English Rule
Concession
Confrontation 1890s
Coercion

Local Government Act 1898

...Equivocation

Wyndham's Land Act 1903

1909 Budget 1910 Elections 1911 Revival of Home Rule

Ulster Revolt...

3rd Home Rule Bill 1912

Ulster plan to secede Nov.'13 Conservative support ...Unionism Lords' veto'12 Strikes to put pressure on British govt Arms embargo Confrontation Curragh Mutiny'14 Suspension of Home Rule Aug'14

Irish Rebellion... MOTIVE * ~ Growth of Irish nationalism MOVEMENT Easter Plot (failed)

...Independence Dublin Parliament Anglo-Irish War MOMENTUM

. . Dominion Pact 1922

Equivocation, Unionism & Independence 1894-1922 Though cheaper loans helped with buying land, Campaigning against high rents was planned, So **trials** for offences were placed in the hands of judge alone; And despite the Local Government Act, It was still Home Rule the Irish lacked, For which any "kindness" government backed, could not atone: Five million a year, the government lent, Redeemed at three and a quarter per cent Over 68 years, to be less than the rent most tenants paid; Then the budget was vetoed by Tory peers; The Liberals lost their majority clear, And the Parliament Act could after two years have Home Rule made... But Sinn Fein had as their aim complete freedom, Deeply resenting Britannia's presence in their land; It could never be right whatever she might concede them And guns & explosives had never been closer to hand. But Home Rule was spurned by Ulstermen, Mistrusting Catholic tyranny, when The bill would again be granted M. P.'s consent; Convinced by Carson they should secede, On the raising of volunteers, agreed, Which Tory backing for Unionist creed would soon cement. With their Lordships' veto a matter of course, And strikes to herald Republican force, The government looked to cut off at source all arms' supply; Until, as conflict loomed once more, At the Curragh, the Ulsterphile officer corps And Europe itself, on the brink of war, let Home Rule lie... Yet Sinn Fein had as their aim complete freedom, Deeply resenting the previous centuries in chains; And Ulster shivered considering whither this might lead Determined within the Union to remain. (them,

Yet as Irish M. P. s agreed to suspend, Until such time as the war should end, It was seen as a chance by those intend-

ing to break away: Till, in Dublin, the Nationalist Easter plot Was never sufficient to cut the knot, And 15 of its leaders were shot

without delay. But with men called up, **Sinn Fein** had grown, And calling a Parliament all their own, Waged war on the British Militia known as "Black and Tans";

After three years of killing, "tit for tat", Lloyd George agreed a Dominion pact, But this in turn was to be hijacked

by Irish plans...

For Sinn Fein had as their aim complete freedom, Deeply resenting the slightest intention to join; But Protestant Ulster's impulse was to impede them With Orange parades for the Battle of the Boyne... So with the other, neither would join... All violent acts paid back in like coin... Sinn Fein in vain disclaiming the Boyne... Each other's faith both bent on destroyin'... ••• Cheaper mortgages to help tenants buy land But: still acts of violence v. landlords J So: coercion again: Trial by Jury suspended ٠ Local Government Act to give provinces local autonomy over education, religion, health etc. J Refusal of Parliament to grant Home Rule This Land Act was the most extensive settlement of the J land issue House of Lords rejected 1909 budget ٠ Liberals lost overall majority in electionsJan/Dec.1910 J This gave Irish Nationalists, led by Redmond, the lever they needed at Westminster, because by the Parliament Act the Lords could only veto for two years. Sinn Fein = "We ourselves", formed in 1907, became the political wing of the Irish Republican Army. ٠ "Ulster will fight and Ulster will be right" Ulster protestants feared suppression by an Irish Catholic government in Dublin "Home Rule = Rome Rule" J Ulster loyalists, led by Carson began campaign to secede (break with) from the South. J Gained Tory support and some Liberal support in the House of Commons ٠ Home Rule suspended by Lords' 2 year. veto Irish Nationalists planned a campaign of strikes J Government set up barriers to prevent arms being supplied to Nationalists in Ireland ٠ Civil war threatened 1913-14; Curragh Mutiny by Ulster Protestant officers; J Outbreak of war Aug 1914 postponed the final legislation for Home Rule... 16 Home Rulers + 17 Unionists = 33 Ulster's M.P.s Nearly half of Ulster was Roman Catholic Irish nationalist party agreed to postpone Home * Rule till the war in Europe ended; J Sinn Fein saw this as an opportunity to put the government under pressure; Easter Plot 1916 to try to break Ireland away from Britain was viewed as treachery... Conscription played into Sinn Fein's hands ÷ Irish Parliament set up in defiance of Br.govt. J Open Civil War broke out in Ireland as the war in Europe ended ٠ Lloyd George agreed to grant Ireland Dominion status (ie within the Empire) J Not sufficient for Sinn Fein, who wanted Ulster and complete independence from Britain Thus the scene was set for the conflict between Irish Nationalism & Ulster Unionism...

1690, when James II's Catholics were defeated by William of Orange's Protestants...