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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-05984

The New Ireland Fund, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Bank of Ireland Asset Management (U.S.) Limited  
40 Mespil Road  
Dublin 4, Ireland  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc.  
One Boston Place, 34th Floor  
Boston, MA 02108  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 508 871 8500

Date of fiscal year end: October 31

Date of reporting period: January 31, 2011

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule of Investments is attached herewith.

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FIRST QUARTER REPORT  
JANUARY 31, 2011

## INVESTMENT SUMMARY (UNAUDITED)

### TOTAL RETURN (%)

	MARKET VALUE (a)		NET ASSET VALUE (a)	
	CUMULATIVE	AVERAGE ANNUAL (b)	CUMULATIVE	AVERAGE ANNUAL (b)
Current Quarter	12.33	12.33	11.08	11.08
One Year	6.91	6.91	6.12	6.12
Three Year	(42.22)	(16.71)	(38.23)	(14.84)
Five Year	(31.75)	(7.36)	(27.92)	(6.34)
Ten Year	21.71	1.98	15.82	1.48

### PER SHARE INFORMATION AND RETURNS

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Net Asset Value (\$)	13.28	11.04	16.29	20.74	24.36	32.55	30.95	10.18
Income								
Dividends (\$)	(0.01)	(0.03)	--	(0.09)	(0.03)	(0.16)	(0.24)	(0.36)
Capital Gains								
Other								
Distributions (\$)	(2.65)	(0.69)	--	--	--	(1.77)	(2.40)	(4.86)
Total Return (%) (a) (b)	-20.99	-11.44	47.55	28.14	17.51	45.97	2.88	-58.62

#### NOTES

(a) Total Market Value returns reflect changes in share market prices and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, at the price obtained under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan ("the Plan"). Total Net Asset Value returns reflect changes in share net asset value and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, at the price obtained under the Plan. For more information with regard to the Plan, see the most recent annual report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(b) Periods less than one year are not annualized.

PAST RESULTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF FUTURE PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND.

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PORTFOLIO BY MARKET SECTOR AS OF JANUARY 31, 2011  
(PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS)

(PIE CHART)

Construction and Building Materials	25.19%
Other Assets	14.91%
Transportation	13.72%
Food and Beverages	13.55%
Health Care Services	6.82%
Business Services	6.58%
Energy	5.33%
Diversified Financial Services	4.79%
Agriculture Operations	4.63%
Technology	4.48%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS BY ISSUER AS OF JANUARY 31, 2011

HOLDING -----	SECTOR -----	% OF NET ASSETS -----
CRH PLC	Construction and Building Materials	16.65%
Ryanair Holdings PLC	Transportation	8.28%
DCC PLC	Business Services	6.58%
Dragon Oil PLC	Energy	5.33%
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	Food and Beverages	4.67%
Origin Enterprises PLC	Agricultural Operations	4.63%
Norkom Group PLC	Technology	4.48%
C&C Group PLC	Food and Beverages	4.47%
Kingspan Group PLC	Construction and Building Materials	4.29%
Grafton Group PLC-UTS	Construction and Building Materials	4.25%

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PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (UNAUDITED)

January 31, 2011 -----	Shares -----	Value (U.S.) (Note A) -----
COMMON STOCKS (96.54%)		
COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (95.50%)		
AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS (4.63%)		
Origin Enterprises PLC	531,790	\$ 2,624,720
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BUSINESS SERVICES (6.58%)		
DCC PLC	125,820	3,726,008
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BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES (3.55%)		
CPL Resources PLC	497,050	2,010,307
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CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS (25.19%)		
CRH PLC	440,038	9,432,534
Grafton Group PLC-UTS	513,167	2,406,163
Kingspan Group PLC	270,673	2,430,673
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		14,269,370
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DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES (4.79%)		
FBD Holdings PLC	51,296	464,160
IFG Group PLC	624,801	1,002,231
TVC Holdings PLC*	815,973	939,713
Worldspreads Group PLC*	405,006	305,397
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		2,711,501
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ENERGY (5.33%)		
Dragon Oil PLC*	331,983	3,021,752
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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (3.80%)		
Aryzta AG	49,417	2,151,099
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FOOD AND BEVERAGES (12.51%)		
C&C Group PLC	540,907	2,533,266
Glanbia PLC	296,437	1,604,944
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	81,481	2,644,204
Total Produce PLC	552,258	304,374
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		7,086,788
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HEALTH CARE SERVICES (6.82%)		
Elan Corp. PLC-Sponsored ADR*	262,200	1,769,850
ICON PLC-Sponsored ADR*	65,267	1,453,496
United Drug PLC	216,966	642,519
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		3,865,865
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PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

January 31, 2011	Shares	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
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COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)		
LEISURE AND HOTELS (4.10%)		
Paddy Power PLC	58,771	\$ 2,320,576
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TECHNOLOGY (4.48%)		
Norkom Group PLC*	889,828	2,538,741



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The Inputs of methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily and indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Transfers in and out of levels are recognized at market value at the end of the period. The summary of inputs used to value the Fund's net assets as of January 31, 2011 is as follows (See Note A - Security Valuation in the Notes to Quarterly Portfolio Holdings):

	TOTAL VALUE AT 01/31/11	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICE	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS	SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS
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Investments in Securities *+	\$54,690,262 =====	\$54,690,262 =====	\$-- ===	\$-- ===

\* See Portfolio Holdings detail for industry breakout.

+ Total Investments exclude Foreign Currency on Deposit.

The Fund did not have any significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 during the period.

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NOTES TO PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (UNAUDITED)

### A. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES:

**SECURITY VALUATION:** Securities listed on a stock exchange for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the closing prices on the date of valuation, or if no such closing prices are available, at the last bid price quoted on such day. If there are no such quotations available for the date of valuation, the last available closing price will be used. The value of securities and other assets for which no market quotations are readily available, or whose values have been materially affected by events occurring before the Fund's pricing time but after the close of the securities' primary markets, are valued by methods deemed by the Board of Directors to represent fair value. Short-term securities that mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

**FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:** As described above, the Fund utilizes various methods to measure the fair value of most of its investments on a recurring basis. U.S. GAAP establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods. The three levels of inputs are:

Level 1 - unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access.

Level 2 - observable inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument on an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk,

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yield curves, default rates and similar data.

Level 3 - unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and would be based on the best information available.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. A summary of the levels of the Fund's investments as of January 31, 2011 is included with the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

At the end of each calendar quarter, management evaluates the Level 2 and 3 assets and liabilities for changes in liquidity, including but not limited to: whether a broker is willing to execute at the quoted price, the depth and consistency of prices from third party services, and the existence of contemporaneous, observable trades in the market. Additionally, management evaluates the Level 1 and 2 assets and

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liabilities on a quarterly basis for changes in listings or delistings on national exchanges.

**CURRENCY TRANSLATION:** The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate of such currencies against U.S. dollars by obtaining from FT-Interactive Data Corp. ("FT-IDC") each day the current 4:00pm London time spot rate and future rate (the future rates are quoted in 30-day increments) on foreign currency contracts. Net realized foreign currency gains and losses resulting from changes in exchange rates include foreign currency gains and losses between trade date and settlement date on investment securities transactions, foreign currency transactions and the difference between the amounts of interest and dividends recorded on the books of the Fund and the amount actually received. The portion of foreign currency gains and losses related to fluctuation in exchange rates between the initial purchase trade date and subsequent sale trade date is included in realized gains and losses on security transactions.

**FORWARD FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS:** The Fund may enter into forward foreign currency contracts for non-trading purposes in order to protect investment securities and related receivables and payables against future changes in

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foreign currency exchange rates. Fluctuations in the value of such contracts are recorded as unrealized gains or losses; realized gains or losses include net gains or losses on contracts which have been terminated by settlements or by entering into offsetting commitments. Risks associated with such contracts include movement in the value of the foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar and the ability of the counterparty to perform. There were no such contracts open in the Fund as of January 31, 2011.

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS: Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities sold are recorded on the identified cost basis.

B. UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/ (DEPRECIATION) :

The aggregate cost of investments and the composition of unrealized appreciation and depreciation on investments and depreciation on assets and liabilities in foreign currencies on a tax basis as of January 31, 2011 were as follows:

TOTAL COST OF INVESTMENTS	GROSS UNREALIZED APPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS	GROSS UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS	NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS	NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION ON FOREIGN CURRENCY	NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION
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\$47,836,677	\$14,614,346	\$(7,092,787)	\$7,521,559	\$758	\$7,522,317

C. RISK FACTORS:

Investing in the fund may involve certain risks including, but not limited to, those described below.

The prices of securities held by the fund may decline in response to certain events, including those directly involving the companies whose securities are owned by the fund; conditions affecting the general economy; overall market changes; local, regional or global political, social or economic instability; and currency, interest rate and commodity price fluctuations. The growth-oriented, equity-type securities generally purchased by the fund may involve large price swings and potential for loss.

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Investments in securities issued by entities based outside the United States may also be affected by currency controls; different accounting, auditing, financial reporting, and legal standards and practices in some countries; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries.



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THE NEW IRELAND FUND, INC.  
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David Dempsey	-	DIRECTOR
Margaret Duffy	-	DIRECTOR
Denis P. Kelleher	-	DIRECTOR
George G. Moore	-	DIRECTOR
Leona Nicholson	-	PRESIDENT
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Colleen Cummings	-	ASSISTANT TREASURER
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## ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

## ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) The New Ireland Fund, Inc.

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Leona Nicholson

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Leona Nicholson, President  
(principal executive officer)

Date March 16, 2011

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Leona Nicholson

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Leona Nicholson, President  
(principal executive officer)

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By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Lelia Long

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Lelia Long, Treasurer  
(principal financial officer)

Date March 22, 2011

\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.