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March 29, 2005

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
75 Holly Hill Lane
GREENWICH, CT 06830

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

PFPC Inc.
99 High Street, 27th Floor
BOSTON, MA 02110

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 869-0111

Date of fiscal year end: OCTOBER 31

Date of reporting period: JANUARY 31, 2005

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (ss.ss. 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

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The Schedule of Investments is attached herewith.

THE NEW IRELAND FUND, INC.
 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (UNAUDITED)

January 31, 2005	Shares	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
COMMON STOCKS (97.82%)		
COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (97.82%)		
BUSINESS SERVICES (4.90%)		
DCC PLC	243,763	\$ 5,509,881
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COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SERVICES (0.80%)		
IONA Technologies PLC-ADR*	169,300	895,597
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CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS (23.88%)		
CRH PLC	504,637	13,373,400
Grafton Group PLC-UTS	417,114	5,094,713
Kingspan Group PLC	675,707	6,614,907
McInerney Holdings PLC	196,675	1,774,110
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26,857,130		
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DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES (3.95%)		
Irish Life & Permanent PLC	248,182	4,448,344
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FINANCIAL (21.19%)		
Allied Irish Banks PLC	920,465	18,297,952
FBD Holdings PLC	202,314	5,538,225
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23,836,177		
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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (4.14%)		
IAWS Group PLC	293,851	4,654,026
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FOOD AND BEVERAGES (13.75%)		
Fyffes PLC	640,733	1,670,446
Greencore Group PLC	401,256	1,720,849
Kerry Group PLC, Series A	511,857	12,076,820
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15,468,115		
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HEALTH CARE SERVICES (7.12%)		
ICON PLC-Sponsored ADR*	71,646	2,516,208
United Drug PLC	1,129,687	5,492,781
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8,008,989		
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LEISURE AND HOTELS (7.53%)		
Jury's Doyle Hotel Group PLC	314,982	5,378,763
Paddy Power PLC	202,495	3,088,343
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8,467,106		
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THE NEW IRELAND FUND, INC.
 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

January 31, 2005	Shares	Value (U.S.) (Note A)
COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (CONTINUED)		
PUBLISHING AND NEWS (2.61%)		
Independent News & Media PLC	1,023,832	\$ 2,936,140
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT (0.58%)		
Irish Estates PLC** (12/22/04 - Cost \$669,299)	500,000	651,771
TECHNOLOGY (1.76%)		
Horizon Technology Group PLC*	1,321,900	1,981,626
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (0.86%)		
Eircom Group PLC-144Aa	400,000	972,443
TRANSPORTATION (4.75%)		
Ryanair Holdings PLC*	650,000	5,338,009
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS OF IRISH COMPANIES (Cost \$46,608,927)		110,025,354
TOTAL INVESTMENT COMPANIES BEFORE FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (Cost \$46,608,927)		
		\$ 110,025,354

January 31, 2005	Face Value	
FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (1.93%) (Interest Bearing)		
British Pounds Sterling	(pound) 185	348
Euro	(euro) 1,663,604	2,168,579
TOTAL FOREIGN CURRENCY ON DEPOSIT (Cost \$2,247,735)**		2,168,927
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (99.75%) (Cost \$48,856,662)		112,194,281
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (0.25%)		277,103
NET ASSETS (100.00%)		\$ 112,471,384

a Security exempt from registration pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
 * Non-income producing security.
 ** Foreign currency held on deposit at the JPMorgan Chase & Company.
 + Not readily marketable. Date represents acquisition date.
 ADR -American Depository Receipt traded in U.S. dollars
 UTS -Units

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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 funds' 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. At January 31, 2005 the Fund held 0.58% of its net assets in securities valued in good faith with an aggregate cost of \$500,000 and fair value of \$651,771. Short-term securities that mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

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-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 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 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, 2005.

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME: Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities sold are recorded on the identified cost basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except that certain dividends from foreign securities are recorded as soon as the Fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Non-cash dividends, if any, are recorded at the fair market value of the securities received. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis.

B. UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/(DEPRECIATION):

At January 31, 2005, aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities (excluding foreign currency on deposit) in which there was an excess value over tax cost was U.S. \$65,353,921 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities (excluding foreign currency on deposit) in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was U.S. \$1,937,494.

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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/ DENIS CURRAN

Denis Curran, President
(principal executive officer)

Date MARCH 28, 2005

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/ DENIS CURRAN

Denis Curran, President
(principal executive officer)

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Date MARCH 28, 2005

By (Signature and Title)* /S/ LELIA LONG

Lelia Long, Treasurer
(principal financial officer)

Date MARCH 28, 2005

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