

# Sportsman and Gentleman

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## Passing of Mr. M. B. O'Donnell, N.T

Perhaps there are few who more richly deserved the title of a sportsman and a gentleman in life than did the late Mr Michael B O'Donnell, Principal of the Courtenay National Schools, Newcastle West, whose death occurred at St John's Hospital, Limerick, on Tuesday, following an accident. During the recent severe frost he slipped on the roadway near his home, badly fracturing his hip. The late Mr O'Donnell, who was a native of the Pallas district, was for a considerable period the Principal of Kilmaneck N.S. prior to his appointment to Newcastle West. He was a most highly successful educationist, and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him. As an old Gael and a first-class football exponent in his day, he took the keenest interest in the national pastimes and in Irish athletics in general. He was for the past few years President of the Limerick County Board of the N.A.U.A. In a busy life deceased found time to take an active part in the Gaelic League, the G.A.A. the Catholic Truth Society, and in fact in everything that appertained to the social and cultural life of Newcastle West. For several years he held the position of Secretary to the Newcastle West Show, and his wonderful energy in that capacity contributed to make that fixture such an outstanding one up to the time of its discontinuance a few years ago. Undoubtedly a great personality has passed on, one whose memory will be ever cherished wherever the Gael and the sportsman meet.

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