

(O.N. *markathr*, a 'market'), and *penning* (O.N. *penningr*, a 'penny'), and also by certain archæological discoveries. In Scandinavia coins of King Sithric Silken-Beard have been found,¹ while four sets of bronze scales and some weights richly decorated in enamel and gold have been dug up in Ireland (Bangor, Co. Down).² To the same period (early ninth century) also belong the scales and weights which were discovered in the great hoard at Islandbridge, near Kilmainham in 1866.³ With such strong evidence of the influence exerted by the Vikings on the expansion of Irish trade it is not surprising to find that even as late as the seventeenth century the greater part of the merchants of Dublin traced their descent to Olaf Cuaran and the Dublin Norsemen.⁴

¹ A. Bugge: *Vesterlandenes Indflydelse paa Nordboernes i Vikingetiden*, pp. 300-304.

² G. Coffey, *op. cit.*, p. 91.

³ *Ib.*, p. 89.

⁴ Duaid Mac Firbis: *On the Fomorians and the Norsemen* (ed. A. Bugge), p. 11.