspondence relating to the case of Bray Urban District Council against the Performing Rights Society - an appeal to the Privy Council in an infringement of copyright case.

P35/162 November 1929–April 1932

30pp

Title: Oath Bill. Correspondence, memoranda and reports

- Text of discussion at the Gwyer Committee on the 'Nominis Umbra Document' 1929 (14pp).
- Letter to W.T. Cosgrave, from James Hogan, University College Cork, regarding the oaths of allegiance taken by Irish chiefs in the senchal Irish Parliament (not dated, 6pp).
- Unidentified memorandum on the oath to be taken by members of the parliament of the Free State (17 December 1921, 7pp).
- Unidentified memorandum on Professor O'Rahilly on the treaty and the oath dealing with points raised by O'Rahilly in a published article (not dated, 15pp).

P35/163 1929

14pp

Title: Admiralty Jurisdiction in Ireland. Memorandum providing background information, a survey of the nature of the Irish jurisdiction and the position in 1929

P35/164 [1929]

31pp

Title: Colonial Courts of Admiralty. Report on the genesis and growth of admiralty jurisdiction with reference to one particular case. Section on the future jurisdiction of the Courts.

P35/165 July 1930

2pp

Memorandum by J P Walshe, Secretary, Department of External Affairs concerning the succession to the throne and the right of secession.

P35/166 November 1930–March 1933

100pp

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, and texts of speeches on the case for ending judicial appeal to the Privy Council.

- Confidential memorandum concerning the discussion on the matter, between J H Thomas and J W Dulanty [Irish Free State High Commissioner in London] (6 January 1931, 6pp).
- Copy of a confidential memorandum arising from an informal conference of independent groupings in the Dáil and Senate, favouring the retention of the right of appeal (4pp).
- Statement on foreign policy by the Minister, with special reference to the question of judicial appeal to the Privy Council which ‘...still stands in the way of closer relations with Great Britain...’
- Memorandum by John J Horgan defining the Free State’s attitude on Commonwealth relations, the Governor General, appeals to the Privy Council and defence (March 1933, 25pp).

P35/167 May 1931

50pp

Title: Privy Council.

- Unidentified secret memorandum advising that ‘... prospects would be improved if the Judicial Committee Settlement could be made part of a larger whole...’, incorporating agreements on Lough Foyle, Irish Lights and the Great Seal. Draft of possible agreement (not dated, 4pp).
- Copy typescript External Affairs report on discussions in London with the British side (1 May 1931, 40pp).

2.3 Relations with Northern Ireland 1923-31

P35/168 November 1923–June 1925

30pp

Title: Postal Services–transfer to Northern Ireland.
Correspondence, copy minutes and memoranda concerning aspects of proposed transfer of services, particularly postal services, to Northern Ireland

P35/169 May–July 1925

10pp

Documents submitted to the Executive Council relating to the Boundary Commission.

- Includes letter from the Commission requesting information about the existing boundaries of the Free State and Northern Ireland at Lough Foyle.
- Representations received by the Commission from the Irish Society, Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners and the Corporation of the City of Londonderry.

P35/170 July 1925–August 1931

125pp

Title: Lough Foyle–Northern Ireland Government.

- Memoranda on the history of the shores and adjoining Lough Foyle and the background to the dispute over fishing rights between The Irish Society and Foyle and Bann Fisheries.
- Garda reports.
- Copies of correspondence between W T Cosgrave and Ramsay MacDonald (1–9 August 1929) in the course of which Mr Cosgrave warns of ‘...immediate and grave danger of breaches of the peace and possibly of loss of life should an attempt be made to enforce an injunction dealing with matters affecting the territory of the Irish Free State purporting to have been granted by a court which has no jurisdiction in that area...’
- Includes draft ‘Bill to amend the Laws relating to Fisheries in their application to the Lough and River Foyle,’ 1927, and a summary of the meeting of the Lough Foyle sub-committee of the Executive Council (1928).

P35/171 June 1930–June 1931

20pp

Title: Irish Lights

Memoranda and notes regarding the administration and finance of Irish Lights, arguing that any division of the Irish Lights service between the Free State and Northern Ireland for administrative and financial purposes would give rise to serious problems concerning jurisdiction over territorial waters.

P35/172 June–July 1931

2 items

Title: Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough.

- Report of a meeting between British and Free State Government representatives and representatives of the Irish Society and Foyle and Bann Fisheries (10pp).
- Garda report on net-cutting on Lough Foyle (1p).

2.4 The Irish Free State and The League of Nations, 1924-32

P35/173 November 1924–March 1925

Title: Registration of Treaty with League. Memoranda and draft despatches submitted to the Executive Council concerning the British Governments objection to the Irish Free State registering the Anglo-Irish Treaty 1921 with the League of Nations.

P35/174 March 1928–December 1931

40pp

Title: Disarmament.

Memoranda on the Disarmament Conference of the League of Nations prepared by the Interdepartmental sub-committee on Disarmament [Departments of Defence and External Affairs]. Includes copies of statements made at the conference by Lord Cushendun and Mr Litvinoff, representative of the U S S R.

P35/175 July–October 1932

75pp

Title: Nationality of Married Women. Memoranda on the nationality of married women presented by member states to a Committee of the League of Nations together with minutes of committee meetings.

3. FINANCE

3.1 Documents relating to the Formation of the Inter-Party Government and the Department of Finance, 1943-51

P35/176 24 December 1943

2pp

Letter from James Dillon, Ballaghadereen, Co. Mayo to Patrick McGilligan.

Rejects any proposal that he should return to the Fine Gael party: '...So long as the European war lasts I cannot return to the Party as leader in [the] Dáil or as a member of the Front Bench...'

P35/177 1948-51

5pp

Patrick McGilligan's rough notes on the formation of the government in 1948, working out the allocation of ministries in the coalition and the ratio of Private Secretaries to Ministers in governments since 1922.

P35/178 March 1948–September 1950

25pp

Exchequer Bonds. Prospectus for the issue of 3% Exchequer Bonds '...made partly to repay temporary borrowings incurred in recent years for capital and other purposes and partly to provide for further outlay on works of national importance such as electrical development and housing...' Text of the Minister's speech launching the scheme and appealing for subscriptions, with letters of support from James J. Roche, Bishop of Cloyne and J. Kinane, Archbishop of Cashel.

Patrick McGilligan Papers

- P35/179** April 1949
12pp
Easter Monday Commemorations. Minister for Finance's invitation and schedule of events.
- P35/180** April 1950–June 1951
15pp
The Civil Service. Circulars, memoranda and correspondence relating to the recommendations of the Civil Service Arbitration Board on the claim for a general revision of pay for Civil Servants. Includes Finance memorandum underlining the fundamental importance of the Civil Service Pay Revision Agreement, 1948 to any claim for revision of civil service pay (April 1951, 5pp).
- P35/181** February 1949
4pp
Agricultural Development. Senator R. Richard Orpens memorandum and related correspondence on the provision of capital for agricultural development.
- P35/182** 1950
4pp
Price Control on Timber.
2 notes from an official in the Department of Finance to the Minister. Reports information received concerning price control orders on home-grown timber from Mr. Schorman, Forestry Division, Department of Lands, who argues that their removal would still leave native timber cheaper than imported material.

3.2 Nationality and Citizenship: documents received from the Department of External Affairs 1947-48.

P35/183 January 1947–July 1948

25pp

British Nationality Act 1948

Memoranda, *aides- mémoires* and communications between the British and Irish governments concerning aspects of the Bill.

Memorandum suggests that the Bill as amended would ‘...nullify whatever contribution the measure might otherwise make towards reconciling the grave conflicts of nationality law which at present exist...’ because of the provisions under which the population of Northern Ireland are made citizens of the United Kingdom while certain categories of Irish citizens continue to be regarded as British subjects.

P35/184 1947–48

15pp

Memorandum on Commonwealth Preference and the position of British Subjects in Ireland. Text of Section 8 of the Finance Act 1919, conferring Imperial Preference (2pp).

P35/185 June–November 1948

4 items

- Text of an interview given by Mr. Sean MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, to the *Manchester Guardian* on Anglo-Irish relations (September 1948, 6pp).
- Minute circulated by the Department of the Taoiseach concerning the continuation of close relations between Ireland and Commonwealth nations in the aftermath of the repeal of the External Relations Act (October 1948, 2pp).
- External Affairs memorandum on whether Eire is to be represented at the Commonwealth Conference to be held in October 1948 (September 1948, 2pp).
- Typescript excerpts from recent articles in the British and Canadian press concerning the evolution of the Commonwealth (9pp).

3.3 Ministerial Correspondence 1948-50

- P35/186** 9 February 1948
2pp
E.J. Coyne SJ, Dublin, recommending that the minister read a recent M.A. thesis on the Budgets of the 1922-34 period.
- P35/187** 24 February 1948–2 August 1950
11 items
Letters of congratulation from political colleagues and private individuals to Patrick McGilligan on the occasion of his appointment as Minister of Finance, in relation to his speeches in the Dáil and Senate, and on government achievements generally.
- P35/188** 25 February 1948
2pp
E.J. Coyne S.J., Dublin, recommends the issue of Savings Certificates as the source of a floating loan for the Government.
- P35/189** 23–28 September 1948
5pp
J.J. Davy, Stockbroker, Dublin.
2 letters and a memorandum concerning Government involvement in hotel management with particular reference to a hotel in Cobh, Co. Cork.
- P35/190** 28 September 1948
6pp
Muriel Bowen, *Irish Independent*, offers her congratulations on the Minister's speech summing up the Budget debate, but expresses doubts about the '...Marshall Aid business...it looks to me like servitude to the dollar...atrocious business and very bad politics...'.

P35/191 20 January 1949

4pp

D.A. Binchy, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, advises against the amalgamation of the Institute of Advanced Studies and University College Dublin.

P35/192 7 May 1949

1p

Patrick Gallagher, Templecrone Co-operative, Dungloe, Co. Donegal. Suggests a boycott on trade with Northern Ireland and comments that Unemployment Benefit has been '...the biggest curse that ever came to this country...'

4. OTHER POLITICAL MATERIAL

4.1 Speeches and Electoral Propaganda 1932-51

P35/193 1932-51

7 items

- Drafts of 2 speeches from the 1933 campaign: 'Mr. Cosgrave's call to the Nation' (24pp) and Patrick McGilligan's 'Message to the People' (7pp).
- Copies of 4 pamphlets used by Fine Gael in the 1937 election campaign.
- Draft of a Fine Gael pamphlet, 1948, entitled 'What are you going to do about it?' (7pp).

P35/194 1935-37

36pp

Texts of three speeches made by Patrick McGilligan relating to the Fianna Fail Government's economic policy, with particular reference to agricultural and industrial production, emigration and unemployment.

4.2 The Counihan Credit Scheme 1939-42

P35/195 March 1939–May 1942

120pp

Counihan Credit Plan.

Text of a Senate motion proposed by John J Counihan, urging the Government to implement legislation to provide that half of the land annuities remitted under the 1933 Land Act be capitalised. Memoranda, correspondence and estimates concerning Senator Counihan's, Senator Johnson's and Captain Orpen's schemes on agricultural credit. Includes correspondence from W.T. Cosgrave and James Dillon.

P35/196 April–July 1942

200pp

Minutes of three meetings of the conference on credit facilities for farmers convened by Patrick McGilligan. Memoranda and correspondence relating to the Counihan Credit scheme.