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Irish Day at the World's Columbian Exposition September 30, 1893

The 1893 World's Columbian Exposition had a few special days with meaning full celebrations. The Irish had their day on September 30, 1893. A heated argument between the Irish Committee and the Director-General George R. Davis, Chief of Decoration for the Buildings Frank D. Millet, and Chief of the Electrical Department John P. Barrett on that special day.



The Irish Village was on the Midway Plaisance.

The Irish flag had been raised twice on a staff on the Electrical Building, only to be cut down, and finally removed to Millet's office across the way in the Administration Building. The abiding rule was that only nations recognizing the United States Navy flag – not the case for Ireland in 1893 – could fly flags on the Exposition poles. Daniel Burnham finally struck a compromise with Millet and the Irish flag flew all day at the southern entrance arch of the Electricity Building. The attendance on Irish Day was 108,885.