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Deer Hunting in the Stewartry

Exciting Sport Near Gatehouse

Colonel Murray Baillie, the popular laird of Broughton and Cally, and a keen sportsman, was the means of affording considerable enjoyment on Saturday to a large company which assembled at Rainton farm in response to his invitation to witness the inauguration of a regular pack of hounds for hunting the deer on Cally estate.

After the party had been photographed, a move was made for the low woods of Rainton, where the hounds were laid on by the hon. huntsman, and in a short time the quarry was raised in the wood above Boreland of Girthon. Two fallow deer broke away, but unfortunately the hounds got onto the scent of a roe, which they hunted for a considerable time. Hounds were called off, and taken to Rainton glen, where three deer were raised, and a hot chase ensued. One of the deer broke off on its own, part of the pack following, but later on they came together again and made for Boreland woods. Driven out of there, they made off to Rainton, where the scent was lost. The field then moved to Cally Park, when the hounds were put into the wood at the old temple. A deer was quickly found, which provided the best run of the day, and set a hot pace for horsemen and hounds. Taking through the wood, with the hounds in close attendance, the deer doubled back, and left shelter. Here the spectators had a fine view of the chase only a short distance away. The "field" swept past the front of Cally House on to Cally Mains, where the deer took to the high ground, and went across country to Boreland of Girthon. Hounds were called off, and huntsmen rode back leisurely to the kennels after a most enjoyable day.

The "field" comprised :-

Colonel Baillie, Mrs and Miss Betty Baillie
Mr F J Turner, factor on Cally, who acted as hon. huntsman
Mr A W Saunders, Dromore
Mr W T Sproat and Mr Tom Sproat, Borgue House
Mr D Symington, Kirkcarswell
Mr J B Sproat, Lennox Plunton
Mr N Hughan, Drumwall
Mr H Johnstone, Kirkcudbright
Mr N H Macalister, V S Kirkcudbright
Mr W M McCall, Great Cross
Mr W Crosbie, Murray Arms Stables
Baillie McCutcheon, Lochlyoch
Mr W Smith, Cumstoun Mains
and the Whip

Others present at the meet were :-

Mrs Sproat, Lennox Plunton
The Misses McDowall, Girdstingwood
Miss Sproat, Borgue House
Miss White, Cushatwood
Miss A Phillips, Rusko Schoolhouse
Provost Laurie, Gatehouse
Mr James Williamson, solicitor, Kirkcudbright
Mr C MacGill, Barcheskie
Mr A M Montgomery of Netherhall
Mr H Livingston, Sheriff-Clerk depute, Kirkcudbright
Ex Provost Buxton,
Mr Hogg and family, Rainton
Mr and Mrs Cotton
Mr J R Kirkpatrick
Messrs G and M Murray
Mr James Campbell, Gatehouse
Mr R Sproat, High Borgue
Mr W Young, Lennox Plunton
Mr A Kennedy, Ardwell Lodge
Mr G Orr Belvedere Lodge
Mr R Bathgate, Deer Park
And Mr J Campbell, Angel Hotel Stables