

F I V E M I L E T O W N .

A MARKET town, with about 600 inhabitants, in the southern extremity of County Tyrone, near the Fermanagh boundary, on a ridge which forms the Watershed between the Erne and the Northern Blackwater, which flow into Lough Neagh. Before the Ulster Plantation it is said to have been called Ballynalurgan, and for some time afterwards to have borne the name of Blessingbourne, that of the Plantation Manor in which it is situated, early in the last century; however, it acquired its present name, supposed to be derived from the fact that it is five miles from Clogher, Tempo, and Brookborough, respectively, places which Fivemiletown has long overtaken and surpassed in prosperity and importance. Fivemiletown is a station on the Clogher Valley Tramway (Light Railway) twenty-eight miles (statute) from Tynan junction and ten miles from Maguiresbridge, both on the Great Northern Railway. There is a weekly pork, butter, corn and egg market, and a monthly cattle fair. The business of the town has much increased since the opening of the Clogher Valley line in 1885, and it is expected to increase in size and prosperity. It lies in the midst of a pleasing, undulating, well timbered, well-farmed portion of the Clogher Valley, bounded to the north and south by high hills. By road it is thirteen miles from Omagh, twenty miles from Dungannon, and eleven miles from Enniskillen.