

## FORESTRY SCHEME.

Mr Forbes, Chief Forestry Inspector of the Department of Agriculture, was then introduced to the Committee by the Chairman, and briefly explained the lines on which the Forestry Schemes were worked, and which he stated were formulated in 1906. He explained that woodlands of 50 acres and over were the only ones entitled to Departmental Grants; that the average cost of caretaking, including re-planting, was about £1 per acre, and that the sum of 5s per acre would be about the maximum cost for caretaking without re-planting; that the consent of the Department would be necessary before purchase could be effected, and that grants would be available from the Development Fund for maintenance when certified by the Department. He stated that it would be necessary for the County Council to strike a small rate of about one halfpenny in the £ for one year, and that the amount realised from this would be lodged in a separate Fund with the County Treasurer, bearing interest at 2 per cent. He also stated that the woodland known as Omeath Park, which he had inspected himself, would be a most desirable one to acquire under a County Louth Forestry Scheme; that County Kildare had obtained grants under their scheme of £1,600, and that if County Louth, being the second county, came forward with their application now, the grant would likely be as generous, and also that the present was an opportune time, as the period for which grants are to be made begins this year, and County Louth, by adopting their Forestry Scheme, would now be eligible for participation.

Mr Goodman opposed the Scheme, as the purchase money would come out of the rates.

Mr O'Meara stated that the purchase could be effected through the Land Judges' Court, and the transfer made by the Land Commission, and that the actual costs to the rates would be comparatively small. This view was substantiated by Mr. Forbes.

Eventually the Committee unanimously decided to proceed with the purchase of Omeath Park, and to include in the scheme Willistown plantation, and also whatever portion of the Ruxton grounds at Ardee that the County Council would arrange to purchase.

The Chairman thanked Mr Forbes for coming down to assist them, and for the information and advice he had given in the matter.

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY PREMISES AT  
DROGHEDA.

The following letter was read from Mr J B Connolly, Town Clerk of Drogheda, in connection with the claim of Mrs Gogarty, Drogheda, for rent and costs of alterations of the premises provisionally taken some time ago by the County Louth Tuberculosis Dispensary Committee of Management.

The Committee, after considering the matter, considered that the settlement made was very satisfactory, and recommended the County Council to accept same.

Corporation of Drogheda,

Town Clerk's Office,

5th March, 1914.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,

Secretary County Council of Louth, Dundalk.

Dear Mr. M'Alester,

At the request of Alderman Elcock I arranged for Mr Christopher Gogarty to meet the Drogheda County Councillors here on yesterday, and settle the claim his mother in connection with the Church Lane premises, which were at one time contemplated for a Tuberculosis Dispensary. £25 10s was claimed in respect of alterations, etc, and £26 in respect of rent. Mr Gogarty has agreed to accept £10 for the

alterations and £13 for rent, and the Drogheda County Councillors recommend that these sums should be paid.

I return the papers which you sent to Mr Elcock.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. CONNOLLY.

#### TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board dated the 5th March, instant, was read stating that the Board were in correspondence with the Insurance Commissioners on the subject of Agreements between County Councils and Insurance Committees in regard to the treatment of Tuberculosis, and asking to be supplied with details of County Schemes as a preliminary to giving their consent to such agreements.

A schedule giving details of the Tuberculosis Scheme was enclosed, and the Local Government Board requested that same would be filled up and returned.

After a discussion the Committee decided to refer the matter to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management to have the schedule completed.

A further circular letter from the Local Government Board, dated the 6th March, in reference to agreements between the County Councils and Insurance Committees as to the arrangements to be made and the agreements to be entered into between these bodies, was referred to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management for report.

#### REFUND FROM SANATORIUM PATIENT.

Letter was read from Mr V Warren, Clerk of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, dated the 14th March, enclosing Money Order for £5, being amount received from Mr Michael Kavanagh, Ardee, for the maintenance for ten weeks at Peamount Sanatorium of his son, Tobias Kavanagh, treated from the 18th September to 27th November, 1913.

The Committee were pleased to note this first refund under the Tuberculosis Scheme, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### COLLECTION OF MOTOR CAR LICENCE DUTIES.

The following letter from the Road Board was read:—

The Road Board,

Westminster, London,

10th March, 1914.

Sir,

I am directed by the Road Board to refer to the recent correspondence that has taken place respecting the collection of Motor Car Licence Duties, and to enclose herewith a memorandum that has been prepared by the direction of the Board, which it is hoped will prove of assistance to County Councils in carrying out their statutory obligations in this matter.

I am to ask that you will be good enough to read this letter, and explain the contents of the memorandum to the next meeting of your County Council, and thereafter acquaint the Board with the action taken by the County Council thereon, and the steps proposed to be taken to secure the proper collection of the duties. In particular I am to inquire whether prosecutions have been instituted against the owners of motor vehicles in respect of arrears of duties which accrued during 1913, or for other offences in connection with the collection of the duties.

It will be observed that the memorandum divides itself in two parts, the first being addressed particularly to the County Councils, while the second part is in the nature of suggested instructions to the officials, who it is assumed have already been or will be appointed by the County Councils to carry out the work of the collection of the duties. The Board hope that the Council will by resolution direct their officers to give effect to these instructions.

I need hardly add that in the opinion of the Board a radical alteration of the methods employed for the collection of Motor Car License Duties is necessary in many counties in view of the fact that the amount of duties collected in Ireland in 1910-11, viz, £19,057 (only a fraction of the amount which should have been collected) has fallen to even lower figures in the years 1911-12 and 1912-13, notwithstanding the increase in the number of motor vehicles in use.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. REES JEFFREYS,

Secretary.

The Secretary to the Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

The memorandum enclosed with this letter was a lengthy document giving detailed directions to County Councils and their officers as to the methods to be employed for the efficient collection of the Motor Car License Duties. It set out that it was desirable to appoint an officer or officers whose sole or principal duties it would be to carry out the statutory duties imposed on County Councils in respect to the collection of the duties, and to give such officers facilities for travelling so that all owners and other motor car users resident in the county, who are suspected of not having paid the duties, might be visited. Various matters relating to registrations, declarations, and methods of measuring the horse-power of motors, and systems of inter-communication between County Councils were embodied in the Memorandum.

The Committee authorised the Secretary to formally appoint Mr. Joseph Loudon as his Deputy, and that he would have authority to make inspections throughout the county in connection with the collection of duties, service of notices, or any other necessary matters relating to same.

The Secretary was also directed to have circular issued to all Motorists who had not paid the Licence Duty to have this done before the end of the present month, and to proceed with despatch in the collection of the duties.

#### ALLEGED DAMAGE TO HEDGES.

The following letter from Sir Henry Bellingham was read, and the acting County Surveyor, Mr. Lyons, was directed to investigate the complaint and report to the Committee at next meeting:—

Castlebellingham, Ireland,

11th March, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I write regarding some damage that has been done to my fence along the Station road here. The contractor has moved too much earth and cutting too near the roots of the quicks, and thus damaged them. It has been done wilfully. The contractor was spoken to by my steward, but paid no attention. The hedge thereby suffers; I am put to the expense of making a new one. I thought it better to write straight to the County Council, and ask them to see to it.

Yours truly,

Henry Bellingham.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

#### MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

4th March, 1914.

Criminal Injury Application.

Joseph Woods, Monascreebe, £150.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that on the hearing of the appeal of the applicant in above claim to-day before Mr. Justice Boyd at

the Spring Assizes, the Decree of £12 awarded by the County Court Judge was increased to one of £16 16s. 0d., to be levied off the Electoral Division of Ballymascanlon.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles MacAlester, Esq., Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

The following letter was read:—

Roden Place, Dundalk,  
10th March, 1914.

Joseph Woods, Applicant.

The County Council of Louth, Respondents.

Dear Sir,

I have received from the Clerk of the Peace the affirance herein, which amounts to £24 19s. 0d. Please let me have cheque for amount of same at your convenience, and oblige.

Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN H. MOYNAGH.

Charles MacAlester, Esq., Secretary,  
County Council of Louth,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

The Secretary was directed to write Mr. Moynagh that the amount would be paid when the affirance was levied and collected.

The following letter was read:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
14th March, 1914.

The Secretary,  
County Council, Dundalk.

Title:

R. and G. Gray.

Miss Robson.

Dear Sir,

Please let us hear from you when we may expect cheque in settlement of the Decrees in these cases for malicious damage.

Yours faithfully,

SHERIDAN & CO.

The Secretary was directed to reply that the amounts due in these cases were now placed on the levy for collection, and would be paid to the proper parties after the 31st March, 1915.

#### DECADAL REDUCTIONS UNDER NEW LAND PURCHASE BILL.

The following Resolution, submitted by the Bandon District Council, was adopted and recommended to the County Council:—

Resolved—That a Decadal Reduction provision be inserted in the Land Purchase Bill to be introduced into Parliament for this country such as is in the Ashbourne Act, and also that the same concession be granted to the tenants who purchased under the Acts of 1903 and 1909.

#### INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS AND MEDICAL ADVISERS.

The following Resolution, submitted by the King's County Council, was marked "read":—

That this Committee, acting on behalf of the County Council of King's County, hereby unanimously and emphatically approve of the resolution passed on this subject by the King's County Insurance Committee as follows:—

"That we consider the proposals of the National Insurance Commission appointing the Medical Advisers as the sole authority in connection with the certification of Tuberculosis patients on Form 2 as most inadvisable, as we consider they would make the administration of Sanatorium benefit most unworkable, and create a strong feeling of animosity amongst the medical profession of the county. We consequently decline to enforce the scheme as submitted by the Commissioners, and we further declare it to be our emphatic opinion that the exclusion of the medical practitioners, or imposition of Medical Advisers as appointed by the National Insurance Commis-

sioners, would break up the whole system of Sanatorium benefits, whether administered by the Insurance Commissioners under the Insurance Act of 1911, or by the County Council under the Tuberculosis Prevention Act of 1908. Copies of this Resolution to be sent to the Local Government Board and the National Insurance Commission."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Circular letter, dated the 12th March, from the Registrar, University College, was read as follows:—

University College, Dublin,  
March 12th, 1914.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are copies of Regulations for the Examination for County Council Scholarships. You will please note that the date of these examinations has been changed to July 3rd and the following days. This date has been selected by the College as being more convenient for the Candidates.

Please have early notices of this announced in your local papers.

Yours faithfully,

A. W. CONWAY,

Registrar.

The Committee decided that in the case of the Scholarships awarded by the Louth County Council it was not necessary to advertise, as the basis of the award was the results of the Intermediate Examination for the students applying for the Scholarships.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The Committee directed that the National Holiday, St. Patrick's Day, be observed as a General Holiday, and that the Office be closed for the day.

#### CARLINGFORD PIER LAMP.

The question of Carlingford Pier Lamp was again under discussion, and Mr. Lyons, acting County Surveyor, produced before the Committee the new lamp that had been purchased. He explained that he was anxious to demonstrate the fact that notwithstanding any statement to the contrary the lighting of the lamp was an easy matter. He then proceeded to light the lamp.

It was pointed out by Mr. William Woods that the lighting of the lamp in the frame in a chamber like the County Council was entirely different from the lighting of the lamp as it would be in the standard on the Pier at Carlingford, especially when the weather was stormy. He also stated that even if the lamp were taken out of the frame and carried to the hut to be filled and lighted, it would be impossible to keep it lighted until it was replaced in the frame.

The Committee generally considered that the lamp was rather unsuitable for the purpose it was required for, but no order was made.

#### STORE AT CARLINGFORD HARBOUR.

Mr. William Woods brought under the notice of the Committee the want of a proper store for the warehousing of goods and usage by shippers at Carlingford Harbour, and stated that if this were provided by the County Council increased business would undoubtedly result to the port.

No order was made in connection with the matter.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 30th March, 1914, at 1 o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Joseph M Johnson, J P; John F Murphy, J P; Patrick Kearney, Patrick O'Connell, William Woods, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Also present—Messrs John M C Lyons, James Dromgoole, Acting County Surveyors.

The Secretary submitted the following accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors, and those of his own office, which on examination were passed and ordered for payment by the Committee.

### SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d
M M'Guigan	21	0	0
P Connor	0	11	0
P Garvey	1	0	0
J Corbally	5	8	6
J Carroll	15	0	0
T Hagan	3	0	0
J C Kieran	6	0	0
J Durnin	2	11	4
Eddison and Co	14	12	0
Eddison and Co	46	16	0
T M'Donald	3	0	0
P Tierney	23	5	0
T Morgan	6	0	0
T Callaghan	3	0	0
B Grogan	1	9	8
T Byrne	1	3	11

A Callan	...	1	3	11
T M'Kenna	...	0	5	0
P Mathews	...	0	5	0
T M'Donald	...	44	5	6
F M'Dermott	...	1	3	4
P Hanlon	...	1	3	6
P M'Connon	...	5	17	0
J O'Hare	...	1	8	5
T Clarke	...	1	4	7
A O'Hare	...	1	4	5
M Mathews	...	5	0	0
J Treanor	...	3	0	0
M Lynch	...	7	0	0
J Craven	...	1	3	6
J Lennon	...	0	17	2
H Mathews	...	5	0	0
T Little	...	3	0	0

£236 18 9

### SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Thomas Kearney, Expenses Education Act	...	9	0	3
Patrick Garvey do do	...	0	5	0
P Gaffney do do	...	6	5	6
T P Harmon do do	...	3	8	6
P M'Kenna do do	...	0	2	0
T Faulkner do do	...	0	4	0
Independent Office do do	...	0	3	7
D O'Meara do do	...	18	12	3
P J Campbell do do	...	1	5	0
M Short, per L Branagan, Scholar	...	3	0	0
S J Medcalfe, per P A Hanratty, Scholar	...	1	10	0
M Murray, per H Rogan, Scholar	...	1	16	0
P J Clarke, Preparing Rate Books	...	4	7	0
J M'Guinness do	...	4	8	1
J Kindlan do	...	4	1	11
C M'Carthy do	...	3	15	6
F M'Ardle do	...	3	0	4
E French do	...	2	3	5
F Moneypenny do	...	1	15	9
A J Palmer do	...	1	10	4
T O'Gorman do	...	1	9	1
M M'Gahan, 2 weeks' salary	...	2	19	6
J Louden, 2 weeks' salary	...	3	0	0
Charles MacAlester, postage and petty cash accounts from September, 1913, till 30th March, 1914	...	14	2	5

£92 5 5

## SITE OF ARDEE DISPENSARY.

The following letter was read from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
18th March, 1914.

Ardee Town Commissioners to the Council.

Dear Sir,

With reference to site on Fair Green, Ardee, on which Branch Dispensary has been erected under the Council's scheme, I was instructed that said site was to be granted free of rent. It appears from a letter written by the Town Clerk to the Secretary of the County Insurance Committee that the Commissioners propose to let the site to the Council for a sum of £2 per annum. You might kindly let me have instructions as to whether agreement of tenancy is to be prepared on that basis.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles MacAlester, Esq., Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

After discussion it was decided to adjourn the matter until the next meeting to enable the Secretary to find out from the Secretary to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management what arrangement his Committee had made with the Ardee Town Commissioners.

## TUBERCULOSIS GRANTS.

The following letter in connection with the Tuberculosis Scheme was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 19th March, 1914.

No. 13792, 1914.

Louth County.

Sir,  
Adverting to your letter of the 13th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform

you that they have given directions for the payment of £200 2s 9d, in respect of the expenditure of the Louth County Council on the treatment of Tuberculosis for the half-year to the 30th September last.

The payment is made subject to the Auditor's examination of the Council's accounts and relevant vouchers.

The vouchers submitted by you are returned herewith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,  
Secretary.

The Secretary Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

## VETERINARY INSPECTORS' DUTIES.

The following letter from the Town Clerk, Drogheda, was read, and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the Department of Agriculture as to the duties of Veterinary Inspectors in connection with the Diseases of Animals in Urban Districts, which were debited with their proportion of the salaries of the Inspectors:—

Corporation of Drogheda,

Town Clerk's Office,  
19th March, 1914.

The Secretary,

County Council of Louth, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

The Municipal Council of Drogheda observe that the salary of the local Veterinary Inspector has been increased by the County Council from £30 to £90 per annum, and they wish to know whether they are entitled to call upon his services at any time as an Inspector of animals, or of meat exposed for sale within the borough.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. CONNOLLY.

## BURNING OF SHED ON CARLINGFORD PIER.

The following letters from the Harbour Constable, Carlingford, were read. The Secretary explained that when he received the first letter, he wrote to the Constable for a formal report as to how the accident occurred, and the letter dated the 23rd instant was his reply.

Carlingford, 20th March, 1914.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.

Dear Sir.

I request to inform you that the tar-boarded oil hut on old pier, Carlingford, accidentally caught fire on last night, and was burned, and all its contents, only the new lamp saved, which happened to be erected on pier head.

JOHN FEARON,

H. Constable.

Carlingford, 23rd March, 1914.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 21st instant received this morning. In reply the fire must have occurred this way: When I lit the new lamp I must have dropped the half-lighted match on the floor, which was saturated with oil, and when I came back from pier head after having put up new lamp the hut was afire. I rushed in trying to get out oil barrel, but was nearly caught in the flames, no help near, the only things destroyed, the oil barrel, in which there might have been about three or four, at most, gallons of oil, and the four lamps which were in use on old quay, and of course the tar boards of the hut. I need not say how easily the hut, which was tarred every alternate year for the past 40 years, caught fire; the whole thing was over in a few minutes.

The w.c. recently repaired, which was attached to oil hut, all right; no harm done to it.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN FEARON,

Harbour Constable.

Charles M'Alester, Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

A discussion ensued on the matter of the accident and of the necessity of providing a shed on the pier for stores. Some members of the Committee advocated the erection of a permanent and substantial stone building which would afford proper storage for imports of coal, etc, and would act as a feeder to the port. Eventually the following sub-committee was appointed to visit Carlingford on Thursday, the 2nd April, and report on the whole matter:—

Sub-Committee—Messrs C A Duffy, J P; P O'Connell, J P Kearney, M O'Meara, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; P Woods, J P; Wm Woods, J P; and James Wynne, J P, with Mr Lyons, Acting County Surevyor.

## FORESTRY SCHEME.

The following letter from the Trustees of the Ruxton Estate, Ardee, was read, and the Secretary was directed to send the letter and map to Mr W A Doran, J P, for his report and comment:—

16, College Green,

Dublin, 19th March, 1914.

Dear Sir.

Ruxton Estate.

In reply to yours of the 14th instant, we think the owner would be prepared to sell either the whole or part of the Demesne (including Ardee House) and the other lands on hands, if an adequate price were offered.

We enclose a rough tracing of the Demesne and the other lands referred to. All the divisions edged green and numbered are on hands. Perhaps you would kindly let us know how much of the land your Council would like to buy, and the price they would be prepared to pay. The tracing was made from a six-inch Ordnance Map, so you can easily estimate the area of each of the divisions.

Yours faithfully,

GUINNESS, MAHON & CO.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture was also read, and the Acting County Surveyors were directed to furnish maps of Willistown and Omeath to the Secretary, to have them forwarded to the Department:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,

Upper Merrion Street,  
Dublin, 21st March, 1914.

No. A 5988/14.

Forestry.

Sir,

I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Louth County Council, that the Department have had before them a report submitted by their Chief Forestry Inspector, Mr A C Forbes, regarding his interview on the 16th instant with the Finance Committee of the Council relative to the proposed adoption of a scheme of Forestry for County Louth.

The Department note from Mr Forbes' report that in addition to Omeath Park the Council are considering the question of acquiring certain woods on the Ardee House Estate, as well as a small wood at Willistown, and that the Council desire to have these two properties inspected by the Department.

The Department will be pleased to arrange to have these inspections made, and reports thereon furnished to the Council, and as it is understood that timber has recently been felled at Omeath Park, they consider that a further inspection of this property at the same time would also be desirable.

In order that these inspections may be made the Department will be glad to receive from you at an early date copies of the maps of the lands proposed to be acquired on the Ardee House Estate, and at Willistown.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Secretary Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

### APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF WAGES.

The following letter from two of the Road Rolling Staff, who act as flagmen, was read:—

Proleek, Ravensdale,

23rd March, 1914.

To Presiding Chairman,

Louth County Council.

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned flagmen in your employment, beg to appeal to your consideration for an increase in our wage, thirteen shillings per week, living out in all kinds of weather, and away from home. This we consider quite inadequate as a living wage under existing circumstances, price of food, and also in face of the fact that your neighbouring counties, Armagh and Monaghan, pay at the rate of from 16s to 17s per week wage.

Trusting to you favourable consideration of this matter, we beg to subscribe ourselves your obedient servants,

FRANK M'DERMOTT.

PATRICK HANLON.

After discussion, the Committee unanimously decided to recommend the County Council to grant an increase of 2s per week to the three flagmen employed in connection with the Road Rollers, whose names are Francis M'Dermott, Patrick Hanlon, and James Durnin.

## ROAD IMPROVEMENT AT CASTLEBELLINGHAM.

The following letter was read:—

Castlebellingham,  
22nd March, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I write regarding a matter in this village. My steward informs me that the County Council have been widening or making a new bit of road opposite a cottage by itself at junction of Dundalk and Dromiskin roads. I wish to point out that the land in front of that house to the point beyond the pump, belongs to this estate: there was only a pathway to the cottage and it was never kept up as a public road.

Permission has always been asked for any strolling companies who have made use of this land, but in this instance the work has been done without any leave being asked, and the man who did it informed my steward it was for the convenience of motors.

I thought it better, therefore, to write to you on the matter and explain the position.

Yours truly,

HENRY BELLINGHAM.

The Acting County Surveyor, Mr Lyons, stated that the place where the Dundalk and Ardee districts conjoined was just about the place referred to in the letter, and that what had been done was the clearing away of a grass angular patch to the improvement of the road. Mr Dromgoole explained that he had seen Sir Henry

Bellingham's steward, and that he was now satisfied at what had been done.

The Secretary was directed to write to Sir Henry Bellingham that the matter had been satisfactorily arranged with his steward, Mr Cranston.

## MOTOR LICENSE DUTIES.

The following letter on this question was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk.

23rd March, 1914.

## RE MOTOR CAR LICENSE DUTIES.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your letter of 5th inst., it is obvious that the question of the liability for payment of duty by persons keeping motor cars for hire must engage the attention of the Court in the near future for definite decision.

Having regard to the wording of the Finance 1909-10 Act, 1910, I am of opinion that no duty is payable on a motor car kept for hire in Ireland. Those dealers in the County to whom you make special reference will require to register the cars hired out by them in the usual way; but I consider they come within the definition of hackney carriage in Section 4

of the Custom and Inland Revenue Act, 1888, and, as such, those cars do not require to have licenses taken out, as per Section 86 (3) of the Act, 1910.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth County Council,  
Dundalk.

#### CRIMINAL INJURY CLAIMS.

The following letter from Mr O'Connell on these claims was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk.  
23rd March, 1914.

Re Criminal Injury Applications.

John J Callan, Drogheda, £25.

Geo H Pentland, Courtown, £20.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that I attended Drogheda Quarter Sessions on 21st inst., when above claims for compensation for criminal injury were heard. The case of Callan, for breaking of plate-glass windows, was adjourned to next Quarter Sessions to enable the applicant to produce proper proof of actual value of the glass destroyed.

The County Court Judge awarded the sum of £5 as decree in Pentland's case, to be levied off the Electoral Division of Termonfeekin.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth County Council,  
Dundalk.

#### RESOLUTIONS RE PARTITION OF ULSTER, ETC.

Resolutions submitted from the Sinn Fein Organisation and the Cork Corporation were marked "read."

#### RESOLUTION FROM INSTITUTE OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

The following resolution was marked "read":—

"The attention of The Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland has been drawn to recent cases in which County Councils have proposed terms of remuneration for County Surveyors which appear quite inadequate, having regard to the great responsibility and arduous duty connected with such a position.

"The Council are of opinion that in no case should the initial salary for the office be less than £400 a year, with provision for reasonable increments dependent on satisfactory service, and that such salary should be independent of allowances for office, travelling and other necessary expenses.

"That copies be sent to each County Council and to the Local Government Board."

#### WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE.

Letter was read from the Board of Works, stating they were preparing copy of the map of this Drainage District, and asking the Council to remit the cost of same, 12s 6d. The Committee were of opinion that as the Solicitor was dealing with this matter the payment should be made by him, and the Secretary was directed to ask the Board of Works to receive the payment through the Council's Solicitor.

#### CONTRACTS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Circular letter was read from the Local Government Board and initialled by the Chairman, setting out that in all cases that contracts are entered into by Local Authorities in which any Trade Boards have been established, that it is obligatory that a specified minimum rate of wages should be paid.

#### AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 28th March, was read, enclosing amount of the Agricultural Grant for the half-year ending 31st March, amounting to the sum of £6,391 15s.

#### DREDGING DEPOSIT AT ANNAGASSAN PIER.

The Acting County Surveyor, Mr Dromgoole, brought under the notice of Committee some corres-

pondence which Mr C D King, Annagassan, had with the Engineer of the Department of Agriculture relative to the dumping of the dredged material inshore at Annagassan Pier.

Mr Dromgoole explained that the Department were anxious to have the dredged stuff deposited along the shore, instead of taking it out to sea, and that this method would be a prop and protection to the road along the shore, where it was threatened with erosion. That the Department were desirous that the County Council would apply for permission from the Board of Trade to have the dredged material so deposited.

After discussion the Committee instructed Mr Dromgoole to prepare a map, and mark on same where it was proposed to deposit the material at Annagassan, and that the Secretary be directed to forward the map to the Board of Trade and request their permission to deposit the dredged stuff along the shore at the point indicated.

#### ACCOUNTS FROM RICHMOND ASYLUM AND ARDEE UNION AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Statement of Accounts for Richmond Asylum and the Ardee Union and the Ardee No. 1 District Council were laid before the Committee and initialled by the Chairman.

#### MUD BANKS AT DRUMLECK.

The following report from Mr Lyons, Acting County Surveyor, in connection with a complaint made by Sir

Henry Bellingham, was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

County Surveyor's Office,  
Dundalk, 30th March, 1914.

To the Finance Committee Louth County Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

In reference to Sir Henry Bellingham's letter re removing of the mud banks at Drumleck, I beg to report that I inspected the place on the 21st inst.

The removal of the mud bank exposed some roots of the hedge.

I suggested restoring some of the material, but the Steward says that this is not necessary if the Road Contractor will replace the road scrapings against the roots from time to time.

This of course will be done.

The dressing and cleaning of the pass or road over the grassy bank in front of the Cyclists' Rest, also referred to, is admitted to be an improvement by Mr Cranston, but he considers that by doing the cleaning up we are asserting a right or claim to the ground, whilst he holds that this little grassy plot belongs to landlord.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN M. C. LYONS.

APPLICATION FROM ACTING CO. SURVEYORS.

The following was read:—

County Surveyor's Office,  
Dundalk, 30th March, 1914.

To the Finance Committee Louth County Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

As our duties as Acting County Surveyors will necessarily continue during the coming quarter, viz—Reporting on new application to the Rural District Councils and County Councils; certifying for payments to Road Contractors, etc,

We respectfully ask that the present salary as Acting County Surveyors be continued for another quarter, or until Mr Walsh is fully conversant with the works and working of the County.

We are, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

JOHN M. C. LYONS,

JAMES DROMGOOLE.

After discussion, the Committee recommended that the services of Messrs J M C Lyons and James Dromgoole be continued as Acting County Surveyors for a period of three months, and that they be paid at the rate of £10 per month for their services as so acting.

## Proposal Committee.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Proposal Committee, held in the Council Chamber, County Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1914, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—Michael O'Meara, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; James Wynne, J P; John F Murphy, J P. Michael Meade and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

Mesrs J M C Lyons and James Dromgoole were also present. Applications for Works—Nil.

The Secretary submitted County at Large Payments for quarter ended 31st March, 1914, as set out on Form 22, which were examined and passed by the Committee.

## Executive Committee.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee, held in the Council Chamber, County Courthouse, Dundalk, at 1.30 o'clock on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1914.

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—Michael O'Meara, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; James Wynne, J P; John F Murphy, J P; Michael Meade, and Patrick O'Connell, Esquiers.

Messrs Joseph T Clinton and William E Maxwell, Veterinary Inspectors, were also present.

The following reports from the Veterinary Inspectors were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

### MR. CLINTON'S REPORT.

Dundalk,

4th April, 1914.

Sir,

I beg to report that no case of contagious disease occurred in this district during the past month. Two cases of suspected Foot and Mouth Disease were reported, but they proved, on examination, to be ordinary cases of "timber tongue."

I have had the premises at the Great Northern Railway disinfected and have withdrawn the Detention Notice which was served on the Company. No owner has been found for the sheep which strayed on the Railway premises, and I have disposed of it for 10s. The smallness of the price is explained by the fact that the animal was a mere skeleton.

I would respectfully suggest that the Council issue posters throughout the district drawing attention to the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, and explaining its provisions. I believe that the majority of stock owners are not aware of the existence of the Order.

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. CLINTON, M.R.C.V.S.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913 had, as suggested by Mr Clinton, been posted throughout the entire county.

#### MR. DONNELLY'S REPORT.

Veterinary Report for March, 1914.  
Drogheda Union.

Gentlemen,

I am pleased to state that during the month of March, with the exception of two existing outbreaks of Sheep Scab, my district has been free from contagious disease amongst animals.

With regard to the two cases of Sheep Scab, I am having the affected and in-contact animals treated for

the disease, and the premises disinfected as far as practicable.

I furnished your Secretary with fuller particulars on copies of the prescribed forms issued by the Department in relation to the above cases.

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

To,

Louth County Council  
(Executive Committee)  
Dundalk.

#### MR. MAXWELL'S REPORT.

Ardee,  
31st March, 1914.

The Chairman,  
Louth County Council.

Sir,

I beg to report that I visited the usual fairs and markets held in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month of March. I also visited at regular periods the sheep detained on the farms of Messrs E and C Caraher, Coole, and of Mr Arthur Macan, Drumbcashel.

I held a post mortem on the body of a heifer, the property of Mr Thomas Murray, Hurlestone, under the Tubercular Act, and found this disease did not exist. As the animal was dead when I arrived, the County Council is not called upon to pay any compensation.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. E. MAXWELL.

## SHEEP SCAB ORDER.

The following circular letter from the Department, No. 242/14. V.B., was read, enclosing copy Order of the 23rd January, 1914, and the Secretary was directed to send copies of the Order to the Veterinary Inspectors:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical  
Instruction for Ireland,  
(Veterinary Branch),  
51 Upper Mount Street,  
Dublin,

March, 1914.

No. 242/14. V. B.

Sir,

I have to forward, herewith, to be laid before your Local Authority, copies of an Order entitled "The Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1914," and, at the same time, to invite the earnest attention of the Local Authorities to the new situation, which demands that immediate and energetic measures should be taken by them to advance the object aimed at by this Order, viz., the eradication of Sheep Scab from their respective districts

The Order confers on local Authorities additional powers for dealing with this matter, supplementary to the powers already conferred by previous Orders of the Department. It enables them to make regulations to arrest the spread of Sheep Scab in their districts by regulating the movement of sheep into them from other districts. With these powers and those already possessed by

them; with the aid of the Inspectors or officers whom they employ, or have the power to employ; with the general support of the Royal Irish Constabulary behind their local officers; and with the further assistance which the Department are prepared to give them by means of advice and in the supervision of their staffs, the Local Authorities are now in a state of complete effectiveness for operating against this disease. All that is needed to secure success is vigour on their part, and earnest co-operation from the public of the district, and especially co-operation from those whose interests are most directly injured by the spread of the disease and most directly benefited by its suppression.

The Department wish to set before all concerned in each County—both the general public and those entrusted with any duty or placed in any position connected with the administration of the law in this matter—the importance, in the interests of the country, of an efficient enforcement of these Orders in all their details, including adequate punishment of any offences against them.

As mentioned above, a new situation has been created by the imminent danger that, unless effective measures are now taken, the export trade in Irish sheep may be subjected to damaging interruption. In Great Britain there is growing a belief that the importation of Irish sheep, amongst which cases of the disease continue to be found, is now the principal, if not the sole, obstacle to the complete elimination of the disease in that country. Prejudice has been created against sheep from Ireland, and the question of regulating or prohibiting their importation into Great

Britain for the better protection of British flocks has been raised.

The Department desire plainly to inform the Local Authorities that, in their opinion, unless immediate steps are taken to clear the country of the disease, measures of this nature are likely to be declared at an early date. To save the country generally from the heavy loss which would thus be involved, and to secure the valuable improvement to our Irish flocks which would be the result of clearing out this disease and restoring to Irish sheep a clean bill of health, all that is needed is that the Local Authorities throw themselves with vigour into a common campaign against this pest, and that the farmers and sheep owners cooperate with them. The disease is one which can be completely extirpated simply by the practice of regular and thorough dipping.

The man who does not dip his sheep, but allows them to lapse into this unhealthy condition, and to carry infection with them wherever they go, is not only guilty of folly in his own personal interests, but is, without thinking it, a public enemy propagating infection and inflicting injury and loss upon his fellow-farmers and sheep raisers and all who depend upon the sheep raising industry in the country.

The purpose of the Orders is to see that the sheep of a county are dipped at least twice a year, and to provide, where necessary, facilities for dipping—a measure of the greatest personal advantage to owners of sheep; to see that where the disease appears it is promptly notified, so that the proper steps may be taken for its

suppression; and to protect the markets and fairs from the entry into them of sheep affected with the disease. The Department desire to draw your Local Authority's attention to the following ways, in particular, in which they can further the object in view, viz:—

(1) By making adequate provision for having the Dipping Order fully complied with. In the Department's view it will be necessary, in most instances, to have the Local Authority's Veterinary Officers specially assigned to this duty during the dipping period, and to appoint, where necessary during that period, persons to assist them.

(2) By requiring their Inspectors to take the most prompt action in the treatment of reported cases; and to exercise the greatest care in removing restrictions.

(3) By using the persons employed to assist their Officers in supervising the dipping, who should be persons experienced in the care of sheep, to range their district with a view to the detection of unreported cases.

(4) By arranging for the systematic inspection by their Veterinary Inspectors of sheep exposed for sale at markets and fairs.

(5) By the adoption of regulations, under the enclosed Order, where it seems desirable to regulate the movement of sheep from an affected into a free district.

(6) By making it apparent that they regard the concealment of Sheep Scab, the movement of diseased sheep, and the failure to dip sheep, as serious offences committed by private individuals against the general interest, and that they consider that such offences call

for prosecution and justify the infliction of heavy penalties, and should be condemned by public opinion.

To assist the Local Authorities in the furtherance of these duties the Department, whose inspectorial staff has been strengthened for the purpose, have now arranged to co-operate in supervising the work of the officers of the Local Authorities employed in the administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts. This provision should materially help the Local Authorities in bracing up the general efficiency of their officers employed under these Acts.

The Department will further, should circumstances permit, be glad to arrange for one of their Superintending Veterinary Inspectors to confer with your Local Authority on this subject generally.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Clerk of  
each Local Authority.

ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND  
TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION FOR IRELAND.

(Dated 23rd January, 1914).

THE SHEEP-SCAB (LOCAL REGULATIONS) (IRELAND)  
ORDER OF 1914 (No. 2.).

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1893, the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1911, and of every other powers enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

POWERS OF A LOCAL AUTHORITY AS TO MAKING  
REGULATIONS.

1. A Local Authority may, with a view of preventing the spreading of sheep-scab, make such Regulations as they think fit for the following purposes, or any of them:—
  - (a.) For regulating the movement by land or water of sheep into their District from the District of any other Local Authority in Ireland.
  - (b.) For requiring the occupier of any premises within their District to which sheep are moved from outside such District to notify forthwith the arrival of the sheep to a Constable or other member of the Police Force at the nearest Police Barrack or Station who shall forthwith transmit the information to the Clerk of the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts for such District.
  - (c.) For prescribing, regulating and securing the dipping within a specified period in an approved sheep-dip and in the presence and to the satisfaction of an Inspector of the Local Authority of sheep moved into their District from the District of any other Local Authority in Ireland or of sheep imported direct into their District.

- (d.) For prohibiting or regulating the movement or securing the isolation of sheep moved into their District from outside such District unless and until such sheep have been dipped as prescribed.

#### PROVISIONS AS TO REGULATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY.

2. (1.) A Local Authority shall forthwith send to the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Dublin, a copy of every Regulation made by them under this Order.

(2.) If the Department are satisfied on inquiry, with respect to any Regulation or part of a Regulation made by a Local Authority under this Order, that the same is for any reason objectionable, and direct the revocation thereof, the same shall thereupon cease to operate.

(3.) A Local Authority shall send a copy of every Regulation made by them in relation to the movement of sheep under this Order to every railway company having a railway station within the District of the Local Authority, or within the part of their District to which the Regulation applies, and shall also forthwith send a copy of the Regulation to the Secretary, Railway Clearing House, 5, Kildare Street, Dublin, and to the Clerk of each Local Authority in Ireland.

(4.) For the purpose of any Regulation made by a Local Authority under this Order, an Inspector of such Local Authority may enter any premises within the District of the Local Authority and examine any sheep thereon, and such powers of entry and examination shall be in addition to any other like powers vested in the Inspector by the Act of 1894 or otherwise.

(5.) Any powers exercisable under a Regulation made by a Local Authority under this Order by a Veterinary Inspector acting for a Local Authority shall be exercisable also by a Veterinary Inspector of the Department.

#### POWER TO MAKE REGULATIONS NOT TO BE DEPUTED.

3. The power to make Regulations under this Order shall be exercised only by a Local Authority or their Executive Committee, and shall not be deputed to any other Committee nor to a Sub-Committee.

#### LIMITATION AS TO REGULATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY.

4. For the purpose of this Order, or of any Regulation made by a Local Authority thereunder, sheep shall not be deemed to be moved from, into, or within the District of a Local Authority or within the part of the District to which the Regulation applies, where they are moved through the District, or such part thereof by railway from a place outside the District, or such part thereof—

- (a.) to another place outside the District, or such part thereof, without unnecessary delay and without the sheep being untrucked within the District, or such part thereof; or
- (b.) direct to a port within the District or to a lair at such port for shipment from such port within two days.

#### OFFENCES.

5. (1.) If a sheep is moved in contravention of any Regulation made by the Local Authority under this Order, the owner of the sheep, and the person in charge thereof, and the person causing, directing, or permitting the movement, and the person moving or conveying the sheep, and the consignee or other person receiving or keeping it knowing it to have been moved in contravention as aforesaid, and the occupier of the place from which the sheep is moved, shall, each according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

(2.) If the arrival of a sheep is not notified as required by any Regulation made by a Local Authority under this Order, the owner of the sheep, and the person in charge thereof, and the occupier of the place or premises at which the sheep has arrived, shall, each according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

(3.) If anything is otherwise done or omitted to be done in contravention of any Regulation made by a Local Authority under this Order, the owner and the lessee and the occupier and the person in charge of any place, sheep, carcass or thing in or in respect of which the same is done or omitted to be done, shall, each according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

#### INTERPRETATION.

6. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Approved sheep-dip” means a dip approved by the Department for sheep scab and sheep dipping in Ireland or purporting to be so approved.

“The Department” means the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

“The Act of 1894” means the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

Other terms have the same meaning as in the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, and the Acts amending same.

#### COMMENCEMENT.

7. This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

#### REVOCATION OF ORDER.

8. The Order described in the Schedule to this Order is hereby revoked.

#### SHORT TITLE.

9. This Order may be cited as the Sheep-Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1914 (No. 2).

In witness whereof the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland have hereunto set their Official Seal this twenty-third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

(Signed),

T. P. GILL,  
Secretary.

#### SCHEDULE.

Order Revoked.

No.	Date.	Short Title.
250	14th Jan., 1914.	The Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1914.

#### MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS ORDER.

The following Order was also submitted to the Committee and initialled by the Chairman:—

#### ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION FOR IRELAND.

(Dated 25th March, 1914).

#### THE MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS (SOUTHERN IRELAND) TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ORDER.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1911, and of every

other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

#### PROHIBITION OF MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS.

1. Unless and until the Department otherwise order no cattle, sheep, goats, or swine, shall be moved either by land or by water out of the area described in the Schedule to this Order.

#### OPERATION OF OTHER ORDERS.

2. Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to interfere with the operation of the provisions of Orders of the Department relating to Foot and Mouth Disease in Ireland.

#### OFFENCES.

3. If an animal is moved in contravention of this Order, the owner of the animal, and the person for the time being in charge thereof, and the person causing, directing, or permitting the movement, and the person moving or conveying the animal, and the consignee or other person receiving or keeping it, knowing it to have been moved in contravention as aforesaid, and the occupier of the place from which the animal is moved, shall each according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

#### COMMENCEMENT.

4. This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

#### SHORT TITLE.

5. This Order may be cited as The Movement of Animals (Southern Ireland) Temporary Prohibition Order.

In witness whereof the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland have hereunto set their Official Seal this twenty-fifth day of March, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

(Signed),

T. P. GILL,  
Secretary.

#### SCHEDULE.

So much of Ireland as lies to the south of the following boundary (roads and railway lines mentioned as forming the boundary being regarded as outside the Scheduled Area):—

Commencing at the Maiden Tower, near the sea coast east of Drogheda, thence along the river bank past Mornington to the Great Northern Railway line at Drogheda, thence by that railway line via Navan to the terminus of the line at Oldcastle, thence by the road leading from Oldcastle Railway Station to Fore, as far as the junction of that road with the direct road to Granard, thence by the Granard road by Finea Bridge and north of Bracklagh Lough as far as the Midland Great Western Railway, north of Ballywillan Station, thence southwards along the railway line to Mullingar, thence westwards by that railway line via Athlone and Ballinasloe to where the railway line crosses the road leading from Monivea through Athenry, thence along the road leading to Oranmore to the point where it is crossed by the railway line, thence along the railway line to Oranmore Station, thence in a southerly direction by the road leading to Oranmore as far as Oranmore, and thence in a direct line to the sea at Oranmore Pier.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Wednesday, 15th April, 1914, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—William A Doran, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—Joseph Dolan, Michael Meade, Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; John F Murphy, J P; William Woods, J P; Peter Woods, J P; and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; John M C Lyons and James Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyors, were also present.

The Secretary submitted Forms 22 for Ardee, Drogheda (Louth), and Dundalk, setting out payments for road maintenance for Quarter ended 31st March, 1914, as recommended for payment by the Rural District Councils, which were signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts for works in charge of the County Surveyor, and the Secretary's office, were examined and payment ordered:—

### SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d
T Williamson	...	0	12 0
B Grogan	...	1	9 8
T Burke	...	1	3 11
A Callan	...	1	3 11

P Campbell	...	19	16	6
J Clarke	...	0	5	0
J Durnin	...	0	14	10
J Durnin	...	0	13	10
F M'Dermott	...	1	8	6
P Hanlon	...	1	8	8
T Reilly	...	1	2	2
W Reilly	...	1	9	10
J O'Hare	...	0	7	4
A O'Hare	...	0	6	3
T Clarke	...	0	6	4
J Craven	...	0	6	4
H Connolly	...	8	9	8
T Murray	...	0	12	0
		£41	16	9

### SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d
J M'Guinness, preparing Rate Books	...	5	1 2
J Kindlan do do	...	4	2 10
C M'Carthy do do	...	4	10 1
P J Clarke do do	...	3	6 3
J O'Mahony do do	...	3	3 10
F M'Ardle do do	...	2	15 10
E French do do	...	2	5 2
F Money penny do do	...	2	2 11
T O'Gorman do do	...	1	2 6
M M'Gahan, two weeks' salary	...	2	19 6
J Louden, two weeks' salary	...	3	0 0
Rose Dolan, per J M'Parland, board and lodgings	...	1	15 6
L Branigan, Scholar, travelling expenses	...	5	0 0
		£41	5 7

### FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS.

Application was read from Mr Laurence Branigan, Drogheda, one of the County Council University Students, stating that

owing to a change in the hour of lectures, he could attend them by taking the train each morning from Drogheda, and asking the Committee to let him have the cost of a three months' Railway season ticket, £5.

The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr Branigan had a sum of £9 10s 6d to his credit, and the Committee unanimously decided to issue a paying order for £5 to be paid to the student.

An application was read from Messrs H and J O'Hare, Dundalk, for the payment of £3 18s 6d, amount of their account for preparing courts, etc.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the paying orders in this case were made out, but as the house in which Messrs O'Hare had been doing business was closed up, he had not issued them. He stated that the only known representative of the firm was Mr Hugh O'Hare, who was the principal of the firm, and that the paying orders might be sent to him. The Secretary also undertook to take the responsibility of issuing the paying orders, and the Committee in the circumstances directed him to issue them.

#### COLLECTORS' ARREARS LISTS

The lists of irrecoverable arrears of the second moiety of poor rate from eight of the collectors were examined and payment was recommended, subject to the rulings of the Local Government Board.

Mr P S Donegan sent a doctor's certificate, which stated Mr Donegan was unable owing to illness to attend to his arrears list at present.

#### COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

The list of County-at-large payments were examined by the Committee and payments recommended.

#### REPORT OF INSPECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR CARLINGFORD HARBOUR.

The following report was read:—

The Committee appointed by the Finance Committee to visit and report on the recent burning accident to the Shed on Carlingford Pier, and the proposed new Store, met at Carlingford on Thursday, the 2nd April, when the following attended:—Messrs C A Duffy, J P; P O'Connell, M O'Meara, J P; J H M Ardle, J P; Peter Woods, J P; J P Kearney, Wm Woods, J P; and James Wynne, J P.

Mr J M C Lyons, acting County Surveyor, and the Harbour Master, John Fearon, were also present.

The Committee inspected the Pier and found that the shed, as reported by the Harbour Constable, was completely demolished, and all the contents, including the balance of a cask of petroleum oil, destroyed.

The Committee consulted as to the advisability of erecting a proper store on the Quay, which would serve the purposes of the Council as a storeroom, and be jointly used by merchants and importers in connection with the trade of the port, and increase the revenue by inducing imports of coal to the harbour for distribution in Carlingford and vicinity.

After discussion of the whole matter, the Committee were practically unanimous in deciding that the Finance Committee

should be asked to recommend the County Council to erect a suitable store on Carlingford Quay for the regular storage of all imports and exports, with a partitioned portion for the usage of the Council for storage of lamps, oil and other articles.

The Committee desire to point out that there is a sum of over £300 to the credit of Carlingford Harbour account.

The only matter about which a difference of opinion exists is whether the store, when erected, would be let to any individual which would give him practically a monopoly of the trade, or whether it should be let as required to any person requiring it, on the payment of a fixed scale of charges, graded according to the length of time it would be used.

After discussion, the Committee recommended the County Council to have a proper store erected on the Quay at Carlingford, with a partitioned portion for a storeroom for lamps, oil, etc, for usage solely by the Council's officers, and a proper W.C. under the same roof. The Committee suggest that the store be not let to any person solely, but that everyone requiring it pay whatever scale of charges be fixed for the term so used, either at a tonnage rate or on time, and that a higher scale would be desirable where a user of the store held it after a specified time.

#### MOTOR LICENSE DUTY AND ROAD MAINTENANCE.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Eastgate, Castlebellingham,  
Co Louth, 30-3-'14.

The Secretary, Louth County Council.

Sir.

In reply to your letter re Motor Tax, I beg to inform you

that I do not intend to pay any further Tax in Co Louth (but to follow the example of other motor owners in this district, and to do so elsewhere) until there is some evidences of consideration being shown to the requirements and convenience of motorists by the roads being put into a satisfactory condition.

It must not be forgotten that owners of motor cars put a very considerable amount into circulation in the county in the way of wages and other motoring expenses, and they are fully justified in expecting that the roads of County Louth should at least equal those of the adjoining counties of Armagh, Meath and Down.

Last year, on the strength of an assurance that great improvement was to be made very shortly, I paid the tax locally. Since then matters have gone from bad to worse, and I have therefore, with great regret, come to the decision I have above intimated.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. St. C. MACMILLAN.

#### PATIENTS IN PEAMOUNT SANATORIUM.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Women's National Health Association (Incorporated).

Peamount, Hazlehatch,

Dublin, 1st April, 1914.

Dear Sir.

We have been sent a newspaper cutting with regard to

Richard Hoey, a patient who was at Peamount, and in reference thereto I am directed by the Managing Committee to enclose you a copy of statement made by him before leaving the Institution, for the information of your Council.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM J. THOMPSON.

The Secretary, Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

COPY.

2nd March, 1914.

I, Richard Hoey, do leave this Institution to-day of my own free will and contrary to the advice of the Medical Staff, who have warned me that I am not in a fit condition to travel home.

Signed, RICHARD HOEY,

2nd day of March, 1914.

#### PATIENTS IN RICHMOND ASYLUM CHARGED TO COUNTY LOUTH.

Letter was read from the Richmond Asylum enclosing a Return of the admissions to the Asylum of Patients charged against County Louth, during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1914. The number admitted was 15.

#### IRISH TUBERCULOSIS MEDICAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

A resolution from this Association, regarding the position of the present Medical Advisers as appointed by the Insurance Commissioners, was marked "read."

#### SPEED LIMIT OF MOTORS IN COUNTY LOUTH.

The following letter from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, was read but no order was made:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

11th April, 1914.

Dear Sir.

I beg to report that I have been in communication with the Local Government Board on the matter of the request of the Council, with a view to the public safety, that the Board should make regulations limiting the driving of motor cars and motor bicycles to a speed of ten miles an hour in the Urban Districts of Dundalk, and Drogheda, and in Ardee, Carlingford, Omeath, Dunleer and Castlebellingham.

The Board state that they cannot make general regulations of the nature referred to. That the case of each town or village where a speed limit for motor traffic is desired must be considered on its merits, having regard to the extent and character of the traffic, the width of the road, and the position and number of bye-roads leading to the main streets. Again, that they require a statement as to why Section 1 of the Motor Car Act, 1903, will not suffice to ensure the safety of the public without any order being made under Section 9. Section 1 referred to has reference to the fact that it is an offence to drive a motor car recklessly or negligently, or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public; and that a police constable may apprehend without warrant the driver of any car who commits an offence, etc. Section 9 deals with the power to have Regulations made as proposed.

Certain information as hereunder set out is required by the Board in connection with any application for regulations with

regard to specified highways. It will also be necessary for the Council to give public notice of such application by the insertion of advertisements in the newspapers circulating in the County. The Board intomate they will be prepared to consider any application submitted by the Council under these conditions.

The information required, and which I suggest may be supplied by the County Surveyor, is as follows:—

1. An ordnance map of the area showing the streets to be affected.
2. A statement specifying the streets included in the application, giving the width of each street and of the carriage way and the gradient thereof.
3. A precise statement of the grounds on which the application with regard to each street is based, with particulars of any accidents which have occurred from the driving of motor cars therein, and information as to the extent of motor car traffic in each such street.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.,

Secretary Louth County Council, Dundalk.

#### FORESTRY SCHEME.

The following letters were read, and the Secretary informed the Committee that he had sent the maps of Omeath Park and Willistown, to the Department.

The following Committee were appointed to meet the agent of the Omeath Park Estate, and the Forestry Inspector of the Department:—Messrs P Hughes, J P; W A Doran, J P; M.

O'Meara, J P; Wm Woods, J P; P O'Connell, J P Kearney, J H M'Arde, J P; P Woods, J P; and F Walsh, County Surveyor.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,

Upper Merrion Street, Dublin

1st April, 1914.

No. A. 7271/14.

#### FORESTRY.

Sir,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 28th ultimo, and to state that the Department note that Louth County Council have decided to proceed with the purchase of Omeath Park and of a small plantation at Willistown with a view to preserving and maintaining these properties as woodlands under a County Forestry Scheme.

The Department assume from your letter that the Council have adopted a Forestry Scheme on the lines suggested in their circular letter, dated the 23rd December, 1912, (copy enclosed), and that the Council will strike for the purpose a special rate under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899. They will accordingly be glad if you will kindly submit for their approval a copy of the Scheme adopted.

As already intimated to you the Department propose, on receipt from you of copies of the maps mentioned in their letter of the 21st ultimo, No. A. 5988/14, to have a further inspection made of Omeath Park as well as an inspection of the plantation at Willistown and of the lands which, it is understood, the Council propose to acquire on the Ardee House Estate.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

Francis Street, Dundalk,

8th April, 1914.

## RE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF OMEATH PARK.

Dear Sir,—

With further reference to your letter of 14th ult., I have been in communication with the Solicitor having Carriage of Sale in Land Judges Court and enclose herewith copy rental. It would appear that some portion of the Demesne, as described in the rental, has recently been sold. The area of the unsold portion of the Demesne, with houses, offices and two gate lodges, is about 83 statute acres. There is no Head Rent or Tithe Rent Charges upon the lands, and the only outgoing is the rates. The income from the letting of grazing plots is £32 10s for the season to 1st November. The thinnings of the plantations were sold some time ago for a large sum, and the remaining standing timber is of considerable value. Colonel Alexander, the Agent, has expressed his readiness to meet me on the grounds any day I would appoint, but I would suggest that a small Committee with the County Surveyor be appointed to meet the Agent on the grounds that they may gain the necessary information of the precise area, standing timber, and property generally offered for sale, that they may report to the Council to submit their offer to the Court for consideration.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary Louth County Council,  
Dundalk.

## RUXTON ESTATE PARK.

Mr Doran submitted the following list of portions of the lands on the Ruxton Estate, Ardee, which are considered suitable for acquisition by the County Council under the Forestry Scheme. The Committee approved of the selection, and the following Committee were appointed to meet the Department's Inspector and report further to the Council:—Messrs W A Doran, J P; James Halpenny, Michael Meade, Jas M'Carthy, J P; J T Dolan, Ardee; and James M'Gee, Roodstown.

The following is the list and description of the land and plantations referred to:—

**RUXTON ESTATE.****ARDEE HOUSE DEMESNE.**

Estate Map	The portion about	Stat. Acres.	
I.J.	Ardee House— Lawn, wooded, and some meadow land, ...	16,054	
	Plantation or pleasure ground, ...	17,313	Stat. Acres. 33,372
I.P. & I.O. & I.N. Mount Park	2 Plantations, ... viz, I.P. along in Mount Park, Grazing Land, with scattered trees, ...	5,696 46,970	52,666
			<hr/> 86,038
	(of which Plantations, including lawn, ... grazing fields, ...)	39 47	
I.J, West.	Grazing lands (golf links), ...	61,045	
	Plantations:—Fox cover wood, ... 2 little detached woods, ...	20,936 1,878	83,859
	Total, ...		<hr/> 169,897
	Plantations, including lawn, ...	61,880	
	Grazing lands, ...	108,017	
			<hr/> 169,897

Rent paid 1914. Eleven months letting for 17 acres, £3 10s. 0d. per acre; for 30 acres £3 0s. 0d. per acre; Golf links, 61 acres, £2 5s. 0d. per acre.

## LOCOMOTIVE BYE-LAWS.

The following letter was read, and the Committee approved of the alterations suggested by the Local Government Board, as they were merely a difference in phraseology, and recommended the County Council to adopt the Bye-laws as amended:—

No. 16391: 1914.

Louth County.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

6th April, 1914.

Sir,—

With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that the bye-laws of the Louth County Council with respect to the use of locomotives have been revised by the Board's Legal Adviser, who has made some alterations in the drafting; and I am to suggest that the County Council would do well to adopt the bye-laws in the amended form as shown in the accompanying draft.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN, Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council,  
Dundalk.

## INSURANCE COMPANY AND RATE COLLECTORS' BONDS.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to send the Company the statement of the collection of Poor Rate as requested:—

London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, Ltd,

18 and 19, College Green, Dublin.

7th April, 1914.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

## Re Poor Rate Collectors' Bonds.

Dear Sir,—

We have been requested by our Head Office to obtain every half-year a Statement showing the dates upon which the Collectors guaranteed by this Company closed their Warrants, and indicating any cases where payment of Poundage Fees has been withheld.

It is the practice of some Councils to send us a Statement month by month on Form 66, in order that we may be kept acquainted with the progress of each Collector. This Form could, no doubt, be utilised to furnish the information desired, and we should be pleased, therefore, if you would kindly send us one of these Forms, with the required particulars inserted, in respect of the half-year just closed.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

SYDNEY L. FRY, Local Manager.

## APPLICATION FROM RETURNING OFFICER FOR ADVANCE.

The following letter from Mr P J Roe, Solicitor, was read, and the Committee unanimously decided to recommend that he get £100 on account, and that the Solicitor of the Council be instructed to prepare the usual Bond to be executed by the Returning Officer for the proper discharge of his duties:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

14th April, 1914.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to apply to your Council for an advance of One Hundred Pounds towards the expenses of the forthcoming Local Government Elections.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. ROE.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary Louth County Council,  
Dundalk.

## SITE OF ARDEE DISPENSARY.

The following letter from the Secretary Tuberculosis Committee of Management was read, and the Chairman stated that the arrangement made was £2 per annum.

The Committee decided to recommend the County Council to have the agreement for letting prepared according to these terms:—

Louth County Council Tuberculosis Department,

Clerk's Office, Dundalk,

4th April, 1914.

To Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary County Council.

Dear Sir,—

Relative to your inquiry re terms of the Ardee Town Commissioners for Site in the Fair Green for Dispensary, I find a letter on the subject, dated the 16th May, 1913, was received from the Town Clerk, Ardee, which was duly acknowledged on the 19th May, 1913. At foot of Copy of my acknowledgment I find a note thus: "Forwarded to Co. Council for meeting on the 29th May." Doubtless you are aware at that time there was no Committee of Management, but a Committee consisting of Messrs W A Doran, James Halpenny, J T Dolan, and Dr M'Quillan was appointed to procure a Dispensary Site in Ardee. In any of the reports of this Committee I fail to trace any reference to the question of rent for the Site. Dr M'Quillan, however, assures me that he was deputed to interview the Ardee Town Commissioners on the matter, and he distinctly recollects that their terms for the Site on the Fair Green, Ardee, was a rental of £2 per annum.

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN, Clerk.

## ROAD TO DUNDALK RACE COURSE.

Letter was read from Mr T Callan Macardle, J P, on behalf of the Committee of the Dundalk Races, as follows:—

Dundalk, 14th April, 1914.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,—

I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting our new County Surveyor, but I would like you to ask him if he would mind, or, still better, if you can spare the time to go out with him, to inspect the road leading from the County Road over to the Race Course. Mr Gradwell, of Drogheda, is now our Secretary, and the members of the Race Committee all think it would be a great improvement if the grass edge along the road could be cleaned away. It would make the road wider and safer for passengers.

A good many ladies object coming to Dundalk Races on account of the trouble with cars, and particularly the risk with so many motors, and if the County Surveyor would undertake to make the improvements we could put it in our advertisement.

I am sure Mr Walsh will be glad to help us in every way, as the Races mean a big circulation of money in the district.

Yours faithfully,

T. CALLAN MACARDLE.

The County Surveyor stated that Mr Lyons was making some improvements to this road, and he would inspect same at once and see what could be done.



## CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr Charles A Duffy, J P ;  
 Seconded by Mr James Wynne, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be, and are hereby confirmed:—

Monday, 2nd day of March, 1914.  
 Monday, 9th day of March, 1914.  
 Monday, 16th day of March, 1914.  
 Monday, 30th day of March, 1914.  
 Wednesday, 15th day of April, 1914.

## CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Proposed by Mr John F Murphy, J P ;  
 Seconded by Mr Patrick O'Connell, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, held on the 6th day of April, 1914, a printed copy having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

## PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr William Woods, J P ;  
 Seconded by Mr Denis J Rath, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their first quarterly meeting held on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1914, amounting to £4,195 18s 4d, as set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

## ARDEE PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr Michael Meade ;  
 Seconded by Mr Patrick Callan, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their first quarterly meeting, held on Tuesday, the 7th April, 1914, amounting to £800 2s 3d, as set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

## DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P ;  
 Seconded by Mr James S Kelly, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their first quarterly meeting, held on Tuesday, the 14th April, 1914, amounting to £591 12s 3d, as set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

## DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr William Woods, J P ;  
 Seconded by Mr John F Murphy, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their first quarterly meeting, held on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1914, amounting to £1,438 4s 11d, as set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

## DATES QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Proposed by Mr William Woods, J P ;  
 Seconded by Mr Joseph P Kearney, and

Resolved—That the County Council hereby determine that

the following shall be the dates for the holding of the second quarterly meeting of the Rural District Councils:—

Ardee, Tuesday, 7th July, 1914.

Drogheda, Tuesday, 14th July, 1914.

Dundalk, Monday, 6th July, 1914.

The Proposal Committee to meet on Monday, 6th July, 1914.

#### RESOLUTION MAKING RATES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1915.

Proposed by Mr N T Murphy;

Seconded by Mr William T Skeffington, J P, and

Resolved—That in accordance with the Estimates of Rates for general and separate charges, adopted by the County Council at their meeting, held on Thursday, the 26th day of February, 1914, we hereby make rates to be levied off the County of Louth for the Financial year ending 31st March, 1915, as assessed in the Rate Books, and as set out as follows, viz:—

The Rates in the £ for General Charges:

Land.	Buildings.
Ardee—29 pence.	45 pence.
Drogheda—33 pence.	54 pence.
Dundalk—42 pence.	63 pence.

And Further—That the rates in the £ in respect of separate charges, as set out on Form 43, and adopted at the said meeting of the 26th February, 1914, be also made by this Council, and that the Secretary be directed in accordance with Article 78 of the Public Bodies Order, to publish the Statutory Notice of said Rates for General and Separate Charges having been made.

#### SITE OF PROPOSED TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY AT CASTLETOWN ROAD, DUNDALK.

The following resolution was unanimously passed after discussion, and after the Chairman had obtained the opinion of the Solicitor, that the Council could surrender the site, notwithstanding the fact that the Lease in duplicate was ready for signature:—

Proposed by Mr Joseph M Johnson, J P;

Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That in accordance with the resolution of the Council at last meeting dealing with the Tuberculosis Scheme, that we hereby release Lord Roden from his promise to lease the plot of land in the Demesne for building a Dispensary.

#### CLERKSHIPS IN SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The question of the recommendations of the Finance Committee respecting the appointing of Clerks in the Secretary's office was discussed at length, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

Proposed by Mr N T Murphy;

Seconded by Mr James M'Carthy, J P; and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee respecting the appointments in the Secretary's office, with the addition that in the case of Mr Louden's appointment, his salary will be progressiva also. To appoint Mr Joseph Louden at a salary of £1 10s (one pound ten shillings) per week, to be increased by £5 annually until it reaches £120.

One Senior Clerk at a salary of Eighty Pounds (£80) per annum, increasing to One Hundred and Twenty Pounds (£120) per annum, by annual increments of £5.

One Junior Clerk at a salary of £50, increasing to £80 (Eighty Pounds) maximum, by annual increments of £5.

That the two latter appointments be made by competitive examination, to be conducted by the Local Government Board, and that in the case of the Junior Clerkship, proficiency in shorthand and typewriting be compulsory.

#### RENTS OF ARDEE DISPENSARY SITE AND CARLINGFORD TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman;

Seconded by Mr Joseph M Johnson, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby agree that the rent to be paid for the Carlingford Tuberculosis Dispensary be increased by one pound per annum for the providing of the necessary fire for heating purposes, as recommended by the Tuberculosis Committee of Management.

Also that we agree to pay the rent of £2 (Two Pounds) per annum for the site of the Ardee Tuberculosis Dispensary, and that the Council's Solicitor be instructed to complete the agreements for both Dispensaries on the terms set out above, with Bernard M'Kevitt, Carlingford, and the Ardee Town Commissioners respectively.

#### STORE ON CARLINGFORD PIER.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the proposal to erect a Store on Carlingford Pier.

The Finance Committee at their meeting held on the 15th April, after consideration of the report of the Committee appointed to inspect the old shed, which had been burned, recommended that the County Council should erect a Store on the

pier at Carlingford for the accommodation of importers and exporters, and to increase the trade of the port.

After a discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Mr William Woods, J P;

Seconded by Mr Joseph M Johnson, J P, and

Resolved—That we decide on erecting a Store at Carlingford Pier, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

#### DEATH OF MR. HENRY HAMILL.

The following resolution was passed in silence, Mr Goodman desiring to be associated with the vote of condolence:—

Proposed by Mr Charles A Duffy, J P;

Seconded by Mr Luke J Elcock, and

Resolved—That we beg to tender to our colleague, Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, our sincere regret at the death of his brother, and that our Secretary be directed to convey to him, and the members of his family, our sympathy in their affliction.

#### MOTOR TRAWLING.

The notice of motion standing in the name of Mr Rath was adopted as a substantive resolution, Mr Elcock suggesting that the Department of Agriculture should make the penalty one of imprisonment, as being the most effective method of stopping the illegal trawling.

The resolution was passed as follows:—

Proposed by Mr Denis J Rath;

Seconded by Mr N T Murphy, and

Resolved—That the attention of the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland be directed to the necessity of prohibiting trawling by motor boats within the limits prescribed for steam trawling.

#### SECOND READING OF THE HOME RULE BILL.

The following resolution, which came up on notice of motion, in the name of Mr Luke J Elcock, was passed unanimously, and was supported by the Chairman, Messrs Rath, J F Murphy, J P; Dolan, Goodman and Meade:—

Proposed by Mr L J Elcock;

Seconded by Mr D J Rath, and

Resolved—That we congratulate Mr John E Redmond and the Irish Parliamentary Party on the Second Reading of the Home Rule Bill by a substantial majority; and that we endorse to the fullest the declarations of the Irish Leaders that no further concessions can be granted to the advocates of civil strife in Ulster, who have spurned the offers already made for a peaceful settlement, and that we believe the proper solution of the Irish question will be found by placing the Home Rule Bill as it stands on the Statute Book. That our Secretary be directed to send copies of the Resolution to the Prime Minister (Mr H H Asquith), Mr John E Redmond, M P; Messrs Joseph Nolan, M P, and Augustine Roche, M P.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### DEATH OF MRS MURPHY, MRS WOODS, AND MR. J. HALPENNY.

The following letters of acknowledgment were read, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes:—

Ardee,

2nd March, 1914.

Dear Sir,

Please convey to the Council, and accept same yourself, my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy with me on the death of my son

Yours faithfully,

JAMES HALPENNY.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.

Stonetown, Corcreagh,

22nd April, 1914.

Dear Sir,

Kindly convey to the members of the County Council my thanks for the resolution of sympathy they passed on the death of my mother.

Yours truly,

JOHN F. MURPHY.

The Secretary,

County Council.

Carlingford,

3rd March, 1914.

Dear Mr M'Alester,

Would you kindly convey to your County Council my heartfelt thanks for their kindness and thoughtfulness in proposing a vote of sympathy on the death of my mother. I am very grateful to all my colleagues on the Council, and particularly to the proposer and seconder of the resolution.

I am, yours faithfully,

WILLIAM WOODS.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

#### RETURNING OFFICER'S BOND.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, stating that Mr Patrick J Roe, Solicitor, the Returning Officer for the County Elections, had submitted as his sureties the names of Doctor E F Flood and Mr Peter J Murphy, both of Dundalk, and requesting instructions in the matter.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the gentlemen named as Mr Roe's sureties, and the Solicitor was instructed to complete bond accordingly.

#### WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE.

The following letter from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, was read, and Messrs Michael Meade and Patrick Byrne were appointed to confer with the County Surveyor and the Solicitor on the matter and report to the Council as early as possible:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
23rd April, 1914.

Re Wottonstown Drainage District.

Dear Sir,—

With reference to the letter of Local Government Board on this matter, and which has been referred to me preliminary to your Council expressing their views to the Board as requested relative to the question of transferring the business of the Board of Trustees to the Council, I would point out that in view of the fact that no election of Trustees has taken place since 1902, that the proper maintenance of the drainage has been neglected to the detriment of the farms of the district, and that there is no apparent likelihood of any election, it would appear to me to be expedient and necessary in the interests of the district to have the transfer effected. The Local Government Board have power under Section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, to make provision for the transfer of the business of the Council.

I would suggest, however, in order that the matter be investigated in detail, that a Committee consisting of persons locally interested, with some members of the Council, meet the County Surveyor on the spot with the award and maps, when the nature of the work required to be done can be reported on fully.

Yours faithfully,  
DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles McAlester, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth County Council.

#### WAYLEAVE FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTING STANDARDS IN ARDEE, COLLON, DUNLEER, ETC.

The following letters from Mr John W M'Keever, Aclare Lodge, Ardee, in above matter, were read:—

Aclare Lodge, Ardee,  
Co. Louth,

16th April, 1914.

To the Presiding Chairman,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to make an application to your Council for permission to place poles and overhead wires alongside the roads in the Town of Ardee, Collon, and Dunleer, and to carry some of the wires overhead across the roads for the purpose of supplying Electric Light in those places.

If you are good enough to grant me the permission, I will undertake to arrange the position of the poles, etc, to the satisfaction of your County Surveyor.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN WM. M'KEEVER.

Aclare Lodge, Ardee,  
Co. Louth,

20th April, 1914.

To the Presiding Chairman,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,—

With further reference to my application of the 16th instant, re wayleaves for Electric Lighting poles and wires, I would be much obliged if your Council in granting my application would kindly empower me to transfer my rights in same to any Company or Companies which may be formed to take over the working of the electric plants in the different towns, as it is my

intention to have the business carried on by Local Companies after the work is completed. Therefore it will save any future applications having to be made to your Council on the subject.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN WM. M'KEEVER.

The Secretary also read resolutions from the Ardee District Council approving of the granting of the wayleave, and recommending same to the County Council.

After consideration of the matter the Council, on the motion of Mr Meade, seconded by Mr N T Murphy, decided to grant the wayleave asked for subject to Mr M'Keever satisfying the County Surveyor as to the position of the standards, and on his signing an agreement in connection with the matter to be prepared by the County Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, and to be paid for by Mr M'Keever.

#### ROAD BOARD GRANT.

The following letter from the Road Board was read and referred to the County Surveyor:—

The Road Board,  
Queen Anne's Chambers,  
Broadway, Westminster,  
London, S. W.,  
17th April, 1914.

Dublin-Belfast Road.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Road Board to refer to your letters of the 7th March last and the 11th inst, and to say that, as stated in the Board's letter of the 23rd January last, in view of the increase in the estimated expenditure in respect of works of improvements on this road from £10,800 to £18,685, the Board are prepared to increase the contemplated grant to £5,450, which sum,

having regard to the information at present in possession, they regard as adequate.

If, however, the County Council are unable to finance the scheme with the aid of this grant and loan of (say) £10,800, the Board would be ready to consider any suggestions that the County Council might make with a view to the reduction of the initial expenditure by omitting part of the proposed work.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. REES JEFFERYS,

Secretary.

The Secretary of the  
Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

#### COLLON COURTHOUSE.

Letter was read from Mr Gloster, Collon, Agent for Lord Massareene, directing the attention of the Council to the danger by reason of the usage of Collon Petty Sessions House by concert parties, and asking if the Council would be responsible in case of fire that might take place on the occasions when the house was so used.

The Secretary informed the Council that they were liable for the rent and insurance of the building, but that the Council were not consulted as to any permission to use the building for entertainments. That the Policy of Insurance contained a clause that the building insured could not be used for theatrical performances.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Solicitor for his opinion.

#### RUXTON ESTATE DEMESNE.

The following letter from Mr P J Kerley, Solicitor, was read, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the County Council

only wanted the woodlands on the Estate for their preservation and care under a County Forestry Scheme:—

Offices, Market Square,  
Dundalk,

22nd April, 1914.

Secretary, Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,—

I have been instructed by some of the evicted tenants to write you with reference to the acquisition by your Council of the untenanted lands and Demesne, the property of the Repts. of William Ruxton, at Ardee House. My clients desire that your Council ought to take into consideration the fact that representation has been made to the Estate Commissioners who acquired the untenanted lands on the Estate for the purpose of providing holdings for the evicted tenants and other tenants on the Estate. My instructions are, that at least 260 acres of the lands provided to be acquired by your Council were in the possession of tenants who were evicted within the past 50 years, and my clients consider that it would be a very great hardship, indeed, if the lands so acquired by your Council for the uses and purposes which you desire without taking into consideration the claims of the evicted tenants and small holders on the Estate. The lands referred to have already been inspected by the Estate Commissioners with a view to purchasing same for the benefit of these evicted tenants and small holders, and my clients submit that no definite steps in the matter should be taken by your Council which would disregard their interests, claims and rights.

Yours truly,

P. J. KERLEY.

#### ACTION AGAINST COUNTY COUNCIL.

Letter was read from Mr P J Kerley, Solicitor, on behalf of Mr Stephen Lennon, Lurgankeel, Road Contractor, threatening to issue Civil Bill against the County Council for balance alleged to be due on foot of a Road Contract.

The Secretary informed the Council that this road was taken up by the Acting County Surveyor, Mr Lyons, on a ten days' notice, and that no money was owing to Lennon.

The matter was referred to the Solicitor.

#### CELEBRATION OF BATTLE OF CLONTARF.

Circular letter was read from the Town Clerk, Dublin, asking the County Council to send representatives to a Convention on the 26th May next, to organise a proper celebration of the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Clontarf.

Messrs Joseph Dolan and Michael Meade were appointed to represent the Council on the occasion.

#### APPROVAL OF AMENDED BYE-LAWS WITH RESPECT TO LOCOMOTIVES IN COUNTY LOUTH.

The Bye-laws with respect to the use of Locomotives in the County of Louth, as amended and approved by the Local Government Board, were submitted to the Council, and the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman,

Seconded by Mr John F Murphy, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the amended Bye-Laws with respect to the use of Locomotives in the County of Louth, as approved by the Local Government Board, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the seal of the Council thereto.

#### COUNTY LOUTH TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

Mr J M Johnson, J P, gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the County Council that the scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis patients in County Louth be rescinded, and also all subsequent resolutions thereon passed by the Council, and that a new scheme be framed.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 27th day of April, 1914, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Joseph M Johnson, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—Michael Meade, Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; and John F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

Also present—Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor.

The Secretary submitted the following accounts for Works in charge of the County Surveyor, and those of his own Office, which on examination were passed and ordered for payment by the Committee:—

### SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d
E Manisty	...	1	5 0
J Durnin	...	1	9 8
Eddison Co (Steam Rolling)	...	83	8 0
F M'Dermott	...	1	9 6
P Hanlon	...	1	9 8
F Boyle	...	4	14 10
H Mathews	...	1	6 0
		£95	2 0

### SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d
J A Carberry, D I, Conveyance of Prisoners	...	8	13 5
H E Henderson, D I, Conveyance of Prisoners	...	20	1 6
M Murray, per H Rogan, Student	...	1	16 0
S J Medcalf, per P A Hanratty, Student	...	2	10 0
National University, per P A Hanratty, Student	...	2	0 0
J O'Mahony, Preparing Rate Books	...	3	4 3
P J Clarke do do	...	2	15 7
J Kindlon do do	...	2	10 4
T O'Gorman do do	...	2	8 11
E French do do	...	2	6 3
A J Palmer do do	...	1	11 6
C M'Carthy do do	...	0	8 6
F M'Ardle do do	...	0	5 6
M M'Gahan, Two Weeks' Salary	...	2	19 6
J Louden, Two Weeks' Salary	...	3	0 0
		56	11 3
		95	2 8
Total	£151	13	11

### RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

The question of the Rate Collectors' Poundage was under discussion, and the Secretary was directed to request the Local Government Board's sanction for the payment of the amounts due the Collectors for the moieties of the Poor Rate.

### ARDEE BRANCH RAILWAY ACCOUNT.

The following Account was submitted and initialled by the Chairman, and the Committee recommended the County Council to have the Account advertised in the Drogheda and Dundalk papers:—

# LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

ACCOUNT furnished to the Louth County Council by the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland), showing Financial Workings of Ardee Branch Railway.

Ardee Branch Line in Account with the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland).

1913. Dec. 31st.	DR.	£ s. d.	1913. Dec. 31st.	CR.	£ s. d.
To	Cost of Maintenance of Way Works ...	243 0 2	By	Traffic Earnings, H. Y. as per statement from Audit Office ...	1,187 4 3
„	Cost of Loco Power Repairs ...	723 5 6	„	Messrs Eason & Son, exhibiting Advertisements at Dromin Junction ...	3 1 5
„	Rents of Carriages and Waggon — Proportion of Traffic Wages Paid Dromin ...	35 11 7	„	Grass Rents ...	1 13 6
„	Traffic Wages Paid Ardee	192 19 8	„	Balance ...	206 3 0
„	Proportion of Cost of Stores—Dromin ...	6 6 11			
„	Cost of Stores supplied Ardee ...	13 18 5			
„	Proportion of Cost of Stationery supplied Dromin	0 11 3			
„	Cost of Stationery supplied Ardee ...	6 19 7			
„	Cost of Maintenance of Telegraphs ...	10 12 6			
„	Proportion of Petty Disbursements—Dromin Junction ...	0 4 7			
„	Petty Disbursements—Ardee ...	5 9 11			
„	Cash Ardee Gas Co—Gas to 30th Sept. V. 8129 ...	0 15 9			
„	Gas to 31st Dec. V. 9355	5 3 6			
„	Cash. P. Yore, Borough Rate, Ardee ...	10 15 2			
„	Cash, P. M'Donnell, Poor Rate, 1st moiety ...	64 14 0			
„	Cash, P. S. Donegan, do.	70 4 3			
„	Premium on Insurance of Dromin Junction and Ardee Stations ...	2 13 5			
„	Arbitrator's Fee (Sir John Barton) ...	5 5 0			
„	Charge for Superintendence ...	30 0 0			
		£1,398 2 2			£1,398 2 2
To	Balance brought down ...	206 3 0	By	Balance ...	606 3 0
„	Interest on Capital, H. Y. maximum amount payable (2½ p c on £32,000)	400 0 0			
		£606 3 0			£606 3 0
„	Balance brought down ..	606 3 0			

Signed, J. SHANKS, Accountant.

## DUTIES OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

The following Letter was read and initialled by the Chairman, and the Secretary was directed to send Copy to the Drogheda Corporation and Dundalk Urban Council:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction

for Ireland (Veterinary Branch,

50 and 51, Upper Mount St.,

Dublin, 16th April, 1914.

No. 1456/14.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 11th instant, and its enclosure, on the subject, I have to state that the Department are advised that neither the Corporation of Drogheda nor the Urban District Council of Dundalk has any power to call on your Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors under the Diseases of Animals Acts, to act as Inspectors of animals or of meat exposed for sale within the Urban Districts.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

## DIRECTION POSTS TO MELLIFONT AND MONASTERBOICE.

Letter was read from the Board of Works, dated 20th April, (5037-14), requesting the County Council to erect six direction posts to Mellifont and Monasterboice, and stating that the Automobile Association would supply the arms.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

#### APPOINTMENTS IN SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The Secretary was directed to put on the agenda for the next Meeting of the Finance Committee, the business of the details of the Appointments to be made in the Secretary's Office, as to the subjects for examination, etc.

#### COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Letter was read from the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Dundalk, dated the 22nd April, notifying the County Council that an application would be made at Dundalk Petty Sessions on the 24th April, for the committal of a child named Rose Bridget M'Donnell, River Lane, Dundalk, to an Industrial School.

#### USAGE OF UNION FEVER HOSPITALS FOR PATIENTS UNDER COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read and referred to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management for their consideration and Report:—

No. 71: M. 1914.

Miscellaneous.

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 24th April, 1914.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that their attention has been frequently drawn to the urgent necessity of making provision for the proper isolation of advanced cases of tuberculosis so as to prevent the spread of infection from such cases.

It is generally recognised that no scheme of administrative action which aims at the prevention and abolition of tuberculosis can be completely effective unless active steps are taken to remove from small and crowded houses patients in an advanced stage of the disease. These patients are a constant source of danger to the other inmates of the dwelling, and their removal to a hospital, where they could receive medical attendance and nursing, would be in the best interests of the patients, their friends and the public.

At the same time it is well known that patients in an advanced stage of the disease will not willingly go to a hospital at any considerable distance from their home, as their friends and relatives could not have ready access to them. This, in itself, constitutes one of the greatest difficulties in dealing with the problem. To suggest the setting up of new institutions for the purpose all over the country would, at least in some counties, meet with opposition on financial and administrative grounds.

The fever hospitals in England, Wales and Scotland are usually called isolation hospitals, and in many of them provision has been made for the treatment of patients suffering from tuberculosis. These hospitals are administered by the sanitary authorities, and as they are not poor law institutions there is no barrier to their being utilised for the treatment of insured persons suffering from tuberculosis.

The Board have given this question most careful consideration with a view to making a recommendation which they trust will solve the difficulty without creating new institutions. They are of opinion that a number of the present Union fever hospitals might be transferred to the District Councils where the latter body are the sanitary authority for the entire Union area served by the hospital.

The name, District Isolation Hospital, might be substituted for that of Union Fever Hospital. The hospital would also be available for the reception and treatment of patients suffering from tuberculosis by adding two pavilions or chalets for the purpose, one for male and one for female patients.

If this recommendation meets with the approval of the bodies concerned it will have the advantage of economy in the capital cost and in the cost of administration. It would solve the innumerable difficulties connected with the acquisition of sites for hospitals for tuberculous patients.

The hospitals might also be co-ordinated with the County scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis by arrangement between the County Council and the District Council concerned on the basis of a contribution to be fixed between those bodies. By these means a considerable relief of the poor rate might be effected, seeing that whereas the cost of institutional treatment of poor persons suffering from tuberculosis is now borne in full by the Union rates, the corresponding charge under the arrangements above indicated would rank for recoupment from the Exchequer Grant in aid of tuberculosis. It will thus be obvious that an arrangement on the lines suggested will be to the advantage of the local and County ratepayers, and, at the same time, will have a most important and far-reaching effect upon the eradication of tuberculosis.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary  
of each County Council.

#### LOANS UNDER LABOURERS' ACTS.

The following schedule was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

#### THE PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1891, AND THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACT, 1906.

#### LOCAL TAXATION (IRELAND) ACCOUNT

Financial Year ended 31st of March, 1914.

#### COUNTY OF LOUTH.

Schedule showing particulars of amounts remitted to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland out of the Exchequer Contribution, to be applied by them towards the repayment of outstanding loans under the Labourers Acts charged on the under-mentioned Rural Districts.

Rural District	Amount
Ardee No. 1	£167 17 4
Dundalk	£245 6 11
Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union	£185 1 8

The amounts of the half-yearly annuities due to the Commissioners by the above-named Rural District Councils in respect of such loans will be reduced accordingly.

M. O'SULLIVAN,

Assistant Secretary.

Labourers' Department,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin,  
24th April, 1914.

#### SIR CHARLES CAMERON'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1914.

The following Report was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

City Laboratory,  
Chatham Row, Dublin,  
25th April, 1914.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Louth, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st March, 1914.

There were no articles received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C. For the Guardians of Drogheda Union one specimen of milk and

one of water were analysed. The milk was slightly under the average quality of pure milk. The specimen of water had the following composition:—

One Imperial gallon contained in grains:

Total solid matter	7.700
Including—	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005
Saline Ammonia	0.003
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	0.790
Colour	light yellow.

A good water.

One specimen of water analysed for the Ardee Rural District Council had the following composition:—

One Imperial gallon contained in grains:

Total solid matter	56.000
Including—	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.008
Saline Ammonia	0.0025
Nitric Acid	5.000
Chlorine	5.070
Colour	very light yellow.

A good water.

One specimen of water analysed for Major O'Reilly, Knock-abbey, Dundalk, had the following composition:—

One Imperial gallon contained in grains:

Total solid matter	33.600
Including—	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005
Saline Ammonia	0.0005
Nitric Acid	3.120
Chlorine	1.690
Colour	light yellow.

A very good water.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for the Secretary, Louth Council.

One specimen of milk analysed for Mrs J M'Keever, Syddan House, Ardee, was deprived of at least 36 per cwt of its fats.

In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total analyses—Six.

C. A. CAMERON.

#### MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

The Secretary informed the Committee that two Malicious Injury Claims had been lodged by the Earl of Arran in respect of burning of grouse mountain at Ravensdale and Jenkinstown for £100 and £300, respectively.

#### PROPOSED SITE OF DUNDALK TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

The following letter from Lord Roden's Agent was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Dundalk Estate Office,  
Dundalk,

24th April, 1914.

Re Proposed Site for Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Dear Sir,—

I am in receipt of yours of this date. I accept from the Louth County Council their release of Lord Roden from his promise to lease the plot of land above referred to.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN WM. TURNER.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.

#### CARETAKING OF WILLISTOWN PLANTATION.

Mr Meade informed the Committee that damage was being done by trespassers at the Willistown Plantation to the trees, and that the Local Committee recommended the appointment of a capable man named William M'Callum, Drumcar, who was always on the

spot, and who would protect the Council's property as caretaker, pending the final arrangements of the Forestry Scheme.

The Committee unanimously approved of the appointment of William M'Callum, Drumcar, as caretaker for Willistown Plantation at the salary of £3 per annum, as recommended by the Local Committee.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 11th day of May, 1914, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—C A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—William Woods, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; Wm A Doran, J P; James Wynne, J P; Patrick O'Connell, and Joseph M Johnson, J P, Esquires.

Also present—Mr Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor.

The Secretary submitted the following accounts for works in charge of the County Surveyor, and those of his own office, which on examination were passed and ordered for payment by the Committee:—

### SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

	£	s	d
J Cumiskey	...	0	12 0
T Gallager	...	0	8 0
L Conlon	...	0	8 0
J M'Ardle	...	0	8 0
L Mathews	...	0	6 0
M Ferguson	...	2	2 1
J Durnin	...	0	14 10
C Dougherty and Co	...	1	5 8
J Durnin	...	0	14 10
P Hanlon	...	4	0 0
P Hanlon	...	1	9 8
F M'Dermott	...	1	9 6
C Dougherty and Co	...	1	1 11
P Curtis	...	23	17 0
Bellew Bros	...	3	2 5
P Kinahan	...	7	15 0
P M'Kevitt	...	0	4 10

P Berry	...	0 4 10
P Rice	...	0 15 11
T Berry	...	0 13 5
P Berry	...	1 2 2
H Connolly	...	0 15 10
M M'Cann	...	0 9 10
G Patterson	...	0 4 10
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		£54 6 7

## SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d
M Murray, per H Rogan, Student	...	1 16 0	
S J Medcalfe, per P A Hanratty, Student	...	2 5 0	
J M Dolan, per J M'Parland, Student	...	2 13 9	
Irish Land Commission, Willistown Plantation, 1st Instalment	...	1 6 3	
P Tierney, Slaughter of Heifer under Tuberculosis Order	...	0 5 0	
P Donegan, Refund of Arrears for 31/3/1914	...	27 0 11	
P M'Donnell do do	...	25 4 8	
P M'Cullough do do	...	33 2 3	
J J Kelly do do	...	2 13 9	
P Hughes do do	...	19 14 2	
P Cluskey do do	...	70 15 7	
P M'Donnell do do	...	42 19 11	
John Woods do do	...	57 4 6	
J V Johnston do do	...	16 9 9	
J Kindlon, Preparing Rate Books	...	3 14 9	
P J Clarke, Preparing Rate Books	...	1 2 3	
E French, Preparing Rate Books	...	1 1 6	
M M'Gahan, Two Weeks' Salary	...	2 19 6	
J Loudon, Two Weeks' Salary	...	3 0 0	
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		315 9 6	
		54 6 7	
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Total	£369	16 1	

## COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

The Secretary submitted the following accounts, which were examined and recommended for payment:—

	£	s	d
Artane Industrial School, 6 months' maintenance to 31st March, 1914	...	116 3 3	
St. Dominick School, 6 months' maintenance to 31st March, 1914	...	3 5 0	

Underwood Typewriter Coy., Ltd., Duplicator Supplied	...	3 6 0
Secretary's Office	...	0 19 6
Margaret Reilly, Caretaker Ardee Dispensary	...	7 10 0
Richard Q O'Neill, half-year's rent to 1st May, 1914	...	2 14 3
E F Flood, Medical Hall, Medical Appliances	...	0 6 0
Thomas O'Farrell, Tuberculosis Analysis	...	23 0 0
Mrs M Gogarty, alteration and rent Drogheda Dispensary	...	20 0 0
Charles M'Alester, Petty Cash Account	...	4 6 4
Humphreys, Ltd, Balance on Account, fencing Ardee Dispensary	...	
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		£181 10 4

## RATE COLLECTORS' ARREARS LISTS.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read and initialled by the Chairman, and the Secretary stated he had written Collector Kelly to furnish a fuller explanation of the two items in question:—

Local Government Board,

Dublin,

5th May, 1914.

No. 21,997: 1914.  
Louth County.

Sir,—

With reference to the lists of arrears of rate in the County of Louth for the period ended the 31st of March, 1914, recently forwarded by you to this Department, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return the lists, herewith, and to state that the rulings of the Board are duly stamped thereon, except as regards the two amounts opposite item 2378 on the list of Collector J J Kelly in respect to which fuller explanation should be furnished.

I am, at the same time, to point out that the rulings of the Board have been given on the assumption that the information contained in the several lists is in all respects accurate, and must

not, therefore, be regarded as interfering with the jurisdiction of the Auditor in case for any cause he should at audit find it necessary to deal otherwise with any item or items.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

#### CLERKSHIPS IN SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read:—

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 29th April, 1914.

No. 22.223: 1914.  
Louth County.

Sir,  
The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 24th instant, in reference to the appointment by the Louth County Council of three clerks in the office of the County Secretary, and the Board direct me to state that they will raise no objection to the proposed appointments on the terms set out in your letter.

As requested the Board will be prepared to arrange for holding an examination at Dundalk on a convenient date of candidates nominated by the County Council for the Senior and Junior Clerkships.

At a similar examination for Clerkships recently held under

the direction of the Board in a neighbouring county, the candidates were examined in the following subjects:—

1. Arithmetic (including long tots).
2. English Composition.
3. Precis.
4. Elementary knowledge of local government system, with special reference to road administration.
5. Book-keeping.
6. Dictation.

The Board consider that the candidates for the vacancies in County Louth might be examined in these subjects, and also in Shorthand and Typewriting, as suggested by the County Council, and the Board will be glad to have the views of the Council in the matter.

A statement showing the names and addresses of the candidates nominated to attend the examination should be forwarded to this Department as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

Letter was read from the North and South Louth Gaelic Leagues, signed by the Rev Father M J Quin, P P, Carlingford; Rev Father James Quinn, C C, Haggardstown; Messrs A G O'Lochlan, Castlebellingham, and J T Dolan, Ardee, requesting the County Council to make Irish a subject of the examinations for the clerkships, but not a compulsory one. The letter pointed out that the adoption of Irish as a subject would help to secure that young men in charge of the administration

of local affairs would have some knowledge of National History and resources, and would have pride in their country and county.

Letter was read from the Secretary of the Dundalk Gaelic League, Mr P O'Duffy, stating that the Committee of the Dundalk Branch of the League requested the Council to have Irish made a subject of the examination in filling the clerical vacancies in the County Office; that several public Boards had adopted the competitive system, and in each case that Irish was made a subject, but not a compulsory one, for the examination and giving details of the County Monaghan Scheme.

Letter was also read from Mr Denis Carolan Rushe, B A, Secretary of the Monaghan County Council, giving the subjects and marks allotted for the examination in County Monaghan for Junior Clerkship. The following were the figures:—Arithmetic, 100; English Composition, 100; Irish, 100; Shorthand, 100; Public Bodies and Procedure Orders, 50; Precís, 50; Book-keeping, 50; Dictation, 50. Total, 600.

After discussion the Committee unanimously decided to recommend the County Council to fix the following subjects with the markings for each, for the two Clerkships, and the Secretary was directed to have advertisements issued after the County Council meeting to be held on the 23rd May:—

LIST OF SUBJECTS:

	Sen Clerk	Jun Clerk
Arithmetic (including long and Cross Tots)	100	100
English Composition	100	100
Precis	50	50
Elementary Knowledge of Local Government System, with special reference to Road Administration	50	50

Irish	100	100
Book-keeping	100	50
Dictation	50	50
Shorthand	50	50
Typewriting	50	50
	650	600

In the case of the Junior Clerkship a pass in Shorthand and Typewriting to be obligatory.

DREDGING AT ANNAGASSAN HARBOUR.

The following letter, in connection with the Council's application to have the dredged material at Annagassan Harbour dumped alongshore, was read:—

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
Whitehall Gardens, London, S. W.,  
27th April, 1914.

H. 6034.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Trade to refer to your letter of the 11th April (addressed to the Board of Trade Office in Dublin) transmitting a chart showing certain tidal lands in Dundalk Bay to the North of Annagassan upon which the Louth County Council desire permission to deposit the material excavated in connection with dredging operations at Annagassan.

The Board desire me to inquire (1) what steps the Council propose to take to retain the dredging material upon the area selected for deposit, and (2) what is the exact nature of the material to be deposited.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

L. F. MARWOOD.

The Secretary to the Louth Co. Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had written to Mr Oliver, Engineer to the Department, for a description of the dredged material, and had his reply that the bulk of the material to be dealt with will be stiff clay and the residue largely heavy stone; that any sand found can be dumped at the back of the breakwater as already sanctioned, or where the tendency is to accumulate and not to waste or send to sea, but that the amount of it would be so small as to be inappreciable.

The Secretary was directed to reply accordingly to the Board of Trade, and to again request their consent.

#### LOCOMOTIVE BYE-LAWS.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read, and the Secretary was directed to have the necessary advertisement inserted in the Drogheda and Dundalk papers, and after the expiration of a month to have the confirmation of application brought before the Council Council:—

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 28th April, 1913.

No. 22531: 1914.  
Louth County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, relative to the proposed code of bye-laws with respect to the use of locomotives in County Louth; and I am to state that, if not already issued, the preliminary newspaper notice may now be published of the Council's intention to apply to the Board at the expiration of the statutory period of one month for the confirmation of the code.

The Board will await the receipt of a copy of a formal resolution of the Council, passed at the end of that time, making application for such confirmation, together with a copy of the newspaper containing the notice above referred to.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary Louth Co. Council  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL COMMITTAL.

Letter was read from Inspector Whelenan, dated 27th April, stating that application would be made at Dundalk Petty Sessions for the committal to an Industrial School of a child named John Finegan, aged three years.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE FEES.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read, and after discussion the Secretary was directed to write again to the Board for permission to pay the Collectors, and to point out that it was the Council that gave the Collectors the extension of one month after the 30th September, 1913, and that they had all closed their collections for the financial year on the 31st March, 1914:—

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 5th May, 1914.

No. 23,853: 1914.  
Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, rela-

tive to the collection of the poor rate in Louth County for the year ended the 31st March last, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw attention to their letters of the 7th and 16th October last, and to state that, having regard to the guarantees given by the Poor Rate Collectors in 1911, that they would in future close their collections by the end of September, the Board see no reason why they should assent to the payment of poundage fees to those Collectors who failed to close their collections for the first moiety for the past year on the prescribed date.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

#### FORESTRY.

The following letter was read:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction  
for Ireland,  
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,  
6th May, 1914.

No. A. 10239-14.

Forestry.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, and to acquaint you that the Department hope to be able to arrange for a visit by their Chief Forestry Inspector, Mr A C Forbes, to County Louth on Tuesday next, the 12th instant, in connection with the proposed purchase of forestry lands by Louth County Council.

Mr Forbes has been instructed to communicate direct with you in the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,

Secretary Louth Co. Council,

Courthouse, Dundalk.

The Secretary informed the Committee that as he was anxious to advise the Local Committees of the visit of the Forestry Inspector, and as Mr Forbes had not communicated with him as advised, he (the Secretary) had written to the Department to know the exact dates when the various woodlands would be visited by Mr Forbes, and had received a telegram in reply that he would visit Ardee on the 12th instant. The Secretary informed Committee that he had advised the Ardee Committee—Messrs W A Doran, J P, and J T Dolan, M A—of the Inspector's visit, and the matter was approved.

No fixture had been made by the Department for the further inspection of Omeath Park.

#### COLLON PETTY SESSIONS HOUSE.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk.

6th May, 1914.

Re Collon Petty Sessions House.

Dear Sir,—

I have your letter of 2nd inst enclosing copy letter received from Mr Thomas E Gloster, Lord Masserene's Agent, for my opinion.

It is obvious from the terms of the Policy of Fire Insurance that the Insurance Company would not be bound to indemnify the County Council the amount of damage occasioned by a fire

occurring on the premises which, at the time of the outbreak, were being used for the purposes of a Living Picture Show or a Theatrical Entertainment. I am looking into the further matter of how far the County Council would be liable to make good damage resulting from a user of the premises occasioned by licence given to other parties for such user by the local magistrates.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth County Council,  
Dundalk.

#### ATTENDANCES AT COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The following circular letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland,  
Upper Merrion Street,

Dublin,

8th May, 1914.

No. 12332—14.

Sir,—

I have to acquaint you, for the information of your Council, that the Department have had before them returns of the number of attendances of members of County Committees of Agriculture at meetings held during the past year

Reviewing the figures for the county as a whole, it is observed that the average attendance per meeting slightly exceeds twenty per cent of the total number of members. This very low average suggests the inference that persons are appointed on these Committees who either do not take sufficient interest in or are unable to devote the necessary time to the business of the Committees; and this inference is borne out by the fact that in the case of several Committees a considerable number of the members did not attend a single meeting during the six months ended March last.

Save in very exceptional circumstances the retention on a Com-

mittee of members who take no active participation in the work of the Committee is, in the view of the Department, undesirable. It involves a certain amount of expense to the Committee and considerable trouble to its Secretary, which might be avoided. Moreover, even though it does not always interfere with the efficiency of the Committee's work, it cannot but convey an unfavourable impression which is unfair to those members who attend the meetings regularly.

The existing County Committee will go out of office at the same time as the County Councils which appointed them, and, therefore, when the new County Councils are elected in June next, one of their first duties will be to appoint Committees for the purposes of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899. Accordingly, in view of what has been stated above, the Department would strongly urge upon County Councils when appointing the new Committees the desirability of making the appointment subject to the condition that any member of the Committee who is absent from meetings of the Committee during a period of six consecutive months shall, ipso facto, cease to be a member of the Committee, and his office shall thereupon become vacant.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Secretary

Of each County Council.

#### RICHMOND ASYLUM LOANS.

The following communication from the Treasury Solicitor in Ireland was read, and the letter and notices of intention to advance the Loans were initialled by the Chairman:—

Office of Public Works,

Dublin,

8th May, 1914.

Loan of £8,370—£4,860 to the Joint Committee of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Sir,—

Enclosed herewith I beg to send you notices in duplicate of the intention of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to advance the above-mentioned Loans.

Kindly transmit one of the copies to your Council's Treasurer, and acknowledge receipt at your convenience.

Yours truly,

J. DONNELLY.

The Secretary,  
The Louth County Council,  
The Courthouse, Dundalk.

#### SYSTEM OF ROAD ROLLING IN CO. LOUTH.

Mr P O'Connell brought under the notice of the Committee the objectionable system of rolling that is in operation on the County roads. He stated that on the road to the Annies it was impossible to travel with safety on vehicles owing to the way the stones were spread for rolling.

The matter was referred to the Co. Surveyor.

## Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 18th May, 1914, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Joseph M Johnson, Esq, J P.

Other Members—John F Murphy, J P; Michael Meade, Patrick O'Connell, and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

The question of arrangements in connection with the Sheep Dipping for the present season was discussed at length, and the following Local Committees were appointed in connection with the respective Dipping Tanks:—

For CARLINGFORD—Messrs Wm Woods, J P; J P Kearney, and Michael O'Meara, J P.

Dipping Superintendent—Hugh M'Kevitt, whose rate of remuneration of one penny per sheep and one halfpenny per lamb was approved, subject to Local Committee.

RAVENSDALE and AGHAMEEN—Messrs J H M'Ardle, J P; James Connolly, J P; Peter Woods, J P, and Bernard Finegan.

Dipping Superintendents—J White for Ravensdale and Owen Keenan for Aghameen, at the rate of one penny per sheep and one halfpenny per lamb, was approved. The Committee also approved of the payment of £1 for the season for rent of sites of Aghameen and Ravensdale tanks respectively, subject to Local Committee.

ARDEE—Messrs W A Doran, J P, and James Halpenny.

Dipping Superintendent—William Leonard, at the rate of 16s per week, and the Local Committee to arrange for the water supply for the tank. The rent of site, £1, payable to Ardee Rural District Council, was approved, subject to the confirmation by the Local Committee.

KNOCKBRIDGE—Messrs Peter Hughes, J P, and J F Murphy, J P.

Dipping Superintendent—Thomas M'Ardle, at the rate of 16s per week. The rent of site as last year, £2 per dipping period, payable to Miss Byrne, was approved, subject to Local Committee.

BALLYMAKENNY—Messrs P Donegan, J P; P Callan, J P; J Dolan, and Denis Rath.

Dipping Superintendent—Michael M'Quillan, at the head rate of one penny for sheep and one halfpenny for lambs, was approved, and payment of the usual rent of site for tank, £1 for the season, to Mr H Norris, was also approved, subject to Local Committee.

#### TANKS.

It was unanimously decided to continue the arrangements with Messrs Cooper and Nephews, Limited, as to the hire of the tanks at £1 5s 0d per tank per annum.

#### SHEEP DIP.

After discussion as to the supply of Sheep Dip for the Council's tanks, the Secretary was directed to invite tenders for the supply of Dip for the year from Chemists in Drogheda, Ardee and Dundalk, for the respective tanks in these districts.

#### SHEEP SCAB ORDER Of 1914.

The above Order, issued by the Department of Agriculture for the year 1914, was again under discussion, and the Committee decided to ask the three Veterinary Inspectors, Messrs Clinton, Donnelly and Maxwell, to meet in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Friday next, the 22nd instant, at one o'clock, to decide whether any special regulations were necessary, and the Secretary was directed to arrange the conference accordingly.

#### REPORTS FROM VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

The following Reports from the Veterinary Inspectors were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Drogheda,

2nd May, 1914.

Gentlemen,

During the month last no fresh cases of Sheep Scab occurred in this district.

I dealt with the two outbreaks of this disease mentioned in my previous report, and expect to be able to withdraw the restrictions in one of the cases in the course of a few days.

One suspected case under the Tuberculosis Order was reported, but after examination of the animal, I am of the opinion it is not one to be dealt with under the Order.

I furnished your Secretary with fuller information on the official Forms prescribed by the Department in connection with the different cases reported.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

To the Louth County Council,  
(Executive Committee).

Ardee, 3rd April, 1914.

The Chairman, Louth County Council.

Sir.

I have visited the usual Fairs and Markets held in the Ardee No. 1 District.

I held a post-mortem on a Sow, the property of Patrick Malone, Cappogsgreen, said to be suffering from Swine Fever. I sent the viscera to Dublin for examination, and found disease did not exist.

I am removing Messrs Caraher's detention notice as from the 29th re Sheep Scab. I cannot at present remove Mr Arthur Macan's, as disinfection has not even been attempted. Outside of Sheep Scab, this district is clear of disease.

I am, Sir,

Faithfully yours,

WILLIAM MAXWELL.

#### VETERINARY INSPECTORS' SALARIES.

As the period for which the increased salaries to the Veterinary Inspectors had been sanctioned by the Department of Agriculture would expire on the 1st June, and as the Department had requested that the work under the Tuberculosis Order of 1913 would be reviewed, the matter was discussed by the Committee, and it was unanimously decided to refer the whole question of the salaries of the Inspectors to the County Council.

#### MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS.

The following Order of the Department of Agriculture was read, as also a Notice from the West Sussex County Council:—

(No. 355.)

#### ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION FOR IRELAND.

(Dated 21st April, 1914.)

#### THE MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS (SOUTHERN IRELAND) TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ORDER (No. 3).

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1911, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

#### Alteration of Scheduled Area.

1. On and after the twenty-second day of April, nineteen hundred and fourteen, The Movement of Animals (Southern Ireland) Temporary Prohibition Order shall be read as if the Area described in the Schedule to that Order were the Area described in the First Schedule to this Order.

#### Order Revoked.

2. The Order described in the Second Schedule to this Order is hereby revoked from the twenty-second day of April, nineteen hundred and fourteen, inclusive.

#### Short Title.

3. This Order may be cited as The Movement of Animals

(Southern Ireland) Temporary Prohibition Order (No. 3).

In witness whereof the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland have hereunto set their Official Seal this twenty-first day of April, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

(Signed) T. P. GILL,  
Secretary.

#### FIRST SCHEDULE.

##### Scheduled Area.

So much of Ireland as lies to the south of the following boundary (roads and railway lines mentioned as forming the boundary, except the Great Southern and Western Railway Line from Clara to Banagher, being regarded as outside the Scheduled Area):—

Commencing at the Maiden Tower, on the sea coast at Mornington, thence by the course of the River Boyne to the Railway Bridge at Drogheda, thence by the Great Northern Railway Line to its junction at Navan with the Midland Great Western Line, thence southwards by the Midland Great Western Line to Kilmessan Station, thence westwards by the Athboy Branch of that Line as far as the point where it crosses the road from Navan to Trim at Peterstown, thence southwards by the road via Newtown to the junction with the road from Scurlockstown Bridge to Trim, thence by that road through Trim to Roristown as far as the junction with the bye-road over Derringdaly Bridge, thence by that road to the junction with the road from Ballivor to Trim, thence by that road to Ballivor, thence by the direct road via Raharney to Killucan, thence by the direct road from Killucan via Kil-

lucan Railway Station to the junction with the main road leading from Kinnegad to Mullingar, thence by the main road via Rochfortbridge, Tyrrellspass and Kilbeggan to the Midland Great Western Railway Line at Clara, thence by that Line to its junction with the Great Southern and Western Line south of Clara, thence by that Line to Banagher Station, thence by the direct road to the River Shannon, and thence by the course of that river to the sea.

#### SECOND SCHEDULE.

Order Revoked.

(Article 2.)

No. of Order	Date of Order.	Short Title.
340	7th April, 1914	The Movement of Animals (Southern Ireland) Temporary Prohibition Order (No. 2).

#### WEST SUSSEX.

#### DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

#### FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ORDER OF 1895.

Notice is hereby given that the Executive Committee of the Local Authority of the County of West Sussex, in exercise of the powers vested in them under Article 12 of the Foot and Mouth Disease Order of 1895, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, have made the following Regulations:—

1. The movement from the District of any other Local Authority in England or Wales or Scotland into the District of the Local Authority of the County of West Sussex of animals landed in Great Britain from Ireland since the 21st day of April, 1914, or animals which have been in contact with any such animals landed in Great Britain as aforesaid, is prohibited.
2. Movement through the County of West Sussex by rail without untrucking is excepted.
3. The expression "animals" means cattle, sheep and goats, and all other ruminating animals and swine.
4. These Regulations shall come into force on the 8th day of May, 1914.

S. THORNELY,

Clerk of the West Sussex County Council.

County Council Offices, Horsham,

8th May, 1914.

CAUTION—Every person acting in contravention of the foregoing Regulations will be liable to a fine not exceeding £20, or if the offence is committed with respect to more than four animals, to a fine not exceeding £5 for each animal.

#### DEATH OF MR. M. ELCOCK, DROGHEDA.

Mr O'Connell brought under the notice of the Committee the lamented death of Mr M Elcock, Drogheda, brother of Mr

Luke J Elcock, a respected member of the County Council, and the following resolution was passed in silence:—

Proposed by Mr Patrick O'Connell,

Seconded by Mr John F Murphy, J P, and

Resolved—That we learn with regret of the death of Mr Michael Elcock, brother of our esteemed colleague, Mr Luke J Elcock, and we direct our Secretary to convey to Mr Elcock our sincere sympathy in his bereavement.

## New County Offices Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 11th day of May, 1914, at 1.30 o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—W A Doğan, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Charles A Duffy, J P; Joseph M Johnson, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also present.

The following Report on the matter of the accommodation to be provided in the new County Offices from the County Surveyor was read, and ground plan of the site was also submitted:—

### COPY REPORT.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of New County Offices Committee assembled at Meeting, 11th May, 1914.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

In accordance with your directions of 9th March last a plan of the Old Jail premises adjacent to the Courthouse has been prepared for your consideration.

I had not the advantage of being present at your discussion on 9th March and am not quite certain of what is intended exactly by the "additional accommodation to be provided for"—whether the Committee proposed that the County Council should continue to use some existing offices in the Courthouse, and also the Grand Jury Room as a Council Chamber; or whether they should erect a complete new suite of offices, with Council Chamber, on the Old Jail premises.

Assuming the latter proposition to be correct, the accommodation required would be:—

- (a) Council Chamber 40 ft x 25 ft, say.
- (b) 1 Committee Room about 16 ft square.
- (c) 1 Spare ditto 16 feet square, to serve as office in busy time for Rate Clerks, etc.
- (d) 1 Single Office about 16 feet square—Accountant.
- (e) 3 Double Offices about 16 ft square for Secretary and Staff and County Surveyor and Staff. *and 6 Committee of Agriculture*
- (f) 1 Single Office somewhat larger for Secretary Insurance Committee.
- (g) The necessary lavatories attached to County Council Chamber and Offices and Cloak-room.
- (h) Stationery Store Room for Secretary, 80 to 100 sq feet area, say.
- (i) Strong Room for Secretary, 80 sq feet area, say.
- (j) Store at back for coal and sundries. With regard to this

latter, and having also regard to the fact that the Council may purchase road-rollers, it may not be amiss to consider the advisability and possibility of acquiring an entrance through the Urban Council premises adjoining.

No mention has been made above of a Store Room and Strong Room for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. The bedroom and kitchen occupied at present by the Courtkeeper could, without difficulty, so far as I can see, be converted into a Store Room and Strong Room respectively, and would be convenient to Mr Sheridan's office, provided, of course, that accommodation could be provided for the Courtkeeper in the part of the Courthouse vacated by the Council.

The question also presents itself as to whether a resident Caretaker should be appointed in charge of the offices. If so, a residence, of course, would have to be provided for him.

It should be remembered when considering the proposed site that the drain from the Courthouse to the Crowe Street sewer runs through the centre of the garden in front, if I am rightly informed. In any plan for a building on the plot provision would have to be made for changing the course of the drain.

Should the Committee decide to advertise for competitive plans and specifications, an order should be made to procure two dozen (say) copies of site plan to be supplied to architects. It would be advisable also, if possible, to have photographs of the adjacent buildings—east side of Courthouse and the Exchange—to accompany plan of site. The attention of architects competing should be called to the question of providing for reflected light for east side of Courthouse (if necessary).

The terms for competition would be a matter to be settled by the Committee after discussion.

It would be desirable also if the Committee would define on the plan submitted the limits of the site to be built on.

I am, Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) THOMAS WALSH.

After discussion the report was approved and ordered to be sent forward to the County Council for consideration.

#### REPORT OF LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 4th day of May, 1914.

Present:—

Presiding—James Wynne, Esq, J P.

Other Members—William Woods, J P; Patrick O'Connell, and Edward Goodman, Esquires.

Also Present—Dr J A M'Quillan, T M O.

Letter No. 71 M, 24th April, 1914, from L G B, was first submitted, suggesting the use of existing Fever Hospitals for treating chronic advanced cases of Tuberculosis.

After very careful consideration and discussion, it was unanimously decided to strongly recommend and urge on the

County Council to act as far as possible on the suggestions contained in this letter from the L G B, as we are satisfied, if carried out and co-ordinated with the Council's Scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis, will be found to be to the general advantage and tend towards:—

1st Economy—As the cost of erecting male and female pavilions in the vicinity of the District Hospitals (as it is suggested to name them) will be a comparatively small outlay of Capital Expenditure, which will be borne by the Treasury Grant.

2nd Efficiency—As stated in the letter in question, no scheme is complete until proper provision is made to treat chronic cases of Tuberculosis, reducing the dangers of infection to a minimum by isolation. Experience already teaches there are no institutions available for such cases, and that providing Shelters for such purposes is not practicable, especially in urban areas, while, under the suggested arrangement, it is obvious there is a possibility of having, for a small outlay, three centres in Louth for advanced cases, namely, Dundalk, Drogheda and Ardee.

The Committee desire to add that they are confident that Poor Law Authorities, on close examination of the suggested arrangements, will have little hesitation to facilitate the Council to carry them through, especially as destitute persons will be treated under the Council's Scheme, and half the cost will be borne by the Imperial Fund, a matter of considerable advantage to the ratepayers.

Letter 48 M, 1914, dated 6th March, 1914, from the L G B, was also submitted and considered.

It was decided to draw particular attention to the last three paragraphs, and to state it is the unanimous opinion of this Committee that the suggestions contained in this letter, if found practicable, decides the contentious question of the erection of costly Dispensaries.

We therefore desire to recommend the County Council to direct that negotiations be opened with the Managing Body of the Louth County Infirmary, with a view to having a wing added to the Institution, or pavilions erected in the grounds attached, or both,

where beds for observation purposes might be erected. We also approve of and recommend the suggestion to provide a ward for children suffering from non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

In these cases also the cost will be defrayed by the Treasury Grant.

The Tuberculosis Medical Officer submitted a list of articles required for Dispensaries, comprised of educative literature and medical appliances; approximate cost £8.

It was decided to recommend that an order for the articles be given.

Applications from non-insured persons for Sanatorium Treatment were submitted and considered, viz—Maggie Killen, Willville, Carlingford; Patrick Kelly, Rocktate, Corereagh; Mary M'Cabe, Moorhall, Ardee; John Conlon, Channonrock, Dundalk.

It was decided to adopt the recommendation of the Tuberculosis Medical Officer, and recommend each patient for 12 weeks' treatment at Peamout at a cost of £1 per week.

Medical Reports from Peamout re Drogheda patient lately returned home from Peamout were submitted and considered satisfactory.

Letter submitted from the Sanitary Sub-Officer, Drogheda, intimating he would have two disused Shelters in Drogheda disinfected if the Council would undertake to defray the cost—12s.

The Clerk stated Mr Dromgoole had Shelters disinfected in Ardee without any question of payment.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Tuberculosis Medical Officer.

The question of Storage for Shelters not in use was again referred to, and a letter from the Town Clerk, Dundalk, stating the U D C had no accomodation.

The matter was deferred.

Accounts, as per annexed Schedule (Accounts attached), were submitted and payment recommended.

An Account for 6s from St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, for special medical reports, was referred to the Local Government Board for sanction of payment.

The Clerk was directed to convene, and attend with the Tuberculosis Medical Officer, a meeting of the Drogheda Representatives of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, to consider the letters already referred to from the Local Government Board.

The meeting was duly convened for Thursday, the 7th day of May, 1914, when there were present—Messrs Patrick Donegan, M C C, and John Dolan, M C C. Also present—Dr M'Quillan, T M O, and the Clerk.

A quorum not being available, no business was transacted; but the members present conferred on Letter 71 M, 1914, relative to the use of Union Fever Hospitals for advanced cases of the disease, and cordially approved of the recommendations contained therein.

V. WARREN,

Clerk.

3/5/14.

25th May 1914.

## LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

### Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 25th day of May, 1914.

Present:—

In the Chair—C A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—B Hamill, J P; J Wynne, J P; P O'Connell and J M Johnson, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted the following payments, which were duly examined and ordered for payment:—

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d
B Harmon, Road Rolling, Ardee District	0	4	0
J Durmin, Road Rolling, Drogheda District	1	2	2
B Harmon, Road Rolling, Drogheda District	0	2	9
Murdock and Sons, Sundries, Clogherhead Pier	1	16	6
P Hanlon, Road Rolling, Dundalk District	0	7	2
F M'Dermott, Road Rolling, Dundalk District	0	7	0
W Howe, Coal, Road Rolling, Dundalk District	1	13	9
J Rice, No. 22, April, 1914, Dundalk District	5	0	0
J Connor, No. 41, April, 1914, Dundalk District	0	12	10
J Treanor, April, 1914, Dundalk District	0	12	10
P Treanor, April, 1914, Dundalk District	0	12	10
O Treanor, April, 1914, Dundalk District	1	10	0

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## SCHOLARSHIPS.

	£	s	d
M Murray, for Mr Rogan	1	16	0
S J Medcalfe, for Mr Hanratty	2	5	0
R Dolan, for Mr M'Parland	1	15	0
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	£5	16	6

## SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d
J Kindlon, Rate Books	7	0	0
F Moneyppenny, Rate Books	0	5	1
M M'Gahon	2	19	6
J Loudon	3	0	0
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Total,	£13	14	7
	£33	2	11

DUNDALK RURAL DISTRICT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
COMMITTEE.

Report from the above Committee containing extract of Minutes of Meeting held on the 11th day of May, 1914, was read, containing the following resolution passed at the Meeting on Notice of Motion:—

Proposed by C A Duffy, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by J H M'Arde, Esq, J P, and

Recommended—That the Salary of the Assistant School Attendance Officer (Mr P J Campbell) be increased from £5 to £10 per annum, and that we respectfully request the sanction of the County Council to this recommendation.

DANIEL O'MEARA,

Secretary to the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Hamill, J P, seconded by Mr O'Connell, the Finance Committee approved of the increase.

## CLERKSHIPS IN THE COUNTY OFFICE.

Arising out of the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the 11th May, 1914, the Committee, after discussion made the following regulations in connection with the Examination for the Clerkships in the County Office:—

(a) That those who were eligible for the Examination should be natives of County Louth, or residents therein for a period of not less than twelve months.

(b) That all applicants shall produce certificates of good character from their clergyman, or the County Councillors of their division, or other respectable neighbour.

(c) That in the case of the Senior Clerkship the candidate should be not less than twenty-one years of age on the 1st day of June, 1914, and for the Junior Clerkship not less than sixteen years of age on the said 1st day of June, 1914.

## REGULATIONS UNDER SHEEP-SCAB ORDER, 1914.

The Secretary informed the Committee that, in accordance with instructions given by the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on the 18th instant, the Veterinary Inspectors met on Friday last at the County Offices, and, after consultation, had recommended that the following regulations under the Sheep-Scab Order of 1914 should be made by the County Council, and that the Solicitor should draft the Regulations:—

## SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.

## COUNTY LOUTH, 1914.

(a) That the owner or person moving Sheep from outside County Louth into said County be required to notify forthwith the arrival of the Sheep to a Constable or other member of the Police Force at the nearest Police Station, who shall forthwith transmit the information to the Secretary of the Louth County Council.

- (b) All such Sheep moved into the County of Louth shall be isolated until inspection and dipping has been completed to the satisfaction of the Local Authority, and which dipping must be carried out within Seven (7) days from the date on which the Sheep have been moved into the County.

Nothing in this Order shall apply to Sheep moved into the County Louth for immediate shipment or slaughter.

#### DEATHS OF CATTLE AT MULLATEE

The following telegram was read, and the Secretary informed the Committee that he had sent copy to Mr Clinton V S, but had not yet received his report on the matter:—

Copy of Telegram received from Sergeant Croke, Greenore  
On 20th May, 1914.

George Patterson, Farmer, Mullatee, reports two cattle dead. One died 28th ult and one yesterday. Cause of death unknown.—Sergeant Croke, Greenore.

#### TENDERS FOR SHEEP DIP FOR 1914

The following Tenders for the supply of Cooper's Sheep Dip for the Council's tanks in the various districts, for the present year, were read:—

#### ARDEE DISTRICT.

T M'Iver, Ardee, 11s per dozen packets.  
P M'Gee, Ardee, 10s per dozen packets.  
Mr M'Gee's tender was accepted.

#### DROGHEDA DISTRICT.

Luke J Healy, Drogheda, 11s per dozen.  
Accepted.

#### DUNDALK DISTRICT.

T R Connolly, Dundalk, 12s per dozen.  
Patrick Ward, Dundalk, 11s per dozen.  
Messrs Backhouse and Co, Dundalk, 10s 6d per dozen.

Messrs Backhouse and Co's tender was accepted.

#### DR. M'QUILLAN'S SALARY.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
14th May, 1914.

No. 14710: 1913.  
Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 14th November last, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have extended, for a further period of six months, their provisional approval of the appointment of Dr J A M'Quillan as Medical Superintendent of the Tuberculosis Dispensary to be established by the Louth County Council.

I am to add that if the Dispensary is completed before the expiration of that time the Board will give their final approval to Dr M'Quillan's appointment.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Signed) J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.  
Dundalk.

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' REMUNERATION AS ACTING  
COUNTY SURVEYORS.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 18th May, 1914.

No. 25869: 1914.

Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 8th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Louth and to state that they will raise no objection to the proposal of the Louth County Council to pay extra remuneration to Messrs Lyons and Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyors, while acting as special Assistants to the County Surveyor for a period of three months from the 1st ultimo.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

GUARDIANS IN URBAN DISTRICTS.

An Order was read from the Local Government Board, dated the 20th day of May, 1914, setting out that with reference to the Election of Guardians in Urban Districts in Ireland, that any appointments of Polling Agent, paid or

unpaid, shall be delivered at the Office of the Returning Officer not less than two clear days before the day of the Poll. Except as aforesaid, no Polling or Personation Agent, whether paid or unpaid, shall be appointed for the purposes of the Election.

DROGHEDA UNION AND DROGHEDA (LOUTH) RURAL  
DISTRICT COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS

The audited Accounts for the above Union and District Council for the Half-year ended 3rd September 1913, were submitted by the Local Government Board. In the case of the District Council, the Auditor reported that the Solicitor had not yet furnished the Abstract of Title for certain Labourers' Cottage schemes under the Council.

The accounts were initialled by the Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1913, AND SURCHARGES ON SAME.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board, No. 27321, dated 20th May, 1914, enclosing the audited accounts of the Louth County Council for the period ended 30th September, 1913, and enclosing the Auditor's Report surcharging the sum of £408 3s 0d against Messrs Peter Hughes, Bernard Hamill, and Edward Goodman, for a payment to the Rate Collectors for irrecoverable arrears, made in July, 1913.

The following is a copy of the surcharge and the Auditor's reasons for same:—

Copy of Surcharge and reasons for same made against Peter Hughes, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P, and Edward Goodman, Esquires.

Paying Orders Nos. 805 to 816.

I hereby disallow and strike out of this account as illegal the payments made by Paying Orders Nos. 805 to 816, inclusive, amounting in all to the sum of £408 3s 0d, and I surcharge the said sum of £408 3s 0d upon Peter Hughes Bernard Hamill and Edward Goodman, the persons who by their signatures to the Treasurer's Advice Note dated 24th July, 1913, authorised the making of this illegal payment, and I certify the said sum of £408 3s 0d to be due from the said Peter Hughes, Bernard Hamill and Edward Goodman, jointly and severally.

Dated this 12th day of May, 1914.

(Signed) R. J. NEWELL,

Local Government Auditor.

My reasons for the foregoing disallowance and surcharge are that the payments in question were made to the Collectors in respect of rates, which had been declared to be irrecoverable, without the approval of the Local Government Board having been obtained as required by Article 92 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904.

(Signed) R. J. NEWELL,

Local Government Auditor.

The Letter and Accounts were initialled by the Chairman.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had appealed to the Local Government Board against the surcharge on behalf of the three members of the Council.

WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE.

The following letter on this subject was read and initialled by the Chairman:

Francis Street, Dundalk,

15th May, 1914.

Re Wottonstown Drainage District

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that I attended at Dellin Cross to-day with the Co. Surveyor, and we were met by Messrs Michael Meade, Thomas J Byrne and Patrick Byrne. With the assistance of the maps, Award and other papers we were able to ascertain very much information on the working of the Scheme under the old Board. It would appear the Fane Drainage District is linked up with the interests of the ratepayers of the district, to make inquiries into the condition of both systems at the same time. Accordingly I am procuring copy of the Award made in the Fane District from the Board of Works, and your Surveyor proposes to make a further appointment on the spot for the purpose of going over the areas affected that we may make a detailed report to the Council.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq,  
Secretary, Louth County Council.

Dundalk.

## COLLON SESSIONS HOUSE.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to write accordingly to Mr Gloster, Lord Massareene's Agent:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

18th May, 1914.

Re Collon Sessions House.

Dear Sir,—

With further reference to your letter of 21st inst, and copy letter enclosed from Mr Thomas E Gloster, dated 21st April, 1914, I would suggest that the following reply be sent:—

Referring to your letter of 21st ult, on the subject of the Collon Sessions House, held by the Council from Lord Massareene under Agreement dated 5th July 1900, I am directed by the Louth County Council to state that in view of the clause for Insurance on the tenant's part embodied in the Agreement referred to, and the fact that the Insurance Company expressly set out in their Policy that they will not be responsible in the event of damage resulting from fire whilst the premises are being used for theatrical and other similar performances, and not as a Sessions House, my Council are not prepared to make good any damage so ensuing under such circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq,  
Secretary Louth Co. Council,

## LEASE OF TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY AT DUNDALK.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, enclosing account he had received from Messrs Crookshank, Leech and Davies, Lord Roden's solicitors, amounting to £5 19s 9d, for costs of the Lease prepared by them for the site of the proposed Observation Dispensary at Dundalk.

The account was referred to Mr O'Connell to advise the Council whether they were liable to pay the costs of a Lease that had not been completed, and which Lord Roden had now cancelled.

## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1914.

The following letter was read and referred to the Scholarship Committee of the County Council:—

Dominican College, Eccles Street

Dublin, 19th May, 1914.

Dear Mr MacAlester,

I thank you for your letter and enclosed copy of the County Louth University Scholarship Scheme.

I notice in the Scheme that the Scholarships are confined to students who pass the Senior Grade Intermediate Exam. 1914. This has not been the case in other years—the Senior Grade of the year previous to the award of the Scholarship being accepted as well as that of the current year.

If the rule as it stands is carried into effect this year, we know of more than one promising student who will be affected adversely.

I may mention that one of our past pupils, Miss U. MacParland, was awarded a Scholarship on the exam of the year prior to the award, and she has proved a highly satisfactory University Student.

If the Council modified the rule so as to read 'The Test Exam. will be the Intermediate Examinations of 1913 and 1914,' etc, we believe it would prove satisfactory to all interested and tend to secure a higher standard of efficiency among the candidates.

I am sure, if you are kind enough to bring the matter to the notice of the Council, it will receive their favourable consideration.

With apologies for troubling you so much.

I am,

Yours sincerely in J.C..

(Signed) SR. M. REGINALD.

#### ROAD BOARD GRANT.

The following application was read from the County Surveyor, and, on the motion of Mr Hamill, J P, seconded by Mr O'Connell, the request to expend £10 was recommended:—

County Surveyor's Office,

Courthouse, Dundalk, 22nd May, 1914.

Road Board Grant.

Dear Sir,—

I have been in communication with Road Board re above, and find that a charge is made for testing materials. Recently

also the regulations regarding the samples of materials to be sent have been altered, so that instead of about 12 lbs. of stone for a sample the Board require now 56 lbs. in strong boxes.

Would you kindly bring the matter before your Finance Committee on Monday next, and request them to authorise me to expend the necessary money, not exceeding £10, in procuring and forwarding proper samples, and also payment for test. An application for the money would be brought forward later at Proposals Committee—County at Large Charge.

I take this course as I am anxious to get along with the matter of the Grant.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS WALSH.

Charles McAlester, Esq.

Secretary,

#### CARLINGFORD PIER.

Application was made by the County Surveyor to apply a sum of £100, to be placed in his charge out of the balance now standing to the credit of Carlingford Pier, to defray the expenses of providing and erecting a Lamp on the Pier and other urgent repairs, already executed, and the balance to be expended from time to time on any necessary repairs that may be required to keep the Pier in proper working order.

After discussion, the Committee recommended that the amount of £100 be placed in charge of the County Surveyor for expenditure on Carlingford Pier.

## DREDGING AT ANNAGASSAN.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture that, according to present arrangements, dredging operations at Annagassan Harbour will be resumed about the end of the present month.

The Secretary was directed to inform the County Councillor for the district, Mr Meade, of this arrangement, he to inform the Harbour Commissioners.

The Secretary was also directed to again write to the Board of Trade for immediate reply as to consent for dumping of the dredged material on the foreshore at Annagassan.

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## Louth County Council.

Minutes of proceedings of Louth County Council at their first Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 28th day of May, 1914, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—William A Doran, Esq, J P.

Others present—Patrick Donegan, J P; Edward Goodman, John Dolan, Joseph P Kearney, Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, J P; Michael Meade and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor John M Lyons and James Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyors; Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor, and Dr M'Quillan, T M O, were in attendance.

### CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman,

Seconded by Mr John Dolan, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their quarterly meeting held on Thursday, 23rd day of April, 1914, a printed copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be, and are hereby confirmed.

### CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr James Wynne, J P ;  
Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee, held on the undermentioned dates, a printed copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be, and are hereby confirmed.

27th April, 1914.

11th May, 1914.

25th May, 1914.

### CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr Michael Meade ;  
Seconded by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee, held on the 18th day of May, 1914, a printed copy having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

### ACTING COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT—ARDEE AND DROGHEDA.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P ;  
Seconded by Mr Michael Meade, and

Resolved—That the report of the Acting County Surveyor for Ardee and Drogheda Rural Districts, as appearing on page 1 of the Schedule of proposals furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

### ACTING COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT—DUNDALK.

Proposed by Mr James Wynne, J P ;  
Seconded by Mr Joseph H M Ardle, J P, and

Resolved—That the report of the Acting County Surveyor for Dundalk Rural District, as appearing on page 1 of the Schedule of proposals furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted.

### ARDEE WORKS.

Proposed by Mr Michael Meade ;  
Seconded by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their quarterly Meeting, held on the 7th day of April, 1914, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved by this Council.

### DROGHEDA WORKS.

Proposed by Mr John Dolan ;  
Seconded by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their quarterly meeting held on Tuesday, the 14th day of April, 1914, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved by this Council.

### DUNDALK WORKS.

Proposed by Mr James Wynne, J P ;  
Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the

Dundalk Rural District Council, at their quarterly meeting held on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1914, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

#### AUTHORITY TO SEAL CONTRACTS.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P;

Seconded by Mr Joseph P Kearney, and

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council on all contracts now approved of by this Council.

#### TENDERS FOR WORKS NOT SET BY CONTRACT AT ADJOURNED MEETINGS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The only tender received was for No. 1 in Dundalk Rural District, to repair 312 perches of the road from Dundalk to Newry, from the Ardaghey National School, passing close to the village of Upper Ardaghey, and joining the main road near Jas. Kane's house. Cost not to exceed £100.

Tender for this work was received from Owen M'Quaid, Baven, Omearth, and this being the only tender was accepted. Amount, £100.

#### WORKS PLACED IN CHARGE OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

Proposed by Mr Joseph H M'Arde, J P;

Seconded by Mr Joseph P Kearney, and

Resolved—That all works not taken by contract be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor.

#### VETERINARY INSPECTORS' SALARIES.

By consent of the Council this matter was taken out of its order on the agenda. The Secretary read the letters from the Department sanctioning the increases in the salaries of the three Veterinary Inspectors, Messrs Clinton, Donnelly, and Maxwell, and as the term of these increases expired on the 1st June, 1914, they now came up for consideration by the County Council.

After hearing Mr Clinton, V S, and Mr Maxwell, V S, in connection with the work under the Tuberculosis Order (Ireland) of 1913, and after discussion on the whole matter, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

Proposed by Mr Michael O'Meara, J P,

Seconded by Mr Joseph P Kearney, and

Resolved—That the increased remuneration payable to the Veterinary Inspectors, Messrs Clinton, Donnelly, and Maxwell, in respect of the extra work under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913, be reduced by the sum of £10 (ten pounds) in each case, and that at the end of one year from the 1st day of June, 1914, the rates of salary be reviewed in the light of the work under the Tuberculosis Order that may have been carried out during the year by the Inspectors.

This makes the salaries as follows:—J T Clinton, £120, A A Donnelly, £80, and W E Maxwell, £80 per annum respectively.

#### NEW COUNTY OFFICES.

The Report of the new County Offices Committee was the next item on the agenda, but the Council decided to defer the consideration of same, and the following resolution was passed:

Proposed by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P ;

Seconded by Mr Michael Meade, and

Resolved—That the question of the new County Offices be referred to the new Council, and that a Committee be appointed at the annual meeting to deal with the matter.

#### REPORT OF THE TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously :—

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman ;

Seconded by Mr John Dolan, and

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and approve of the report of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management as printed at pages 52 to 55 of the printed minutes.

#### CO. LOUTH TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME

With reference to the notice of motion standing in the name of Mr Joseph M Johnson, Mr Patk. O'Connell stated he had been requested by Mr Johnson to take charge of same, but as he considered the rescinding of all the resolutions would be too far-reaching and entail hardships on a number of people, he declined to move in the matter.

The Chairman thereupon declared that the motion fell through.

#### ACCOUNTS OF ARDEE BRANCH RAILWAY.

The following resolution was passed unanimously :—

Proposed by Mr Michael Meade ;

Seconded by Mr John Dolan, and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to advertise the accounts of the Ardee Branch Railway, as submitted by the Great Northern Railway Company, and direct our Secretary accordingly.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

The following resolutions were passed in silence, Mr John Dolan desiring to be associated with them :—

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman ;

Seconded by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P, and

Resolved—That we learn with regret of the death of Mr. Thomas Woods, of Carlingford, father of our esteemed colleague, Mr Peter Woods, and we beg to tender to Mr Woods and family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P ;

Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That we learn with regret of the death of Mr. Michael Elcock, brother of our esteemed colleague, Mr Luke J Elcock, and we direct our Secretary to convey to Mr Elcock and family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

#### THIRD READING HOME RULE BILL

The following resolution was passed with acclamation :—

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we beg to tender to Mr John E Redmond and the Irish Parliamentary Party our sincere and hearty congratulations on the Third Reading of the Home Rule Bill, and we desire to place on record our appreciation of their patriotic and successful efforts in the cause of Ireland's Freedom.

## IRISH VOLUNTEERS.

The following resolution submitted by the Limerick County Council, was adopted:—

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman;

Seconded by Mr Michael Meade, and

Resolved—That owing to recent political events, and particularly to the attitude of the army on the Ulster question, we, the members of the Louth County Council, consider that the time has come when effort should be made to organise the Irish Volunteer Force in every parish in Ireland. We are convinced that such a force, wisely led by men in whom our indomitable leader, Mr J E Redmond, would have confidence, would prove to the world that the manhood of Ireland are ready to do their part in defence of their homes and their liberties, and if need be, to protect our fellow-Nationalists in Ulster from insult and attack.

## APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR.

Letter was read from the County Inspector of the R I C, County Louth, requesting the County Council to pass a resolution appointing Acting-Sergeant John H Levinge, of Greenore, to carry out the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act in the Petty Sessions Districts of Carlingford and Ravensdale.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Mr James Wynne, J P;

Seconded by Mr Michael Meade, and

Resolved—That we hereby authorise Acting-Sergeant John H Levinge, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, to carry out the provisions of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 38 and 39 Vic.,

Cap. 63, and 63 Vic, Cap. 51, in the Petty Sessions Districts of Carlingford and Ravensdale; and we direct our Secretary to affix the Seal of the Council thereto, and authorise the Presiding Chairman of this day's meeting to sign said authority on behalf of the Council.

## BLACKROCK PICTURE THEATRE.

Letter, dated 23rd May, was read from Mr James Murphy, Manager of Blackrock Picture Theatre Company, requesting a License for a Cinematograph Theatre at Blackrock, Dundalk.

The Council unanimously decided to grant the License, and the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Mr John Dolan;

Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That we decide to grant a license under the Cinematograph Act of 1909, to the Blackrock Picture Theatre Company, when the County Surveyor certifies that the building in which the cinematograph displays are to be given satisfies all conditions set out in the regulations issued under above Act, the annual fee for such license to be one pound (£1).

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letters were read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes:—

98, Park Street,

Dundalk, 4-5-14.

Dear Mr M'Alester,

I am deeply grateful to my colleagues on the

Louth County Council for their kind vote of sympathy which they have passed to me on the death of my late brother. Kindly convey to them my sincerest thanks. I also feel very grateful to you for your kind expression of sympathy conveyed with the resolution.

Yours very Sincerely,

BERNARD HAMILL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,

Downing St.,

Whitehall, S. W.,

4th May, 1914.

Sir,

I am directed by the Prime Minister to acknowledge the receipt of the Resolution which you have forwarded on the subject of passing the Home Rule Bill without further concessions.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

MAURICE BONHAM CARTER.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,

Secretary Louth Co. Council,

#### IMPORTATION OF HAY AND STRAW.

The following resolution submitted by the Wicklow County Council, was adopted unanimously:—

Proposed by Mr Michael Meade;

Seconded by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P, and

Resolved—That this Council protests against the revocation of the Order prohibiting the importation of Hay and Straw into this country from Great Britain, and we strongly urge

that suitable measures should be adopted to prevent the importation of Hay and Straw, either when used as packing, or in any other form, as we believe the Foot and Mouth Disease has been introduced into this country by this means.

#### ATTENDANCE OF JURORS AT ASSIZES.

A circular letter from the Belfast Corporation was read, pointing out the very great inconvenience caused to Jurors summoned to Assizes, by being delayed from day to day, and asking if the Louth County Council would co-operate with them with a view to having such an alteration in the law made as would have the conditions at all Assizes in Ireland the same as applies to County Cork, where the attendance of Jurors is arranged for separate days.

It was unanimously decided to co-operate with the Belfast Corporation in any action taken to make the changes suggested.

#### POUNDAGE FEES TO RATE COLLECTORS.

The following application was read from the Rate Collectors:—

Dundalk, 28th May, 1914.

Gentlemen,

We, the undersigned Collectors, beg to apply for our respective Salaries for year ending 31st March last.

Trusting that an order for payment of same shall be passed at your meeting to-day.

We remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants

PATRICK HUGHES.  
PATRICK CLUSKEY.  
PETER M'DONNELL.  
PATRICK M'DONALD  
J. J. KELLY.  
JOHN WOODS.  
J. V. JOHNSTON.

To

The Chairman and Members,  
Louth County Council.

The following letter on the same subject was also read:—

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 27th May, 1914.

No. 27988/1914.

Louth County.

Sir,

The Local Government for Ireland have had before them the further resolution of the Finance Committee of the Louth County Council relating to the payment of poundage fees to the poor rate collectors for the past financial year; and in reply the Board desire to state that, as the County Council are aware, the Collectors failed last Autumn to carry out the understaking which they had given to close their collections on the appointed date, although duly warned of the result of such default.

In order, however, to meet the wishes of the County Council the Local Government Board will be prepared to reconsider their decision provided that the Collectors give a written undertaking (a) to lodge not less than one-fourth of their warrants before the 1st August and 1st January in each half-year; and (b) to close the collection of the first moiety on or before the 30th September.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

After discussion the Secretary was directed to send copies of the Local Government Board's letter to the rate collectors for their consideration and decision.

#### COUNTY LOUTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Letter was read from the County Louth Insurance Committee requesting a conference with the County Council on the subject of the proposed financial scheme between the Insurance Committee and the County Council.

It was decided to refer the matter to the new Council.

## Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Annual Meeting held in Drogheda, on Tuesday, the 16th day of June, 1914, at the hour of Eleven o'clock, a m.

Present:—Thos J Byrne, J P; John Dolan, Wm A Doran, J P; Chas A Duffy, J P; Bernard Finegan, Bernard Hamill, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; Thomas B M'Court, Patrick M'Gee, T V M'Quillan, Michael Meade, Peter B Moore, John Morgan, John F Murphy, J P; Nicholas T Murphy, Thos O'Rourke, Denis J Rath, Wm T Skeffington, J P; Peter Woods, J P; William Woods, J P; James Wynne, J P, Esquires; and Sir Augustus Vere Foster, Bart.

The several Councillors present having signed the Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office, it was proposed by Mr J F Murphy, J P, and seconded by Mr Michael Meade, that the chair be taken by Mr William A Doran, J P.

The Secretary read the official list of the Returning Officer giving the names of the 28 County Councillors elected, and also letters from the Clerks of the Rural District Councils of Ardee (No. 1), Drogheda (Louth), and Dundalk, notifying the election by their respective Councils of the following gentlemen as Chairmen for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Ardee (No. 1) District Council—Sir Augustus Vere Foster, D L.  
Drogheda (Louth) District Council—Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P.  
Dundalk District Council—Wm Woods, Esq, J P.

### DECISION TO CO-OPT TWO ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS.

On the motion of Mr J F Murphy, J P, seconded by Mr Michael Meade, the following resolution was passed:—

Resolved—That we now proceed to co-opt two gentlemen to be additional members of the County Council for the ensuing three years.

### CO-OPTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS.

The Secretary read a letter received from the Dundalk Trades Council dated the 15th June, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by that body, requesting the County Council to co-opt the President of the Dundalk Trades Council, and the President of the Drogheda Trades Council on the Louth County Council.

The names of the following gentlemen were submitted for the position of additional Councillors:—

Peter Toner, Dundalk—Proposed by Mr Thomas O'Rourke, and seconded by Mr Thomas B M'Court.

Mr M'Gowan, Drogheda—Proposed by Mr Thomas O'Rourke, and seconded by Mr D J Rath.

Joseph H M'Ardle, Rampark—Proposed by Mr J F Murphy, J P, and seconded by Mr C A Duffy, J P.

Mr Laurence M'Keown, Termonfeckin—Proposed by Mr J F Murphy, J P, and seconded by Mr C A Duffy, J P.

James Kelly, Dundalk, was proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, but as there was no seconder the name was not put to the meeting.

The Chairman then took a vote of the Council on the four names, with the following result:—

For Joseph H M'Ardle—Messrs T J Byrne, John Dolan, Wm A Doran, C A Duffy, Bernard Finegan, Michael Meade, P M'Gee, T V M'Quillan, J F Murphy, N T Murphy, J Morgan, W T Skeffington, Wm Woods, James Wynne, and Sir A Vere Foster—15.

For Laurence M'Keown—Messrs T J Byrne, J Dolan, W A Doran, C A Duffy, B Finegan, M Meade, P M'Gee, T V M'Quillan, J F Murphy, N T Murphy, P B Moore, J Morgan, Wm Woods, and Sir A V Foster—14.

For Mr M'Gowan—Messrs B Hamill, T B M'Court, P B Moore, T O'Rourke, D J Rath, W T Skeffington, and Peter Woods—7.

For Peter Toner—Messrs B Hamill, T B M'Court, Thomas O'Rourke, D J Rath, Peter Woods, and James Wynne—6.

The Chairman declared Messrs J H M'Ardle and Laurence M'Keown elected, and the following resolution, proposed by Mr J F Murphy, and seconded by Mr Patrick M'Gee, was passed—

Resolved—That the following gentlemen be, and are hereby, co-opted members of the Council for the ensuing three years:— Messrs Joseph H M'Ardle, J P, of Rampark, and Laurence M'Keown, of Miltown, Termonfeekin.

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Thos J Byrne, Esq, J P, seconded by Wm T. Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That Peter Hughes, Esq, of Mastlery be and is hereby elected Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year.

#### ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by John Francis Murphy, Esq, J P, seconded by Denis J. Rath, Esq, and

Resolved—That William A Doran, Esq, of Harristown, Ardee, be and is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

##### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the entire members of the County Council be hereby constituted the Finance Committee of this Council for the ensuing three years, and we hereby delegate to this Committee all powers to deal with correspondence, or any other urgent business of importance that may be brought before them, and that three members form a quorum of the Committee.

##### PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq, seconded by Peter B Moore Esq, and

Resolved—That the entire members of the Council do constitute the Proposal Committee of this Council for the ensuing three years.

##### ROADS, PIERS AND HARBOURS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, seconded by W. T. Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the entire members of the Council do hereby constitute the Roads, Piers and Harbours Committee for the ensuing three years, and we hereby delegate to the Committee any powers which this Council might exercise for the purpose for which the Committee are appointed.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNDER THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

Proposed by Denis J Rath, Esq, seconded by Peter B Moore, Esq, and

Resolved—That the entire members of the Council do hereby constitute the Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the ensuing three years, and we delegate to said Committee any powers of the County Council under these Acts, which the Committee may deem necessary to exercise.

#### JOINT COMMITTEE OF LOUTH COUNTY INFIRMARY.

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, and

Resolved—That the following members of the County Council are hereby elected to represent the Council on the Joint Committee of the Louth County Infirmary for the ensuing three years, viz:—Messrs Joseph Dolan, Gaulstown; Chas A Duffy, J P, Dundalk; Edward Goodman, Dundalk; Bernard, Hamill, J P, Dundalk; Patk M'Gee, Charleville; Peter B Moore, Drogheda; John F Murphy, J P, Stonetown; Michael O'Meara, J P, Omeath; Wm Woods, J P, Carlingford, and James Wynne, J P, Dundalk.

#### RICHMOND DISTRICT ASYLUM COMMITTEE.

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, and

Resolved—That the following gentlemen are hereby elected to represent this Council on the Joint Committee of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum for the ensuing three years:—Messrs Thos J Byrne, J P; Chas A Duffy, J P; J Ribton Garstin, D L, and Jas M'Carthy, J P.

#### COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, seconded by Thomas V. M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the entire members of the County Council constitute the County Committee of Agriculture under the Agriculture and Technical Acts, 1889 to 1899, for the ensuing three years, together with the following gentlemen who are not members of the County Council:—Messrs Wm Brennan, Bawn, Mansfieldstown; Thomas Conachy, Mullinscross; Stephen Feehan, Mansfieldstown; Patrick Hoey, Marshes South, Dundalk; Albert Jeffers, Drumleck; Patk Kearney, Rathduff; John C. Kieran, jun, Ashville, Dunleer; Richard Kieran, Drumcar, Dunleer; James Markey, Ardballon; James Marmion, Carriceekmond, Kileurry; Philip M'Ardle, Rampark; Thos F M'Gahon, Dundalk; Joseph M'Gee, Richardstown; Peter M'Guire, Marshallrath; Joseph M'Loughlin, Roestown, Ardee; Joseph M'Mahon, Mayne, Castlebellingham; Patrick Muckian, Marsh North, Dundalk; P J Neary, Monvallet, Louth; Thomas O'Connell, Plaister, Dundalk; George Taaffe, Smarmore Castle, Ardee; James Tiernan, Glebe, Dunleer, and Peter Woods, Muchgrange, Greenore.

And it is also resolved that any member who does not attend

a meeting for a period of six months, shall ipso facto cease to be a member.

#### TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Proposed by Denis J Rath, Esq, seconded by Thomas V. M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the following members of this Council be and are hereby appointed to represent the County Council on the Committee of Technical Instruction under the Acts of 1889, 1891, and 1899, for the ensuing three years:—Messrs Peter Hughes, J P; T J Byrne, J P; W A Doran, J P; C A Duffy, J P; Michael Meade, Thos B M'Court, Nicholas T Murphy, and Wm Woods, J P.

#### ANNAGASSAN PIER COMMISSION.

Proposed by Micheal Meade, Esq, seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby nominate the following persons as members of the Annagassan Pier Commission, under Section 8 of the Annagassan Pier Order (2nd and 3rd George 5th, 1912) for the ensuing three years;—

Council Commissioners (3)—Messrs Michael Meade, Castlebellingham; Patrick M'Gee, Charleville, and John Morgan, Dromiskin.

Local Commissioners (3)—Messrs Chas Doherty King, Annagassan; John Hoey, Annagassan; and Mathew Clinton, Annagassan.

County Commissioners (2)—Messrs J J Russell, Ballynagassan and Joseph M'Mahon, Mayne.

#### COUNTY LOUTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following as members of the County Louth Insurance Committee for the ensuing three years:—Mesdames E A Duffy, P L G, and M M'Kitterick, P L G; and Messrs W A Doran, J P; Luke J Elcock, Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P; Peter Hughes, J P; Patrick M'Gee, W T Skeffington, J P, and James Wynne, J P.

#### TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, seconded by John Dolan, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following gentlemen to act as the County Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management for the ensuing three years, three members of said Committee to form a quorum:—Messrs Peter Hughes, J P (Chairman); Patrick Donegan, J P; John Dolan, J P; Chas A Duffy, J P; Luke J Elcock, Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P; Joseph M Johnson, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; Patk O'Connell, Thos O'Rourke, Denis J Rath, W T Skeffington, J P; Wm Woods, J P, and James Wynne, J P.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

Proposed by John Dolan, Esq, seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following gentlemen to act as Scholarships Committee in connection with the County Louth Scholarships Scheme for the ensuing three years—Messrs James Connolly, J P, Ravensdale; Joseph T Dolan, M A, Ar-

dee; James M'Carthy, J P, Newfoundwell; Thos Murphy, Dundalk; Patrick O'Connell, Dundalk; Michael O'Meara, J P, Omeath; Denis J Rath, Clogherhear; Wm T Skeffington, J P, Drogheda.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

Proposed by D J Rath, Esq, seconded by P B Moore, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following gentlemen to represent the County Council on the General Council of County Councils, for the ensuing three years:—Messrs T J Byrne, J P; J T Dolan, M A, and W T Skeffington, J P.

COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE.

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, seconded by D J Rath, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following two gentlemen to represent the Council on the Council of Agriculture under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, for the ensuing three years:—Messrs Joseph Dolan, Gaulstown, and James M'Carthy, J P, Drogheda.

OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEES.

Proposed by P B Moore, Esq, seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following gentlemen as the Old Age Pension Committees in the several districts as set out hereunder, for the ensuing three years:—

ARDEE.—Messrs Wm Brennan, Loughanmore, Castlebellin-

ham; Richard Stokes, Ardee; W A Doran, J P, Harristown; James Halpenny, Ardee; Gerald Brophy, Ardee; Patrick Mohan, Nicholastown; J C Kieran, Ashville, Dunleer; James M'Keever, Rathgeenan; Very Rev Canon Rogers, P P, Ardee.

DUNLEER.—Messrs Patrick Daly, Dunleer; Thos J Harmon, Johnstown; Mathew Landy, Marshallrath; Peter Maguire, Marshallrath; Richard Mathews, Knockdinnen; Patk M'Gee, Charleville; Joseph M'Gee, Richardstown; Thomas M'Conachy, Mullinscross, and Joseph M'Mahon, J P, Mayne.

DROGHEDA.—Messrs Andrew Collier, The Dales, Clogherhead; Joseph Dolan, Gaulstown; Patk Donegan, J P, Monasterboice; Laurence M'Keown, Milltown; James Moore, Ganderstown; Nicholas T Murphy, Hill of Rath; Denis J Rath, Clogherhead; James M'Carthy, Newfoundwell, Drogheda; Laurence Murphy, Painstown, Togher, Dunleer.

DUNDALK (North)—Messrs James Connolly, J P, Dalargy; Charles A Duffy, J P, Dundalk; Bernard Finegan, Dundalk; Joseph P Kearney, Wilville; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P, Ram-park; James M'Court, jun, Dundalk; Michael O'Meara, J P, Omeath; Peter Woods, J P, Piedmont; William Woods, J P, Carlingford.

DUNDALK (South)—Messrs T J Byrne, J P, Rosmakea; Patrick Byrne, J P, Milltown; James Byrne, Tullydrum; Peter Hughes, J P, Castlering; James Kelly, Grey Acre; N. B. King, Knockdillon; Thomas Larney, Killen; P. M'Namee, Knockbride, and Joh nF Murphy, J P, Stonetown

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, 1914.

DEATH OF CANDIDATE FOR ELECTORAL DIVISION OF  
DRUMCAR.

The following letter from Mr Patrick J. Roe, Returning Officer, was read, also letter on the same subject from the Local Government Board:—

Francis Street,  
Dundalk, 11th June, 1914.

Local Government Elections, 1914.

Co. Louth Ardee No. 1 Rural District.

Dear Sir,—

The two retiring Rural District Councillors for the District Electoral Division of Drumcar, which elects two Councillors, were John Carroll Harmon, of Salterstown, and Joseph Sylvester Harmon, of Salterstown. Both these men were duly nominated for re-election, and no other nomination was received for the division. On the 7th May I issued a notice of No Poll, stating that these two candidates would be declared to be elected as Rural District Councillors for the division of Drumcar. On the 15th May John Carroll Harmon died. The day of election was the 4th June. John Carroll Harmon being the retiring councillor there was no one whom I could declare elected to his seat, and I issued notice of the result of elections, declaring Joseph Sylvester Harmon duly elected. The notice is silent as to the other seat.

I wrote the Local Government Board for directions, and they referred me to Article 7 (1) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, which provides if any difficulty arises as respects the election of any individual Councillor, Alderman, Guardian or Town Commis-

sioner, and there is no provision for holding another election then, in the case of a County Councillor or of an Alderman of a County Borough, the Local Government Board, and in any other case the County Council may order a new election to be held, and may give such directions as may be necessary for the purpose of holding the election.

In their reply to my letter the Local Government Board state the matter is one for the County Council and not for the Board to determine.

I would be glad if you would bring this matter under the notice of your Council at the earliest opportunity, and I await their directions.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK J. ROE.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary Louth County Council,  
Dundalk.

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 10th June, 1914.

No. 30,823: 1914.

Ardee No. 1 Rural District.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 7th inst, relative to the decease of Mr John Carroll Harmon, an unopposed candidate in Drumcar district electoral division for membership of the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, after the issue of the notice of No Poll, but before the day of election; and with reference thereto they desire me to inform you that Article 7 (1) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, applies as regards the filling of the vacancy so created. I

am to state, however, that the matter is one for the County Council, and not for the Board, to determine.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,  
Secretary.

Patrick J. Roe, Esq, Solicitor,  
Returning Officer for County Louth.

The Council's Solicitor gave his opinion that in the circumstances a new election was necessary.

After discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by P B Moore, Esq, seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to hold a new election for a District Councillor for the Electoral Division of Drumcar, owing to the death of John Carroll Harmon, and we decide that the date for holding said election shall be the 18th day of August, 1914.

#### TILLAGE RETURNS.

Mr Patrick M'Gee brought under the notice of the Council the question of the action of the Department of Agriculture in publishing the tillage returns of the various counties in Ireland in the early part of the Autumn, which gave the brewers and distillers an opportunity of making a basis of the price of grain, which was prejudicial to the farmers of the County Louth, and suggested that the Department be solicited to withhold the returns until the 1st of November in each year.

After discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, seconded by Michael Meade Esq, and

Resolved—That in view of the fact that the early publication of the tillage returns by the Department of Agriculture, is prejudicial to the farmers by enabling brewers and distillers to fix a standard price for grain, before the actual yield is definitely known, we request the Department to withhold the publication of the tillage returns until the 1st November in each year.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

The following resolutions were passed in silence:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, seconded by C A Duffy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we learn with regret of the death of the mother of our esteemed colleague, Mr James M'Carthy, and we beg to tender to him and the members of his family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, seconded by C A Duffy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we beg to tender to our esteemed colleague, Mr Joseph Dolan, our sincere sympathy on the death of his sister.

#### IRISH VOLUNTEERS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T V M'Quillan, Esq, seconded by J F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That this Council request the Provisional Committee of the Irish Volunteers to conform to the suggestion of the Irish Leader, Mr John E Redmond, as to the control of the Volunteer movement.

#### WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARMS ACT PROCLAMATION.

A resolution submitted by the Limerick City Council requesting the withdrawal of the Proclamation under the Arms Act, prohibiting the importation of arms into Ireland, was, on the motion of Mr T V M'Quillan, seconded by Mr M Meade, un-animously adopted.

#### OMEATH IRISH COLLEGE.

The following letter was read:—

Ardee, 15th June, 1914.

To the Members of the Louth County Council.

Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Committee of the Omeath Irish College, to which you kindly subscribed last year, I enclose list of last year's subscriptions, and ask your support for the College by a moderate subscription. It had a very successful course last year, and promises to be well availed of this year also, but its expenses are heavy, and it is dependent on public support for its continuance.

Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH T. DOLAN,

Treasurer.

The members of the Council decided to support the appeal by private contributions, and Messrs Michael O'Meara, J P, Omeath, and William Woods, J P, Carlingford, were appointed to receive subscriptions for the Fund.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 22nd day of June, 1914, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—Michael Meade, Thomas Murphy, Jos. H M'Ardle, J P; John F Murphy, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; Wm Woods, J P; P Woods, J P; and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Also present—Mr Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor.

The Secretary submitted the following accounts for works in charge of the Co. Surveyor, and those of his own office, which on examination were passed and ordered for payment by the Committee:—

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

Michael Devine, sample of stones to Road Board	...	£0	2	0
Patrick M'Cooney, do. do.	...	0	11	0
Michael Jameson, do. do.	...	0	5	0
Michael Mathews, Road No. 411, Dundalk	...	5	15	3
				£6 13 3

#### SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Margaret Murray, for H Rogan, Student	...	£3	12	0
S Medcalfe, for P A Hanratty, Student	...	4	9	0
Rose Dolan, for J M'Parland, Student	...	3	11	0
M De Ricci, for Miss Callan	...	21	16	8
Peter M'Namee, Bill Posting	...	2	10	0

Peter M'Namee, do.	...	1	0	0
Patrick M'Cullough, half year's remuneration	...	55	7	6
Mathew M'Gahan, 23 days' wages	...	5	15	0
Joseph Loudon, 4 weeks' salary	...	6	0	0
Joseph Cotter, 9½ days' wages	...	2	7	6
Patrick Donegan, Poundage Fees	...	130	5	2
Patrick M'Donnell, do do.	...	114	17	11
John J Kelly do do.	...	38	15	2
Patrick Hughes, do do.	...	67	3	4
Patrick Cluskey, do do.	...	71	10	11
Peter M'Donnell, do do.	...	65	16	7
John Woods, do do.	...	68	9	3
James V Johnston do do.	...	40	13	3
Total,	£710	13	8	

Pending the appointment of the permanent Clerks in the County Office, the Secretary was directed to employ any necessary clerical help that was required.

#### PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE FEES TO RATE COLLECTORS.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
19th June, 1914.

No. 31483/1914.  
Louth County.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 10th instant, and previous correspondence relative to the payment of poundage fees to the Poor Rate Collectors in County Louth for the past financial year; and with reference thereto, I am to state that the replies received from the Collectors are not satisfactory, and in the circumstances, the Board can only feel justified in consenting to the payment of

remuneration to them as follows in respect of last year's collection:—

(a) In respect of the first moiety, poundage fees on amount actually lodged to the credit of the Council on 30th September, and in the case of Collectors who are paid by salary, a proportion of half year's salary on amount corresponding to amount lodged on that date.

(b) Full remuneration in respect of second moiety, of which entire amount was lodged on 31st March.

The Board will be prepared to consider the payment of poundage fees of the 1st moiety at close of the current half year's collection, but only so in the case of those Collectors who make substantial lodgment during early part of half year, as indicated by the Board's letter of the 27th ultima, and lodge full amount of 1st moiety by 30th September.

The Board will not now object to Collector Hughes being paid his poundage fees in respect of the year ended March, 1913, as in the case of the other Collectors.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary Louth Co. Council  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

After discussion on the subject matter of this letter, the Committee unanimously decided to pay the Collectors in accordance with the terms of same, and that the Secretary call a meeting of the Collectors interested, to the Council Chamber, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, and to explain its contents and discuss the terms of the letter and have their views on the matter.

#### MR PATRICK M'CULLOUGH'S POUNDAGE FEES.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board dated 8th June, No. 30372: 1914, enclosing copy of a letter they had re-

ceived from Patrick M'Cullough, Rate Collector, in which he stated that as he had closed his collection on the 31st March he was entitled to be paid his poundage fees. The Board in their reply to him stated that he was entitled to be paid his fees.

The Committee decided to pay him his remuneration on his collection to the 31st March, 1914, amount £55 7s 6d.

#### ANNAGASSAN PIER.

The following letter from the Board of Trade was read:—

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),

7, Whitehall Gardens,

London, S.W.,

25th May, 1914.

H. 7630.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 16th May, relative to your application on behalf of the Louth County Council for the consent of this Department to the deposit of excavated material upon certain tidal lands in Dundalk Bay, I am directed by the Board of Trade to inquire if they are to assume that the County Council do not consider it necessary that a retaining wall should be erected in order to keep the deposited material from being washed away.

I am at the same time to request that you will furnish the Board with a statement of the amount of material (in tons) proposed to be deposited.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GARNHAM ROPER.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had written to the Engineer of the Department, and read his reply as follows:—

Engineer's Office,

2, Kildare Place, Dublin,

27th May, 1914.

Annagassan Harbour.

Dear Sir,—

In reply to yours of the 26th. A retaining wall would be of use whatever. The idea is to deposit the material in such a position that it will form part of the foreshore protecting the walls or cliff. The total amount of material to be so deposited is 10,000 cubic yards.

Yours faithfully,

C. D. OLIVER.

The Secretary

Louth County Council,

Courthouse, Dundalk.

The Secretary further informed the Committee that he had sent copy of the Engineer's reply to the Board of Trade, and the Committee approved, and the letters were initialled by the Chairman.

#### COSTS OF LEASE OF SITE OF TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

The following letter from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, was read, and after discussion the Committee recommended that the account for the costs be paid:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

28th May, 1914.

E. 1.

Earl of Roden with County Council.

Re Lease of Site on Castlefown Road, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,—

I have your letter of 26th inst, enclosing costs of preparations of Lease as received from the Lessor's Solicitors.

The costs of a Lease are always borne by the Lessee, and in this instance this draft Lease was prepared at our request and ordinarily the Council would remain liable whether the Lease was sealed and completed or cancelled before completion.

The only point that arises is as to the cancellation. I fear we would have much difficulty in proving before a Court that the Lessor had, after draft Lease had been approved of and engrossed and awaited completion, contracted with the Urban District Council for the granting of a Lease of a plot of ground which included some portion of the plot included in our draft Lease.

In all the circumstances I consider the Council would be held liable, and I advise payment. I return costs herewith.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

#### FORESTRY SCHEME.

#### OMEATH PARK, RUXTON DEMESNE, AND WILLISTOWN PLANTATIONS.

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture was read, also report on Omeath Park, the Ruxton Demesne, and Willistown Plantations:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,

Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,  
27th May, 1914.

No. A. 11827-14.

#### FORESTRY.

Sir,—

Adverting to previous correspondence, I have now to transmit, for the information of Louth County Council, a copy of the report furnished to the Department by their Forestry Inspector, Mr John Crozier, on his inspection of the lands and

timber offered for sale to the Council at Omeath Park. It is observed that the area available for purchase on this Estate has now been reduced to about eighty-four acres. If this property, including the timber now standing thereon, can be secured by the Council under the Land Purchase Acts at a price not exceeding £1,000, the Department will be prepared to sanction its acquisition, under the conditions of a County Forestry Scheme adopted by the Council on the lines already suggested by the Department.

A copy of the report of the Department's Chief Forestry Inspector, regarding the plantation on the Ruxon Estate at Ardee, and on the Rathdonnell Estate at Willistown, which the Council propose to purchase, is also sent herewith.

The Department note from your letter of the 4th ultimo, that no definite steps have yet been taken by the Council in regard to the purchase of the Woodlands at Ardee. The Department will be prepared to consider favourably the question of the acquisition of this property at a reasonable price under an approved County Forestry Scheme, in the event of the Council deciding to proceed with the purchase.

In regard to the Willistown plantation, I have to state that, while the Department do not regard this property as suitable for acquisition by the Council, they will not, in view of the special circumstances, object to its purchase under the Land Acts at a cost not exceeding £75.

With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to state that the Department do not consider it necessary to have a further inspection of Omeath Park made by their Chief Forestry Inspector.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed), T. P. GILL, Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

No. A. 11827-14.

REPORT AND VALUATION OF TIMBER ON LAND OFFERED  
FOR SALE AT OMEATH PARK, COUNTY LOUTH.

The total area of land offered for sale on the above property extends to 84 acres 0 roods 24 perches, but of that total not more than fifty acres are stocked or partially stocked with timber, the remainder consisting of grass land, ground cleared of plantation, bare patches within the woods, etc.

The plantations have been laid out with a view to creating ornament and shelter around the mansion house rather than for the purpose of utility, and, although occupying a fairly compact block of land and sheltered by the contour of the ground from their prevailing winds, their composition and the methods of thinning practised have largely robbed the area of any possibility of acquiring a value which, under a better selection of economical timber trees and more approved methods of thinning, it would undoubtedly have attained. The land is well adapted for the cultivation of coniferous trees, and good examples are to be seen of Scots pine, larch, Douglas fir, *pinus insignis*, and certain species of Silver fir, but the soil, with the exception of a small area on the low ground, is too dry and light for the growth of hardwoods, and the extensive planting of these which has taken place within the last fifty years must inevitably lead to financial failure.

A considerable amount of clearing and thinning out has taken place within the last few years, and is at present, or has lately been, proceeding; whilst the best of the pitwood, larch, and a certain amount of Scots pine and hardwoods, have also been marked for sale.

The growing stock now consist of about thirty-five acres of timber of from thirty-five to fifty years of age, largely consisting of a mixture of hardwoods and conifers, with two small groups of pure larch, covering an area of about three acres, and a larger area on the north-west side of practically pure hardwoods, together with about fifteen acres partially stocked with matured Scots pine, throughout which a few larches of equal age are to be

seen. Both young and old woods have been depleted to a large extent of the larch with which they were originally planted in mixture, the steady demand and satisfactory prices offered for pitwood apparently contributing to this end. Larch suitable for pitwood locally fetches from 14s to 15s per ton, ash 18s to 22s 6d, alder 7s 6d to 10s; while Scots pine and spruce are in little demand, and average from 5s to 7s per ton, all these timbers being sold standing.

In the event of purchase by the County Council taking place, a sum of about £150 might be realised by the sale of the clumps of pitwood larch, and the old Scots pines on the higher ground towards the south-west boundary, and in the subsequent working of the area it would be necessary, in order to make full use of the land, to clear off a considerable amount of immature timber. With the exception of the larch clumps above referred to, and an area of seven acres or so in the centre of the main block, the remainder of the area is much under-stocked, and the hope of future profit still further lessened by the fact that most of the trees left are not suitable for the soil, or of a kind likely to yield satisfactory financial results.

In computing the value, the present worth of the under-stocked areas must be taken as a basis of calculation, and, making due allowance for the cost of planting and maintenance of the fully stocked areas, I estimate that a sum of from £400 to £425 represents the full value of the timber offered for sale on the property.

(Signed), JOHN CROZIER.

24th April, 1914.

No. A. 11827-14.

REPORT ON WOODS ON THE ARDEE DEMESNE, COUNTY  
LOUTH.

These Woods were inspected on the 11th and 12th May. They consist of about sixty acres on the north and south sides of the Ardee Demesne—thirty-eight acres lying in the Lawn and Mount Woods, and about twenty acres in the Foxcover.

The Lawn Wood contains a considerable quantity of very old and ornamental timber, with a large stock of seedlings and young trees coming up between. This Wood is bounded on the South, East, and West sides by a wall, while the North side is more or less open to the demesne, and could be fenced off without great difficulty.

The Foxcover contains younger wood, chiefly beech, sycamore, ash, and a few conifers, and has been planted at two different periods. The younger portion of this wood carries a very promising crop which should be left entirely alone for some years, but the older portion could be cleared out and replanted at any time. The fences round the Foxcover are fairly good, although a few gaps occur along the roadside. There are various signs of pilfering having taken place lately.

The total area of these Woods, amounting to sixty acres, would qualify them for an advance from the Development Fund, and their position near the town of Ardee gives them considerable importance in the district.

The older wood on the south side of the Demesne is extremely picturesque, and it would be difficult to treat it on economic lines without spoiling its present appearance, and robbing it of one of its most attractive features. In the event of its acquisition by the County Council, special treatment might be provided for with regard to this wood. The woods to the north, on the other hand, could be dealt with in the ordinary way by clearing and replanting the older portion and leaving the younger wood to mature. The ground on which both woods stand is exceptionally good, and capable of producing first-class timber, and many of the specimens now present as good as any existing in Ireland.

On the whole, these woods appear particularly suitable for a County Council Scheme, owing to their well-fenced condition, their position as regards the district generally, and their proximity to the town and railway of Ardee. The value of the standing timber was not ascertained with any degree of accuracy, but would probably be worth from £600 to £800 if sold standing.

## WILLISTOWN.

Two small plantations in Willistown consist of a mixed crop of larch, Scots pine, spruce, silver fir, sycamore, ash, and oak of about twenty years of age. These woods are in a very promising condition, and should produce good timber in the course of thirty or forty years. At the present moment nothing requires doing, except a few repairs to fences on the west side of one of the woods, the fences generally being in a good condition.

Owing to their distance from any large centre, and their small size, I do not consider these woods suitable for a County Council Scheme, although exceptional circumstances might render their purchase desirable, such as the possibility of additional woods being acquired within a short distance. They are, however, well worth the £75 paid for them, and I recommend that the sanction of the Department be given to this transaction.

(Signed), A. C. FORBES.

18th May, 1914.

The Secretary stated that the Committee appointed in connection with Omeath Park had been summoned to meet at Omeath, and a copy of the report on the plantation had been sent to each of them. The reason for urgency in the matter was that the Agent of the Estate, Colonel Alexander, had appointed Friday, the 12th June, to meet the Committee, the Solicitor and the Surveyor, with a view to arranging a price. The following report of the interview from Mr O'Connell was read:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

20th June, 1914.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to report that the deputation appointed for the purpose duly attended at Omeath Park on Friday, the 12th inst, and went over the grounds with Colonel F. S. G. Alexander, the Agent, and subsequently inspected the house and outbuildings. There attended Messrs William Woods, Michael O'Meara, and Joseph P Kearney, with the County Surveyor and myself. Rev

M. Quin, P. P.; Rev. Jas. Quinn, C. C.; and Mr. Joseph T. Dolan, M. A., also were in attendance on behalf of the Gaelic League.

It was considered that the value of the standing timber on the 52 acres put at from £400 to £425 by the Forestry Inspector of the Department was a fair and proper amount. The members of the Council referred to above will be in a position to suggest a proper figure as value for the land under timber together with the remainder of the 84 acres which is arable.

Mr. Walsh will give the probable estimate to make the buildings habitable with a view to their being let if a tenant may be had.

Colonel Alexander could suggest nothing in regard to the probable price at which the property would sell. It is for the Council to submit their best offer for consideration of the Land Judge.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

After discussion it was decided to refer the question of the price to be offered for Omeath Park to the County Council, and in the case of the Ruxton Demesne to send a copy of the report to Messrs. Dolan and Doran, the Local Committee, for their report on same.

#### CRIMINAL INJURY CLAIMS.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
8th June, 1914.

Re Criminal Injury Applications.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to formally report on the following claims for

compensation against the Council heard at Dundalk Quarter Sessions on the 6th inst:—

Earl of Arran, Applicant—Alleged burning of heather and game on Rockmarshall Mountains—£300. Claim dismissed.

Earl of Arran, Applicant—Alleged burning of heather and game on Annaverna Mountain—£100. Claim dismissed.

Annie Johnston, Applicant—Alleged burning of dwelling-house and outoffices at Rockmarshall—£60. Decree for £41 and 25s witnesses' expenses, to be levied off E. D. of Jenkinstown. I do not advise an appeal in this case.

Michael Louth, Applicant—Alleged damage to portion of roof of dwelling-house at Ballymageragh—£20. Claim dismissed.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

#### COMMITTAL TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Courthouse, Dundalk,  
2nd June, 1914.

Dear Sir,—

Please take notice that at next Dundalk Petty Sessions an application will be made by the Rev. Father Kerr, C. C., for the committal to an Industrial School of a child named Sullivan, aged about 3½ years, and who at present resides at Kineora Terrace, Dundalk.

Yours faithfully,

OSWALD HARDY, C. P. S.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

## STUDENT'S APPLICATION FOR FOURTH YEAR'S COURSE.

Letter dated the 10th June was read from Miss Ursula M'Parland asking to have her Scholarship extended for a fourth year.

The matter was referred to the Scholarship Committee.

## CARLINGFORD PIER REPAIRS.

The following letter from the County Surveyor was read, and the Committee unanimously recommended the expenditure of £5, and instructed the Co. Surveyor to have the work done.

County Surveyor's Office,  
Courthouse, Dundalk,  
19th June, 1914.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,—

There are some small repairs necessary to Carlingford Pier, viz, erecting guard on Pierhead, as required by B. T. Inspector, to replace broken guard.

Some small repairs are necessary to timber curbing also.

The total cost of repairs proposed not to exceed £5.

I beg you would bring the matter before Finance Committee on Monday next, so that I may have instructions to have the work done.

Yours faithfully,  
THOMAS WALSH.

## LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL CLERKSHIPS.

The Secretary read the following list of entries for the competitive examinations for the two Clerkships in the County Office. Each candidate submitted testimonial as to character from either a County Councillor, his clergyman, or well-known respectable inhabitant of Co. Louth, and the names of all the

candidates were unanimously approved for nomination to compete at their respective examinations. In the case of Michael Hanlon, Bellurgan, and Joseph Cotter, Ballybarrack, who made application to compete for Senior and Junior Examinations, this permission was unanimously granted:—

## LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL CLERKSHIPS.

## LIST OF CANDIDATES.

## SENIOR.

Joseph Cotter, Ballybarrack, Dundalk.  
James P. Farrell, 80, Chord Street, Drogheda.  
Patrick Gilmore, Jocelyn Street, Dundalk.  
Michael Hanlon, Bellurgan, Ballymascanlon.  
Edward G. Kieran, 5, North Mary Street, Dundalk.  
Edward Morgan, Chapel Street, Dundalk.  
Francis M'Ardle, 11, Long Avenue, Dundalk.  
Alfred J M'Donald, Mill Street, Dundalk.  
Peter Quigley, Kilconnor, Inniskeen.  
John Reilly, 58, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk.  
Bernard Rice, 50, Broughton Street, Dundalk.  
Patrick Rooney, 4, Chapel Street, Dundalk.

## JUNIOR.

Patrick J Casey, 3, Dublin Street, Dundalk.  
Joseph Cotter, Ballybarrack, Dundalk.  
Michael Hanlon, Bellurgan, Ballymascanlon.  
Peter J. Hughes, 11, Castle Road, Dundalk.  
John Logan, 9, Seatown, Dundalk.

In connection with the examinations, letter was read from Peter Coyle, Monaghan, requesting permission to sit for the Senior Clerkship. The Committee decided as Mr Coyle was not a native of County Louth, he was not eligible to compete, and the Secretary was directed to reply accordingly.

APPLICATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH NEW BUILDINGS  
IN COUNTY LOUTH.

The following letters were read and referred to the County Surveyor and the County Councillors for the respective districts:—

Louth, Dundalk,  
17th June, 1914.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

Sir,—

I beg to make application to your Council for permission to build a wall in front of my house, and along the public road from Louth to Mullacrew.

I spoke to Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, about the matter, and he promised to bring it forward at the next meeting of the Council.

Hoping this application will receive your kind attention.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

HUGH JENNETTE.

13, Earl Street, Dundalk,  
18th June, 1914.

Dear Sir,—

I would be glad if you placed before your Council the facts in connection with two houses which I am about to have erected in Carlingford for Mr Patk M'Shane, with a view to having an expression of opinion from them. (I enclose rough sketch of the position).

The old gable removed stood about 18 inches at front and about 5 or 6 inches at rere, inside of where we propose to erect new gable, our reason for claiming the right of which is that there are corner stones as shown on sketch forming part of our old front wall buried in the ground, and apparently as long there as the houses. The project about 3ft out from the old gable (twice the distance we propose to build on) and are so high over

road surface as to prohibit traffic over them. There is also a small break in the boundary wall at rere of about 5 inches, and the line of our proposed gable would have the effect of straightening this line and leaving two presentable houses in place of the old thatched ones just removed. Further, it is our intention to remove the remainder of these projecting stones, and thereby leave the roadway at corner 18 inches wider for traffic than at present. As my client does not wish to do anything except that to which he is entitled, he would be grateful to your Council for a direction on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

V. F. O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

RETURNING OFFICER'S ACCOUNT.

The following application was read from Mr P. J. Roe, but the Committee decided to have the account dealt with at once, and it was ordered that when the account was furnished the Secretary would call a meeting of the Finance Committee to consider it:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
13th June, 1914.

Re Local Government Elections, 1914.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to apply to your Council for a further advance of one hundred and fifty pounds on account of expenses incurred in connection with these Elections.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK J. ROE.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

## CARPET FOR CROWN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE.

The following letter was read, and after discussion the Committee recommended the County Surveyor to have the necessary floor carpet provided, the cost of same not to exceed £4:—

The Courthouse, Dundalk,  
17th June, 1914.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to report that the carpet in the little office along the passage used by the Crown Solicitor at Assizes and Quarter Sessions is quite worn out and requires to be replaced.

The Assizes open on 6th prox.

Your obedient Servant,

T. MURRAY, Courtkeeper.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth County Council, Dundalk.

## GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

Letter was read from the Secretary of the above Council requesting payment of the affiliation fee of £10 from the Louth County Council for the year 1914-15.

The Committee decided that they would only pay an affiliation fee of £5, and as this amount had been sent in January of the present year, the Secretary was directed to acquaint the General Councils Secretary of this fact.

## Executive Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 29th day of June, 1914, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas J Byrne, J P; Thomas Murphy, Patk M'Gee, Thomas O'Rourke, Peter Woods, J P; Michael O'Meara, J P; and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

The minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting having been sent to each member were taken as read and confirmed by the Chairman.

## VETERINARY INSPECTORS' SALARIES.

The following letter from the Department was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,

(Veterinary Branch),

50 and 51, Upper Mount Street, Dublin,

No. 2281/14.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 6th instant, respecting the decision of your Local Authority at a recent meeting to reduce by £10 per annum in each case, as from 1st instant, inclusive, the salaries of their Veterinary Inspectors, Messrs Clinton, Donnelly, and Maxwell, I have to state that in all the circumstances

the Department approve of the Local Authority's decision in this matter. The Department note that your Local Authority propose to review these rates of payment after a period of twelve months from the latter date in the light of the experience gained as to the work under Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order discharged meanwhile by these Inspectors.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

EXPENSES UNDER SHEEP SCAB (LOCAL REGULATIONS)  
IRELAND ORDER OF 1914.

The following letter from the County Inspector, R I C, was read:—

Royal Irish Constabulary, Dundalk,  
3rd June, 1914.

The Sheep Scab Local Regulations (Ireland) Order of 1914 (No. 2).

Sir,—

I am in receipt of your letter of 30th ultimo, together with 50 copies of Regulations for County of Louth made under above Order. Expenses for postage and stationery will have to be incurred in transmitting a copy of the Regulations to each Police Station in the County, and subsequent in forwarding the information required by Part One of the Order to the Secretary to the County Council.

I am, therefore, to request if you will pay expenses necessarily incurred, as above, in giving effect to the Order.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. J MAUNSELL, Co. Inspector.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had sent a copy of this letter to the Department for their direction in the matter, and the following letter in reply was read:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,

(Veterinary Branch),

50 and 51, Upper Mount Street, Dublin,

9th June, 1914.

No. 2244/14.

Sir,—

With reference to your letter of 5th instant, and its enclosure, I have to state that the Department will offer no objection to the payment by your Local Authority of expenses incurred by the police with Article 1 of the Council's Regulations under the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) Ireland) Order of 1914 (No. 2), and that the expenditure of the Local Authority under this head will be regarded as ranking for recoupment from the General Cattle Diseases Fund in the ordinary course.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

The Committee approved of the arrangement, and the letters were initialled by the Chairman.

SHEEP DIPPING UNDER THE LOCAL REGULATIONS  
ORDER.

The following letters from the Department of Agriculture was read:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,  
(Veterinary Branch),  
50 and 51, Upper Mount Street, Dublin,  
3rd June, 1914.

No. 2158,14.

Sir,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 30th ultimo. and its enclosed copies of Alterations recently adopted by your Local Authority under the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1914 (No. 2).

It is observed that under these Regulations Sheep moved into County Louth are required to be dipped within seven days after such movement, and the Department will be glad to be informed as to what arrangements your Local Authority propose to make with a view of securing that the Dipping shall be effectually carried out.

I am, Sir,  
Your Obedient Servant,  
T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,  
(Veterinary Branch),  
50 and 51, Upper Mount Street, Dublin,  
13th June, 1914.

No. 2263,14.

Sir,—

With reference to the final paragraph of your letter of 5th inst, I have to state that the Local Authority should utilise the

services of their Veterinary Inspectors in connection with the working of the Regulations adopted under the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order, but they might in the first instance consult with the Inspectors as to the best means for dealing with the matter. Owing to pressure of work at these offices the Department do not anticipate that they can render assistance such as was afforded last year under the Sheep Dipping Order in relation to a portion of County Louth. but they will be happy to advise the Local Authority on matters presenting difficulty that may raise from time to time, and perhaps occasionally can spare one of their Veterinary Inspectors to inquire locally into the working of the Regulations.

The Department will be glad to learn the result of any final arrangements made on this subject.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,  
50 and 51, Upper Mount Street, Dublin,  
(Veterinary Branch),

25th June, 1914.

No. 2263,14.

Sir,—

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject, I have to inquire whether you are yet in a position to furnish the Department with particulars as to the nature of any arrangements that may have been made regarding the working of your

Local Authority Regulations under the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) Ireland Order.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Secretary

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

After a protracted discussion on the subject matter of these letters, the Committee decided that in the case of sheep moved into the county, that the compulsory dipping within the seven days should be carried out in the presence of the Council's Dipping Superintendent, who should notify the Council that the dipping has been properly carried out, and the Secretary was directed to notify the various Dipping Superintendents to see that this was carried out, and to advise the Department that the Committee had made this arrangement.

#### SHEEP MOVED INTO COUNTY LOUTH AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE REGULATIONS.

The following letter from Mr Maxwell, V S, Ardee, was read, and the Secretary was directed to write Mr Maxwell that the dipping of the sheep in the presence of the Dipping Superintendent would satisfy the Local Authority:—

Ardee, 24th June, 1914.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

Sir,—

I beg to report that a man named P Rooney exposed sheep for sale to-day in the Ardee fair.

These sheep came last night, the owner states, by the 8.15 p m train from Bessbrook. He also stated that he had these sheep dipped in the public tank and produced a certificate to that effect signed by W. Leonard.

Leonard received these sheep and failed to notify the police, and certainly he should not, owing to the appearance of these animals, have taken them to a public tank. Whilst the animals are apparently healthy now, they, in my opinion, showed signs of having had scab within a comparatively recent period.

The police say that on the whole it was a merely technical offence and allowed the sheep to be moved from the fair, and I am unaware at present where they have been removed to. I would also desire to know from your Council do the words in the recent Order "To be isolated and dipped to the satisfaction of the Local Authority," apply to your Veterinary Inspectors or to any servant of the Council employed for sheep dipping purposes. These sheep were not dipped in my presence, nor did their appearance to-day satisfy me that they had been dipped in a satisfactory manner.

The police have the names and addresses of the parties concerned.

I am, Sir,

Faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL.

In connection with the same matter the following letter was read from the Dipping Superintendent at Ardee, and the Secretary was directed to write Mr Rooney, Newry, the owner of the sheep in question, that in future he must notify the police of the arrival of any sheep from outside County Louth, or a prosecution would result:—

Ardee, 29th June, 1914.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to advise you that 48 sheep and 48 lambs, the property of Mr P Rooney, Newry, were moved from County Down

to Ardee on the 23rd instant, of whose arrival I was notified by the owner.

All the sheep was dipped in the Council's tank at Ardee, and have been put on the golf links.

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM LEONARD, Dipping Superintendent.

#### REPORTS FROM VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

The following reports from Messrs Clinton, Donnelly, and Maxwell were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Dundalk, 29th June, 1914.

Monthly Report.

Sir,—

I beg to report that a case of suspected swine fever occurred on the premises of Mr P Murphy, Blackrock. I visited the place in company with an Inspector from the Department, and the necessary steps have been taken in the matter. A case of bovine tuberculosis occurred in a cow the property of P M'Gorman, Thornfield. The animal was slaughtered in accordance with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order and the carcase buried.

With reference to your communication re sheep dipping in Ravensdale, Carlingford, and adjoining areas, I would respectfully point out that as matters are at present the Order is practically useless. There is no supervision, and most of the owners go through a form of dipping at their own premises which is little short of a farce.

Your Obedient Servant,

J. T. CLINTON.

Ardee, 2nd June, 1914.

The Chairman,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Sir,—

I beg to report that I visited the usual fairs and markets held in the No. 1 Ardee Rural District Council.

On the 25th inst it was reported to me that sheep scab existed on a portion of Coole farm, held by John Crawley, Artnalivery. On visiting there I found the report to be correct, and I had them dipped to my satisfaction on the 27th inst.

During the month I withdrew the restrictions on Arthur Macan's, Esq, premises at Drumcashel, re sheep scab.

I am Sir,

Faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL.

On the 25th inst I issued an isolation notice on Messrs J and C Caraher, Coole, Ardee, as a precautionary measure against sheep scab at present existing on another portion of Coole farm.

W. E. M.

#### REPORT FOR MAY, 1914.

Veterinary Establishment, Drogheda,

June 6th, 1914.

Gentlemen,—

I inspected the fairs and markets held in my district during the month.

I have withdrawn the restrictions in the two outbreaks of sheep scap, and no fresh cases of this disease has occurred during May.

I made inspections in one or two cases where animals were suspected to have contagious disease, found the animals not so affected.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

To Louth County Council  
Executive Committee.

13th June, 1914.

Dear Sir,—

With reference to the suspected case of tuberculosis in a cow the property of Edward Henry, Oldbridge, Drogheda (a preliminary report being sent you on the 10th inst), I have to state that on the microscopical examination of the discharge taken from the diseased udder no acid fast bacilli were found, and therefore I do not consider it a case under the Order.

Yours truly,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

To the Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

## SUSPECTED CASE OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

The following letter from the police was read, and the Secretary informed the Committee that the animal suspected was examined by Mr Clinton, V S; Mr Chambers, the Portal Veterinary Inspector, and an Inspector from the Department, and they were unanimous that it was not a case of foot and mouth disease:—

R I C, Quay Street, Dundalk,

30th May, 1914.

I beg to report that a bullock, property of Thomas Duffy, Ramparts, Dundalk, appears to be suffering from foot and mouth disease. The animal is grazing in a field adjoining Long Avenue road. This suspected disease was detected this evening.

J. H. LEVINGE, Acting-Sergeant.

To the Secretary,  
Local Authority, Co. Louth.

## HIRE OF TANKS.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had communicated with Messrs Cooper and Nephew, Berkhamstead, with re-

ference to the reduction of the hire for the six sheep dipping tanks in use by the County Council and had an interview with the firm's traveller on the subject, and the following letter from him was read:—

Royal Hotel, Galway,

1th June, 1914.

To Mr M'Alester,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,—

I am sorry there has been delay in confirming my offer re swim baths, but my firm's letter accepting missed me and only came to hand this morning.

They are quite prepared to let the rental of all baths stand at 5s per annum, out of consideration of the number of years your Committee have passed us the dip contract.

I am also advised that you have paid £35 rental on baths (4), the cost of which would have been £44, so that £9 would make these four the property of the Council. The other two which you got last year no rental has yet been paid, the cost of which is £11 each. If your Committee thought well of clearing off the first four by a payment of £9, they might wish to continue the rental of the last two at 5s each per annum.

Thanking you again for past favours, assuring you of my best attention at all times.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

E. R. PHILLIPS.

It was unanimously decided to accept the offer of 5s per annum per tank for the 6 tanks used by the Council, and the Secretary was directed to write Messrs Cooper accordingly.

## RAVENSDALE, AGHAMEEN, AND CARLINGFORD TANKS.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Local Committee in charge of the Council's tanks at Ravensdale, Aghameen and Carlingford had met twice at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, when the following members attended—Messrs Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Bernard Finnegan, Jas Connolly, J P; William Woods, J P; and Peter Woods, J P.

The Committee made the following arrangements in connection with the dipping for the present year:—

To continue the usage of the three tanks for the year, viz—Aghameen, Ravensdale, and Carlingford; that the Aghameen tank should be kept all the season at Aghameen, with Owen Keenan as Dipping Superintendent, who will receive as remuneration one penny per sheep and one halfpenny per lamb for the animals dipped, and be paid the sum of £2 for the rent of site for the tank.

That the Ravensdale tank be started to work at Ravensdale, and then removed to Annagh-loughan for one week for the convenience of the sheep owners in that district, and subsequently to be returned to Ravensdale. That James White, Jenkinstown, and John M'Ardle be employed as dippers at the rate of 16s per week each.

That the Carlingford tank be started on the 1st July for two weeks, and then to be removed to Omeath for the last two weeks of July.

It was recommended that James M'Gee, of Carlingford, be employed as assistant at the rate of 16s per week.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved of all the foregoing arrangements, and in addition to the approval of the rent of £1 for the site of the Carlingford tank and £1 for the Omeath tank.

## Finance Committee.

(SPECIAL MEETING.)

Minutes of proceedings of above Committee at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 29th day of June, 1914, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Chas A Duffy, J P.

Other Members:—Thos J Byrne, J P; T Murphy, P M'Gee, T O'Rourke, P Woods, J P; M O'Meara, J P; and Jas Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Mr D O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, and Mr P J Roe, Solicitor, Returning Officer, were in attendance.

An account amounting to the sum of £360 18s 2d, submitted by the Returning Officer, Mr Patrick J Roe, for the Local Government Elections in June, 1914, was considered by the Committee.

A protracted discussion took place as to certain charges made by the Printing Contractor, Messrs M'Dougall and Co, in their account, which were not considered strictly in accordance with the contract, and also an item for care hire in connection with the Castlebellingham Polling Station, and it was ultimately unanimously decided to have the account taxed by the County Court Judge, and that Mr O'Connell should represent the County Council at the taxation.

It was also recommended that should the taxation not be finished in time to have it discharged at the next meeting of the County Council, that an advance of £200 on account be made to Mr Roe.

#### MR. CONNOLLY'S ACCOUNT FOR THE ELECTIONS OF 1911.

An account was submitted from Mr J B Conolly, Town Clerk, Drogheda, amounting to £39 19s 1d, for various accounts and fees in connection with the Elections in the Drogheda Urban Polling District, incurred by him as Deputy Returning Officer.

The account was referred to the Solicitor of the County Council for his opinion as to the liability of the Council in connection therewith, and to advise the Council thereon.

#### PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the second Quarterly Meeting of the Proposal Committee, held in the Borough Court, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 6th July, 1914, at one o'clock, p m.

In the Chair:—T J Byrne, Esq, J P.

Other Members present:—D J Rath, T Murphy, N T Murphy, J F Murphy, J P; T O'Rourke, J Halpenny, J P; W T Skeffington, J P; B Finegan, J Morgan, J H M'Ardle, J P; M Meade, J Wynne, J P; J P Kearney, Wm Woods, J P; P. Woods, J P; C A Duffy, J P, Esquires, and Sir A Vere Foster, Bart, D L.

The following applications by the County Surveyor were sub-

mitted and approved by the Committee:—

No. 7—To erect six sign-posts indicating routes to Mellifont and Monasterboice. Standards to be angle-iron. Arms to be supplied by the Automobile Association and Motor Union. Cost not to exceed £6. To be a County-at-Large charge.—Approved.

No. 9—To defray cost of procuring and forwarding samples of road metal to Road Board Laboratories for test, and to pay for tests (as approved by Finance Committee). Cost not to exceed £10. To be a County-at-Large charge. Approved.

No. 10—To provide set of new ordnance sheets (6 inches to the mile) of County Louth, with portfolio to hold same. Cost not to exceed £5. To be a County-at-Large charge.—Approved.

No. 11—To erect shed on Carlingforr Pier, as recommended by County Council. Cost not to exceed £200. To be charged to Carlinkford Pier Revenue Account.—Approved provisionally.

An application was made by the County Surveyor that permission be given to the Rev Canon Lockett Forde to erect a fence on the roadside at Glack, to fence in a piece of bog—the fence to be of posts and wire, and was not an encroachment. The Committee unanimously granted the permission.

#### PURCHASE OF ROAD MAKING MACHINERY.

The following application was also considered by the Com-

mittee, on the application of the County Surveyor:—

No. 8—To purchase road-making machinery and plant as follows:—Three road rollers, 3 scarifiers, 4 water carts, 2 compound 6 h. p. traction engines, 5 sleeping vans, 2 stone-breaking machines, 2 large rock drills, 2 small ditto, 2 shot-firing dynamo outfits. Cost not to exceed £4,095. Money to be raised on loan by County Council and repaid in ten years from 1st October, 1914. To be a County-at-Large charge (ex Urban).

After a protracted discussion the Committee decided to adjourn the consideration of this application to a meeting to be held on Monday, the 13th July, and the Secretary was directed to have the details of the Financial Scheme submitted by the Road Board, sent to each member with the notice convening the adjourned meeting. The consideration of the County-at-Large payments to be submitted by the Secretary, was also referred to the adjourned meeting.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Committee held in the Borough Court, Courthouse, Dundalk on Monday, the 6th day of July, 1914.

Present:—

In the Chair—T J Byrne, Esq, J P.

Other Members—D J Rath, T Murphy, T O'Rourke, J Halpenny, J P; N T Murphy, W T Skeffington, J P; B Finnegan, J H M'Ardle, J P; M Meade, J Wynne, J P; J F Murphy, J P; W Woods, J P; C A Duffy, J P; J Morgan, P Woods, J P, J P Kearney, Esquires, and Sir A Vere Foster, Bart, D L.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The following Accounts were examined and ordered for payment:—

	£	s	d
Works in the hands of the County Surveyor	27	5	5
Expenses Education Act, 1892	39	8	1
Burial of Carcases	0	9	4
Compensation under the Tuberculosis Order, 1913	2	0	0
Salaries—Secretary's Office	5	13	6
Wages, Sheep Dipping Superintendents	3	4	0
Total	£78	0	4

### MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM—ANNIE JOHNSTON.

The following letter from Mr Moynagh, Solicitor, was read, and the Committee decided that as the account was not yet on

the levy payment could not be made, and the Secretary was directed to reply accordingly:—

Roden Place, Dundalk,  
24th June, 1914.

Annie Johnston, Applicant.

The County Council of Louth, Respondents.

Dear Sir,

I have now received from the Clerk of the Peace the Decree herein, which amounts to £44 17s 6d. Please let me have cheque for amount of same at your convenience, and oblige.

Faithfully yours,

STEPHEN H. MOYNAGH.

Charles M'Alester, Esq,  
Secretary Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S ORPHANAE LOAN.

Letter was read from the Manager of St Joseph's Orphanage that payment had been made through the Council's Treasurer of the instalment of Loan herein, viz—£100.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### TRANSFER FROM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The following letter from the Manager of St Joseph's Industrial School, Dundalk, was read, and the Committee recom-

mended that no objection be made by the County Council:—

July 2nd, 1914.

St. Joseph's Orphanage and Industrial School, Dundalk.

Sir,

I beg to inform the Louth County Council that with the consent and approval of the Chief Inspector of Reformatory and Industrial Schools, I purpose transferring Edith Haverty, No. 342, from this school to St Joseph's Reformatory School, Clare Street, Limerick. The manager of this latter school has, in a letter of 1st instant, signified her willingness to accept the child, and I should be much obliged if you bring the fact to the knowledge of your Council, in accordance with Section 74 (10) of the Childrens Act.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) SR. MARY PATRICK KEEGAN,  
Manager.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.

#### ACCOUNT FOR 1911 ELECTIONS.

The following letter was read from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, on the account furnished by Mr J B Connolly for the 1911 Elections.

After discussion the Secretary was directed to write the Local overnment Board as to how the County Council should deal

with the matter:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
2nd July, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of 1st instant, enclosing account now furnished by the Town Clerk of Drogheda of fees for work done and payments made with respect to the election of County Councillors and Guardians for the Borough of Drogheda in the year 1911.

The account should have been furnished to the then Returning Officer "within fourteen days after the day on which the return is made of the person or persons elected at the election." It is obvious this has not been done, and the then returning officer was freed from liability for payment. I am of opinion that the Council cannot pay the amount without being liable to a surcharge. If it is desired to effect settlement, then the consent of the Local Government Board must first be had, and the account be approved in detail by the County as being in conformity with the scale of expenses applicable.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

#### RETURN OF PATIENTS ADMITTED TO RICHMOND ASYLUM.

The return showing the admission of Patients to the Richmond District Asylum for the quarter ended 30th June, 1914, was laid before the Committee. It showed that 12 patients had

been admitted during the period, one of whom was since discharged, and one died.

The return was initialled by the Chairman.

#### BYE-LAWS WITH RESPECT TO INDECENT EXPRESSIONS, Etc.

The following letter enclosing the accompanying bye-laws, was read, and the Secretary was directed to send copy to the Lord Lieutenant when ready:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
2nd July, 1914.

#### Re Bye-Laws with Respect to the Use of Indecent Expressions and Conduct.

Dear Sir,

I enclose draft of Bye-Laws as approved and settled by Counsel. It is considered that the clause giving power to a Constable to arrest should not be inserted as the law is somewhat unsettled in the case of misdemeanors. There can be no arrest without warrant made, unless the abusive language or conduct constitutes a breach of the peace, and, in the latter event, the arrest can be made without a warrant at Common Law.

The Bye-Laws should come into operation on the expiration of forty days after a copy has been sent to the Lord Lieutenant, and if they are not, within that time, disallowed by him with the advice of the Privy Council.

I would direct your attention to the notes in Vanston's Local Government, Vol. 1, page 19, to Section 16 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as to procedure as regards the attendance of at least two-thirds of the whole number of the

Council at the making of the bye-law, the sealing, and affixing a copy in some public place.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

61 and 62 Vic., C. 37, Sec. 16.

Bye-Laws with Respect to the Use of Indecent Expressions  
and Conduct.

1.—No person shall in any street or public place or on land adjoining or near to such street, make use of any abusive, profane, blasphemous, indecent, or obscene language, behaviour or conduct, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person in such street or place.

2.—Any person acting contrary to the foregoing Bye-Law shall be liable for every such offence to a fine of Forty Shillings; provided, nevertheless, that the Justices or Court before whom any complaint may be made, or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence, may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment of a fine of any sum less than the full amount of the fine imposed by this Bye-Law.

Made and Sealed with the Common Seal of the  
Louth County Council, this        day of  
One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, in the  
presence of                      Secretary of the County  
Council.

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE FEES.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 3rd July, 1914.

No. 34,878: 1914.

Louth County.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your further letter of the 27th ultimo relative to the payment by the Louth County Council of the balance of poundage fees to the Poor Rate Collectors in respect of the half year ended the 30th September, 1913. With reference thereto, I am to draw your attention to the second last paragraph of the Board's letter of the 19th ultimo, and to point out that the Board can only consider the question of the payment of these poundage fees in the case of those Collectors who make substantial lodgments in the earlier portion of the half year, and close the collection of the current moiety by the 3rd September.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

DUTIES ON LAND VALUES.

SITE OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

A circular letter dated the 3rd July, 1914, from the General Valuation Office, Dublin, was read, enclosing the provisional

valuation made by the Official District Valuer, of the site of the County Courthouse, Dundalk. The figures given are as follows:—

Original Gross Value,	£44,500.
Less deductions, being the difference between the Gross Value and the value of the Fee Simple of the land divested of Buildings, etc.	40,000.
Original Assessable Site Value	£4,500.

After discussion the matter was referred to the Solicitor and the County Surveyor for their report.

#### APPLICATION FROM CO. COUNCIL SCHOLAR.

Letter was read from Mr P A Hanratty, Collon, one of the County Council University Scholars, requesting payment of the balance due him on foot of his scholarship.

The matter was referred to the Scholarship Committee.

#### FANE DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The following correspondence was read and referred to the County Council:—

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 25th June, 1914.

No. 33,429: 1914.  
Louth County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, for the consideration of the Louth County Council, the accompanying copy of a letter which they have received from Mr P Byrne, Milltown, Castlebellingham, and

and others, respecting the Fane Drainage District in the County. A copy of a letter received on the subject from the Commissioners of Public Works is also enclosed.

By Order of the Board,  
(Signed), S. WATT.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

No. 31,076: 1914.  
Louth County.

#### FANE DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

To the Local Government Board.

On behalf of the land owners of the Fane Drainage District, we respectfully ask your Board to take steps to place the above drainage under the Louth County Council, with a view of having the works carried out.

The Drainage was done under the Board of Works in 1851, but nothing was ever done to keep them in proper order since that date. (Signed),

PATRICK BYRNE, Milltown, Castlebellingham.  
WILLIAM BOYLE, Dromiskin, Commons.  
T J BYRNE, J P, Rosmakea.

(Copy).

No. 33429: 1914.  
8559: 14.

Office of Public Works,  
Dublin, 17th June, 1914.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst (31076-14) relative to a proposal to hand over the management of the Fane

Drainage District to the Louth County Council, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state that the district was formed under the 5 and 6 Vic., cap. 89, at a cost of £8,155 15s 6d, and was brought to award on the 20th September, 1851. The area of lands drained or improved was 1,522 acres. In accordance with Section 120 of the Act of 1842 mentioned above, the management of the District is vested in trustees, who shall be elected triennially by the proprietors in the District, but in consequence of action taken by the Board, 15 trustees were appointed in July, 1900. Early in that year the district was reported to be in need of maintenance, but from a return appended to the Minutes of Evidence of the Arterial Drainage Commission, 1905 (pp. 416-7) it appears that no expenditure was incurred in the maintenance of the Fane Drainage District from 1901 to 1905 inclusive, and since 1908 the Board, in spite of repeated efforts, have been unable to ensure the triennial election of trustees contemplated by Section 120 of the 5 and 6 Vic., cap. 89 (copy enclosed).

The Board have no knowledge as to the present condition of the district but presumably there is no systematic maintenance, there are no acting trustees, and the former Secretary has ceased to act as such. It appears, therefore, to the Board to be desirable that the business of the district should be transferred to the County Council.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,

Local Government Board, Dublin.

#### WEEDS AND SEEDS ACTS.

Circular letter from the Department of Agriculture was read requesting the County Council to assist the Department as far as possible in the inspection under the above Act, and to have all roads and lands in their control kept cleared of noxious weeds during the coming season.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Department of Agriculture, 27-6-'14.

No. G. 2323-14.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the enforcement of the above-mentioned Acts, I have to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that an officer of the Department, acting on instructions under Section 2 of the Act of 1899, obtained on the 3rd instant at Dunleer, County Louth, three samples of butter for analysis. The samples were duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the County, who certifies that they proved to be pure.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) T. P. GILL,  
Secretary.

## Proposal Committee.

(ADJOURNED MEETING.)

Minutes of proceedings of the adjourned Proposal Committee Meeting, held in Council Chamber on Monday, the 13th day of July, 1914.

Present:—

In the Chair—C A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—T J Byrne, J P; B Finnegan, Peter Woods, J P; Patrick M'Gee, James Halpenny, J P; Denis J Rath, Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; James Wynne, J P; John F Murphy, J P; William Woods, J P; P J Kearney, B Hamill, J P.

Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

Application No. 8—To purchase road-making machinery and plant, as follows:—Three road rollers, 3 scarifiers, 4 water carts, 2 compound 6-h.p. traction engines, 5 sleeping vans, 2 stone-breaking machines, 2 large rock drills, 2 small ditto, 2 shot-firing dynamo outfits. Cost not to exceed £4,095. Money to be raised on loan by County Council and repaid in ten years from 1st October, 1914. To be a County at large charge (ex Urban), was again under consideration.

The County Surveyor read reports from adjoining counties showing the quantities of road-making machinery in use therein, which in every case was very considerable. He also

gave details of the annual cost on foot of the proposed loan, and answered various queries as to the plant,

After considerable discussion, it was proposed by Mr T J Byrne, J P, and seconded by Mr J F Murphy, J P, that the application No. 8 be approved and sent on to the County Council for confirmation.

The Secretary submitted County at large payments as set out on Form 22, which included taxed bill of costs from Messrs P J Roe, Returning Officer, and D O'Connell, Solicitor, which were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

## Louth County Council.

### SPECIAL MEETING.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 13th day of July, 1914, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Others present—Thomas J Byrne, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; John T Murphy, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; Joseph P Kearney, James Halpenny, J P; B Finnegan, Patrick M'Gee, Peter Woods, J P; Denis J Rath, William Woods, J P; and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The meeting was called by direction of the Chairman of the County Council to consider special invitation to attend the opening of the Civic Exhibition in Dublin on Wednesday, the 15th July.

The Secretary read the invitation to the County Council to attend the opening of the Exhibition, and the following telegram addressed to the Chairman was also read:—

To Peter Hughes, Castlering, Channonrock, Louth.

May we hope that you, accompanied by other County Councilors, will attend the opening of the Civic Exhibition on July 15th, in accordance with invitation sent, and if necessary could

you call special meeting of your Council to consider invitation? Exhibition promised to me most successful.—Lady Aberdeen.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—Proposed by J F Murphy, Esq, J P; seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, and

Resolved—That at this Meeting, specially convened for the purpose, it is hereby decided to accept the invitation given by her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen to attend the opening of the Civic Exhibition in Dublin on Wednesday, the 15th instant, and it is hereby decided that the entire Members of the County Council, with the County Surveyor and the Secretary, form the deputation to attend the opening of the Exhibition.

## Scholarship Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of Scholarship Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 13th July, 1914, in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk.

In the Chair—Denis J Rath, Esq.

Also present—James M'Carthy, J P, and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

### APPLICATION FROM DOMINICAN COLLEGE.

Letter was read from Sister Mary Reginald, Dominican College, Dublin, asking that the rule as to the test examination for Senior Grade Intermediate Examination, 1914, should be altered to enable students who had passed the Senior Grade Examination, 1913, to be eligible.

The Committee decided that as the scheme for the 1914 Scholarships made a pass in the 1914 Intermediate Senior Grade a necessary condition, no change could be made.

### APPLICATION FOR FOURTH YEAR'S COURSE.

The following letter was read, and the Committee recommended that the County Council should award Miss M'Parland a fourth year's scholarship on the express condition that she follows a course in Industrial or Commercial Science:—

Dominican Hall, Stephen's Green,

Dublin, 10th June, 1914.

The Secretary Louth County Council.

Dear Mr M'Alester,

This is the third year of my tenure of the County Scholarship, and I have now completed my

course for the B. A. Degree. If successful at the examination in September, I shall have graduated this year. But I am also following a course in Industrial and Commercial Science. I have only completed two years of the course for the Degree of Bachelor of Commerce. I have still to attend the College for another year before I can take out my degree in Commerce. I understand that there is provision made for the extension of the Scholarship for a fourth year, if the student wishes to follow a course in Industrial and Commercial Science. On this account I would like to bring my case before the County Council. I am anxious to finish my commerce course and take out the degree of B. Comm.; but my ability to do so depends entirely on the decision of the County Council. I had hoped to do both degrees the same year, but owing to the extent of the commerce course it was impossible to do so.

I would be very grateful to you to bring the matter before the Council. It may be premature, but I would like to know if it is possible to have my Scholarship extended one year.

You will understand that as this is my third year it will be time for me to form some plans. A degree in Commerce is, I believe, a useful asset in looking for a position. So I am anxious to complete the course.

I hope the County Council will be able to follow their intention of extending the Scholarship for a fourth year to students of Commerce.

Yours sincerely,

URSULA MACPARLAND.

### UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

Applications were read from the following students asking for payment of the unexpended balances of their respective Scholarships, to cover necessary expenses incurred by them:—Miss

M'Parland, Messrs H Rogan, P A Hanratty, J M'Parland and L F Brannigan.

After discussion the Committee directed the Secretary to get reports from the College authorities of the progress of the students, and if these were satisfactory, that the County Council be recommended to pay the scholars the unexpended balances standing to the credit of their accounts.

## REPORT OF LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

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Meeting held in the Courthouse, Dundalk, on Friday, the 3rd day of July, 1914.

Present:—

Presiding—C A Duffy, Esq, J P, M C C.

Other Members—Bernard Hamill, J P; James Wynne, J P, and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires, M C C's.

Also present—Dr J A M'Quillan, T M O.

It was unanimously decided to appoint C A Duffy, Esq, J P, Chairman of the Committee.

It was also unanimously decided that regular meetings of the Committee be held in the offices of the Insurance Committee at 11 o'clock, a m, on the second and last Wednesday of each month, until the Council Scheme is in operation.

It was decided that the Drogheda members of the Committee form a Sub-Committee to arrange for the provision of a Tuberculosis Dispensary at Drogheda.

The question of providing treatment for chronic advanced cases of Tuberculosis was then very fully considered.

It was decided to act in accordance with the previous report on the subject adopted by the County Council, and direct the Clerk to communicate with the Authorities of the Union Fever Hospitals, and at the same time to enclose a copy of letter 71. M. 24th April, 1914, from the L G B on the subject (already referred to), requesting the Hospital Authorities to receive a deputation from the Committee consisting of four members present, with Messrs Edward Goodman, M C C, and Patk. O'Connell, to confer with them on the subject, with a view to arriving at a suitable arrangement.

The question of providing a suitable Dispensary at Dundalk, was again also under consideration, with letter 48 M, 6th March 1914, from L G B on the subject (referred to in previous report).

It was decided in this case also to direct the Clerk to communicate with the Secretary of the Louth County Infirmary requesting him to arrange with the Governing Body to meet the deputation above mentioned, in order to ascertain if it would be possible to arrange to have a suitable dispensary erected in the grounds attached to the Infirmary; estimated cost, £300.

It was decided that the necessaries and appliances for Dispensaries contained in list submitted by the Tuberculosis Medical Officer be procured.

Accounts (as already furnished and were scheduled) submitted and recommended for payment amounting to £54 14s 9d.

Letters submitted from the Sanitary Sub-Officer, Drogheda, stating that shelters would be disinfected if the Council undertake to defray the cost estimated at 6s each.

Communication on the same subject from the Clerk of Union Ardee, stating that the Council was responsible for the disinfecting of shelters.

It was decided to direct the Tuberculosis Medical Officer to make the best arrangement for the disinfecting of shelters.

Letters were submitted from the District Nursing Associations of Drogheda, Ardee, and Castlebellingham, requesting payment of grant as set out in Council's Scheme for services of nurses.

After some discussion, it was decided to defer further consideration to next meeting. It was also decided to defer consideration of the question of appointment of Part Time Nurses in consequence of the Insurance Commissioners failing to reply or acknowledge the account passed for payment to the County Council by the Insurance Committee.

V. WARREN, Clerk.

7th July, 1914.

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**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

OF THE

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

HELD

**On Monday, 20th July, 1914,**

**At One o'clock p.m.**

## Finance Committee.

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Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 20th July, 1914, at 1 o'clock p.m.

Present —

In the Chair—W. A. Doran, Esq. J.P.

Other Members present—E. Goodman, J. P. Kearney, P. M'Gee, M. Meade, J. F. Murphy, J.P.; T. Murphy, Esquires, and Sir A. V. Foster, Bart.

Mr. Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The Secretary submitted payments to road contractors for quarter ended 30th June, 1914, as furnished by the Rural District Councils, viz :—

Ardee No. 1, ...	...	£746	18	11	
Drogheda (Louth), ...	...	535	3	3	
Dundalk, ...	...	945	15	2	
		£2,227	17	4	

Payments ordered through the Subsidiary Account, as follows :—

County Surveyor's Office, ...	£428	9	2
Conveyance of Prisoners, ...	18	19	9
Insurance Premiums, ...	27	4	6
Secretary's Office, ...	9	16	0

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£484 9 5

Balance Scholarships, being amounts remaining after payment of Board, College Fees, etc., ... ..

24 2 3

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£508 11 8

The Secretary's Petty Cash Account was examined. This included the Insurance Stamp and Postage Account, and a cheque for £20 was ordered to reinstate that amount.

The Committee ordered a transfer of £1000 to be drawn to be credited to the subsidiary account.

[REDACTED]

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## Death of Mr. Peter Hughes, J.P., Chairman of County Council.

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Mr. Joseph P: Kearney, brought under the notice of the Committee the lamented death of Mr. Hughes, who had been Chairman of the Louth County Council since its inception, and moved that the Committee adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory. The Chairman (Mr. Doran) seconded, and Mr. Goodman supported the motion, which was unanimously agreed to, and the Committee adjourned.

It was suggested that the Members of the County Council and the Officials of the Council should take part processionally at the funeral.

[REDACTED]

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## Louth County Council.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Louth County Council at their second Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 23rd day of July, 1914, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair:—William A Doran, Esq, J P.

Other members present:—C A Duffy, J P; B Finnegan, E Goodman, B Hamill, J P; J P Kearney, J H M'Ardle, J P; T B M'Court, P M'Gee, M Meade, J F Murphy, J P; T Murphy. T O'Rourke, D J Rath, Wm Woods, J P; and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, B E, County Surveyor, and Dr M'Quillan T M O, were also in attendance.

Owing to the death of the Chairman of the Council it was unanimously decided that only the urgent business of the payments formulated by the District Councils and Proposal Committee would be dealt with at the meeting.

### PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

#### ARDEE PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;

Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, and

Resolved—That the proposal for payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their second quarterly

meeting held on the 7th day of July, 1914, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to the sum of £746 18s 11d.

#### DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Denis J Rath, Esq ;

Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposal for payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their second quarterly meeting, held on the 14th day of July, 1914, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to the sum of £535 3s 3d

#### DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Joseph P Kearney, Esq, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their second quarterly meeting held on the 6th day of July, 1914, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to the sum of £945 15s 2d

#### COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Edward Goodman, Esq ;

Seconded by Thomas B M'Court, Esq, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments for the County-

at-Large, formulated by the Proposal Committee at their meeting held on the 6th day of July, 1914, and adjourned to the 13th July, 1914, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, and amounting to the sum of £4,722 1s 7d, be and are hereby approved of by the Council.

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#### DEATH OF MR. PETER HUGHES, CHAIRMAN OF THE LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following correspondence was read :—

Rosmakea,

Dundalk, 23rd July, 1914.

To the Presiding Chairman of the Louth County Council,  
County Council Offices, Courthouse, Dundalk

Dear Sir,—

I regret that owing to indisposition I will be unable to be present at the meeting to-day, but I assume that beyond the transaction of the imperative business, the Council will adjourn for at least a week, indeed I should suggest their doing so until our meeting in August.

I cannot say how sorry I am to be unable to join publicly to-day in the general regret of the passing away of Peter Hughes, my old friend and faithful colleague. He is gone indeed from amongst us, "gone where road boards cease from troubling and councils are at rest." May God have mercy on his soul.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS J. BYRNE.

Viceregal Lodge, Dublin.

Secretary Louth County Council, Courthouse, Dundalk.

Please convey to your Council the expresion of most sincere sympathy in the loss of your Chairman, from the Lord Lieutenant and myself, and also from the Peamount Committee of Management.

LADY ABERDEEN.

House of Commons.

To M'Alester, Secretary County Council, Dundalk.

Have learned with deepest regret of death of Mr Peter Hughes. Pray convey to his family the expression of my sincere sympathy.

JOHN REDMOND.

The Chairman then referred in feeling terms to the lamented death of Mr Hughes, whose connection with the County Council dated from its establishment, and whose ability and knowledge had been its guiding influence to the present time. He proposed the resolution as set out below, and this was seconded by Mr Edward Goodman and supported by Messrs Rath, Hamill, J P, and T Murphy:—

Proposed by Wiliam A Doran, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Edward Goodman, Esq, and

Resolved—That we learn with heartfelt sorrow of the death of our respected Chairman, Peter Hughes, Esq, J P. Associated as he was with the Louth County Council as Chairman since its establishment in 1899, his lamented death has caused a void which will not be easily filled. His thorough grasp of the intricate details of the work of the Council, his administrative ability, his tact and unflinching courtesy as Chairman, and,

above all, his devotion to the interests of our county, and of Ireland generally, has won our respect and admiration. We beg to tender to his relatives our sincere condolence in the great and irreparable loss they have sustained, and we adjourn this meeting until Thursday next, the 30th day of July, as a mark of respect to his memory.

The resolution was passed in silence, all the members standing as a mark of respect.

The Council decided that the co-option of a member to fill the vacancy, and the election of a Chairman of the Council, should not be made until the second Quarterly Adjourned Meeting on the 20th August.

## Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of Louth County Council at their second quarterly meeting, (adjourned from 23rd July, 1914) held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 30th day of July, 1914, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—William A Doran, Esq, J P.

Others present:—Patrick Callan, J P; John Dolan, Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J P; Charles A Duffy, J P; Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P; Joseph P Kearney, Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; Thomas B M'Court, Patrick M'Gee, Thomas V M'Quillan, John F Murphy, J P; N T Murphy, Thomas Murphy, Peter B Moore, John Morgan, Michael O'Meara, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, William T Skeffington, J P; Peter Woods, J P; William Woods, J P; and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor, and Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; John M C Lyons, James Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyors, and Dr M'Quillan, T M O, were in attendance.

### CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

Proposed by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Peter B Moore, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Louth County Council at their meeting held on the 28th May, 1914,

their annual meeting on 16th June, 1914, and their special meeting on the 13th July, 1914, and a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council be, and are hereby confirmed.

### CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Finance Committee held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed:—

Monday, the 22nd day of June, 1914.

Monday, the 29th day of June, 1914.

Monday, the 6th day of July, 1914.

Monday, the 20th day of July, 1914.

### CONFIRMATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq;  
Seconded by John Dolan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Committee, held on the 29th day of June, 1914, a printed copy having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

### CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their meeting, held on the 6th July, and adjourned to the 13th July, 1914, and a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

### CONFIRMATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq;

Seconded by P B Moore, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Scholarships Committee, held on the 13th July, 1914, and a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

### DATES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by J F Murphy, Esq, J P;

Seconded by J M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the County Council hereby determine that the following shall be the dates for the holding of the third Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils:—

ARDEE—Tuesday, the 6th day of October, 1914.

DROGHEDA—Tuesday, the 13th day of October, 1914.

DUNDALK—Monday, the 5th day of October, 1914;

and that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, the 12th day of October, 1914.

### PROPOSED PURCHASE OF OMEATH PARK.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the proposed purchase of Omeath Park.

After a protracted discussion on the matter, and when the question of the report from the Department and the price was gone into, the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by P M'Gee, Esq;

Seconded by P Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the consideration of the purchase of Omeath Park be adjourned to the Meeting of the Council, to be held on the 20th August, and that a committee of the whole Council visit Omeath and report to the County Council.

### REPORT OF THE TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

A discussion took place on the Report of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management. Mr Goodman brought under the notice of the Council that the committee had arranged that their meetings would be held in the offices of the Insurance Committee, instead of in the Council Chamber as heretofore, and held that this change was undesirable.

Mr Duffy and Mr Wm Woods stated that this arrangement was made as the holding of the meetings in the Insurance Committee's Offices was more convenient, as all the papers were

at hand there, and that the arrangement was merely temporary, pending the provision of increased accommodation for the County Offices.

Ultimately the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by C A Duffy, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and approve of the Report of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, as printed at pages 81 to 83 of the printed minutes.

#### FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The following report from Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, was read:—

##### Wottonstown and Fane Drainage Districts.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have made a preliminary inspection of the above-named drainage districts, and beg to report as follows:—

The Wottonstown District includes approximately 7 miles of drains in the townlands of Cullenstown, Milltown Grange, Milltown, Dellin, Newtown Darver, Milltown Old, Whiterath, Newrath, Babeswood, Mansfieldstown, Wottonstown and Dromiskin. Part of the drainage goes to the river Glyde, and part to the river Fane. The Glyde drainage system is, I understand, attended to by Trustees.

The greater part of the water of the Wottonstown District, however, flows to the Fane river via one of its tributaries flowing through Milltown and Commons, and included amongst the works of the Fane Drainage Districts, as shown by the award maps.

The drainage works in this Wottonstown district were carried out in 1851, and have had little, if any, attention since. A rough estimate of the expenditure now required would be £250 to £300, to put the drains in order and maintain for one year.

The total area of land improved and drained as shown by maps and award is 316a 1r 17p. The total area of lands charged and chargeable with the maintenance is 2473a 3r 11p.

The money expended on the drainage in 1851 amounted to £1102 13s 0d, of which £80 17s 7d was presented by the Grand Jury of County Louth, in respect of certain works in the district chargeable to the county.

The Fane Drainage Works include:—

- (1)—The Tidal Embankment at Mooretown (or Marsh Farm) about 1½ miles in length.
- (2)—About 5½ miles of river Fane (with embankments) from the sea to the western boundary of Stephenstown Demesne, i.e., a point on the river about a mile above Stephenstown Bridge.
- (3)—About 6½ miles of important tributaries with tidal sluices.

This drainage scheme was carried out in 1851, also with the aid of a Board of Works Loan. The area of the land drained and improved is, according to the award, 1521a 3r 28p. The area charged with the works is 4736a 1r 2p in the various townlands, as shown in the award (which I beg to lay before you).

As in the case of the Wottonstown District, very little, if any, attention has been given to the drains since the works were first carried out. The main Fane river as far as its old

course forming the eastern boundary of Rossmakea, appears to be in fairly clean condition, with the exception of a sharp at the Green Road Bridge after the river crosses the railway. The Rossmakea and Stephenstown portion is more or less obstructed by weeds growing on the bottom of the course. Opposite Mr Craig's house in Walterstown there are stepping stones and a cattle watering place obstructing the flow. Above Stephenstown to the south-east of Stephenstown House, two weirs have been erected some two years ago, I was told, by Major Fortescue. His men were engaged in constructing a by-pass along the upper weir on the occasion of my inspection. His foreman informed me that the weir is constructed on the site of an old weir. There is no mention of a weir on the maps of the drainage district.

All the tributary drains which are of rather large size are choked, some badly, and the tidal sluices in bad condition.

One tributary requires particular mention, viz—that from the river Fane through the townland of Commons, through Mr A. Murdock's land, and continued for a short distance along what is known as the "Canal." Water from Dromiskin is conveyed by a drain along the public road and is discharged into the Fane tributary at a culvert on the public road to the south-west of Commons three roads. The Fane tributary is badly choked with weeds, etc, and by six badly constructed pass culverts on Mr Murdock's land. Mr Murdock contends that the water from Dromiskin should not be sent along this drain, but should rather discharge through the Marsh Farm, via the "Canal." This latter "Canal" is not included amongst the Fane Drainage Works.

A rough estimate of the cost of cleaning, etc, would be about £650-£700.

When the drainage work of the districts in question was originally carried out in 1851, certain owners and proprietors held the lands charged as shown by the awards. Most of the lands have since changed owners, I understand, having been sold to the tenants under the Land Acts, so that the maps and awards herewith do not now show the owners, and the maps are incomplete for assessment purposes.

The re-assessment would be a difficult and troublesome undertaking. A new survey of the lands involved will be required, showing area and valuation of each holding. Before deciding to take over the drainage schemes the Council should ascertain if the Board of Works is willing to undertake this survey and assessment. The original expenditure in 1851 amounted to £8,155 15s 6d, of which £926 3s 1d was presented by the Grand Jury of Louth in respect of certain works chargeable to the County in this District.

As to the liabilities and powers of the Council in case they take over the drainage districts, as well as the incidence of the necessary expenditure including legal expenditure, stationery, etc, as well as the actual cost of the works, I would suggest that this is a matter for your solicitor, Mr O'Connell,

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

After discussion the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq;

Seconded by Thomas Murphy, Esq, and

Resolved—That the matter of the Fane Drainage District and the Wottonstown Drainage District be referred to the next meeting of the County Council, and that a copy of the report of Mr Walsh be sent to each member of the Council.

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following Notices of Motion, which appeared on the agenda, were adopted as substantive resolutions:—

## SIGN-POSTS IN COUNTY LOUTH.

Proposed by Thomas Murphy, Esq;  
Seconded by E Goodman, Esq, and

Resolved—That it be taken as a direction that a scheme be prepared by the Surveyor giving in detail the cost of erecting bi-lingual sign-posts with mileage thereon throughout the county, or on its main roads at least, so as to facilitate pedestrian, equestrian, motor, and vehicular traffic.

## ROAD AT DUNANY FORESHORE.

Proposed by Thomas Murphy, Esq;  
Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, and

Resolved—That an economic and beneficial work such as the reconstruction of the foreshore at Dunany Point should be undertaken by the County Council in the interest of the residents of the adjacent districts, and for the facilitation of the local farmers who use it for the gathering of wrack for manorial purposes, and that the matter be referred to the Ardee District Council.

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr Thomas Murphy with reference to Sanatorium treatment, was, by consent of the Council, withdrawn.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter was read, and the Council decided to name Thursday, the 20th August, the day of the Adjourned

Meeting of the County Council, to meet the representatives of the Insurance Committee:—

## INSURANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOUTH.

Clerk's Office,

Dundalk, 28th May 1914.

Dear Sir,—

I have been requested by the Insurance Commission (Ireland), to ascertain from the Louth County Council the earliest and most convenient date for the Council to meet representatives of the Insurance Committee for the purpose of taking into consideration the form of Agreement to be entered into between both bodies in connection with the administration of Sanatorium benefit under the National Insurance Acts, 1911-1913.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

V. WARREN,  
Clerk.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

## INSURANCES.

Letter was read from the Catholic and General Insurance Association for a share of the Council's business in Insurances, and the Secretary was directed to say in reply that the Council was already fully insured.

## LETTERS OF THANKS.

The following letters were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Newfoundwell,

Drogheda, 20th June, 1914.

Dear Mr M'Alester—

I am extremely grateful to my esteemed

colleagues of the Louth County Council for their kind vote of sympathy in the sorrow that has unhappily fallen on my family, and to you for the courtesy and friendly manner in which you have conveyed their and your regrets.

Sincerely yours,

JAS. M'CARTHY.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.

23 Laurence Street,  
Drogheda, 1st June, 1914.

Dear Mr M'Alester—

I will ask you to convey to the members of the County Council my very sincere thanks for their very kind sympathy on the occasion of the death of my brother Michael.

I am, sincerely yours,

LUKE J. ELCOCK.

Piedmont, Riverstown,  
Dundalk, 5-6-'14.

Dear Mr M'Alester,

Kindly convey to my colleagues at the County Council my deep appreciation of the vote of condolence they so kindly passed at their meeting, in my recent bereavement. I am also deeply grateful to you for the kindly way in which you conveyed same.

Yours Sincerely,

PETER WOODS.

Charles M'Alester, Esq,

Secretary County Council.

Ardee, 20th July, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I wish to thank the members of the Council very sincerely in naming me as one of its representatives on the General Council of County Councils.

I am very grateful to have the opportunity they give me of attending the General Council meetings.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH T. DOLAN.

ARDEE W. H. ASSOCIATION.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Ardee, May 28th, 1914.

Dear Sir,—

I am desired by the Ardee Branch of the Women's National Health Association to ask the County Council's consideration of the enclosed resolution.

Yours truly,

(Miss) G. TAAFFE,

Secretary.

Resolution passed at meeting of Ardee Branch Women's National Health Association, held 24th April, 1914:—

That we earnestly request the County Council of Louth to take steps to provide accommodation for persons in an advanced stage of tuberculosis, as the existing Sanatorium treatment is not available for them.

## TAAFFE'S CASTLE, CARLINGFORD.

The following letter was read and referred to the Finance Committee:—

Ardee, 20th July, 1914.

The Members of Louth County Council.

Dear Sirs,

May I be allowed, on behalf of the Co. Louth Archaeological Society, to respectfully suggest to the County Council the desirability of its acquiring "Taaffe's Castle" in Carlingford, which I understand could be obtained at a very small sum by application to the owner (Lord de Vesci or Mrs Stewart). It was offered to the Council in 1901 or 1902, but it still remains in the owner's hands, and he will probably be as anxious now as then to get it disposed of.

The castle is a very interesting one, in unusually good preservation, and is a fine historical monument, which would be most fittingly in the ownership of the Public Body that represents the County as a whole.

We are confident that the members of the Council will feel that this generation owes it to the past and to the future, and to the national spirit of the country to preserve all public monuments and prevent the danger of their falling into the hands of private persons, who might demolish them or let them fall into decay.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH DOLAN,

One of the Vice-Presidents of the Louth

Archaeological Society.

## INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

National Health Insurance Commission,

Dublin, 20th July, 1914.

No. 72H/1914.

Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence on the subject, I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to inform you that Regulations have now been made by them prescribing the term of office of the persons appointed members of an Insurance Committee under paragraph (b) of sub-section (8) of Section 81 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, by the Council of the County or County Borough in place of the members who went out of office on the 15th instant. Under the Regulations in question it is provided that the persons referred to shall hold office until the 15th July, 1917, and shall go out of office on that day.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servants

PIERCE KENT.

The Secretary of the County Council.

## APPOINTMENT OF CLERKS IN COUNTY OFFICE.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read:—

Local Government Board,

18th July, 1914.

No. 37161/1914.

Louth County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that, in compliance with the request of the Louth

County Council, competitive examinations of candidates nominated for the positions of Senior Clerk and Junior Clerk in the County Secretary's Office were held under the Board's directions at Dundalk on the 30th ultimo and following days, and I am now to forward the accompanying statements showing, in order of merit, the marks obtained in the several subjects by the candidates who attended the respective examinations.

It will be seen from the results tables that under the conditions governing the examinations Mr Gilmore has qualified for the position of Senior Clerk and Mr Cotter for the Junior Clerkship under the Council.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,

## LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Competitive Examination for position of Senior Clerk in the Office of the County Secretary, held on the 30th June and 1st July, 1914.

**Table of Marks in Order of Merit.**

CANDIDATE.	Arithmetic	English Composition.	Precis.	Local Govt. Admn	Book-keeping.	Irish.	Dictation.	Shorthand.	Type Writing.	TOTAL.
Patrick Gilmore, ...	54	60	30	25	85	31	46	33	40	404
Michael Hanlon, ...	62	75	30	27	78	0	45	25	31	373
Joseph Cotter, ...	63	57	40	16	80	8	41	20	42	367
Ferer Quigley, ...	59	35	20	14	95	61	38	18	4	344
Bernard Rice, ...	37	52	30	32	40	33	40	45	25	332
Alfred J. M'Donald.	39	55	20	37	85	5	44	20	24	329
John Reilly, ...	48	55	20	25	98	7	42	12	19	326
Edward Moran, ...	38	60	15	30	87	0	37	12	24	301
Patrick Rooney, ...	73	50	20	30	44	0	41	—	19	277
James P. Farrell, ...	35	40	20	10	62	5	35	25	39	271

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
18th July, 1914.

After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

Proposed by B Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by M. O'Meara, Esq, J P, and

Resolved— That in accordance with the results of the competitive examination held by the Local Government Board at the request of the County Council, as per advertisement issued, we hereby appoint Patrick Gilmore as Senior Clerk in the Secretary's Office at a salary of £80 per annum, increasing by annual increments of £5 to the sum of £120; and we also appoint Joseph Cotter as Junior Clerk at a salary of £50 per annum, increasing by annual increments of £5 to the sum of £80.

#### REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS.

The next item on the Agenda was the question of appointing a Committee to revise the Standing Orders of the Council.

The Secretary stated the inclusion of this item on the Agenda was according to a direction from the Annual Meeting held on the 16th June last.

After discussion, the matter was referred to the next meeting of the County Council.

#### NEW COUNTY OFFICES COMMITTEE.

The item on the Agenda to appoint the Committee in connection with the new County Offices gave rise to a discussion, after which the following Committee were appointed:—

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P;

Seconded by J P Kearney, Esq, and

## LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Competitive Examination for position of Junior Clerk in the Office of the County Secretary, held on the 2nd and 3rd July, 1914.

**Table of Marks in Order of Merit.**

CANDIDATE.	Arithmetic	English Composition	Precis.	Local Govt. Admn.		Book-keeping.	Irish.	Dictation.	Shorthand.	Type-writing.	TOTAL.
Joseph Cotter, ...	68	65	40	23	23	47	30	48	40	44	405
Michael Hanlon,	98	75	20	26	26	40	8	48	24	31	370
John Logan, ...	60	55	20	34	34	30	19	46	20	44	328
Peter J Hughes,	85	45	25	31	31	5	64	45	5	12	317
Patrick J. Casey	93	30	30	25	25	42	22	44	10	18	314

Local Government Board, Dublin.

18th July, 1914.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following to act as committee in connection with the new County Offices: Messrs J F Murphy, J P; Wm A Doran, J P; Wm T Skeffington, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; Denis J Rath, James Wynne, J P; Thomas Murphy, B Hamill, J P; C A Duffy, J P; Wm Woods, J P; and N T Murphy.

#### LOCOMOTIVE BYE-LAWS.

The Secretary read letter from the Local Government Board, No. 22531: 1914, stating they required the County Council to pass a resolution making application for confirmation of the Code of Bye-Laws with respect to Locomotives in County Louth, and requesting copy of the newspaper with preliminary Notice of the Council's intention to apply for such confirmation.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Wm Woods, Esq, J P;

Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby apply to the Local Government Board for confirmation of the Code of Bye-laws with respect to the use of Locomotives in the County of Louth, which Bye-laws were duly adopted by the County Council on the 23rd day of April, 1914.

#### BYE-LAWS WITH RESPECT TO INDECENT EXPRESSIONS.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by E Goodman, Esq;

Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the following Bye-laws and

authorise our Secretary to affix the Seal of the Council thereto:—

#### BYE-LAWS WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF INDECENT EXPRESSIONS AND CONDUCT.

1. No person shall, in any street or public place or on land adjoining or near to such street, make use of any abusive, profane, blasphemous, indecent or obscene language, behaviour or conduct, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person in such street or place.

2. Any person acting contrary to the foregoing Bye-law shall be liable for every such offence to a fine of Forty Shillings; provided, nevertheless, that the Justices or Court before whom any complaint may be made, or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence, may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment of a fine of any sum less than the full amount of the fine imposed by this Bye-law.

#### SHOOTING BY MILITARY IN DUBLIN.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;

Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we condemn in the most emphatic manner the brutal and cowardly action of the military on Sunday last, in Dublin, in murderously firing on a crowd of defenceless children, women and unarmed men, and against the partisan action of the Authorities in differentiating between the Volunteers of Ulster and the Volunteers of Irish Ireland we offer our heartfelt sympathy to the victims of the dastardly outrage, and call upon the Government to at once repeal the Arms Act Proclamation.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Tuesday, the 4th day of August, 1914, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—Thomas B M'Court, Michael Meade, J F Murphy, J P; Thomas Murphy, and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The Secretary submitted the following accounts, which were examined and payments ordered:—

	£	s	d
County Surveyor's Office	...	3	0 4
Sheep Dipping Superintendents' Wages, etc	...	25	0 1
Secretary's Office	...	8	4 0
		£36	4 5

### EXPENDITURE UNDER TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME IN COUNTY LOUTH.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 7th July, 1914, No. 18271; 1914, was read enclosing Paying Order for £135 on account of the estimated expenditure of the Louth County Council on the treatment of Tuberculosis for the half-year ended 31st March last.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

### SITE VALUE OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK

The following letter from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor was read, and, after a discussion, it was decided that Mr O'Connell be instructed to submit case to Counsel for his advice to the Council on the matter.

E.2.

Francis Street, Dundalk,

13th July 1914.

Dear Sir,—

I have your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing circular letter from the General Valuation Office with provisional valuation of the County Courthouse and premises. I consider that the matter is one for the opinion of Counsel in view of the very technical and complicated provisions as to valuations included in the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910, and amending Statutes. The County Surveyor is in agreement with me in this view of the matter, and on receiving instructions from the Council I would be prepared to submit case for Counsel's opinion, after full consultation with the Surveyor and perusal of his figures.

I return papers.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

### TAAFFE'S CASTLE, CARLINGFORD.

The following letters from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, in

connection with above matter were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

2nd July, 1914.

Re Taaffe's Castle, Carlingford.

Dear Sir,—

I have your letter of 1st inst. herein, and beg to state in reply that I wrote the Agent, Mr A V Fitzherbert, Millbrook, Abbeyleix, on the 21st April last to ascertain if the premises in question were for sale, and if he would be prepared to entertain an offer for purchase. His reply, dated the 30th April last, is as follows:—

“In reply to your letter of the 21st, I am open to an offer for purchase of Taaffe's Castle, but it must be subject to purchaser paying cost of proving title, etc; also bear in mind that the lower portion (vaults) are not in occupation of the estate.”

I am now writing Mr Fitzherbert to ascertain on what terms the Landlord will sell his interest.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

Francis Street, Dundalk,

15th July, 1914.

Re Taaffe's Castle, Carlingford.

Dear Sir,

Adverting to my letter to you of the 2nd instant, I have

now received a reply from Mr A V Fitzherbert, the agent for this property, stating that he would refer me to his letter of 30th April last. I embodied a copy of this letter in my letter of 2nd inst, as referred to.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

#### RATE COLLECTORS' LODGMENTS.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board, dated the 14th July, 1914, No. 36019:1914, stating that in the return furnished by the County Council up to the 30th June only three Collectors had then made any lodgment in respect of this half-year's collection, and requesting a return up to the 18th July.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had sent the necessary return, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### GOVERNMENT GRANTS IN AID OF LOCAL TAXATION.

Circular letters from the Local Government Board were read, enclosing Paying Orders for Grants in aid of Local Taxation for the year ending 30th September next and initialled by the Chairman.

The Grants are as follows:—

In Aid of Salaries of Sanitary Officers in Rural Districts.

	£	s	d
Ardee No. 1	...	32	17 6
Drogheda (Louth)	...	19	19 2
Dundalk	...	35	17 6

## Medical and Educational Expenditure—Boards of Guardians.

	£	s	d
Ardee	...	152	17 1
Drogheda	...	129	3 5
Dundalk	...	247	8 10

## COUNTY LOUTH UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS

The following report from the Registrar, University College, Dublin, was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

University College, Dublin,

Registrar's Office,

86 St. Stephen's Green,

Dublin, July 15th, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I beg to send herewith a Report on the Louth County Council Scholarship holders for the Session 1913-14:—

Margaret Callan—Passed Second Year College Examination with Honours.

Ursula MacParland—Presenting herself for B.A. Honours Degree Examination in September.

Laurence Brannigan—Ditto.

Henry Rogan—Obtained the B. Sc. Degree in June; presenting himself for B.E. Degree in the Autumn.

Joseph MacParland—Passed 1st University Examination in Arts with Honours.

Patrick Hanratty—Ditto.

All the above Students are very satisfactory in all respects, and the renewal of their Scholarships is recommended

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR W. CONWAY,

Registrar.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE,  
COUNTY WEXFORD.

Letter was read from the Reverend Mother of above Convent asking the County Council if they are granting any Scholarships in Domestic Economy to make some of them tenable at their Convent. Prospectus and copy of Summary of Inspector's report were also submitted.

The Committee referred the matter to the consideration of the Scholarship Committee.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 9th July, 1914, No. G2746:14 stating their Inspector had purchased on the 20th June, 1914, a sample of butter on the premises occupied by Edward Gargan, in Collon, which on analysis was found to contain 22.2 per cent of water—16 per cent being the maximum proportion of water allowable in a sample of genuine butter. They stated that it was desirable that proceedings should, on behalf of the Local Authority, be instituted.

The Committee recommended that the Solicitor to the County Council institute a prosecution in the case.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF DROGHEDA RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL AND DROGHEDA BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Letters were read from the Local Government Board enclosing the Accounts of above two bodies for the period ended the 31st March, 1914, and they were initialled by the Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY INFIRMARY.

A list of the indoor patients of the Louth County Infirmary during the three months ended the last day of June, 1914, was laid before the Committee. The number of patients in the Infirmary for the period was 77, and the list was initialled by the Chairman.

SHEEP DIPPING AT ARDEE TANK.

A Letter was read from Mr R E Maunsell, Dublin, agent for the Urquhart Estate, stating that a Mrs Smith, of Irish Street, Ardee, a tenant on the estate, complains of damage done by sheep which are herded in the adjoining enclosure for the purpose of dipping by the County Council, and asking to have the pen removed a considerable distance from the house.

No action was taken by the Committee, and the letter was initialled.

FLUSHING OF DROGHEDA COURTHOUSE SEWERS.

The following letter on above matter was read, and the Committee recommended that no change be made in the present system, as payment by meter arrangement was considered more satisfactory than by a fixed rate per annum:—

Town Clerk's Office,

Drogheda, 27th July, 1914.

The Secretary,

County Council of Louth, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

The County Council pay to the Corporation a fixed charge of 2s 6d per quarter for flushing Drogheda Courthouse Sewers, and by Meter for the water supply in such Courthouse. The Meter consumption is small, the average for the past two years being 7,600 gallons, the average sum paid per quarter being 11s 6d. Through an oversight, the usual Meter Rent of 2s 6d per quarter has not been charged.

May I suggest that there should be one fixed charge of, say, £3 per annum, payable half-yearly? This would obviate the necessity for meter readings and quarterly payments, and would be more in accord with our system here, as we do not put on Meters except where the consumption is large.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. CONNOLLY.

ACCOUNT FROM TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE.

The following letter from the above Committee was read,

and the Finance Committee recommend payment of the account:—

Louth County Council Tuberculosis Committee of Management,

Dundalk, 29th July, 1914,

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Tuberculosis Committee of Management to inform you they have had before them, at their Meeting held to-day, your communication dated the 25th inst, with accounts from the W.N.H.A. for educative literature supplied to order; and with reference thereto I am to request you to refer the Council to the Committee's Report of their meeting furnished to the Council on the 8th May, at which the recommendation was made to provide these goods at the request of the Tuberculosis Medical Officer. The Committee also desire to refer to the meeting of the Council held on the 28th May, at which their recommendation was adopted and ratified.

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN.

Clerk.

Charles M'Alester, Esq,  
Secretary, County Council.

P.S.—Accounts herewith returned.

#### DROGHEDA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The following application from above School was read, and the Committee recommended the transfer asked for:—

We propose sending John Coyle to the Industrial School at Limerick, as he is now of an age for a senior school. We trust your Council will agree to this transfer.

Industrial School, Drogheda,

18th July 1914.

#### DEFAULTING CONTRACTORS.

The following application by the County Surveyor was read, and the authority to serve the Ten-days' Notices was unanimously granted:—

County Surveyor's Office,

Dundalk, August 4 1914.

Report to Finance Committee.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to report the following roads in Dundalk Rural District as neglected. I therefore ask for authority to serve ten days' notice on contractors in respect of neglect on same, and to take over the roads if notice is not complied with:—

#### Index No.

- 9—428 perches, Dundalk to Castlebellingham. Patrick O'Brien contractor.
- 24—259 perches, Castlebellingham to Tallanstown. Michael Lee contractor.
- 68—661 perches, Dundalk to Inniskeen, by Killaconnor. Patk Casey contractor.
- 77—135 perches, Dundalk to Forkhill. John Clarke, contractor.
- 84—801 perches, Dundalk to Newtownhamilton. John Hollywood contractor.
- 128—550 perches, Drumsinnot to Shanmullagh. Thos M'Kevitt contractor.
- 48—697 perches, Louth to Essexford. Patk Markey contractor.

150—254 perches, Carrickmacross road to Corcreagh road at Stonetown School. Patk Markey contractor.

36—432 perches, Louth to Tallanstown. Patrick Kane contractor.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH,

County Surveyor.

#### ROAD BOARD GRANT.

The following Report from the County Surveyor was read, and, after discussion, the Committee recommended that he get permission to communicate with the Road Board in connection with the proposed Grant for County Louth:—

REPORT FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE, 4th AUGUST, 1914.

#### DUBLIN—BELFAST ROAD.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

With a view to arriving at some definite decision in regard to the improvement of the above road, I beg you would be good enough to consider the following report:—

The total length of road in the Rural Districts is as follows:—

	perches	statute
Dundalk Rural District	...	4339
Ardee No. 1 Rural District	...	2238
Drogheda Rural District	...	2145
Total		8722 perches
i.e., about 27½ miles statute.		

The length in Dundalk Rural District naturally divides into two sections, viz:

I. "The Newry Road"—from Carrickarnon to the Dundalk Urban Boundary at Mrs. Daly's—length 2404 perches.

II. "The Dublin Road"—from the Urban Boundary at Priorland to Rural District Boundary at Spa (near Castlebellingham)—length 1935 perches.

Section I. The northern section is favourably situated with regard to quarries—Mrs. O'Neill's, Carrickarnon; Ballymakellett quarry, and M'Allister's quarry, Faughart, though for certain reasons this latter may not be available. My estimate for this section, including the strengthening of the portion from the urban boundary to Ballymascanlon turn and surface tarring of Dowlallshill road, is £3,631.

Section II. There is no quarry convenient to this section. I propose supplying Carlingford stone on this for surfacing, railed to Dundalk and hauled to the roadside. For strengthening the weak portion of the road from Lurgangreen to the turn at the old coast road, I propose using local stone from Clermont Park and neighbouring quarries.

The amount of material necessary for strengthening would be 1,605 cubic yards of rough stone, 4-inch gauge. The amount for surfacing would be 7,800 tons of Carlingford stone. I propose Carlingford stone for this stretch in order (1) to avoid hauling this large quantity from Faughart or Ballymakellett. (2) It will take over 9,000 cubic yards of stone for the northern section ("Newry Road"), which the Council can well understand will take some time to prepare and lay on roadside; further, I may say, wherever possible, I prefer to employ horse haulage as against traction engine.

My estimate for this section is £4,283. Total for Dundalk Rural District, £7,914 (which includes an allowance of 10 per cent for contingencies).

Ardee Rural District—The length of road in Ardee Rural District I propose supplying with materials from local quarries—Dunleer and Mansfieldstown. My estimate for this length, including tar painting of Castlebellingham and Dunleer streets and a sum of 10 per cent for contingencies, is £2,453.

Drogheda Rural District—The stretch in this Rural District I propose supplying with materials from Roxborough and Tullyscar. My estimate for this length, including a sum of 10 per cent for contingencies, is £2,184.

The total estimates for the Rural Districts would be:—

Dundalk	...	£7,914
Ardee	...	£2,453
Drogheda	...	£2,184
Total		£12,551

The estimate for the Urban Districts is:

Dundalk	...	£1,969
Drogheda	...	£2,350
Total		£4,319

The grand total would be therefore:

Urban Districts	...	£4,319
Rural Districts	...	£12,551
Grand total		£16,870

The original estimate laid before the Road Board was £22,409, which was revised by the Board and cut down to £18,685.

The estimate (£16,870) provides for rolling 18 feet wide of road in Rural Districts and full width of streets in Urban Districts.

I beg to ask the Committee for authority to lay before the Road Board my estimate and proposals and to approach them with a view to arriving at a decision in the matter.

I would further add that the lengths into which the road is divided for contract purposes are in the hands of contractors—on some, indeed, contracts expire only in April, 1917. To set these free for the commencement of work next April it would be necessary to enter into some arrangement with the contractors whereby contracts may be cancelled, subject, of course, to the approval of the Local Government Board. The contractors would, I am sure, in consideration of a contract to supply or quarry stones of equal value with their original contract or as the

case may be, be agreeable to the cancellation of the contracts. I consider I should approach them in this respect.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

#### OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS.

Letters were read from Messrs Gilmore and Cotter, the Clerks appointed by the County Council in the Secretary's Office, in reply to the official notice of their appointment, stating when they could take up their duties—Mr Gilmore on the 17th August and Mr Cotter immediately.

The Committee instructed the Secretary to permit Mr. Cotter to take up his duties at once, and Mr Gilmore by the 17th August.

#### INSPECTION OF OMEATH PARK.

The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr. James Wynne, J.P., who was unable to be present, had requested him to bring under their notice that some members of the County Council had expressed a desire to make the occasion of the inspection of Omeath Park the opportunity of reviving the Annual Reunion of the County Council by arranging for a general excursion in on that day.

The Committee decided to form a Committee of the members present, with the addition of Messrs Wynne and Duffy, to arrange to hold the Annual Excursion on the occasion, and directed the Secretary to notify the fact to each member of the Council and request a reply.

#### MOTOR LICENCE DUTY.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board dated the 1st August, enclosing paying order value £28 15s 9d in respect of the Motor Licence Duty under the Finance Act.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Tuesday, the 4th day of August, 1914.

Present:—

In the Chair—Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—T B M'Court, M Meade, J F Murphy, J P; Thomas Murphy, and Thos O'Rourke.

The minutes of the previous Executive Meeting, a copy of which had been sent to each Member, were taken as read and confirmed.

MONTHLY REPORT OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS FOR  
JULY, 1914.

The following reports were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Mr Clinton's Report.

Sir,—

During the month an outbreak of Sheep Scab occurred in a number of sheep at Dundalk Port. The animals were consigned from Sligo to England and scab was detected in them at Dundalk Port. All the sheep (33) were slaughtered and disinfection carried out. On the 29th instant I received a wire from the police at Castlebellingham stating that three cattle were found dead on that day on a farm at Seabank, and an outbreak of anthrax was feared. Though the place is not in my district I went immediately to the farm and made an inspection of the carcasses, when I found that death in each case was due to black quarter and not to anthrax.

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. CLINTON, M R C V S.

Mr Donnelly's Report.

Gentlemen,—

During the month of July I had to deal with three outbreaks of sheep scab, and also one suspected case. The latter, which was reported at the Local Port, proved not to be a case of the disease.

All sheep in the three cases of sheep scab have been treated, and I have been able to withdraw the restrictions. Under the Tuberculosis Order I have had two cases not notified and dealt with them according to the Order. I furnished your Secretary with copies of all the Official Forms served on the different owners of reported animals.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

Mr Maxwell's Report.

Sir,

I beg to report that I visited and examined the usual fairs, markets, etc., held in the Ardee No. 1 District, for the month of July.

I visited on the 3rd and 9th the farm on which sheep are detained at Rathnestin for sheep scab. These sheep were efficiently dipped for the second time.

I am unable as yet to issue a withdrawal notice, as disinfection has not been carried out.

On the 15th July it was reported by the police that swine fever was supposed to have broken out on the premises of Wm Taaffe, Ardee, in my opinion, which was also the opinion of an Inspector of the Department of Agriculture, the disease was not swine fever.

During the last week of this month I examined a bullock the

property of Captain Taaffe, Smarmore Castle, Ardee, suspected of tuberculosis with emaciation. On making the usual examination and tests, the animal, in my opinion, was not suffering from this disease, and also exhibited no sign of emaciation.

I am, Sir,

Faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL, M R C V S, Ardee.

#### TUBERCULOSIS (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1913.

The Secretary informed the Committee that two cases under this Order were reported to the County Council as the Local Authority—two cases from Drogheda and one from Ardee, but on investigation it was found that the animals reported were not cases under the Order.

#### SHEEP SCAB AT RATHNESTIN FARM.

A return was submitted by Mr Maxwell, V S, showing that the farm of Mr R A B Henry, at Rathnestin, where an outbreak of Sheep Scab has occurred, has not yet been disinfected and that the restrictions could not be removed until disinfection was carried out.

#### AUTUMN SHEEP DIPPING (IRELAND) TEMPORARY ORDER OF 1914.

The following circular letter from the Department of Agriculture was read:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,

(Veterinary Branch),

50 and 51, Upper Mount Street, Dublin,

28th July, 1914.

No. 294814.

Sir,

With further reference to the special efforts for eradicating

Sheep Scab in Ireland, I have to transmit, for the information of your Local Authority, the accompanying supply of copies of an Order made by the Department on 27th instant and entitled the "Autumn Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Temporary Order of 1914." This Order, as will be observed, is designed to secure that during the autumn period of the present year, i.e., between the 1st proximo and 15th November next, sheep throughout Ireland shall be dipped twice (instead of once as in other years), with an interval of not less than seven days and not more than fourteen days between the dippings.

It is very advisable that steps should at once be taken on behalf of your Local Authority to draw the attention of their Inspectors to this new Order, and to have a notice as to the scope of the Order inserted in a newspaper circulating in their district. Some copies of a form of notice suitable for this purpose will be found enclosed.

The police are also being apprised regarding the Order, and supplies of Forms for use thereunder will be sent to the Police Stations for the convenience of sheep owners.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Clerk

of each Local Authority.

The provisions of the Order were examined and it was set out therein that all sheep in the Dipping Area during any part of the Autumn Dipping period shall be caused, by the owner or person in charge thereof, to be dipped within the Dipping Area on two occasions, separated by an interval of not less than seven days or more than fourteen days, during that period.

It was decided to issue posters, to be posted throughout the County, giving the terms of the Order, and also to insert an advertisement in the "Dundalk Democrat" and "Drogheda

Argus" to the like effect, so that all sheep owners should be made aware of the necessity for compliance with its provisions.

It was also unanimously decided that the Dipping Superintendents of the Council's tanks should carry out the regulations regarding the Dipping as set out in the Order.

#### CESSATION OF PROHIBITION AGAINST REMOVAL OF ANIMALS.

The following Memorandum from the Department was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical  
Instruction for Ireland.

Memorandum.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland desire to intimate that their Order (No. 412) prohibiting the movement of ruminants and swine out of the area comprised within the following boundary will cease to operate on and after midnight on 30th instant, viz:—the boundary commencing at the Maiden Tower on the sea coast near Drogheda and proceeding thence by Navan, Trim, Killucan, Kilboggan, and Clara to the Shannon at Banagher; thence by the railway line to Kilronan Junction outside Limerick; thence by the railway to Carrick-on-Suir, and thence by road to a point on the railway south-west of Kilmacthomas; thence by railway and road to the sea coast west of Ballyvoyle Head, Co. Waterford; thence eastwards and northwards by the coast line to the point of commencement at the Maiden Tower.

29th July, 1914.

#### POLICE REPORT FOR VIOLATION OF SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.

A report was read from the Police Authorities notifying that a large number of persons had exposed sheep for sale at Ardee Fair without being accompanied by the necessary declaration

as to the sheep having been dipped in the Summer Dipping Period. A list of the owners was submitted, and it was decided that the Solicitor be instructed to institute proceedings against the parties named by the Police.

#### WAGES OF DIPPING SUPERINTENDENTS.

The following letters were read, and, after a discussion, it was unanimously recommended that those Dipping Superintendents of the Council's tanks who were paid by weekly wage should get their wages increased from sixteen shillings to eighteen shillings per week for the autumn dipping period, as the work would be much increased owing to the two compulsory dippings under the Order.

Knockbridge,

3rd August, 1914.

Secretary,

Louth County Council.

Dear Sir,

I beg to apply for increase in my wages owing to the extra Sheeping Dipping in Autumn Period.

I am Superintendent at the Knockbridge Sheep Dipping Tank for the past eight years; and, hoping to give every satisfaction in the future, as I did in the past, I now leave it to the kind consideration of your Council to place me on equal terms with the neighbouring counties, as I am informed their Superintendents have one pound per week.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS M'ARDLE,

Sheep Dipping Superintendent.

Mullenstown,

Ardee,

3rd August, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I beg to apply for an increase in wages owing to the increase in number of sheep dipped in the summer period, as my books will show you. I also note that there are two compulsory dippings in the coming autumn.

Leaving all to your kind consideration and trusting to give you every satisfaction, as I have given you heretofore.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. LEONARD.

P.S.—I understand that the County Monaghan men are paid £1 per week.

#### ACCOUNTS FOR CARLINGFORD TANK.

An account was submitted by Hugh M'Kevitt, the Dipping Superintendent of the Carlingford Tank, for wages for the helper employed at the tank for the summer period. The wages were computed at 4s per day, and the Committee referred back the account to the Local Committee for Carlingford Tank, to be arranged on the basis of 16s per week for the period employed.

17th Aug. 1914

**Finance Committee.**

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Dundalk, on Monday, the 17th August, 1914, at 1 o'clock p.m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Wm Woods, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—M Meade, Peter Woods, J P; T O'Rourke B Hamill, J P; J P Kearney, and Jas Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The Secretary submitted the following accounts, which, on examination, were ordered for payment:—

	£	s	d
Works in hands of the County Surveyor	17	18	4
Sheep Dipping Accounts	6	3	9
Secretary's Office	5	19	6
Total	£30	1	7

The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr Patk Gilmore had entered on his duties in connection with the County Council on this date.

MR. J. B. CONNOLLY'S ACCOUNT FOR 1911  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

The following letter from the Local Government Board, dated 15th July, 1914, No. 36,874/1914, on subject matter of the above account, was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
15th July, 1914.

No. 6,874/1914.  
Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 8th instant relative to an account furnished to the Louth County Council by Mr J B Connolly, Town Clerk, Drogheda, for the sum of £39 19s 1d, being expenses incurred, and fees, as Deputy Returning Officer for the Urban District of Drogheda in connection with the County Louth Local Government Elections of 1911, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that this claim would appear to be inadmissible, inasmuch as the items should have been included in the Returning Officer's Account for the elections in question, and should have been furnished by that Officer to the Louth County Council within twenty-one days after the return was made of persons elected in accordance with Article 6 (4) and (5) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898.

I am to add that in any case the limitation imposed

by Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as amended by Section 4 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, would apply and that the power of the Board to extend the time for payment can no longer be exercised.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

CLERKS IN COUNTY OFFICE.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board,  
7th August, 1914.

No. 41764/1914:  
Louth County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant in reference to the appointment of Senior and Junior Clerks in the Office of the Louth County Council consequent upon the examinations recently held of candidates for these positions, and I am to state that the Board will raise no objection to the appointment of Mr Patrick Gilmore as Senior Clerk and Mr

Joseph Cotter as Junior Clerk, on the terms specified in your letter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. A. MAHON,

for Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

#### PATIENTS IN COUNTY INFIRMARY.

The following letter was read:—

Louth County Infirmary,

Dundalk, August 7th, 1914.

Charles M'Alester, Esq,

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the Joint Committee of Management it was mentioned that a report was current that there is a falling off in the number of patients treated in the Infirmary. Consequently I was instructed to send you a list of the number of patients treated annually since the passing of the Local Government Act.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. TURNER,

Secretary.

1898	267	1906	291
1899	253	1907	256
1900	246	1908	275
1901	281	1909	273
1902	239	1910	268
1903	259	1911	304
1904	280	1912	307 and 122 externs
1905	299	1913	295 and 134 externs

A discussion took place regarding the treatment of patients in the Infirmary who did not contribute to their support, and also to certain restrictions imposed on patients; and the Committee requested Mr Bernard Hamill, one of the Joint Committee of Management, to bring the matter up at the next meeting of the Infirmary Committee.

Mr Turner's letter was then initialled by the Chairman.

#### COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman;—

Prevention of Cruelty to Children,

North Louth and Monaghan Branch,

32 Castle Road, Dundalk,

11th August, 1914.

Sir.

I beg to inform you that application will be made at Ardee Petty Sessions on Wednesday, the 19th instant, for the committal to an Industrial School of a boy named Thomas M'Quillan, of Hay street, Ardee.

Yours faithfully,

C. W. WHELEHAN,

Inspector.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council,

Dundalk.

## ELECTRIC LIGHTING IN ARDEE.

The following letter was read; and the County Surveyor informed the Committee that he had written Mr M'Keever that he was acting in contravention of the arrangement to sign an agreement indemnifying the Council against any damage by reason of the erection of the lighting standards.

The letter was referred to the Solicitor.

41 Laurence Street, Drogheda,  
7th August, 1914.

Dear Sir,

We are informed by Mr Peter Gannon, of Bridge street, Ardee, that on the 3rd instant a wooden pole was erected on the kerb of the footpath adjoining his premises in Bridge street in connection with Mr John W M'Keever's Scheme for the electric lighting of the town of Ardee. The pole erected, it appears, is to support the span of wire between the poles on the Bridge and the Chapel corner.

Our client states that he informed the foreman of the workmen, when erecting the pole, that he objected to same being erected on the ground; that where the pole was being placed is the narrowest part of the street, and that the traffic would be interfered with, and thus cause him (Mr Gannon) serious loss in his trade and business, and considerably depreciate the selling value of his premises, but notwithstanding his objection the pole was erected.

We are by this post writing to Mr John W M'Keever

requiring the removal of said pole forthwith, or in default that our client will initiate proceedings to compel its removal and for an injunction and damages. In such proceedings your Council will be joined as defendants for having given authority to Mr M'Keever to erect said pole in the position mentioned above.

We shall be glad if you will let us hear from you about the matter by return.

Yours faithfully,  
SMYTH and SON.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

## REPORT OF SIR CHARLES CAMERON.

The following report was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

City Laboratory,  
Chatham Row, Dublin,  
6th August, 1914.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C B. M D, Public Analyst for the County Louth, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th June, 1914.

47 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—

Article	Number
Butter	23
Milk	10
Buttermilk	2
Whiskey	2

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Connor, Dundalk, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 25 per cent of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

There were twenty-two specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Louth. One contained an excess of water, namely, 22.2 per cent.

For the Guardians of Dundalk Union two specimens of milk were analysed. One was of very poor and doubtful quality and the other specimen was under the average quality of pure milk.

For the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum two specimens of butter were analysed and were pure.

Total analyses—73.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

#### SHEEP DIPPING PROSECUTIONS.

A report was read from the Sergeant in charge of the R.I.C. sub-district of Collon, giving list of sheep owners who failed to give notice to the police of their intention to dip during the Summer Dipping Period in the District.

The Committee recommended that prosecutions be instituted against the offending parties by the Council's Solicitor.

#### MOTOR CAR LICENCE DUTIES.

Circular letter from Local Government Board dated 6th August, 1914, No.30,676/1914, was read, enclosing return of Motor Licence Duties levied during year ended 31st March, 1914, by each County and County Borough. The return showed a sum of £575 15s 6d for the County of Louth which was proportionately much greater than counties of similar size.

The return was initialled by the Chairman.

#### APPLICATIONS BY COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The following applications by County Surveyor were read, and the authority was given in each case as requested.

#### NEGLECTED ROADS.

County Surveyor's Office,

Courthouse, Dundalk,

15th August, 1914.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of Finance Committee Meeting, 17th August, 1914.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report the following roads as neglected. Ask for authority to take over same on ten days' notice, if necessary.

Index No. 122, Dundalk Rural District—993 perches.

Carlingford to Whitestown—Matt Carroll, Contractor.

Index No. 94, Dundalk Rural District—574 perches.

Dundalk to Newry—P V Carroll, Contractor.

Index No. 72, Dundalk Rural District—1428 perches.

Dundalk to Crossmaglen—James Molloy, Tavanamore, Contractor.

Also Index No. 41, Drogheda Rural District—463 perches.

Drogheda to Kells by Sheepgrange—Nicholas Daly, Contractor.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

#### CARLINGFORD PIER—LAMP SHED.

County Surveyor's Office,  
Courthouse, Dundalk,  
15th August, 1914.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of Finance Committee at Meeting, 17th August, 1914.

Gentlemen,

It would be advisable and necessary to erect at once a lamp and oil shed on Carlingford Pier to replace that burned down. Owing to the requirements of lighting Pier this work cannot be held over till large Goods Store is being erected.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

AT THEIR

SECOND (Adjourned) QUARTERLY MEETING

Held on 20th August, 1914;

SPECIAL MEETING

Held on 24th September, 1914.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

AT THEIR MEETINGS

On the 31st August; 14th September; 28th September; 12th October; and 26th October, 1914.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At their Meeting held on 21st September, 1914.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

At their Meeting held on 16th September, 1914.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE

At their Meeting held on 12th October, 1914.

REPORTS from

NEW COUNTY OFFICES COMMITTEE,  
STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE, and  
TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF  
MANAGEMENT.

## Louth County Council.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Louth County Council at their  
Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber  
Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, August 20th 1914, at one  
o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Wm A Doran, Esq, J P.

Also present:—T J Byrne, J P; Patrick Callan, B Finnegan,  
Sir A Vere Foster, Bart; James Halpenny, J P; B Hamill,  
J P; J P Kearney, J H M'Ardle, J P; Thomas B M'Court,  
Patrick M'Gee, J P; Laurence M'Keown, Michael Meade, J P  
Murphy, J P; Thomas Murphy, Peter B Moore, John Morgan,  
M O'Meara, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, Wm T Skeffington, J P;  
Wm Woods, J P; and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Messrs T Walsh, County Surveyor; J M C Lyons, Assistant  
County Surveyor; Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor, and Dr M'Quil-  
lan, T M O, were also in attendance.

### DEATH OF THE POPE.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Thomas Murphy, Esq, and

Seconded by Peter B Moore, Esq,

That we, the members of the Louth County Council join in

the universal sorrow now prevailing, and not confined to any clime or country, in proclaiming the loss sustained by the world through the lamented death of his Holiness Pius X., whose aim was to renew all things in Christ, and whose work for mankind earned for him the title of "People's Pope," while extending our respectful sympathy to His Eminence Cardinal Logue in the sad circumstances surrounding the bereavement of the Catholic Church.

In putting the resolution to the meeting the Chairman said that though differing from the majority of the Council in creed, he wished to associate himself most heartily with the expression of sorrow that Mr Murphy had voiced on behalf of the Council.

Sir Vere Foster also associated himself with the resolution,

The resolution was passed in silence.

#### CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq;

Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their second quarterly meeting, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of July, 1914, and at their adjourned meeting held on the 30th day of July, 1914, a printed copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas B M'Court, Esq;

Seconded by Peter B Moore, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, held on the undermentioned dates, a printed copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed:—

4th day of August, 1914.

17th day of August, 1914.

#### CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by P B Moore Esq;

Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on the 4th day of August, 1914, a printed copy having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P; and

Resolved—That the report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on Page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals for the 20th August, 1914, furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

## ARDEE WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick Callan, Esq;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Ardee No 1 Rural District Council, at their quarterly meeting held on the 7th day of July, 1914, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved by this Council.

## DUNDALK WORKS.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Wm Woods, Esq, J P;

Seonded by J P Kearney, Esq, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their quarterly meeting held on Monday, the 6th day of July, 1914, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

Mr T J Byrne criticised the work for the repair of the old road from Bush to Carlingford, passed by the Dundalk Rural District Council, and dissented from the foregoing resolution, but did not propose any amendment.

## COUNTY AT LARGE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by J P Kearney, Esq, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Proposal Committee, at their quarterly meeting held on the 6th day of July, 1914, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved by this Council.

## WORKS PLACED IN CHARGE OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No tenders were received for any of the works not set by contract at adjourned meetings of the Rural District Councils of Ardee and Dundalk, and

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Wm Woods, Esq, J P;

Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That all works not taken by contract be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor.

## AUTHORITY TO SEAL CONTRACTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council on all contracts now approved of by this Council.

## LOUTH COUNTY INFIRMARY MEETINGS.

Arising out of the Minutes of the Finance Committee, which included a report submitted by the Joint Committee of Management, the question of the hour at which the meetings of the

Committee were held was discussed, which hour, viz, 11 o'clock, a m, it was stated, was an unsuitable one for the County Council representatives who lived in the south end of the county.

The following resolution on the subject was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Peter B Moore, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Secretary be instructed to inform the Secretary of the Joint Committee of the Louth County Infirmary that it is the opinion of the members of the Louth County Council that the convenience of the members of the Infirmary Committee from South Louth should be taken into consideration, and that a suitable day and hour for all members should be fixed.

#### TAAFFE'S CASTLE, CARLINGFORD.

Arising out of the Finance Committee Minutes, the letters received from the agent of the property were discussed. It was considered that a local Committee appointed by the County Council would deal more satisfactorily with the matter of acquiring the Castle for the Council, and after discussion,

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by M O'Meara, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That a Committee consisting of Rev Father Quin, P P; Messrs Wm Woods, J H M'Ardle, and J P Kearney, be appointed to interview the owners of Taaffe's Castle, Carlingford, with a view to acquiring possession of said Castle for the Louth County Council.

#### CO-OPTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

The next business on the agenda was the co-option of a Councillor in the room of Mr Peter Hughes, deceased, and

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr Michael M'Ardle, of Ash Big, Knockbridge, as County Councillor for the Electoral Division of Barronstown, vice Mr Peter Hughes, deceased.

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Election of Chairman of the County Council, vice Mr Peter Hughes, deceased, was next considered, and

The following resolution was

Proposed by Wm Woods, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by M O'Meara, Esq, J P,

Supported by Sir A V Foster, Mr Patrick M'Gee, and Mr W T Skeffington, and unanimously passed:—

Resolved—That we hereby elect Mr Wm A Doran to act as Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing term, vice Mr Peter Hughes, deceased.

#### AGREEMENT BETWEEN INSURANCE COMMITTEE AND COUNTY COUNCIL.

Letter was read from the Secretary of the Insurance Committee giving the names of the deputation from the Insurance Committee to consult with the County Council as to the agreement between them. The Secretary of the County Council sub-

mitted the proposed Agreement, but after discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, and

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby refer the consideration of the agreement between the Insurance Committee and the County Council to the County Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management, with Mr Thomas Murphy as added member, for their report to the County Council.

#### PROPOSED PURCHASE OF OMEATH PARK.

The following report submitted by the Committee of the Council appointed to visit and report on the proposed purchase of Omeath Park, and the price to be offered therefor, was read:—

#### RE PROPOSED OFFER OF PURCHASE OF OMEATH PARK.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

As desired by the Council the following members attended at Omeath Park on yesterday, and made inspection of the Mansion House and grounds and the growing timber on the lands:—

Messrs Nicholas T Murphy, Peter B Moore, Bernard Finnegan, James Wynne, W T Skeffington, Bernard Hamill, John Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Thos Murphy, Michael Meade, Michael O'Meara, William Woods, Denis J Rath, and Joseph P Kearney, with Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, and Charles M'Alister, Secretary.

A meeting was subsequently held at Carlingford, with Mr Patrick Donegan in the chair. The Secretary having read the Department's letter and Report of the Forestry Inspector, the matter was discussed at some length. It was proposed by Mr. N T Murphy, and seconded by Mr P B Moore:—"That we recommend that a sum of £1,000 be offered for the purchase of Omeath Park through the Land Judge's Court, provided the purchase can be effected under the Land Purchase Acts."

It was proposed as an amendment by Mr Denis J Rath, and seconded by Mr Michael Meade—"That we recommend that a sum of £1,000 be offered for the purchase of Omeath Park, and that the Council's Solicitor have power in his discretion to increase the offer to £1,350."

The amendment was put to the meeting with the following result:—

For—Messrs Rath, Meade, Finnegan, Hamill, Wynne, and Kearney—6.

Against—Messrs Moore, Dolan, T Murphy, Skeffington, N T Murphy, and Donegan—6.

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment, which was lost. The resolution was carried accordingly.

DANIEL O'CONNELL,

Secretary.

19th August, 1914.

After discussion, the following resolution was

Proposed by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by M O'Meara, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby confirm the report of the Com-

mittee of the Council appointed to inspect Omeath Park, and approve of the proposal to offer a sum of £1,000 through the Land Judges' Court for the purchase of Omeath Park under the Land Purchase Acts, and in connection with the County Louth Forestry Scheme, and we hereby instruct our Solicitor to make this offer.

To this the following amendment was

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and  
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq :

That we recommend that a sum of £1,000 be offered for Omeath Park, and that our Solicitor be empowered to increase the offer to £1,350 at his discretion.

The Chairman took a vote of the Council on the amendment, and the voting was as follows:—

Against the Amendment—Messrs T J Byrne, Patrick Callan, Wm A Doran, James Halpenny, Thomas B M'Court, Patrick M'Gee, Laurence M'Keown, Thomas Murphy, Peter B Moore, John Morgan, Thomas O'Rourke, Wm T Skeffington, and Sir A V. Foster—13.

For the Amendment—Messrs Bernard Finnegan, Bernard Hamill, Joseph P Kearney, Michael Meade, John F Murphy, Wm Woods, and James Wynne—7.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and

The original resolution was declared carried by the Chairman.

#### REPORT OF THE TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The following report, which appeared on the printed minutes,

was not considered by the Council, and no action was taken:—

Special meeting of the Drogheda Sub-Committee of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, held in the Court-house, Drogheda, on Monday, the 27th day of July, 1914.

Members present—John Dolan, Esq, J P, M C C.

Also present—Dr J A M'Quillan, T M O, and the Clerk.

A quorum not being available, no business was transacted.

Usual fortnightly meeting of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, held in Dundalk, on Wednesday, the 12th day of July, 1914.

Members present—C A Duffy, Esq, J P, M C C.

Also present—Dr J A M'Quillan, T M O.

A quorum not being available, no business was transacted.

V. WARREN, Clerk.

13th August, 1914.

#### FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The report of the County Surveyor, which had been referred from the last meeting of the County Council, was under discussion. The Council considered that no definite action should be taken to undertake the management of these Drainage Districts until the legal aspect and the liability of the Council should be definitely known. It was decided to refer the matter to the Solicitor, and

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby instruct our Solicitor to communicate with the Board of Works regarding the proposal to take over the business of the Wottonstown Drainage District, and the Fane Drainage District, and to request information regarding the re-assessment of the Districts, and the other matters affecting the drainage systems which require adjustment.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO REVISE STANDING ORDERS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T J Byrne, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Thomas Murphy, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Committee to revise the Standing Orders of the Louth County Council, and submit revised orders to a future meeting of the Council:—

Messrs W A Doran, T Murphy, T J Byrne, W T Skeffington, M O'Meara, E Goodman, and B Hamill.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### WAR DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

The following letter, together with letters on same subject,

dated August 12th and 14th, were read, and were referred to the Finance Committee:—

((Copy).

No. 42142/1914.

Miscellaneous.

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 10th August, 1914.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that the Government have constituted a Committee, of which the President of the English Local Government Board is acting as Chairman, to advise on the measures necessary to deal with any distress that may arise in consequence of the war.

It is proposed that there should be a local Committee in each Borough, or large Urban District, and in each County exclusive of those areas.

The Board do not apprehend that in the Rural Districts of Ireland there will be any immediate danger of distress arising from a shortage of the food supply, as the harvest promises well; but the working population in the Urban Districts will be in the same position as those in the cities and towns of England in the event of the war continuing for a long period. The interests of town and country are, however, to a great extent bound up together, and on these grounds it is desirable that in the counties, as well as in the cities and towns, there should be an organisation in existence to meet any emergency which may arise.

The Board, accordingly, suggest that you should take immediate steps to establish such a Committee, of which you will be Chairman. The Committee should comprise representatives

of local authorities, trades unions and philanthropic organisations. It is important that some of the members should be women.

The Board consider it would be desirable, especially in the Urban Districts, that schemes for employment should be prepared in advance which could be put into execution in the event of a serious lack of employment arising.

The Local Government Board will be happy to facilitate the local authorities in the matter, and they understand that the Road Board and the Development Commissioners will be prepared to aid suitable schemes within the scope of their powers.

A national relief fund is about to be organised, and it is intended, should distress arise, that the local distribution of the sums thus made available shall be entrusted to the Committees, over which the Mayors and Chairmen of Councils will preside.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

To the Chairman of each  
County Council.

#### DEATH OF MR. PETER HUGHES.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Castlering, Channonrock,

August 4th, 1914.

C. M'Alester, Esq,

Secretary Louth County Council.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with sincere thanks the

receipt of vote of condolence so kindly passed by your Board on the death of my late brother

Yours faithfully,

MARY HUGHES.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF INSURANCE COMMITTEE VICE MR. PETER HUGHES, DECEASED.

A letter was read from the National Health Insurance Commissioners, Dublin, dated 30th July, No. 44041/1914, requesting that the Commissioners might be informed of the name and address of the person whom the Council desired to fill the vacancy on the Insurance Committee, caused by the death of Mr Peter Hughes. It was then

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Carried unanimously that Mr Michael M'Ardle, of Ash Big, Knockbridge, be appointed.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Proposed by B Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr Thomas Murphy a member of the County Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management, vice Mr Peter Hughes, deceased.

#### ALL-IRELAND INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE.

A circular letter from the Newry Industrial Development Association, stating that the 10th All-Ireland Industrial Confer-

ence would be held in the Town Hall, Newry, on 15th, 16th, and 17th September, and requesting the Council to appoint six delegates to attend same, was read, and the following gentlemen were appointed:—Messrs W T Skeffington, J P; Peter B Moore, Michael Meade, Thomas Murphy, James Wynne, J P, and Denis J Rath.

#### APPLICATION FOR SHARE OF ADVERTISING.

A letter from the Advertisement Department "Irish Volunteer," requesting share of the Council's advertising, was read, and it was

Proposed by Wm A Doran, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq,

That any of the Louth County Council advertisements sent to the Dublin papers, be also inserted in the "Irish Volunteer."

#### CONSERVATION OF FOOD SUPPLIES DURING WAR.

A resolution submitted by the Limerick County Borough Council regarding above, was read, and initialled by the Chairman.

#### HOLIDAYS.

The following letter from Mr Charles M'Alester, Secretary to the Council, was read:—

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Dundalk,  
20th August, 1914.

To the Chairman and Members of the Louth County Council.  
Gentlemen,

I beg respectfully to make application for a short holiday. It is exactly twelve months since I had the

honour of being elected to serve the Council, and a brief spell of rest from active duty would be thoroughly appreciated.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES M'ALESTER,

Secretary.

On the motion of Peter B Moore, Esq,  
Seconded by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P,

It was unanimously agreed to grant the application, duration of holiday to be left to the Secretary's discretion.

The following letter from Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, was read:—

County Surveyor's Office,  
Courthouse, Dundalk,  
August 19th, 1914.

To the Presiding Chairman Louth County Council.

Dear Sir,

I beg to apply through you to County Council for a few days' leave of absence from duty, for which I should be grateful.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

On the motion of T J Byrne, Esq, J P,  
Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P,

the application was granted.

#### LOCOMOTIVE BYE-LAWS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board, No.

43,101/1914, enclosing the Bye-Laws made by the Louth County Council with respect to the use of Locomotives in the County, duly Sealed by the Board, and requesting to be furnished with two printed copies of the Bye-Laws.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The Secretary was directed to place on the agenda for the third Quarterly Meeting in November, the business of the election of Vice-Chairman, in the room of W A Doran, Esq, now elected Chairman of the Council.

## Finance Meeting.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 31st August, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and Thos Murphy, Esq.

Mr J M C Lyons, Assistant to the County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on August 17th, copies of which had been forwarded to each Member of the County Council, were signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in hands of County Surveyor	...	£3 0 0
Sheep Dipping Accounts	...	6 6 0
Secretary's Office	...	12 2 5
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Total,		£21 8 5

#### WAR DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

The Local Government Board Circulars, dated August 10th, 12th, and 14th, with reference to the formation of War Distress Committees, which had been before the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council held on August 20th, and had been referred to the Finance Committee: and further circulars in connection

with the same matter, dated August 21st and 24th, were brought forward, and consideration of the subject was adjourned till next Meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### STEAM ROLLING.

Letter from Eddison Steam Rolling Company, Ltd, giving terms for hire of Rollers, etc, was read, and consideration of the subject adjourned till County Surveyor was in attendance.

#### CENTRAL TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read, and payment of the amount was recommended:—

Local Government Board,

20th August, 1914.

No. 43,429: 1914.

Louth County.

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they see no objection to the payment of £5 19s 9d, Solicitor's costs for the preparation of the lease of the site of the proposal Central Tuberculosis Dispensary at Castletown Road, Dundalk, now abandoned.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN, Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

#### SHEEP DIPPING SUPERINTENDENTS' REMUNERATION

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland,  
(Veterinary Branch)

50 and 51, Upper Mount Street, Dublin,

11th August, 1914.

No. 3300—14.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 8th instant, I have hereby to express the Department's approval of your Local Authority's proposal to increase the weekly rate of remuneration of the County Louth Sheep Dipping Superintendents from 16s to 18s.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

#### SHEEP DIPPING PROSECUTIONS.

The following letters from the Council's Solicitor were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

19th August, 1914.

Sheep Dipping Prosecutions.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that I attended on behalf of the Council at Ardee Petty Sessions to-day, when the offence was proven against the following five defendants of having exposed sheep for sale at Ardee Fair on the 28th ultimo, without having the declaration that the sheep were dipped in accordance with the provisions of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order, 1912. The de-

endants were fined:—

James M'Gorisk, Newstone, Drumconrath, 1s and 5s costs.  
 Laurence M'Quail, Heronstown, Lobinstown, 1s and 5s costs.  
 James J. M'Gough, Heronstown, Lobinstown, 1s and 5s costs.  
 James M'Cann, Charlestown, Ardee, 1s and 10s costs.  
 Kate Ruddy, Lowrath, Tallanstown, 10s and 10s costs.

Yours faithfully,  
 DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.,  
 Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
 27th August, 1914.

#### Sheep Dipping Prosecutions.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to report that I attended at Collon Petty Sessions to-day on behalf of the County Council on hearing of summons for failure to give notice of intention to dip sheep in breach of Article 5 (4) of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order, 1912, against the following persons:—

Peter Kearney, Belpatrick. Fined 2s 6d and 5s costs.

Bridget Lynch, Dunleer. Summons withdrawn as Sergeant of Police had ascertained that the sheep in question were not in the ownership of Mrs Lynch.

Christopher Carolan, Belpatrick. Dismissed, the Justices being of the opinion the offence was technical. Mr Carolan stated he always gave notice when the sheep were to be dipped at home, but thought notice unnecessary when dipping took place at the Council's public tank.

Yours faithfully,  
 DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.,  
 Secretary Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

#### PROSECUTION UNDER SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
 27th August, 1914.

Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that I attended at Collon Petty Sessions to-day on behalf of the County Council on hearing of summons against Edward Gargan, Collon, that defendant "did sell to the prejudice of the purchaser an article of food, to wit, butter, which was not of the nature, substance and quality of the article demanded."

The Department's Inspector proved the case, and Certificate of the Council's Analyst showed the sample of butter contained 22.2 per cent of water, the maximum being 16 per cent. Defendant appeared and was represented by Mr P Tallan, Solicitor, Drogheda.

The Magistrates convicted defendant and fined him 10s and 10s costs.

Yours faithfully,  
 DANIEL O'CONNELL.

#### OFFER OF PURCHASE OF OMEATH PARK.

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor re above was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
 28th August, 1914.

Re Offer of Purchase of Omeath Park.

Dear Sir,—

I have received the following letter from the Solicitor having Carriage of the Sale in the Land Judge's Court in reply to my offer of £1,000 on behalf of the Council:—

"Your letter of 26th inst duly received. The offer you make is not an attractive one and I don't think the Vacation Judge would take the responsibility of accepting it. I, therefore, propose to let the matter lie over for Mr Justice Ross' decision next term. It might be well if you reconsidered before then the amount of your offer."

Yours faithfully,  
DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

#### CIVIL BILL.—DAMAGE TO WALL AT DOWDALLSHILL RACE-COURSE.

Elizabeth Coulter, of Seatown Place, Dundalk, v. the Louth County Council and James Rice, Road Contractor.

Civil bill herein was referred to the Council's Solicitor. The plaintiff's claim is for the sum of £15, loss and damage sustained by reason of the alleged injuring of a wall and foundations thereof in the townland of Dowdallshill, Dundalk.

#### RETURNING OFFICER'S SUPPLEMENTAL ACCOUNT.

Mr Patrick J. Roe's account amounting to £9 16s 6d, as Returning Officer in connection with Supplemental Election for Drumcar D. E. D., was submitted; the items were examined by the Committee, and payment recommended. The Committee did not consider it necessary to tax the account.

#### APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM RATES.

The following letter from Rev John Byrne, P.P., Dunleer, was read, and exemption was recommended:—

Dunleer,  
August 25th, 1914.

Gentlemen,—

As one of the Trustees for Dunleer Total Abstinence Hall, I wish to claim exemption from rates for same.

This Hall was built about nine years ago by the subscriptions of some Dunleer people in favour of the Temperance Movement, the pennies of the members themselves, but principally by the proceeds of a Bazaar on a small scale, organised by myself, and is kept going since by the little contributions of the Society.

It is held for the community by three Trustees—Archdeacon Segrave, myself, and Rev A. — Donnell, C.C., and, needless to say, was erected for the sole benefit and protection of the working men and boys of Dunleer who would become Total Abstiners.

We are making every effort to keep the Society alive at all, and its funds at the present time are so limited as to be quite inadequate for such a tax as rates.

Trusting, for these reasons, that my claim for exemption will receive your favourable consideration.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Faithfully yours,  
JOHN BYRNE, P.P.

The Members of  
Louth County Council.

#### DEATH OF THE POPE.

In reply to a circular sent by the Secretary to the Members of the County Council, stating that the Parochial Clergy invited the attendance of the Council at Requiem Mass for the late Pope in St. Patrick's Cathedral on August 25th, Sir A V Foster wrote regretting his inability to be present. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### ALL IRELAND INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE.

Circular letter from the Secretaries Newry Industrial Development Association, stating that the All-Ireland Industrial Conference which was to have been held in Newry on 15th, 16th and 17th September, had been postponed till next year owing to the unsettled conditions prevailing on account of the war.

The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the circular to each of the delegates appointed to attend the Conference.

POOR RATE COLLECTION.

The following letter from the Local Government Board with reference to the state of the collection of Poor Rate to the 17th August, was read:—

Local Government Board,  
27th August, 1914.

No. 44,101: 1914.  
Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to the return showing the condition to the 17th instant of the Collection of the Poor Rate for the current half-year in Louth County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw attention to the large amount outstanding although only six weeks remain for the completion of the Collection.

The Board desire to direct attention to previous correspondence and to state that as the Collectors have had their warrants since the 1st June they will not be prepared to grant an extension of time to any officer who fails to close his Collection by the 30th proximo.

The Board have had on many occasions to call attention to the unsatisfactory manner in which Collector Hughes has discharged his duties, and he should now be called upon to furnish an immediate explanation of his failure to attend for the checking of his accounts.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

J. E. DEVLIN,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

The Secretary stated that on receipt of this letter he had written each Collector with reference thereto, and that Collector Hughes had called to check his collection, and explained that he had over-lodged £100 last time, and was waiting to collect rates representing that amount.

On the motion of Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P,  
Seconded by Thomas Murphy, Esq,

The Secretary was instructed to forward Collector Hughes' explanation to the Local Government Board, and at the same time to inform the Board, that while the Committee thought the Collectors should make every effort to close their Collections at the proper time, they did not think it advisable, in view of the present crisis, to urge the Collectors to unduly press for payment of Rates.

## Finance Meeting.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 14th September, 1914, at one o'clock.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A. Duffy, Esq., J. P.

Also present—Thomas Murphy, Esq., and Thomas O'Rourke, Esq.

Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

### MINUTES.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on August 31st, 1914, were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

### ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in charge of County Surveyor	...	£24	4	6
Sheep Dipping Accounts	...	8	2	0
Secretary's Office	...	3	0	0
Total,		£35	6	6

### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS PROSECUTION.

The following letter from the Department's Inspector in connection with the prosecution under above Acts against Edward Gargan, Collon, was read, and the Secretary was directed to refer

Mr Watchorn to the Clerk of the Petty Sessions, Collon, for his expenses:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction,  
4, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,  
29th August, 1914.

The Louth County Council v. Edward Gargan, Collon.

Sir,—

I am directed to apply to you for the sum of eight shillings, being for car fare for my conveyance from Drogheda to Collon and back on 27th instant, which was awarded to me by the Presiding Magistrates at Collon Petty Sessions on 27th instant, when attending the Court as a witness for the prosecution for an offence under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

The fine and costs, which included my claim, was paid by Mr Gargan to the Clerk of Petty Sessions in the Court on that date.

I will thank you for a reply at your convenience concerning this matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT WATCHORN, I. F. and D.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

### RATE COLLECTION.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read, and the Secretary was directed to send copy of same to each of the Rate Collectors:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
4th September, 1914.

No. 46,830: 1914.  
Louth County.

Sir,—

With reference to the return showing the condition to the

31st ultimo of the Collection of the Poor Rate in Louth County for the current half-year, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw attention to their letters of the 19th June last and 27th ultimo.

The Board further desire to point out that the Collectors have failed to comply with the undertaking given in your letter of the 27th June last that they would have substantial lodgments made during the early portion of the half-year.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
J. E. DEVLIN,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,

#### SHEEP DIPPING PROSECUTION.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
8th September, 1914.

Sheep Dipping Prosecution.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that I attended at Dunleer Petty Sessions to-day on behalf of the Council on hearing of summons against Patrick Stokes, Knockatober, Dromin, for failure to notify the Police of his intention to dip sheep. Sergeant M. Quirk, R I C, Collon, proved the offence.

Defendant was fined One Shilling without costs.

Yours faithfully,  
DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL PUPILS.

The following letter from Drogheda Industrial School was read,

and on the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr O'Rourke, it was recommended that the County Council approve of the transfer:—

We purpose sending George Little and John Coyle to the Industrial School, Baltimore, Co. Cork, as they are now of an age for transfer. We trust your Council will agree to this arrangement.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, DROGHEDA.

9th September, 1914.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

#### DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

The consideration of appointment of the Distress Committee was again adjourned till next Meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### INSURANCE OF COUNTY COUNCIL CLERKS.

The question of the payment of Insurance under the National Health Insurance Act by the Clerks in the County Office was under consideration, and the Secretary was directed to apply to the National Health Commission for a direction in the matter.

#### ASSISTANCE TO WIVES AND OTHER RELATIVES OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Circular letter was read from the Local Government Board, dated 21st August, No. 44,816, 1914, setting out the manners in which assistance to wives and other relatives of soldiers and sailors of the mobilised forces of the Crown was to be given, and initialled by the Chairman.

#### PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHO JOIN HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES.

The following letter from the Local Government Board dated

9th September, No. 150/M/1914, and Treasury regulations were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
9th September, 1914.

Circular.  
Local Authorities.  
No. 150/M/1914.

Sir,—  
I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that inquiries continue to be addressed to them by Local Authorities asking what arrangements they may adopt in the case of any of their employees who join His Majesty's Forces.

The Board are aware that some Local Authorities have already decided to give half-pay towards the support of dependants of their employees who have been summoned for Naval or Military Service.

The Board wish it to be understood that not alone in the case of employees who have previously joined His Majesty's Forces, but also in the case of those who now wish to do so, they will raise no objection to leave of absence being given to such employees and to the Local Authorities making a reasonable payment in respect of wages or salaries to persons authorised by such employees to receive money. Further, the Board will assent where necessary to Local Authorities employing and paying temporary substitutes for officers who are summoned or volunteer for Naval and for Military Service.

Appended to this letter will be found the arrangements made in the case of Civil Servants on Naval or Military Service.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARIAS,  
Secretary.

To the Secretary of each Co. Council.

### TREASURY REGULATIONS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS.

The Treasury Regulations and Instructions of the 11th and 20th August, 1914, dealing with the case of Civil Servants on Naval or Military Service, provide for the payment to them or to their representatives during their absence from Civil duty of their full civil pay, less a deduction on account of Navy or Army pay and allowances. For all ranks below Commissioned Officer this deduction will be at the rate of seven shillings a week, together with the actual amount of any Army separation allowance paid to the family of a married man. As regards a Commissioned Officer the deduction will be equal to his active service pay (allowances being neglected). The civil posts of these officers and men will not be permanently filled during their absence on Naval or Military Service, and that service will count for Civil Pension and for increments of Civil Salary.

### TRADE BOARDS ACT, 1909.

#### CONTRACTS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board, dated 8th September, stating that the Board of Trade have made orders making obligatory in cases in which they are applicable, on all persons employing labour and on all persons employed, the minimum rates of wages as varied by the Chain Trade Board and the minimum rates of wages fixed by the Tailoring Trade Board (Ireland). The effect of the obligatory orders is to make it illegal for wages to be paid at less than the minimum rates fixed, except in the case of time workers who have obtained special permits from the Trade Board exempting their employment. It will not now be necessary for an employer to give notice to the Trade Board that he is willing that the minimum rate should be obligatory on him in order to be eligible to receive from a Government Department or Local Authority a contract involving employment to which the minimum rates are applicable.

#### NEGLECTED ROADS.

The following report from the County Surveyor was read, and the Committee approved of the serving of ten days' notices:—

County Surveyor's Office,  
 Courthouse, Dundalk,  
 12th September, 1914.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen Finance Committee Meeting,  
 14th September, 1914.

Gentlemen,—

I beg to report the following roads neglected:—

Index No. 6—Ardee R.D., 1339 perches, Dundalk to Kingscourt  
 by Reaghstown. Contractor—John Mathews, Greatwood,  
 Ardee.

Index Nos. 16 and 41—Drogheda R.D., 670 perches, Collon to the  
 sea (Index No. 16), and 463 perches, Drogheda to Kells  
 (Index No. 41), the Contractors being respectively P.  
 Powderly, Knockaleva, Collon, and Nicholas Daly, Monk-  
 newtown, Slane.

Ten days' notices are being served, and I ask your approval to  
 this course.

Your obedient Servant,  
 THOMAS WALSH.

## Scholarship Committee.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at  
 their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk,  
 on Wednesday, 16th of September, 1914, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Wm. A. Doran, Esq, J P.

Also present—J M'Carthy, J P; J T Dolan, M A; T Murphy,  
 Patrick O'Connell, and W T Skeffington, J P, Esquires.

Minutes of the Scholarship Committee held on Monday, 13th  
 July, 1914, a copy of which was sent to each Member of the  
 Council, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee had under consideration the granting of  
 Scholarships under the Louth County Council for the year 1914-15,  
 and the continuation of the existing Scholarships.

An application was made by Miss Margaret V. Lyons, Trinity  
 Street, Drogheda, for a Scholarship under the County Council  
 Scheme. Miss Lyons had passed the Senior Grade Examination  
 and enclosed a list of her markings in the various subjects. She  
 also stated that she had passed the Matriculation Examination in  
 June, 1914; and that her father being dead, her mother would not  
 be able to afford her the opportunity of following a University  
 Course without the aid of a Scholarship.

An application was also made by Mr Henry Rogan (one of the  
 Council's University Scholars, who had completed his three years'  
 course) for an extension of his Scholarship for a fourth year to  
 enable him to take out his degree in Engineering.

A report was read from the Registrar, University College,

Dublin, on the Louth County Council Scholarship holders for the Session 1913-14, certifying that all the Students of the Louth County Council were very satisfactory in all respects, and that renewal of the Scholarships was recommended.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr John Lait, Mountjoy School, Dublin, enquiring if there was a County Council Scholarship in Trinity College, Dublin, or any other University in Ireland for candidates born in Louth County, to which he had replied that two Scholarships would be awarded, and that applications for same must be made by 15th September.

After discussion it was

Proposed by Mr M'Carthy,  
Seconded by Mr Skeffington,

and unanimously recommended that the following Scholarships be awarded, viz:—

MARGARET V. LYONS, Trinity Street, Drogheda—A new Scholarship of £50 per annum.

HENRY ROGAN—An extension for the fourth year of his Scholarship of £50.

And a continuation of the Scholarships of £50 for the present year to

MARGARET CALLAN,  
PATRICK A. HANRATY, and  
JOSEPH M'PARLAND.

At the last Meeting of the Scholarship Committee Miss Ursula M'Parland's application for an extension of her Scholarship for the fourth year to enable her to follow a course in Commercial Science, was recommended by the Committee and confirmed by the County Council; and the Committee recommend the renewal of her Scholarship for the fourth year.

## Executive Committee.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 21st September, 1914, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Also present:—Michael Meade, Thomas Murphy, Thomas O'Rourke, Peter Woods, J P; James Wynne, J P, and Bernard Hamill, J P, Esquires.

Mr Maxwell, V S, was also in attendance.

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on the 4th of August, 1914, were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

### MONTHLY REPORTS OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS FOR AUGUST, 1914.

The following reports were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

#### MR. CLINTON'S REPORT.

Sir,—

I beg to report that during the month of August two outbreaks of Sheep Scab occurred at Dundalk Port, one in sheep the property of Mr T Malone, Drumshambo, and the other in sheep the property of Mr Thomas Clossy, of Navan.

The necessary steps have been taken in both cases and the affected sheep slaughtered.

Two cases also occurred under the Tuberculosis Order in cows the property of J Duddy, Limavady. They were sent forward for shipment at Dundalk, and were detained under the provisions of the Order. Both cows were slaughtered by order of the owner, and your Council is not liable for any compensation in the matter.

Your Obedient Servant,

J. T. CLINTON.

MR. DONNELLY'S REPORT.

Drogheda, Sept. 6th, 1914.

Veterinary Report for August, 1914 (Drogheda Union).

Gentlemen,

During the month of August I inspected the fairs and markets in this district.

Two suspected cases were notified to me under the Tuberculosis Order, and I dealt with same, and sent reports to your Secretary.

The district at present is free from any outbreak of contagious disease in animals. One or two suspected cases of contagious diseases reported to me, proved on inspection not to be notifiable diseases.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

To the Louth Co. Council.  
(Executive Committee).

MR. MAXWELL'S REPORT.

Ardee, 1st Sept., 1914.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Sir,—

I beg to report that I visited the usual fairs, markets, etc, held in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month of August.

Though the sheep detained on the farm of R A B Henry, at Rathnestin, Tallanstown, are free from disease this last month, I cannot issue a withdrawal notice as the premises have not yet been disinfected. I am reporting this to the Department of Agriculture who deal with such cases.

In reply to your communication of the 26th ult, I went to the Ardee Fair Green and examined sheep, which were healthy. In conjunction with Sergeant Kenny, I made inquiries and learned that these sheep had been on Mr Rooney's land at Derrycamma for some time, and as the man in charge produced a Louth declaration of dipping I let them go.

I am, Sir,

Faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL.

With reference to the outbreak of Sheep Scab at Lisrenny, at the farm of Mr R A B Henry, referred to in Mr Maxwell's report, a notice, dated 8th of November, was read from Mr Maxwell, withdrawing the Detention Notice, as the owner of the sheep had now complied with all the conditions ordered by the Inspector.

### SHEEP OWNERS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.

The Secretary submitted a list of sheep owners who had not complied with the Sheep Dipping Order in the Summer Dipping period. This list comprised over 100 owners who had not served the notices required by the order. In connection with this matter the following letter from Mr Patrick M'Gee, J P, M C C, Charleville, was read:—

Charleville, Dunleer, 20-9-'14.

Dear Mr M'Alister,

Sorry I cannot attend Executive Meeting. I would like to move—perhaps some gentleman would be so kind as to do so—“That in future no sheep owner be prosecuted who has got his sheep dipped in a public tank, because he has failed to notify the police of his intention to do or has done so, but that it be the duty of the dipping superintendent to notify the police at their respective stations in the following or similar form supplied to the County Council—‘ I certify that Mr—— has got 100 sheep dipped at the public tank, ——, on the 18th September, 1914. Signed, —— Dipping Superintendent.’ ”

I consider it a harassing and vexatious proceeding to prosecute any sheep owner who has got his or her sheep dipped at a public tank simply because they fail to notify the police, who have admitted at the last Dunleer Sessions that they never attend any dipping. Mr O'Connell would be able to throw some light on the subject. Of course I would not interfere with the arrangements with regard to private dipping.

Kindly let me know the result and oblige.

Faithfully yours,

P. M'GEE.

P. S.—Perhaps I should have said that when the police are

furnished with the returns from the Dipping Superintendent, the police could then prosecute the defaulters in their respective districts.—P. M.

After discussion as to whether the defaulting owners should be proceeded against for non-compliance with the Order, it was proposed by Mr Meade, seconded by Mr Woods, and unanimously decided that a notice should be sent to each of the owners who had not returned their declarations of having dipped their sheep; and that if these declarations did not reach the County Office by Monday, 28th inst, proceedings would be taken against them.

### GLENMORE DIPPING TANK.

A letter was read from Rev Father Murphy, P P, Cooley, stating he would give with pleasure for the period required for the Autumn Dipping a site for the Council's Tank on his premises at Mullabuoy chapel.

The Secretary was directed to convey to Father Murphy the best thanks of the Council for his kindness in granting the site, which would very much facilitate the sheep owners of the mountain.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

### SHEEP DIPPING—LOCAL REGULATIONS.

Notices in connection with sheep imported into the county by Messrs T F Donegan, Newtown; Patrick Callan, of Tymullen; Thomas M'Donnell, Priesttown, and James Moore, Ganders-town, were submitted to the Committee, and the Secretary informed them that the Veterinary Surgeon had been notified, and the dipping ordered by the Regulations complied with,

CASES UNDER TUBERCULOSIS (IRELAND) ORDER, 1913.

The Secretary submitted notices that had been received under the above Order. These included two cases in Drogheda, one at Dundalk, and one at Greenore, where the animals had been detained by the respective portal Inspectors, and informed the Committee that all copies of the Forms had been furnished to the Department, and that in none of the cases would there be any claim for compensation.

## Louth County Council.

### SPECIAL MEETING.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held on Thursday, 24th day of September, 1914., in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair:—Wm A Doran, Esq, J P.

Also present:—John Dolan, B Finnegan, B Hamill, J P; T B M'Court, T V M'Quillan, T Murphy, T O'Rourke, W T Skeffington, J P; and Peter Woods, J P, Esquires.

Mr T Walsh, County Surveyor; Dr M'Quillan, T M O, and Mr V Warren, Clerk T C M, were also in attendance.

Mr J T Dolan, M A, member of the Scholarship Committee, was also present.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the Scholarship Committee at their Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th September, which were confirmed by the Chairman.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:—

Proposed by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the recommendations contained in the Minu-

tes of Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their Meeting held on the 16th September, 1914, and now submitted to a Special Meeting of the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

#### DREDGING AT ANNAGASSAN.

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture was read:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction,  
(Fisheries Branch),

3, Kildare Place, Dublin,

18th September, 1914.

4,929-14-F.B.

Sir,

In reference to the harbour works at Annagassan, which are now being carried out by the Department under agreement with the Louth County Council, I have to state, for the information of the Council, that the Department have decided to suspend dredging operations for the present season, since the days are becoming too short to permit of the economic use of the dredging plant on tidal work.

I have further to state that the Department are of opinion that it would be unwise, at the present time, to make the proposed cut from the basin at the new quay to the upper part of the river, for the following reasons:

The bank, which it was proposed to cut through, and which was assumed to be composed of the same stiff material as the rest of the ground excavated, has proved to be loose shingle. The effect of diverting the current of the river through a cut made in this material might not improbably be to fill up the basin with shingle washed from the sides and bottom of the

cut which would have a considerable fall from its upper end to the basin. Moreover, the course of a cut made through such material would be liable to change, and the stability of the quay might be thus endangered.

After observation of the effect of winter floods and gales on the part of the bank adjoining the basin, the Department's Engineer will be in a better position to advise on the question of making the cut.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

Courthouse, Dundalk.

A discussion arose on this matter, Mr Hamill suggesting that the letter be referred to the Annagassan Harbour Commissioners.

Mr Murphy stated he wished to propose a resolution on the subject requesting the Department to proceed with the work at once, and not postpone it till next year.

The Chairman asked the County Surveyor his opinion on the matter, and he (Mr Walsh) stated that it would be desirable to let the dredging remain till next Spring, and see the effect of the winter floods, and suggested the possibility of obtaining a grant from the Development Commissioners.

Mr Murphy withdrew his motion, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the letter of the Department of Agriculture with reference to the dredging at Annagassan, be referred to the Harbour Commissioners of Annagassan for their consideration.

#### TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT AND DROGHEDA TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

A deputation from the Tuberculosis Committee of Management consisting of Dr M'Quillan, T M O, and Mr V Warren, Clerk, was heard by the Council in reference to the Drogheda Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Dr M'Quillan stated he wished to bring under the notice of the Council the great difficulty that was experienced in properly attending to tuberculosis patients in Drogheda, owing to the want of a Dispensary where they could be properly treated; that it was difficult to get the Drogheda Sub-Committee to meet to make arrangements about the provision of a dispensary, and that the failure to provide same was holding up the contributions from the Insurance Commissioners.

A protracted discussion ensued on this matter, and other matters pertaining to the Co. Louth scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis, in which Messrs Skeffington, Hamill, M'Quillan and Murphy took part, and ultimately the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby request the Drogheda Members of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management to take the necessary steps to provide a Dispensary in Drogheda for the accommodation of tuberculosis patients—the cost of same not to exceed £300.

#### PASSING OF THE HOME RULE BILL.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Wm A Doran, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Thomas B M'Court, Esq, and

Resolved—That we desire to express our unbounded satisfaction at the passing of the Home Rule Bill, and to express a wish that Irishmen will now sink every difference of creed and class, and work loyally together for the uplifting and advancement of our beloved country.

That we congratulate Mr John E Redmond and the Irish Party on the triumphant issue of their protracted labours and sacrifices, and assure them of our sincere appreciation of their great work in recovering our Native Parliament.

#### PAINTING OF DROGHEDA COURT HOUSE.

The Chairman stated he had received a letter from the Painters' Society, Drogheda, requesting the County Council to have Drogheda Courthouse painted, to afford employment to the painters in Drogheda where work was very slack.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 28th of September, 1914, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Wm A Doran, Esq, J P.

Also present—C A Duffy, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; Thos. O'Rourke, T Murphy, M Meade, W Woods, J P; and J F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held on September 14th, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in hands of Co. Surveyor	...	£9	5	5
Sheep Dipping Accounts	...	3	12	0
Secretary's Office (including Monthly Salaries)	...	62	13	7
Total,		£75	11	0

### ROAD BOARD GRANT.

The following report from the County Surveyor on the Road Board offer of Grant was read:—

#### DUBLIN-BELFAST ROAD.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the Finance Committee Meeting, 28th September, 1914.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

As instructed by you at your Meeting held on 4th August

Last, plan, specifications, etc, were submitted to Road Board in accordance with terms of report laid before you, on that date, relative to above main road.

If you again refer to that report it will be seen that the total expenditure proposed is:—

Urban Districts	...	£4,319
Rural Districts	...	12,551
Total,		£16,870

The Road Board have approved of the specifications submitted (including the use of local stone in Ardee and Drogheda Districts) and have in a letter dated 14th instant offered to assist towards the work of improvement as follows:—

- (1) To give a grant of £5,450.
- (2) To lend the County Council £6,530 free of interest for five years; and, further, to lend free of interest for 5 years £4,095 for the purchase of machinery by the Co. Council.

In dividing the grant the Board have allocated it between the Districts concerned in the ratio of the estimated expenditure as follows:—

Rural Districts	...	£4,060
Drogheda Urban	...	760
Dundalk Urban	...	630

The Urban Districts are prepared to finance their undertakings out of Revenue and require no loan therefore. The sum to be put up by them would be:—

£4,319, less the grant of £1,309, i.e., £2,929.

As regards the Rural Districts the Board submit a financial scheme which I lay before you. From this it will be seen that the total cost to the County spread over seven years from 1914 to 1921 is £8, 491, that is of course for the work of improvement.

In other Counties, e.g., Dublin, Meath, Armagh, and Down, the Road Board have given grants amounting to 50 per cent of the total cost on this particular road. The Counties mentioned,

however, did not get loans free of interest from the Board for the work or for purchasing machinery—they provided their own contributions and machinery.

If you were to provide your own contribution towards the work by way of loan, on the basis of getting half the total cost by way of grant, the cost to the Rural Districts would work out as follows:—

Total estimated expenditure—£12,551 on road.

Grant—£6,275.

Loan for 5 years at 3 per cent—£6,276.

The repayments on this loan would be from 1st April next.

	Instalment.	Interest at 3 per cent.
	£ s d	£ s d
1915-16	1255 4 0	188 5 7
1916-17	1255 4 0	150 12 6
1917-18	1255 4 0	112 19 5
1918-19	1255 4 0	75 6 4
1919-20	1255 4 0	37 13 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6276 0 0</b>	<b>£564 17 0</b>

or £6842 say (assuming loan to be repaid in yearly instalments with interest on balance outstanding) as against £8491 to be provided by Rural Districts if present offer of Road Board is accepted.

Against this now it must be remembered that the Road Board offer £4095 loan free of interest for five years for the purchase of machinery. My application approved by the Co. Council was to purchase on a ten years' loan.

The repayments of loan for 5 years to Road Board would be annually £819.

The repayments if borrowed for 10 years at 3 per cent would be

as follows, assuming yearly instalments with interest on outstanding balances as above:—

1915-16	£409 10 0	£122 17 0
1916-17	409 10 0	110 11 4
1917-18	409 10 0	98 5 8
1918-19	409 10 0	86 0 0
1919-20	409 10 0	73 14 4
1920-21	409 10 0	61 8 8
1921-22	409 10 0	49 3 0
1922-23	409 10 0	36 17 4
1923-24	409 10 0	24 11 8
1924-25	409 10 0	12 5 8
	<b>£4095 0 0</b>	<b>£675 14 8</b>

or £4771 as against £4095 if Road Board offer is accepted.

To sum up, if County Council (so far as the Rural Districts are concerned) got half cost as grant towards Road work and borrowed from sources other than Road Board to provide the remaining half cost of road work on five years' loan and for machinery on 10 years' loan it would gain on road work £8491—£6841 or £1650. Lose on Machinery, £4771—£4095 or £680.

In addition if Urban Districts get half estimated cost as grant, i.e., half £4319, the total sum to be provided by them would be £2160 as against £2929 if present offer is accepted.

I make no further remarks, but leave the matter to be discussed at your meeting.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

The County Surveyor read replies from Counties that had received grants from the Road Board for road improvements in their various counties. These were Counties of Armagh, Dublin, Meath, Monaghan, Fermanagh, and Down, and in every case the proportion given by the Road Board was 50 per cent of the entire cost. The Secretary submitted the return of Licence Duties collected in Co. Louth, by which it was proven that the amount collected in the County was much greater proportionately than that collected in other Counties in Ireland, and the Chair-

man expressed the opinion that Co. Louth should at least get the same terms as to grants given to other Counties, considering the amount of Licence Duty collected.

Mr Hamill stated that the Chairman of the Road Board at a Conference with the Co. Louth representatives in the Council Chamber, Dundalk, had stated that the Road Board would be prepared to give £1 for £1 of the money expended in road improvement.

It was suggested that the Co. Surveyor, accompanied by the Chairman and the Secretary, should wait upon the Road Board in London and discuss the terms of the grant.

Ultimately, on the motion of Mr Hamill, seconded by Mr T Murphy, it was decided that the Co. Surveyor should communicate with the Road Board, and ask a grant on the same terms as other Counties, namely, 50 per cent of the cost of the improvement, the Co. Council purchasing their own machinery on loan and borrowing the necessary money for the extra expenditure.

#### WAR DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

The appointment of a Committee to deal with Distress arising out of the War, which had been adjourned from previous Meetings of the Finance Committee, was again postponed till next Meeting of the Committee; and the Secretary was instructed to prepare a list of names in accordance with the official Form supplied.

#### GRANT TOWARDS TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

The following letter from the Secretary of the Louth County Committee of Agriculture was read:—

Louth Co. Committee of Agriculture,  
September 19th, 1914.

Dear Mr M'Alester,—

At the Annual Meeting of the above Committee, held on the 7th inst, it was decided to renew the Grant of £150 towards Technical Instruction, such amount to be deducted from the

County Council contributions of £800 towards Agricultural Scheme.

I shall be glad if the arrangement hitherto observed in connection with this matter be continued, viz, to lodge the amount of the Grant direct to the credit of the Technical Committee.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES HUGHES.

Mr Charles M'Alester,  
Secretary Louth Co. Council.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the amount lodged by the County Council to the credit of the Technical Instruction Committee heretofore was £100.

Mr Thomas Murphy suggested that the amount should be increased to £150, but after discussion on the matter the Committee unanimously decided that the Grant should remain as at present, viz, £100 per annum.

#### ARDEE COURTKEEPER'S RESIDENCE.

The following letter from Mr T T Reilly, Caretaker of Ardee Courthouse, was read and referred to Co. Surveyor:—

Courthouse, Ardee,  
23rd September, 1914.

Dear Sir,—

I would respectfully ask you to bring before your next Financial Meeting that two rooms in Courtkeeper's house require papering badly.

Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, has been looking at both rooms, and he considers that they require papering badly.

Yours truly,

THOMAS REILLY,  
Courtkeeper, Ardee.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

## RATE COLLECTORS' APPLICATION.

The following letter from 8 of the Rate Collectors was read:—

Dundalk,  
28th September, 1914.

Gentlemen,—

At the request of a large number of small holders and some large Ratepayers who have not as yet disposed of their corn crop, we, the undersigned, beg to apply for an extension of at least 21 days from the 1st proximo, to enable us to complete our respective collections.

Trusting the above application shall receive your favourable consideration.

We remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed),

P. CLUSKEY,  
J. WOODS,  
P. S. DONEGAN,  
PATRICK M'DONNELL,  
J. JOHNSTON,  
PATRICK HUGHES,  
PETER M'DONNELL,  
J. KELLY.

To the Chairman and Members,  
Finance Committee.

The Secretary submitted a return of the state of the Rate Collection up to 26th September, which showed that out of the amount of the warrant for the first moiety amounting to £17,053 13s 3d, a sum of £6,622 6s 6d had only been collected, leaving a balance due of £10,431 6s 9d.

After a discussion the Committee recommended that the Rate Collectors get the extension of time requested subject to the consent of the Local Government Board.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board dated 23rd September, 1914, No. 143, M/1914, was read, enclosing a General Order under the Seal of the Local Government Board, framed so as to conform to the ruling of the Court of King's Bench Division in re Pembroke Election Petition, 1908. The Amended Order is as follows:—

"Each candidate may, in writing, appoint a Polling Agent for each Polling Station, who may be paid or unpaid. Any such appointment shall be delivered at the Office of the Returning Officer not less than two clear days before the day of the poll. Except, as aforesaid, no polling or personation agent, whether paid or unpaid, shall be appointed for the purposes of the Election."

## COMPENSATION FOR DESTRUCTION OF FRUIT TREES.

The following circular letter from the Department of Agriculture was read, and referred to the County Council:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,

Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,

Sir,—

10th August, 1914.

I have to transmit herewith, for the information of the Co. Council of Louth, a copy of an Order made by the Department under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907, for the purpose of preventing the spreading in Ireland of American Gooseberry Mildew and Black Currant Mite. The injurious results of these diseases and their highly infectious nature are explained in the Department's leaflets Nos. 47 and 70, copies of which are enclosed.

It will be observed that, under the Order, fruit growers may be required to destroy gooseberry bushes affected with American Gooseberry Mildew, as well as Black Currant bushes affected with Black Currant Mite. When the disease known as American Gooseberry Mildew was first dealt with by the Department, the

spraying and pruning of diseased bushes was in some instances permitted as an experiment to ascertain whether such treatment would succeed in controlling the disease. Having regard to the results of the experiments so far carried out, and to the information at the disposal of their Plant Disease Division, the Department are of opinion that the only effective method of preventing the spread of the disease in Ireland is to have the bushes destroyed. Similarly, the destruction of infected bushes has also been found to be the only satisfactory means of dealing with Black Currant Mite. Consequently, the usual procedure is to serve a notice on the occupier of the premises on which diseased bushes are found, requiring him to have the bushes uprooted and burned. As the spores of American Gooseberry Mildew are borne not only on the leaves and stems of gooseberry bushes, but also on the fruit, it is necessary to prohibit the marketing of any berries from diseased bushes.

Applications for compensation have recently been received from fruit growers whose bushes or fruit have had to be destroyed in pursuance of notices under the Order. A memorandum referring to the Sections in the Act dealing with payment of compensation is enclosed, from which it will be observed that the Acts provide for the payment of compensation out of the local rate. The Department are advised that these payments are to be borne on the general county rates and not on the special rate struck for the purposes of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act of 1899. It will be noted that while the order directing payment of compensation is to be made by the Department, Section 1 (1) of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act of 1907 declares in effect that such Order shall not be made without the consent of the County Council, who are now the local authority for the purposes of the Act. Should the County Council be willing that an Order of the nature referred to should be made by the Department, it is suggested that a resolution to that effect should be adopted by the County Council, and that a sealed copy should be forwarded to the Department.

Should there be any additional information which the Department may be able to afford and which would assist the Council

in coming to a decision on this matter, the Department will be glad to furnish it if so requested.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

#### PAINTING DROGHEDA COURTHOUSE.

An application from the Drogheda Painters' Society to the Chairman of the County Council requesting the County Council to have the interior of the Drogheda Courthouse painted, was under discussion, and the matter was referred to the County Surveyor for his report.

#### HEATING OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Sub-Sheriff of County Louth drawing the attention of the Committee to the defective condition of the heating apparatus in the County Courthouse at Dundalk, and requesting that something should be done to remedy same before the winter.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

#### NEW BUILDINGS AT GIBSTOWN.

The following letter was read and referred to the County Surveyor—the Committee giving the necessary permission subject to his approval:—

Prospect, Dundalk,

September 28th, 1914.

Mr Chairman and Members of the County Council:—

I have built a new house at Gibstown and I intend to put up a new entrance gate. I wish to notify you about same.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

THOMAS SORAGHAN

## BELGIAN REFUGEES.

The Chairman informed the Committee that he was in receipt of letter from the Local Government Board requesting information as to what accommodation could be provided by residents in Co. Louth for any of the Belgian Refugees who came to Ireland. It was suggested that advertisements be issued in connection with the matter. It was eventually decided that the Secretary should compile a list of people who would make provision for any of the Refugees.

COMMITTEE FOR REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS.

Minutes of Proceedings of above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, at one o'clock p m on Monday, 5th October, 1914.

Present:—

In the Chair—Wm A Doran, Esq, J P.

Also present—T Murphy and Bernard Hamill, J P, Esquires.

The Committee had before them the printed Standing Orders of the Council and discussed various amendments. It was found that alterations had been made heretofore in the printed Orders by resolutions of the County Council. These alterations were as follows:—

Standing Order No. 10 to read—"The Quarterly Meetings of the Council shall be held on Thursday next succeeding 17th January, 17th April, 22nd July, and 10th November. The Adjourned Quarterly Meetings of the Council shall be held on the last Thursday in May, November, and February, and the third Thursday in August."

Standing Order No. 16 to read—"The hour of meeting of the Council shall be 1 o'clock, excepting the Annual Meeting, which shall be held at 11 o'clock."

Standing Order No. 17 to read—"That all Meetings of the Council, with the exception of the Annual Meeting (which shall

be held in Drogheda), shall be held in the Courthouse, Dundalk, unless it be otherwise provided for by a resolution of the Council."

Standing Order No. 61 to read—"The Committee of the whole Council is composed of all the Members of the Council, five constituting a quorum (save and except a Finance Committee, three Members of which shall form a quorum), and it transacts such business as is from time to time committed to it by order of the Council."

The Committee unanimously decided that Standing Order No. 5 should be altered to read as follows:—"If a Councillor is absent from Meetings of the Council for more than six months, except in the case of illness, or for some reasons approved of by the Council, his office shall, on the expiration of these months, become vacant."

This alters the term of "Twelve Months," as it stood in the printed Orders, to "Six Months."

The Committee also decided to delete Standing Order 18, which read—"The Chair is to be taken at a Meeting of the Council within a quarter of an hour after the time appointed for such Meeting by the Chairman, or, in his absence, by the Vice-Chairman, or otherwise by any Member called thereto by motion."

as it is covered by Standing Order No. 19, which reads—"If at the expiration of thirty minutes after the hour at which any Meeting of the Council be appointed to be held, a quorum shall not be present, no Meeting shall take place."

The Committee ordered that the Standing Orders as now revised be recommended for adoption by the Co. Council.

## Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 12th of October, 1914, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Also present—B Hamill, J P; M Meade, T Murphy, T O'Rourke, Wm Woods, J P; Peter Woods, J P; and B Finnegan, Esquires.

Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Proposal Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee considered the following Applications by the County Surveyor:—

No. 12—"To re-paper, paint, etc., rooms in Courtkeeper's residence, Ardee Courthouse. Cost not to exceed £10. To be a County-at-large charge."

No. 13—"To provide Drawing Board and T. square for County Surveyor's Office. Cost not to exceed £2. To be a County-at-large charge."

On the motion of Mr Wm Woods, J P,  
Seconded by Mr T O'Rourke,

The Committee unanimously passed the foregoing Proposals, Nos. 12 and 13.

### ADJOURNED PROVISIONAL PROPOSAL.

No. 11—"To erect shed on Carlingford Pier as recommended by County Council. Cost not to exceed £200. To be charged to Carlingford Pier Revenue Account."

Considerable discussion took place on this proposal, Mr Walsh, the County Surveyor, stating that two of the local County Councillors—Messrs Kearney and Wm Woods—had suggested that two

sheds should be erected each measuring 35ft. by 20ft., instead of the one suggested, which was to be 50ft. by 20ft.

The Co. Surveyor informed the Committee that two sheds 35ft. by 20ft. could not be erected for £200.

Eventually, on the motion of Mr Wm Woods, seconded by Mr T O'Rourke, the Committee passed the proposal set out above.

Mr Peter Woods then proposed, and Mr M Meade seconded, and it was recommended, that only one shed 35ft. by 20ft. be erected at present, the cost not to exceed £125.

The Secretary submitted County-at-large payments including the following:—

Balance due for Watering Cart supplied to Ardee—£5 5s.

Messrs Crookshank, Leech and Davies account for costs of lease of Tuberculosis Dispensary at Dundalk—£5 19s 9d.

Mr Patrick J. Roe's account as Returning Officer for the Supplemental District Council Election for the Electoral Division of Drumcar—£9 16s 6d.

The Committee adjourned till Monday, 9th November.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 12th October, 1914, at one o'clock, p m.

In the Chair—Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members present:—B Hamill, J P; M Meade, Thos. Murphy, T O'Rourke, Wm Woods, J P; Peter Woods, J P, and B Finnegan, Esquires.

Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The minutes of the previous Finance Committee Meeting were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

	£	s	d
Works in charge of County Surevyor	53	6	3
Sheep Dipping Accounts	8	18	0
Secretary's Office (including half-yearly remuneration to Rate Collectors)	385	17	10
Total	£448	2	1

With reference to the remuneration of the Rate Collectors included in the above statement under "Secretary's Office," the Secretary read the following letter from the Local Government Board:—

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 6th October, 1914.

No. 52,292, 1914.  
Louth County.

Sir,—

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 1st instant and previous corespondence

relative to the collection of poor rate in the County of Louth in respect of the half-year ended on the 30th ultimo, and the Board desire me to inform the County Council that they will raise no objection to the payment of poundage fees to those rate collectors who lodged the full amount of the first moiety by the 30th ultimo, and to Collector Cluskey who closed his half-year's collection on the 1st inst.

I am, Sir, .

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary..

Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

The Secretary informed the Committee that all the Rate-Collectors had closed the collection of the first moiety with the exception of Collector Hughes.

### GRANT UNDER TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read and initialled by the Chairman, and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the letter to Mr Warren, Clerk to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, and direct his attention to the item of £9 15s 8d for educative literature referred to:—

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 6th October, 1914.

No. 50,075: 1914.  
Louth County.

Sir,—

Adverting to your letter of the 18th ultimo, relative to the estimated expenditure of the Louth County Council in respect of the treatment of Tuberculosis for the half year en-

ded the 30th ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that directions have been given for the issue of a Paying Order for £149 8s 8d from the Exchequer Maintenance Grant in respect of the half year in question; and I am to explain that the item of £9 15s 8d for educative literature has been excluded, as it does not appear to relate to treatment. It is to be observed that, having regard to the provisions of Section 14 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, the supply of literature relating to Tuberculosis is a function of the Sanitary Authority.

The payment is made subject to the Auditor's examination of the Council's accounts and relevant vouchers.

I am to add that the Board have addressed the Insurance Commissioners with regard to the contribution to be paid by the Insurance Committee to the County Council on account of the services rendered to insured persons under the County scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

#### BANK ACCOUNT.

The Committee inspected the Bank Books for the Subsidiary and General Accounts, and the Chairman initialled them.

#### WILLISTOWN PLANTATION.

The following letter was read:—

Drumcar, Dunleer, Co. Louth,  
October 2nd, 1914.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

Sir,—

On my inspection of Willistown Plantation on September 30th, I find there has been four Spruce Trees cut down and removed, and up to the present I have not been able to trace them.

If I had permission to inform the Castlebellingham police, and got them to make some inquiry, it might prevent same from taking place again.

I remain Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM M'CALLUM.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had advised the Sergeant in charge of the police at Castlebellingham of the matter, and read reply from him that he would endeavour to bring the offending parties to justice.

#### MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS—MRS. CARPENTER v. MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, reporting that this claim (which was for the alleged burning of hay, straw, and mangolds, of the value of £114, and which, if any compensation were awarded, it would be sought to have part thereof levied off the County of Louth) had been heard at Kells Quarter Sessions, and that the County Court Judge dismissed the claim.

## THOMPSON v. LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Letter was read from Messrs Hunter Moore and Boyle, Newry requesting payment of decree awarded in this malicious injury claim.

The Committee instructed the Secretary to reply that the claim could not be paid until the amount was levied and collected.

## RATE COLLECTOR'S REMUNERATION.

Letter was read from Mr Patrick McDonnell, requesting payment of balance of remuneration due for the half year ended 30th September, 1913.

The Secretary was directed to write to the L G B to request their sanction to the payment of the remuneration to all the collectors interested.

## SHEEP DIPPING DEFAULTERS.

Report was read from the Sergeant R I C, Dunleer, giving list of persons who exposed sheep for sale at Dunleer fair on 7th inst, without being accompanied by declarations.

In these cases nearly all the defaulters had subsequently produced their declarations to the police, and the Committee were of opinion that as prosecutions would not be sustainable under the circumstances they would not recommend that summonses be issued.

## ROAD BOARD GRANT.

The following letter from the Engineer to the Road Board in reply to the letter addressed to him by the County Surveyor, as requested by the Finance Committee, was read:—

The Road Board,  
Manager and Engineer's Office,  
Queen Anne's Chambers,  
Broadway, London, S.W.,

7th October, 1914.

Dear Sir,

Dublin-Belfast Road.

I beg to refer to your letter of the 28th ultimo, and to say that the Road Board regret, having regard to the funds available, that they are not prepared to make the grants applied for by your Council, especially when, on your own statement, there are other roads in the county calling for improvement, in respect of which the Board assume your Council will apply for advances.

If, however, your Council decide to borrow the balance of the cost of the works and the money required for the plant proposed to be purchased, from outside sources, the Board would be prepared, in lieu of the loans indicated in my letter of the 14th ultimo, to contribute, in addition to the grants indicated in that letter, such sums as shall be equal to the interest on such loans borrowed in the ordinary way and repayable by five equal annual instalments.

The Board realise that even allowing for these additional grants the proportion of the cost which the Council would have to bear will represent more than 50 per cent of the cost of the works, and if your Council decide not to proceed with the proposal with the assistance of the advances indicated by the Board, it will be open to them to reduce the estimated cost of the works to be undertaken.

On the other hand if your Council decide to proceed with the works with the assistance indicated in my letter of the 14th

ultimo, and will return the draft statements accompanying the same, the matter will be in order; or if they decide to carry out the works with the assistance indicated above, revised draft statements of the proposed grants will be forwarded as soon as you let me know the terms on which your Council propose to raise the loans required.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. MAYBURY.

The County Surveyor,  
Louth County Council.  
Court House, Dundalk.

A discussion took place on the contents of this letter, the Committee being of the opinion that the Road Board had not given the reasons asked for why Louth was getting differential treatment to other Irish counties.

Mr Hamill stated that the only way that a satisfactory conclusion could be arrived at was by a personal interview with the Road Board in London.

Mr Murphy was rather opposed to this view, but ultimately the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by B Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by M Meade, Esq,

That a deputation from the County Council consisting of the Chairman of the Council, the County Surveyor, and the Secretary proceed to London and interview the Road Board with a view to obtaining better terms from them.

DROGHEDA COURT HOUSE.

REPORT FROM COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The following report was read, and the matter was left in the

County Surveyor's hands to have any necessary repairs or painting carried out:—

County Surveyor's Office,  
Courthouse,  
Dundalk, 10-10-1914.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen Finance Committee of Louth County Council Meeting, 12-10-'14.

Drogheda Courthouse.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

As instructed by you at your last Meeting, I inspected Drogheda Courthouse re painting of same.

The windows and doors in rear portion of Courthouse require painting; also belfry would be in the better of painting.

Windows to courts require some new cord, and pulleys freed.

As regards painting walls of courts, I do not think this is advisable. The plaster is coming off in sheets, or inclined to come off, owing I believe to settlements taking place in walls.

The exterior of the Courthouse to rear was originally plastered or dashed with poor mortar which is falling off gradually. Some cracks are apparent in the walls, and it may be advisable not to do anything to this portion till winter frosts have helped to remove old plastering, and during next summer to cement stucco the walls after making good the cracks.

Your Obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD'S SURCHARGE.

The Secretary was directed to write the Local Government Board and request their reply as to the remission of the surcharge made against Messrs Hughes, Hamill, and Goodman.

## New County Offices' Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 15th day of October, 1914, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—B Hamill, Esq, J P, and subsequently Wm A Doran, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—James Wynne, J P; T Murphy, Esquires.  
Also present—Mr Walsh, County Surveyor.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were read and signed.

The following Report from the County Surveyor, which had already been before the Committee, was read:—

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

In accordance with your directions of 9th March last a plan of the Old Jail premises adjacent to the Courthouse has been prepared for your consideration.

I had not the advantage of being present at your discussion on 9th March, and am not quite certain of what is intended exactly by the "additional accommodation to be provided for" whether the Committee proposed that the County Council should continue to use some existing offices in the Courthouse, and also the Grand Jury Room as a Council Chamber; or whe-

ther they should erect a complete new suite of offices, with Council Chamber, on the Old Jail premises.

Assuming the latter proposition to be correct, the accommodation required would be:—

- (a) Council Chamber, 40 ft x 25 ft, say.
- (b) 1 Committee Room, about 16 ft square.
- (c) 1 Spare ditto, 16 feet square, to serve as office in busy times for Rate Clerks, etc.
- (d) 1 Single Office about 16 feet square—Accountant.
- (e) 3 Double Offices about 16 feet square for Secretary and Staff and County Surveyor and Staff, and County Committee of Agriculture.
- (f) 1 Single Office somewhat larger, for Secretary Insurance Committee.
- (g) The necessary Lavatories attached to County Council Chamber and Offices and Cloak Room.
- (h) Stationery Store Room for Secretary, 80 to 100 sq. feet area, say.
- (i) Strong Room for Secretary, 80 sq. feet area, say.
- (j) Store at back for coal and sundries. With regard to this latter, and having also regard to the fact that the Council may purchase road-rollers, it may not be amiss to consider the advisability and possibility of acquiring an entrance through the Urban Council premises adjoining.

No mention has been made above of a Store Room and Strong Room for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. The bedroom and kitchen occupied at present by the Courtkeeper could, without difficulty, so far as I can see, be converted into a Store Room and Strong Room respectively, and would be convenient to Mr Sheridan's office, provided, of course, that accommodation

could be provided for the Courtkeeper in the part of the Courthouse vacated by the Council.

The question also presents itself as to whether a resident Caretaker should be appointed in charge of the offices. If so, a residence, of course, would have to be provided for him.

It should be remembered when considering the proposed site that the drain from the Courthouse to the Crowe Street sewer runs through the centre of the garden in front, if I am rightly informed. In any plan for a building on the plot provision would have to be made for changing the course of the drain.

Should the Committee decide to advertise for competitive plans and specifications, an order should be made to procure two dozen (say) copies of site plan to be supplied to architects. It would be advisable also, if possible, to have photographs of the adjacent buildings—east side of Courthouse and the Exchange—to accompany plan of site. The attention of architects competing should be called to the question of providing for reflected light for east side of Courthouse (if necessary).

The terms for competition would be a matter to be settled by the Committee after discussion.

It would be desirable also if the Committee would define on the plan submitted the limits of the site to be built on.

I am, Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) THOMAS WALSH.

The ground plan of site, as prepared by the County Surveyor, was also before the Committee, and a discussion ensued as to the various accommodation to be provided in the offices.

Mr Bernard Hamill then proposed, and

Mr Thomas Murphy seconded, and

It was unanimously carried:

That we recommend that the County Council proceed with the erection of new Offices at a cost not to exceed £6,000, on

the site on the east of the County Court House; that prizes be offered for plans for same, namely—£50 for best plan, and £25 for second best plan; and that Professor W. A. Scott, of the National University, be appointed Assessor, and that the County Surveyor confer with him on the various details as to accommodation, etc.

## Louth County Council Tuberculosis Committee of Management.

### REPORTS.

Meeting held on Wednesday, the 9th day of September, 1914.

Present:—

In the Chair:—C A Duffy, Esq, J P, M C C.

Other Members:—W A Doran, J P; B Hamill, J P; James Wynne, J P; Thos Murphy, and P O'Connell, Esquires.

Also present:—Dr J A M'Quillan, T M O.

Minutes confirmed.

The report of the deputation to the Dundalk Guardians re a Scheme for the treatment and isolation of advanced cases of tuberculosis, was submitted (copy attached). After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided to defer further consideration of the subject, and to fix a date to hold a Special Meeting to which Mr Doran (Chairman) would request the Drogheda representatives of the Committee to attend, to take into consideration the Report in question, and also to consider the question of formulating a Scheme for establishing an Institution to suit the needs of the entire County, and situate in a central portion of the county.

The following Report was also submitted from the deputation who waited on the Authorities of the Louth County Infirmary

to acquire a site in the Grounds of the Infirmary for a Dispensary. There attended:—Messrs James Wynne, J P; William Woods, J P; Edward Goodman, P O'Connell, and Dr M'Quillan, with the Clerk:—

The members of the deputation inspected the Grounds and chose a Site at the rear of the Infirmary, and situated so that an entrance can be made from the road opposite the Gaol premises.

The Authorities eventually informed the members that the necessary ground may be acquired at an annual rental of £2 (Two Pounds), provided the plans, etc, of the proposed building be satisfactory to the Governing Body.

It was proposed by Mr Hamill;

Seconded by Mr Murphy, and resolved:

That we adopt the Report of the deputation to the Authorities of the Louth County Infirmary, and instruct the Clerk to communicate with the Local Government Board requesting an early inspection of the Site with a view to receiving their approval.

That Mr Vincent O'Connell, Architect, be instructed to prepare plan, etc, of the building in accordance with requirements.

The following non-insured persons were recommended for treatment at Peamount Sanatorium for 12 weeks each:—

Laurence Levins, Dunany, Dunleer.

Henry Carpenter, Churchtown, Dunleer.

Charles M'Ardle, Chapel Lane, Dundalk.

John Bradshaw, Shortstone, Hackballscross, who agrees to contribute 7s 6d per week towards the cost of his maintenance.

It was decided to recommend payment of 13s 3d to the Drog-

Drogheda Corporation for disinfecting two shelters as previously directed.

It was decided to recommend payment of £40 to Mr V. O'Connell, Architect's Fees for preparing Plans, Specification, etc, of the Dispensary proposed to be erected at Castletown Road, Dundalk; and to request Mr O'Connell to prepare the plans of the Dispensary proposed to be erected at the Louth Infirmary, the £40 now recommended to cover the cost also.

Application from Mr John Woods, Carlingford, for payment of 32s 6d, rates due on Carlingford Dispensary, which the landlord refuses to pay.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor.

Communication from Mr Joseph Dolan, Ardee, requesting payment of a Grant to the Ardee Nursing Association for Nurse Stockwin's services at Ardee Dispensary, and inquiring if it was intended to continue her services for the current year.

It was decided to recommend payment of a Grant of £10 to the Ardee Nursing Association for their Nurse's services at the Dispensary as from its opening 1st October, 1913, and to continue the services for the current year at the same remuneration.

It was decided to approve of the arrangements made for the removal of a Shelter from Drogheda to Ballymakenny, by Messrs Gogarty, Drogheda; and from the Green, Ardee, to Mr M'Cutcheon's, Ardee, which he kindly consented to store, by arrangement with Thomas Mathews, Ardee.

Dr M'Quillan was authorised to procure certain Medical Appliances and boiling Utensils for Dispensaries. Estimated cost, £2.

Communication from the Secretary of the County Council requesting the Committee to arrange a conference with the In-

Insurance Committee to consider the Form of Agreement to be entered into with both bodies.

It was decided to defer action until the Committee's definite Scheme could be placed before the Insurance Committee.

Meeting held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of September, 1914.

Present:—

In the Chair:—C A Duffy, Esq, J P, M C C.

Other Members:—B Hamill, J P, M C C; James Wynne, J P, M C C; Wm Woods, J P; M C C; Thomas Murphy, M C C, and P O'Connell, Esquires.

Also Present:—Dr M'Quillan, T M O.

Minutes confirmed.

The Scheme for the treatment of advanced cases of tuberculosis already submitted, was again under consideration. In connection with which there attended from the Dundalk Guardians Messrs P Muckian, Michael Deane, and P R Finigan, Clerk. The latter having given a synopsis of a letter from the Local Government Board on the subject, a long discussion ensued, when it was eventually decided to again defer consideration of the Scheme.

It was also decided to defer consideration of the General Scheme in the absence of the Drogheda Representatives.

It was decided to recommend Mrs Mary Gallagher, Charlestown, Ardee, a non-insured person, for 12 weeks' treatment at Peamount Sanatorium. Cost, £1 per week.

Letter dated 17th inst, from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, relative to the demand of Mr Woods, Rate Collector, for payment of

Rates due on Carlingford Dispensary, stating that the Council, as occupiers of the premises, are liable for payment.

It was decided to recommend payment of the amount due, viz, 32s 6d.

Dr M'Quillan was directed to procure Medical Appliances for Dispensaries. Estimated cost, 23s.

It was decided to direct Dr M'Quillan and the Clerk to attend the Special Meeting of the County Council on the following day, Thursday, 24th inst, to place before them the difficulties experienced to procure a Dispensary in Drogheda, and obtain the Council's directions on the matter.

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Drogheda Sub-Committee Meeting held in the Courthouse, Drogheda, on Wednesday, the 30th day of September, 1914.

In the Chair:—W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, M C C.

Other Members:—Messrs John Dolan, J P, M C C, and Patrick Donegan, J P M C C.

Also present:—T J Callaghan (Mayor), J B Connolly, Town Clerk; Dr J A M'Quillan, T M O, and the Clerk.

The question of a Site for a Dispensary available from George De Bell Ball, Esq, situate between John Street and Dominick's Bridge, at an annual rental of £2, was considered.

It was decided to adjourn the Meeting to five o'clock, p m, on Monday, the 5th October, in order that the Mayor might consider the matter in the meantime, Dr M'Quillan to ascertain from Mr Ball if he would lease the whole plot for a number of years and on what terms.

At the adjourned Meeting held in the Courthouse, Drogheda, on Monday, the 5th October there were present:—Messrs John Dolan, J P, and Patrick Donegan, J P.

Also Present:—Messrs John Callaghan (Mayor), J B Connolly, Town Clerk; Dr J A M'Quillan, T M O, and the Clerk.

A quorum not being available no business was transacted.

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Meeting of the General Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th day of October, 1914, at Dundalk.

Present:—

In the Chair:—C A Duffy, Esq, J P, M C C.

Other Members:—Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, M C C, and P O'Connell, Esq.

Also Present:—Dr J A M'Quillan, T M O.

Minutes of previous Meeting confirmed.

Report of Drogheda Sub-Committee Meeting held on the 30th September submitted, and reference made to subsequent meetings of the same Committee held on the 5th October, 16th October, and 26th October, which proved abortive owing to the absence of a quorum.

The question of the Site for a Dispensary at Drogheda was then considered, Dr M'Quillan, intimating that the Drogheda Representatives approved of acquiring the Site at John Street from George De Bell Ball, Esq,

It was proposed by Mr Hamill;

Seconded by Mr O'Connell, and unanimously resolved:

That subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, we acquire the whole plot of ground situate between John St.

and Dominick's Bridge, from George De Bell Ball, Esq, for a period of 99 years, at an annual rental of £3. That we agree to the conditions laid down by Mr Ball. That the County Council shall fence the plot on the road side, plant and maintain it; and that it shall not be used for any commercial purposes.

That Mr Turley, Laurence Street, Drogheda, Architect, be appointed to prepare plan, etc, of the building at the usual professional fees.

The Scheme with the Union Authorities for the treatment and isolation of advanced cases of tuberculosis was again under consideration.

It was proposed by Mr Hamill;

Seconded by Mr O'Connell, and unanimously resolved:

To adjourn consideration of the question for six months, owing to the expenditure involved.

It was decided to again communicate with the Local Government Board re the Dispensary at the Louth Infirmary.

Dr M'Quillan was directed to procure Medical Appliances for Dispensaries. Estimated cost, 21s.

The Clerk stated that since last meeting it was ascertained that Carlingford Dispensary was exempt from rating, and he again communicated with Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, on the matter, whose reply was submitted to the Meeting, stating that in Law the Landlord was liable for payment, but on the whole it was a matter for re-arrangement of rent paid under the Agreement, for if the Committee insist on the Landlord paying, he may notify termination of the tenancy.

It was proposed by Mr Hamill;

Seconded by Mr O'Connell, and resolved:

To recommend payment of amount due, viz, 32s 6d.

Letter dated 24th inst, from Mr V o'Connell, Architect, stating that he will prepare the plan etc, of the proposed Dis-

pensary at the Louth Infirmary on the terms already indicated by the Committee.—Noted.

Copy of letter from the Local Government Board, 52,300-14, approving of payment of Grant of £10 to the Ardee Nursing Association.—Noted.

Letter 52,690-14, 10th October, from Local Government Board sanctioning payment of £40 to Mr V O'Connell, Architect, fees for preparing plans, etc, of Dispensary at Castletown Road.—Noted.

Letter from the Secretary County Council enclosing copy of Letter 50,075-14, 6th October, from the Local Government Board, taking exception to the payment of the sum of £9 15s. 8d for educative literature supplied for dispensaries by the W. N. H. A.

It was decided to acknowledge receipt, and communicate with the L G B on the subject, drawing their attention to their own suggestions as contained in their Cir. Letter 4/m. 1913, dated 17th January, 1913.

V. WARREN, Clerk.

30-10-14.

DRAFT SCHEME FOR THE TREATMENT OF ADVANCED CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE DUNDALK UNION.

1. The County Council shall be permitted to erect in the Grounds of the Dundalk Union two chalets, one for male and one for female patients, to accommodate in all 12 beds. A kitchen to be erected in conjunction with one or other of the chalets. Cost of erection and equipment to be defrayed by the

County Council out of the Treasury Grant available for the purpose.

2. A nominal rent to be paid for the ground provided.
3. Chalets and equipment to be the property of the County Council, and shall be controlled by the County Council, or such Representative Body as they may appoint.
4. Council shall be permitted to connect sewerage with main sewer.
5. That the County Council shall guarantee an annual contribution of £216 towards the estimated establishment charges (as set out below), and 7s per week per patient under treatment for maintenance.

#### ESTIMATED ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES.

Guardians appoint two Nurses at £40 per annum, with 9s per week each Rations	126 0 0
Two Helpers, Salary £12 per annum with 5s 9d per week Rations	54 0 0
Estimated Cost of Heating	36 0 0
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	£216 0 0

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 26th October, 1914, at 1 o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—W A Doran, Esq, J P.

Other Members—C A Duffy, J P; Jas Wynne, J P; T Murphy, T O'Rourke, J Halpenny, J P; and J F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, and Mr Drumgoole, Assistant Surveyor, were also present.

The Minutes of the previous Finance Committee Meeting were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment,—

Conveyance of Prisoners	... £18 5 8
Sheep Dipping Account	... 10 0 9
Secretary's Office (including Monthly Salaries	22 6 8
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Total,	£50 13 1

#### COLLECTORS' ARREARS LIST.

The Collectors' Arrears Lists for the period ended 30th September, 1914, were examined by the Committee and payment of same recommended to the County Council.

#### REPORT FROM ROAD BOARD DEPUTATION.

The following report from the deputation sent by the Finance Committee to interview the Road Board in London on the subject

of the Grant offered by the Road Board for the strengthening and surfacing of the Dublin-Belfast Road, was read:—

#### ROAD BOARD GRANT.

##### REPORT OF DEPUTATION TO THE ROAD BOARD.

The Deputation appointed by the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 12th October, 1914, to interview the Road Board on the question of the Grant for the Dublin-Belfast road, proceeded to London on Monday evening. The Deputation consisted of the Chairman of the County Council, the County Surveyor, and the Secretary. The interview took place by appointment at the Road Board Offices, London, and was introduced by Mr Nolan, M P for South Louth.

The Engineer to the Road Board, Mr Maybury and later Sir George Gibb, the Chairman of the Road Board, discussed the matter of the Grant with the Deputation, and it was pointed out that the amount offered by the Road Board did not represent the pound for pound which had been suggested as the basis of the Grant when the Road Board met the Council Representatives in Dundalk in November, 1913. Mr Maybury stated the Board would grant the County of Louth the half of the amount expended on the work, but at present the Board were only able to offer the sum of £5,450. It was then arranged that if work to the extent of £10,900 would be undertaken, the Road Board would give the half of this amount, a grant of £5,450.

Your Deputation directed attention to the offer of a loan for the purchase of the necessary road making machinery, and the Engineer stated the Board would be prepared to pay interest on this loan of £4,095 for five years at 3 per cent, the amount to be borrowed by the Council from outside sources.

A further request by the Deputation for the interest on the amount of £5,450 to be put up by the Council for their share of the work was assented to by the Engineer, and after a discussion of the figures he agreed to give a grant of the amount of interest

at 3 per cent on £4,850—the necessary amount to be borrowed by the Council and repaid in 5 years.

The summing up of the result of the interview is that the Board offer a grant of £5,450 on a total expenditure of £10,900, a grant of £368 to pay interest on the machinery loan, and a further grant of £436 to pay interest on the loan to be raised by the Council for the work.

We consider the offer highly satisfactory, and that it should be accepted.

(Signed),

WILLIAM A. DORAN,  
THOMAS WALSH,  
CHARLES M'ALESTER.

23rd October, 1914.

A discussion took place on the Report, and the Committee expressed satisfaction that the Deputation had succeeded in arranging such favourable terms for the County, and on the motion of Mr C A Duffy, seconded by Mr T Murphy, the Committee unanimously decided to recommend the County Council to accept the terms.

The question of the money to be borrowed by the County Council for the purchase of road making machinery and for the money to be put up by the County Council for their share of the expenditure, was then discussed, and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the County Treasurer (the Hibernian Bank) and get a letter agreeing to advance the necessary money on the terms for advances, namely, 3 per cent, as arranged when the account of the County Council was transferred to the Hibernian Bank. The amount of this loan is as follows:—

For Machinery	...	£4,095
For Work on Road in Rural Districts	...	4,060
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Total,		£8,155

APPLICATION FROM DUNDALK UNION RE EXTERN  
PATIENTS.

The following letter from the Clerk of the Dundalk Union was read, and the Secretary was directed to send copy of same to the Secretary of the Joint Committee of Management of the Louth County Infirmary, and request their consideration of the application:—

Dundalk Union,  
16th October, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to forward you to be laid before the County Council the following copy of a resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Guardians of this Union at their Meeting on the 12th instant, viz:—

That having regard to the large and growing expenditure of this Board in respect of the conveyance and maintenance of patients in Extern Hospitals, we request the Louth County Council to make such arrangements as shall enable the Louth County Infirmary to receive and treat cases for ordinary operation, etc., from this Union, there.

That in our opinion the proposed arrangements would materially convenience patints and their friends and effect a substantial saving to the ratepayers.

Yours faithfully,

P. R. FINIGAN,  
Clerk of the Union.

Charles M'Alester, Esq,  
Secretary Louth County Council,

COULTER v. RICE AND CO. COUNCIL.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
14th October, 1914.

Coulter v. Rice and Co. Council.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Civil Bill herein claiming £15 for loss and damage alleged to have been sustained by Plaintiff, by reason

of injuries to a wall and the foundation and the land and premises of the Plaintiff at Dowdallshill, I beg to report that the County Court Judge at Quarter Sessions to-day dismissed the Civil Bill with costs.

I return herewith Proposal of the Road Contractor and Specification for the work.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

COUNTY COUNCIL PROSECUTIONS.

The following letter from the Solicitor was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
17th October, 1914.

County Council Prosecutions.

Dear Sir,—

Referring to my letters of 27th August last reporting on result of hearing of summonses at Collon Petty Sessions on same date, I now beg to send herewith receipts of the Council's Treasurers for moneys lodged to-day to credit of the Council, being:—

1. Receipt for £1, 10s fine and 10s costs, received from Clerk of Petty Sessions and lodged in the matter of the case of "Sharp v. Gargan"—Sale of Food and Drugs Acts Summons.
2. Receipt for 5s in the case of the Council v. Peter Kearney—Sheep Dipping Prosecution. The fine of 2s 6d being retained by the Clerk for lodgment in pursuance of Section 75 (4) of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq,  
Secretary, Louth County Council, Dundalk.

## PENTLAND v. LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Letter was read from Mr Tallan, Solicitor, Drogheda, dated 16th October, requesting payment of the amount of decree and costs, £7 2s, for malicious injury claim in above case.

The Secretary was directed to reply that the amount could not be paid till after the 31st March, 1915.

## THOMPSON v. COUNTY COUNCIL.

Letter was read from Messrs Hunter Moore and Boyle, Solicitors, Newry, in above malicious injury claim, in which decree was obtained, stating that unless payment of the amount of the decree was received within a week they would be obliged to lodge same for execution.

The Secretary was directed to send the letter to the Council's Solicitor to deal with same.

## COMMITTAL TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Sir,

Take notice that application will be made for the committal of Teresa Grimes to St. Joseph's Industrial School, Dundalk, on next Friday (23rd instant) at Dundalk Petty Sessions.

(REV.) JAMES QUINN, C. C.,  
Ballybarrack.

16th October, 1914.

## SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Letters were read from the Department of Agriculture, dated 15th October and 20th October, relative to one sample of jam and three samples of butter taken in Dundalk by an Officer of the Department for analysis. The letters stated that all the samples

had been submitted to the County Analyst and had been certified pure by him. The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

## INSURANCE OF CLERKS IN COUNTY OFFICE.

A letter was read from Mr Doyle, Inspector under the National Health Insurance Act relative to the exemption from Insurance under the Act of the Clerks in the County Council Office. The letter stated that under First Schedule, Part II., par. b of the Act, the Insurance Commissioners would grant exemption to the employees of a local or public authority where they were satisfied that the terms of employment were such as to secure provision in respect of sickness and disablement on the whole not less favourable than the corresponding benefits conferred by Part I. of the Act.

On the motion of Mr Thomas Murphy,  
Seconded by Mr Thomas O'Rourke,

It was unanimously recommended that the County Council should give the guarantee necessary to secure exemption from Insurance of the two Assistants in the Secretary's Office.

## NOTICE OF ERECTION OF TELEPHONE LINE.

The Surveyor submitted notice received from Post Office Telegraphs Department re erection of Telephone line to Ravensdale P. O. and Ballymascanlon House, and he was directed to see the Council's interest safeguarded in the matter.

## COLLECTORS' GUARANTEE BONDS.

Letter was read from the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., enclosing a list of the Bonds guaranteeing the various Collectors under the Council, and stating that all with the exception of four—which mature on 31st March—fall due for renewal at various dates. The Company proposed to renew these as they came due, and in March next to issue new Bonds so

that all would be due at the same date. They desired to have the approval of the Council to this course.

The Committee unanimously approved of this arrangement, as it enabled the renewals to be all perfected at the same time.

#### ARDEE ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor informing the Committee that the agreement with Mr M'Keever, the Contractor for above, indemnifying the County Council against all actions, accidents, etc., in connection with the Scheme was not yet completed, as the accompanying map had not been checked owing to Mr M'Keever's Engineer having failed to keep his appointment.

A letter from Mr M'Keever addressed to the Chairman was also read, requesting permission to appear before the Committee, which request was acceded to.

Mr M'Keever explained to the Committee that the cause of the delay was owing to the fact that an appointment made between his Engineer, Mr Storey, and Mr Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyor, had not taken place. Mr Dromgoole stated that he had gone specially to Ardee, but that Mr Storey did not keep the appointment. This was substantiated by the County Surveyor, who stated that neither Mr M'Keever nor his Engineer had carried out the arrangements made for the checking of the map. It was eventually arranged that Mr M'Keever's Engineer would attend at Ardee on Thursday, 29th inst, to meet the County Surveyor and check the map. On the application of Mr M'Keever, the Committee recommended that any additional poles that might require to be erected under the Electric Lighting Scheme might be done without the preparation of a separate agreement, but that the County Solicitor should insert a Clause in the present Agreement that any additional poles required could be erected, provided Mr M'Keever and his Company furnished a map showing the position in which the additional poles would be erected, which map would be furnished to the County Surveyor and his consent obtained to the erection of the poles.

#### BOAT SLIP AT GILES' QUAY.

The Secretary brought under the notice of the Committee that the Boat House and Slip at Giles' Quay were to be sold by public auction on this day, Monday, the 26th October, and that some members of the County Council considered that as the Slip was used in connection with Giles' Quay Harbour, and had been used for a number of years for the landing of fish, that some action should be taken to notify the Auctioneer that the Council claimed the Slip as County property. The Secretary further informed the Committee that Mr O'Connell, the Council's Solicitor, was in communication with the Board of Works to obtain a title to the Slip which had been claimed by Mr Mackay, who had obtained possession of the Boat House.

Mr Duffy considered that the right of the Council to the Slip should have been contested when this claim of Mr Mackay's to the Slip had been set up by prosecuting those fishermen who had landed fish at the Slip without paying the poundage fees, which had been the custom for thirty-five years.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Mr James Wynne,  
Seconded by Mr Thomas Murphy:

"That we advise Mr O'Connell to appear at the sale of the Giles' Quay Boat House and Slip, and inform the Auctioneer that the Louth County Council claim the Slip as County property, and object to the sale of same."

For this resolution there voted:—Messrs W A Doran, James Wynne, J F Murphy, T Murphy, J Halpenny, and T O'Rourke—6.

Against—Mr C A Duffy—1.

The resolution was declared carried, and word was sent to Mr O'Connell accordingly.

Subsequently Mr O'Connell appeared before the Committee and informed them that he had warned the Auctioneer not to

proceed with the sale, but notwithstanding his protest the sale proceeded, and the Boat House and Slip were sold for £260.

After discussion, when Mr Duffy pointed out that something should have been done to secure the Slip to the County Council, having been under their control and that of the Grand Jury for thirty-seven years, Mr O'Connell stated that he was in communication with the Board of Works and that they stated that they could not clear up the title. Mr O'Connell also read counsel's opinion which he had obtained, and in which he held that the Council had a good case for claiming the Slip.

The Committee unanimously decided that Mr O'Connell should serve notice on the purchaser that the County Council are claiming the Slip and the right to collect fees, and to take whatever action was necessary for securing the Council's property; and to report the matter fully to the next meeting of the County Council.

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Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Louth County Council.

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**Proposal Committee**

AT THEIR

**Adjourned Quarterly Meeting,**

**held on 9th November, 1914,**

AND

**Finance Committee**

AT THEIR

**Meeting held on 9th November, 1914.**

## Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 9th day of November, 1914, at one o'clock, p. m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Thomas O'Rourke, Patrick M'Gee, J P; N T Murphy, Michael Meade, Esquires.

Minutes of the Proposal Committee Meeting held on October 12th, were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee were called for the purpose of considering tenders for the undermentioned works in accordance with advertisement issued by the Secretary, viz:—

### APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No. 11—To erect shed on Carlingford Pier, as recommended by County Council. Cost not to exceed £125.

No 12—To re-paper, paint, etc, rooms in Court-keeper's residence, Ardee Court House. Cost not to exceed £10.

For No. 11 no tenders were received, and it was arranged to

place the work in the hands of the County Surveyor.

For No. 12 two tenders were received, but as one of these tenders was not handed in until 10.15 a m on this day (Monday) the Committee decided not to open same. The other tender was from Thomas O'Neill, Ardee, for the sum of £9 18s 6d, and the Committee unanimously decided to accept same.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 9th day of November, 1914, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—C A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—M Meade, N T Murphy, T O'Rourke, Patk M'Gee, J P; J Wynne, J P; J F Murphy, J P, and Thos Murphy, Esquires.

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 26th October, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in charge of County Surveyor	£13 0 0
Secretary's Office (including balance of remuneration and poundage fees to Collectors for collection of poor rate to September 30th, 1913)	132 17 0
Total	£145 17 0

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled.

The Committee recommended that a Paying Order for £2,000 from the General to the Subsidiary Account should be drawn.

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large payments, which

were examined and recommended for payment by the County Council.

The payments for Road Contractors to the Rural Districts of Ardee No. 1, Drogheda and Dundalk, were also examined and payment recommended.

#### RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,

26th October, 1914.

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Louth County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, relative to the collection of the poor rate in Louth County, and I am to state that, in the circumstances, the Board will raise no objection to the payment of the balance of remuneration and poundage in respect of their collections for the half-year ended on the 30th September, 1913, to those Collectors who have completed their collections of the first moiety of the current year's rate on the 30th September, 1914, and to Collector Cluskey who closed his collection on the 1st instant.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

#### ROAD BOARD GRANT.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

The Road Board,  
Manager and Engineer's Office,  
Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway,  
Westminster, London, S.W.,

28th October, 1914.

Dear Sir,

Dublin-Belfast Road.

I beg to refer to our interview on the 21st instant, and to say that if your Council will submit a scheme estimated to cost £10,900, the Board will be prepared, subject to the details of the works proposed being approved by them, to make the following grants in respect thereof:—

- (1) £5,450, representing 50 per cent of the estimated expenditure.
- (2) £436, representing a grant equal to the interest on a loan of £4,850, borrowed from outside sources with the interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, and repayable by 5 equal annual instalments.

#### PURCHASE OF PLANT.

The Board are further prepared to make a grant of £368, representing a sum equal to the interest on a loan of £4,095 borrowed from outside sources and repayable, with interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, by five equal annual instalments.

I enclose herewith draft statement of the proposed grant

of £368, which please return to this office after verifying the particulars.

Yours faithfully,

H. P. MAYBURY.

The County Surveyor,

Louth County Council,

Court House, Dundalk.

#### ROAD MAKING MACHINERY LOAN.

Letters were read from the Manager Hibernian Bank, Dundalk, stating that the Bank would be pleased to advance the Council on loan the sum of £8,155, being £4,095 for purchase of Road Making Machinery, and £4,060 for work, at the rate of 3 per cent (three per cent) per annum, on the usual security of the Rates.

The Secretary was directed to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction of the loan of £4,095 for the purchase of machinery was approved by the County Council.

#### RATES ON TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY AT CARLINGFORD.

Letter was read from Mr V Warren, Secretary of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, with reference to the payment of the rates on the above Dispensary, amounting to the sum of £1 12s 6d.

The arrangement when the letting was made was that the Council were to pay the rates, but since entering into occupation of the Dispensary the assessment for rating purposes had been changed, and in view of the use of the premises as for public purposes the liability was changed from the occupier to

the landlord, who is assessed on the half annual rent. The payment of this was objected to by Mr M'Kevitt, the landlord of the premises, and the Tuberculosis Committee of Management now unanimously recommend that the County Council should pay the rates on the premises as per agreement.

After discussion the Committee unanimously recommended that the County Council pay the rates, as recommended by the Committee of Management.

#### LOUTH COUNTY INFIRMARY MEETINGS.

Letter was read from Sir John G Barton, the Arbitrator, on Infirmary stating that the day and hour of Meeting of the Joint Committee of Management had been changed to the Third Wednesday in each Month at One o'clock p m. This day being Fair Day in Dundalk was considered a suitable one for all the Members.

#### MOTOR CAR ACT.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board, No. 170M, 1914, dated 27th October, was read, stating, for the information of the Council, that by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1914, the Motor Car Act, 1903, was continued until the 31st December, 1915. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### WINTER ASSIZES, 1914.

Circular letter from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, dated 5th November, 1914, was read, stating that under Section 19 of Winter Assizes Order in Council, the usual Certificate for Expenses will only be issued to the Treasurer who attend the Winter Assizes to pay orders for Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses, and that where such Treasurer is a Bank the Certificate will be issued in favour of such Bank. The Secretary was directed to inform the Hibernian Bank, Dundalk, the County Treasurer, of this Order.

## ARDEE BRANCH LINE AND RAILWAY GUARANTEE.

Letter was read from the Accountant, Great Northern Railway, Ireland, dated 3rd November, enclosing copy of the Ardee Branch Account, which showed a deficit for the half-year ended 30th June, 1914, of £415 17s 6d.

Letter was read from Sir John G. Baron, the Arbitrator, enclosing Certificate that the total amount required to be contributed by the rateable district in the Barony of Ardee to supply the deficiency was the sum of £400 for the six months to 30th June, 1914.

## ARDEE UNION AND ARDEE NO. 1 DISTRICT.

## ABSTRACTS OF ACCOUNTS.

Letters from the Local Government Board, dated 30th October, 1914, and numbered respectively 57806 and 57810, were read, enclosing the Audited Accounts of the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council and Ardee Union for the period ended 31st March, 1914. The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

## INSURANCE OF CLERKS IN COUNTY OFFICE.

The Secretary submitted a minute from the Insurance Commission, Ireland, dated 23rd October, 1914, in which it was now stated that exemption under Schedule 1, Part 2 (B) is out of the question owing to difficulties about the Council's powers to secure the benefits to the employees; this being the most recent decision of the Insurance Commission on the question of exemption of the clerical employees of public bodies. Under the circumstances the Insurance of the Clerks in the County Office must be carried out, and the Secretary was directed accordingly.

## SIR CHARLES CAMERON'S REPORT.

The following report was read and initialled by the Chairman:

City Laboratory,  
Chatham Row, Dublin,

6th November, 1914.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C B, M D, Public Analyst for the County Louth, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 30th September, 1914.

Five articles were received from the Food Inspectors. R I C, as follows:—

For Sergeant M'Donagh, Drogheda, three specimens of butter and two of milk were analysed and were pure.

For the Guardians of Drogheda Union one specimen of whiskey was analysed and was pure.

There were three specimens of butter and one of jam analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Louth and were pure.

Four specimens of water analysed for the Town Surveyor, Dundalk, had the following compositions:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Total Solid Matter, ... Including	11.200	11.200	11.900	11.900
Albuminoid Ammonia, ...	0.013	0.011	0.0075	0.006
Saline Ammonia, ...	0.004	0.0035	0.002	0.002
Nitric Acid, ...	Trace	Trace	Trace	Trace
Chlorine, ...	1.290	1.290	1.290	1.190
Colour, ...	Yellow	Light Yellow	Very Light Yellow	Light Yellow

All fit for use.

One specimen of water analysed for C. MacMahon, Esq., Solicitor, Dundalk, had the following composition:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter 59.500

Including:

Albuminoid Ammonia 1.123

Saline Ammonia 0.064

Nitric Acid Trace

Chlorine 2.790

Colour semi-opaque

Not much better than sewage.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Mr C P Glendon, Dundalk.

In the original reports on the water above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total analyses—16.

C. A. CAMERON.

#### MULLINGAR AND KELLS RAILWAY.

Mr Worthington, the promoter of the Mullingar and Kells Railway, appeared before the Committee to request that the Loufth County Council would pass a resolution in favour of the Bill proposed to be submitted to Parliament to construct a Railway from Mullingar to Kells entitled the "Mullingar and Kells Railway Bill, 1914," for compulsory purchase of land for the construction of Railway and Works by that Bill authorised, and authorising the Company to insert a Clause in said Bill enabling the Council to give a guarantee, if they so think fit, on a portion of the Share Capital of the said Mullingar and Kells Railway.

Mr Worthington submitted copy of the opinion of counsel, Mr J H Balfour Browne, K C, in which Counsel stated that the mere

approval of the Bill by the County Council will not make such Approving Authority liable in any way with regard to the Guarantee, and that no liability can be incurred by those Authorities unless they "see fit" to take the steps necessary under the 10th Clause of the Bill.

The Committee directed the Secretary to submit the correspondence to the County Council at their Meeting on Thursday, 12th inst.

#### ENCROACHMENT AT BLACKROCK.

LYONS v. WALL.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, stating that in the above case it would be necessary for Mr J M C Lyons, who is complainant, as being the then Acting County Surveyor, must now enter into recognisances, with sureties, to proceed with the case stated before the document as signed will be handed out to the Council's Solicitor by the Clerk of Petty Sessions, and also stating that Mr Lyons had informed him that he (Mr Lyons) should not be called upon to so enter into security to proceed further with the matter, and requesting the Council's instructions in the circumstances.

After discussion, the Secretary was directed to bring this letter before the County Council at Thursday's Meeting, and in the meantime to enquire from Mr O'Connell how otherwise the question of sureties should be adjusted.

#### WOTTONSTOWN AND FANE DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell with reference to the above matter, and giving copy of letter written by him to the Secretary Board of Works as instructed by the Council, and giving copy of reply.

The Secretary was directed to lay the whole correspondence before the County Council at Thursday's Meeting.

## UPKEEP OF DROGHEDA COURTHOUSE.

On the consideration of the Accounts for the supply of Gas and Water for Drogheda Courthouse, Mr N T Murphy raised the question of the liability of the County Council for these charges, and also the question of the repairs, painting, etc., for the building, and requested information as to the extent to which the Courthouse is used by the Corporation of Drogheda.

After discussion, the Secretary was directed to prepare a statement of the monies contributed by the county at large for the building and maintenance of the Courthouse since the passing of the Local Government Act.

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Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

OF THE

**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL**

AT THEIR

**Third Quarterly Meeting**

**Held on Thursday, 12th November, 1914.**

## Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their third Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 12th November, 1914, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair:—Wm A Doran, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Michael Meade, J H M'Ardle, J P; Michael M'Ardle, John Morgan, J P Kearney, Wm Woods, J P; Chas. A Duffy, J P; T Murphy, Thomas O'Rourke, Thomas B. M'Court, James Wynne, J P; Peter Woods, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; N T Murphy, Patk. Donegan, J P; T V M'Quillan, P Callan, J P; W T Skeffington, J P; Peter B Moore, J P; John F Murphy, J P; Jas M'Carthy, J P, Esquires.

Also present:—Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; J M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyor; J Dromgoolé, Assistant Surveyor; Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council; Dr J A M'Quillan, T M O, and Mr V Warren, Clerk T C M.

### CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of Proceedings of the Louth

County Council, at their second Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held on the 20th August, 1914, and their Special Meeting on the 24th September, 1914, and a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Peter B Moore, J P;  
Seconded by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed:—

Monday, the 31st day of August, 1914.  
Monday, the 14th day of September, 1914.  
Monday, the 28th day of September, 1914.  
Monday, the 12th day of October, 1914.  
Monday, the 26th day of October, 1914.  
Monday, the 9th day of November, 1914.

#### CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee held on the 21st day of September, 1914, a printed copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on the 12th October, 1914, and adjourned to the 9th November, 1914, and a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### ARDEE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Patrick Callan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their third Quarterly Meeting, held on the 6th day of October, 1914, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £864 7s 9d.

#### DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their third

Quarterly Meeting, held on the 20th day of October, 1914, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £664 4s 4d.

#### DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Wm Woods, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Thomas B M'Court, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their third Quarterly Meeting held on the 5th day of October, 1914, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £1,583 7s 3d.

#### COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by J P Kearney, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on the 12th October, 1914, and adjourned to the 9th November, 1914, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, and amounting to the sum of £6,201 15s 11d, be and are hereby approved of by the Council.

#### DATES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Thomas B M'Court, Esq, and

Resolved—That the County Council hereby determine that the following shall be the dates for the holding of the fourth Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils:—

Ardee—Tuesday, 5th January, 1915.

Drogheda—Tuesday, 12th January, 1915.

Dundalk—Monday, 4th January, 1915; and

that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 4th January, 1915.

#### TRANSFERS TO BOARDS OF GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The Treasurer's Authority for the following Instalments of Demands were duly signed:—

Ardee Board of Guardians	£1,024 7 8
Drogheda Board of Guardians	1,268 1 9
Dundalk Board of Guardians	2,833 10 0

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£5,125 19 5.

Ardee No. 1 R. D. Council	£612 10 0
Drogheda (Louth) do.	367 10 0
Dundalk R. D. Council	1,012 10 0

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£1,992 10 0

Gross Total

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£7,118 9 5.

## COLLECTORS' ARREARS.

The Arrears Lists in respect of the period ended 30th September, 1914, were examined and duly signed by the Chairman.

## DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

The formation of a Committee to deal with possible distress arising out of the war, was referred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee, and the Secretary was directed to prepare a list of names for the Committee.

## SHEEP DIPPING NOTICES.

Mr Patrick M'Gee referred to prosecutions under the Sheep Dipping Order, and stated that he thought it was unfair that persons who had dipped their sheep at the Council's tanks should be prosecuted for not serving the notice of having dipped on the police. He thought it should be the duty of the Dipping Superintendent to serve the necessary notices.

The Secretary submitted copy of the Order but after discussion, the following resolution was

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Thomas Murphy, Esq, and

Resolved—That it be the duty of the Dipping Superintendents at the Council's tanks to notify the police when a sheep owner dips his sheep at the Council's tanks.

## ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Wm Woods, Esq, J P;

Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P;

Supported by N T Murphy, Peter Woods, J P; W T Skeffington, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; Thos Murphy, Joseph H. M'Ardle, J P; W A Doran, J P, Esquires, and unanimously

Resolved—That we hereby elect Mr Charles A Duffy, J P, as Vice-Chairman of the Louth County Council for the balance of the ensuing term.

## CHAIRMAN'S RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED.

The Chairman, in an eloquent speech, in which he outlined the reasons for his action, tendered his resignation as Chairman of the County Council. He informed the Council that the dictates of his conscience, and the call of his Leader, Mr John E Redmond, to stand by the British Empire, now that she had granted Home Rule to Ireland, had compelled him as a matter of duty to offer his services as a private soldier to fight against the grinding militarism which aimed at the domination of all the nationalities of Europe.

Mr M'Carthy moved that the Chairman's resignation be not accepted, and stated that he thought that the Chairman had acted logically according to his views, and that what was done for the humblest member of the community on active service should be done for their Chairman, namely, to keep his position open.

Mr Skeffington seconded the resolution, and stated that

they had all listened with pleasure to the Chairman's spirited address.

A number of the Councillors supported Mr M'Carthy's motion, and eventually

The Chairman withdrew his resignation, and thanked the Council for their kindly feelings towards him in the circumstances.

#### ROAD BOARD GRANT.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the offer of grant from the Road Board, which was as follows:—

- (1) £5,450, representing 50 per cent of the estimated expenditure.
- (2) £436, representing a grant equal to the interest on a loan of £4,850, borrowed from outside sources with the interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, and repayable by 5 equal annual instalments.

The Board are further prepared to make a grant of £368, representing a sum equal to the interest on a loan of £4,095 borrowed from outside sources and repayable, with interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, by five equal annual instalments.

After discussion, in which Messrs Moore, M'Carthy, Duffy, Meade and N T Murphy took part, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

Proposed by Wm Woods, Esq, J P;

Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to accept the grant offered by the Road Board (£368) in lieu of the interest on money to be borrowed for the purchase of Road Making Machinery, and we recommend to the various District Councils, Rural and Urban, the acceptance of the further grant offered by the Road Board for the strengthening and surfacing of the Dublin-Belfast Road, namely, £5,450, on an expenditure of £10,900; and a grant of £436 in lieu of interest on the amount to be borrowed by the County Council for the work in the Rural Districts.

#### THANKS TO DEPUTATION.

The following resolution was also passed:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the best thanks of the Council be tendered to the Chairman of the Council, the County Surveyor, and the Secretary for the successful issue of their visit to the Road Board in London in connection with the Grant for the Dublin-Belfast Road.

The Chairman, Surveyor, and Secretary returned suitable thanks.

#### REPORT OF TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The report of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, as printed on pages 74 to 82 of the printed minutes, was next under discussion.

Mr Thomas Murphy moved the adoption of the Report, and this was seconded by Mr T V M'Quillan.

Mr Peter B Moore moved that the Report of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management be referred back to them, and to the Drogheda Sub-Committee for the re-consideration of the question of the site for the Drogheda Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Mr James M'Carthy seconded the amendment.

Considerable discussion took place on this matter, Messrs Moore and M'Carthy objecting to the site selected for the Dispensary, as it was alleged neither central nor sanitary, being reclaimed slob-land. Mr T V M'Quillan and the Chairman contested this view, and held that the site was more central than any that could be procured, and was most suitable.

Dr M'Quillan, T M O, in reply to the Chairman, stated the site was very suitable, and that the Local Government Board would not sanction the site if they considered it undesirable.

The amendment was then put to the meeting with the following result:—

For the Amendment—Messrs M'Carthy, M'Gee, Moore and Peter Woods—4.

Against the Amendment—Messrs Doran, Hamill, Kearney, M'Quillan, J F Murphy, N T Murphy, T Murphy, Skeffington, Wm Woods and James Wynne—10.

The following did not vote—Messrs Callan, Donegan, Duffy, Michael M'Ardle, J H M'Ardle, M'Court, Meade and Morgan.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the original

resolution, that the Report be adopted, was then put with the following result:—

For the adoption of the Report—Messrs Doran, Hamill, Kearney, M'Quillan, J F Murphy, N T Murphy, T Murphy, Skeffington, Wm Woods and James Wynne—10.

Against the Resolution—Messrs M'Carthy, Moore, and Peter Woods—3.

The following Councillors did not vote—Messrs Callan, Donegan, Duffy, M M'Ardle, J H M'Ardle, M'Court, M'Gee, Meade and Morgan.

The Chairman then declared the resolution carried, and the Report was formally adopted.

#### NEW COUNTY OFFICES.

The Report of the New County Offices Committee, as printed at pages 70 to 73 of the printed minutes, was the next item on the agenda.

The following resolution was

Proposed by the Chairman (W A Doran, Esq, J P.;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby adopt report of the New County Offices Committee, as set out on pages 70 to 73 of the printed minutes, and that we proceed with the erection of new offices for the County Council on the site of the Old Jail Premises, at a cost not to exceed £6,000; and that we decide to offer prizes for plans for the new Building, namely, £50 for the best plan, and £25 for second best plan; and that Professor W. A. Scott,

of the National University, be appointed Assessor, and that the County Surveyor confer with him on the various details, as to accommodation, etc.

The following amendment was

Proposed by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq,

That the Report recommending the erection of New Offices be deleted, and that the County Surveyor be asked to inspect the Court House, and report whether such alterations and additions could be made as to meet the requirements of the County Council.

The Chairman put the Amendment with the following result:—

For the Amendment—Messrs Callan, Donegan, J H M'Ardle, M'Carthy, M'Gee, M'Quillan, N T Murphy, Moore, Skeffington, and Peter Woods—10.

Against the Amendment—The Chairman, Messrs Duffy, Hamill, Michael M'Ardle, Kearney, Meade, J F Murphy, T. Murphy, Morgan, Wm Woods, and James Wynne—11.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the original resolution, to adopt the Report of the Committee, was put as a substantive motion, and carried without a division.

#### ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS AS REVISED BY STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq ;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the Standing Orders, as revised by the Standing Orders Committee, a printed copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council; and we direct our Secretary to have the necessary number of copies printed, and that he send a copy of the Standing Orders, as now adopted, to each member of the County Council.

#### MR MURPHY'S NOTICE OF MOTION.

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr Thomas Murphy, with reference to the neglected condition of the Graveyards and Cemeteries throughout the County, was ruled out of order by the Chairman, as it was a matter for the Rural District Councils to deal with.

#### COMPENSATION FOR DESTRUCTION OF FRUIT TREES.

The consideration of the correspondence from the Department of Agriculture with reference to compensation for fruit trees destroyed under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1897 and 1907, was next under discussion, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Thomas Murphy, Esq,

Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, and

Resolved—"That we request the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland to make an order granting compensation to owners of fruit trees destroyed in the County Louth under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1897 and 1907."

## MR. J. J. FLYNN'S DEPARTURE FROM DUNDALK.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P,

Seconded by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P; and

Resolved—"That we learn with regret of the departure from Dundalk of Mr J J Flynn, Manager, Hibernian Bank, Dundalk, who has acted as Treasurer of the Louth County Council for so long a time. We desire to place on record our appreciation of the courtesy and business capacity which Mr Flynn has always displayed in his connection with the affairs of the County Council, and we wish him long years of happiness to enjoy his well-earned rest."

Mr J P Kearney desired to be associated specially with the foregoing resolution.

## FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The following letters with reference to the above matter were read, and the Secretary was directed to have them inserted on the Minutes and to place the consideration of the whole matter before the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting on 26th November:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

26th August, 1914.

Re Wottonstown and Fane Drainage Districts.

Dear Sir,—

Adverting to previous correspondence, I am instructed by the Louth County Council to inquire from your Board to what extent they may rely on your Board dealing with the matters set out hereunder before finally coming to a decision as to taking over the business of above-mentioned districts:—

The re-assessment of the respective districts in view of the change of ownership under the Land Purchase Acts.

The adjusting of contentious questions that have arisen by reason of the failure of the Trustees to carry out their trust. Such as, the erection of two weirs by Major Fortescue, the obstruction by Murdock at Commons and Craig at Walterstown, and similar questions of right claimed by tenant purchasers to have been acquired by prescription.

Generally, any information by your Board will be welcomed on the subject of how far the Council will be protected in the event of deciding to take over the works, that they may be in a position to measure the extent of their prospective liabilities.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

The Secretary,

Office of Public Works, Dublin.

Office of Public Works, Dublin,

9th September, 1914.

12479/14.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to refer to your letter of 26th ultimo, inquiring what would be the position of the County Council if they took over the business of the Wottonstown and Fane Drainage Districts under the provisions of Section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and I am to forward herewith copies of the Awards made by the Board on completion of the Works of the District which will afford you information as to the cost and nature of the works, the extent of the District, and the lands benefitted by the Drainage. Speaking generally, the business of the Trustees consists in seeing that the Drainage works are properly maintained, and in levying annually on the lands improved by the operation of the works a sum sufficient for the maintenance works and other expenses incident thereto. The duties of the Trustees are more particularly set forth in Section CXXI. of the Act, 5 and 6 Vic., Cap. 89. Copy of Section enclosed. The

County Council of Kildare have taken over the business of eight Drainage Districts under the provisions of Section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and the Secretary or the County Surveyor would probably on inquiry furnish you with details of the working of the business of these Districts by the County Council.

As regards the two points specially mentioned in your letter of the 26th ultimo, namely, the assessment of new proprietors and the settlement of outstanding contentious questions, there is no difficulty in regard to the former. All that is necessary for the person acting as Superintendent or Secretary to do is to forward a map showing the boundaries of the new proprietors' holdings, with a Schedule of the names of the new proprietors to the Board, when a Deed apportioning the liability for the charge for maintenance over the lands of the new proprietors will be executed.

As regards the question of the removal of obstructions to the flow of the water, the Board are aware of one recent case in which the Trustees after legal action succeeded in compelling the removal of weirs which had been illegally placed in the channels causing an obstruction to the flow of the water in the District. If the County Council take over the duties of the Trustees in the Wottonstown and Fane Districts, and if in either of these Districts weirs have been illegally placed obstructing the flow of the water, it will be the duty of the County Council to take whatever steps they may be advised to be necessary for the removal of these obstructions and to charge the cost of any such proceedings against the amount collected as a maintenance rate from the proprietors of lands within the District.

The Board have no information in respect to the obstructions mentioned by you, and they are, therefore, unable to offer any advice in the matter.

I am to add that any further information you may require the Board will be happy to give you.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

LYONS v. WALL.

The following letter was read with reference to the case stated in above matter in connection with the encroachment at Blackrock, and the Secretary was directed to place the consideration of same on the agenda for the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

7th November, 1914.

Lyons v. Wall.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Petty Summons herein for breach of Section 9 of Summary Jurisdiction Act in erection of part of a house within 30 feet from the centre of the road, I beg to report that the Justices who adjudicated have now stated a case for the decision of the King's Bench. Mr Lyons, who is Complainant as being the then acting County Surveyor, must now enter into Recognisance with Sureties to proceed with the Case Stated before document as signed will be handed out to me by the Clerk of Petty Sessions, which is following the usual procedure.

Mr Lyons has informed me that he feels he should not be called upon to so enter into security to proceed further with the matter, and I would be glad to have the Council's instructions in the circumstances.

The matter of appealing from the decision of the majority of the Magistrates was before several Meetings of the Council, and it was finally left with me to proceed and have the ruling of the King's Bench on the decision which is erroneous in point of law, and for the purpose of vindicating the Council's authority should similar cases occur in the future.

The case should have come before the High Court last term, but delay was occasioned by the fact that the Solicitor on the other side was ill for three months and was not in a position to go into the question of agreeing on draft case submitted by me

to him, and consequently the matter was obliged to remain over for his return to business.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq,

Secretary Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

#### MULLINGAR AND KELLS RAILWAY.

Letter was read from Mr Robert Worthington, Dublin, the promoter of the Mullingar and Kells Railway, requesting the County Council to pass a resolution approving of the Bill for the construction of the above Railway, and for the compulsory purchase of land for the Railway and Works by that Bill authorised, and authorising the Company to insert a Clause in the said Bill enabling the County Council to give a guarantee if they so think fit on a portion of the Share Capital of the said Mullingar and Kells Railway.

Copy of the opinion of J H Balfour-Browne, K C, was also read on a case submitted to him as to the liability incurred by County Councils approving of the insertion in the Bill of a permissive Clause giving them power to guarantee if they so thought fit.

The Counsel's opinion was as follows:—

No. As I read the Bill the mere approval of the Bill by the County Councils and Corporation will not make such approving authorities liable in any way with regard to the guarantee. No liability can be incurred by those authorities unless they "see fit" to take the steps necessary under the 10th Clause of the Bill. All that the Bill does is to clothe them with the powers to give the guarantee, if they determine to do so.

(Signed),

J. H. BALFOUR-BROWNE, K C.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq,  
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, and

Resolved—"That the Bill proposed to be submitted to Parliament to construct a Railway from Mullingar to Kells, entitled 'The Mullingar and Kells Railway Bill, 1915,' for compulsory purchase of land for the construction of the Railway and Works by that Bill Authorised, be and the same is hereby approved by us, and we authorise the Company to insert a Clause in said Bill enabling this Council to give a guarantee, if they so think fit, on a portion of the Share capital of the said Mullingar and Kells Railway."

The following letters were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Aughavanagh, Aughrim,  
Co. Wicklow,

28th September, 1914.

Private.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by Mr Redmond to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th inst, with copy of resolution passed by the Louth County Council, the contents of which he has duly noted and which he is pleased to receive.

Yours very truly,

T. J. HANNA.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

Irish County Councils' General Council,  
Cavendish House,  
Rutland Square East, Dublin,

October, 1914.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to inform you that the Annual Meeting of the Irish County Councils' General Council will be held on Friday, 11th December, 1914

Notice of any questions which your Council may desire to have discussed at the Meeting should reach me not later than Thursday, 26th November, in order that they may be included on the Agenda.

Yours faithfully,

A. KEOGH NOLAN,  
Secretary.

With reference to this letter, the Secretary was directed to have it inserted on the Minutes, and any Councillor wishing to have any matter brought forward should notify the Secretary or Mr James M'Carthy.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Letter was read from Secretary, Railway Clerks' Association, requesting an alteration in the term of residence in the County for candidates for the Scholarships granted by the Co. Council, and it was decided to refer the letter to the Scholarship Committee for their consideration.

#### DELEGATES TO "OIREACHTAS" COMMITTEE.

The following letter was read:—

Dundalk,  
November 9th, 1914.

A Chairde,

The Governing Body of the Gaelic League having decided that their All-Ireland Convention and Festival for 1915 should be held at Dundalk, we have been directed by the Executive Committee of the Oireachtas to invite your Council to appoint two Delegates to attend a Meeting of public representatives and others, to be held in the Town Hall, Dundalk, on Thursday, 26th inst, at 5 o'clock, in connection with the matter.

A representative of the Gaelic League from Dublin will be present at the Meeting, the object of which is the establishment of a County Committee to supervise the organisation of the Festival, as has been done in other centres in which the Festival has been held.

Ie meas,

(REV) J. QUINN, C.C.,  
J. MARTIN, Hon. Secs.

On the motion of M. Meade, Esq.,  
Seconded by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.,

Messrs W T Skeffington, J P, and Thomas Murphy were appointed to represent the Co. Council.

#### CO-OPTION OF MEMBER OF ARDEE DISTRICT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

The following letter was read:—

Ardee District School Committee.

Dunleer,

10th November, 1914.

Dear Sir,

There is a vacancy on above Committee consequent on the disqualification of Mr J C Kieran through non-attendance.

The Committee suggest the name of Mr T P O'Carroll, M.B., Rose Villa, Dunleer, as successor.

Yours faithfully,

T. P. HARMON.

C. M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary Louth County Council.

On the motion of B Hamill, Esq, J P,  
Seconded by T Murphy, Esq,

Mr T P O'Carroll, M B, was co-opted to fill the vacancy.

The following report was read, and on the motion of Wm Woods, Esq, J P, seconded by T Murphy, Esq, was adopted:—

#### REPORT ON TAAFFE'S CASTLE, CARLINGFORD.

We, the members of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Co. Council to report the conditions on which Taaffe's Castle, Carlingford, could be acquired by the County Council, beg to submit to the Council that while it would be most desirable for the Council to undertake the contract of the entire building, we are of opinion an earnest effort ought to be made to obtain the portion of this Castle at present in the possession of the De Vesci family. This consists of the tower of the castle, and it is of special historic interest.

We are strongly of opinion that this amount of purchase to be paid to the local owners of the other portion of the castle, even in case they were willing to sell, would prevent any further action on the part of the Council.

As the castle has both archaeological and historic interests for the people of Louth, and as Lord De Vesci made an offer to the County Council a few years ago, we hope the Council will re-open negotiations with his representatives, with a view to acquire the guardianship of a most interesting relic of the past.

MICHAEL QUIN, P.P.,  
J. P. KEARNEY,  
W. WOODS.

Carlingford,  
November, 1914.

#### SOLICITOR'S COSTS.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell enclosing bill of costs amounting to the sum of £131 18s 5d for the half year ended 30th September, 1914, and

On the motion of B Hamill, Esq, J P,  
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq,

It was decided to appoint Mr P L Macardle, Solicitor, Dundalk, to represent the Council at the taxation of the bill, and the requisition to tax was duly signed; and the Secretary was authorised to affix the Seal of the Council to same.

#### AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Secretary read official notice from R J Newell, Esq, Local Government Auditor, notifying that the Audit of the Council's Accounts for the period ended 31st March, 1914, would be opened in the Courthouse, Dundalk, on the 11th day of November, at 10 o'clock, and for the period ended 30th September, 1914, at 10 o'clock. *on the 17th November 1914.*

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings

OF

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AT THEIR MEETING

Held on Monday, 23rd November, 1914.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 23rd day of November, 1914, at 1 o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair:—Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and subsequently Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Peter Woods, J P; M Meade, John F. Murphy, J P; T Murphy, P M'Gee, J P; and T O'Rourke, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, and D O'Connell, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Minutes of the Proceedings of Finance Committee at Meeting held on 9th November, were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

	£	s	d
Works in hands of County Surveyor	37	18	7
Sheep Dipping Accounts (Wages, Rents, and Dip supplied to Council's Tanks	148	13	5
Secretary's Offices (including monthly Salaries, Refunds of Arrears to Rate Collectors, and Refunds of half Premiums on Guarantee Bonds to guaranteed officers of the Council)	318	7	1
Total	£504	19	1

## RATE COLLECTORS' ARREARS LIST.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board,  
Dublin,  
19th November, 1914.

No. 62,548: 1914.  
Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to the lists of arrears of rate in the County of Louth for the period ended the 30th of September, 1914, recently forwarded by you to this Department, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return the lists herewith, and to state that the Rulings of the Board are duly stamped thereon.

I am, at the same time, to point out that these Rulings have been given on the assumption that the information contained in the several lists is in all respects accurate, and must not, therefore, be regarded as interfering with the jurisdiction of the Auditor in case for any cause he should at audit find it necessary to deal otherwise with any item or items.

The Board desire me to draw your attention to their letter of the 27th November, 1913, No. 61,938: 1913, as regards items in respect of poverty occurring in the lists for the first half of the year.

As regards the supplemental lists submitted by Collector P. S. Donegan, I am to point out that the Board will not

in future be prepared to take into consideration supplemental lists of arrears except under very exceptional circumstances.

I am Sir,  
Your Obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN.  
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

## COST OF SITE FOR KNOCKBRIDGE DIPPING TANK.

Letter was read from Miss M Byrne, Newtown, Knockbridge, landlady of the site of the above tank, requesting an increase of £2 for the present season, owing to extra dipping. As Miss Byrne was already getting £4 for the rent, which was in excess of the rent of other tank sites, and as the period for which the field was used was the same as in former years, the Committee unanimously refused to increase the rent.

## GYLES' QUAY BOAT SLIP.

The following report from the Council's Solicitor in above matter was read:—

## REPORT OF COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR,

With Reference to Boat Slip at Gyles' Quay.

So far as can be ascertained after inquiry the Lifeboat House at Gyles' Quay was erected prior to the year 1877, entirely at the expense of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, on portion of the Coastguard Station site, which was Admiralty property.

The Boat Slip was built at the joint expense of the Crown and the Lifeboat Institution in 1877, for use in the launch of the lifeboat. The amount contributed by the Crown was included in the Estimates of the Board of Works for the year 1877-1878, which estimates were prepared in accordance with the provisions of 1 and 2 Wm. IV., C. 33, and the amending Statutes.

The Pier and Harbour Works, viz, a Pier consisting of a wharf, a storm parapet and sloping escarpment, etc, with excavation of the Harbour, were executed by the Board of Works under the Sea Fisheries Act, and transferred to the Grand Jury in 1879. The Board point out that the boat slip in question was not included in the transfer. They stated that if the Council desired it to be transferred to them they, for their part, would be glad to facilitate the Council in the matter, and that the ownership of the Lifeboat House was a matter quite distinct from that of the Boat Slip. When notified that the Council desired to have the suggested transfer effected, they replied that having made further inquiries regarding the ownership of the site of the slip, they found they had no title deeds thereto, and were, therefore, unable to interfere further in the matter.

The Harbour Constable states that from the time of his appointment by the Grand Jury, about the year 1881, he collected the poundage on the fish brought up in boats on the Boat Slip, and has continued to do so to the present date.

It would appear that the Coastguard Station was closed and surrendered by the Admiralty to the landlord in 1905, and as the site included the Lifeboat House, it is understood arrangements were made with the landlord (St. Clair K. M. Stobart) by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for the future oc-

cupation by them of the Lifeboat House. The Lifeboat was withdrawn a few years later, and it is assumed the landlord took over possession of the Lifeboat House.

By Assignment of 5th May, 1913, the landlord purported to assign the Lifeboat House, WITH SLIP ATTACHED THERETO to John Mackay, Solicitor. Mortgage was executed and dated the 15th August, 1914, by the said John Mackay in favour of the Bank of Ireland, of property including the said Lifeboat House and Slip. The Mortgagees put the premises up for sale by public auction on the 26th October, 1914. They were advertised as "a large and substantially built store, measuring 21 feet by 48 feet, erected by the Admiralty Board, and formerly used as the Lifeboat House, together with the Slip attached, held in fee-simple." Mr Samuel Lockington was the highest bidder at £260, and was declared the purchaser. On behalf of the Council I had notice served on the Bank's Solicitors, their Dundalk Agent, and the Auctioneers prior to the sale, and pointing out that the Council claimed ownership of the Slip. At the auction I appeared and entered formal protest to the proposed sale of the Slip.

It is clear there is not any title to the Slip by Grant, and the only question is whether the exercise by the Grand Jury and County Council of control over the Slip has created in the Council a title by prescription. Counsel have the matter under consideration at the present moment. I have been in attendance at the Board of Works, and have had several interviews with both Senior and Junior Counsel on the subject.

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

12th November, 1914.

A long discussion ensued on the matter in which Messrs T. Murphy, P. Woods, W. Woods, M. Meade and the Chairman took part.

Mr O'Connell further informed the Committee that he was engaged in searching the records with regard to the transfer from the Board of Works to the Grand Jury of the Harbour Works, and consulting with counsel on certain Statutes relating to the transfer of public property and county property, and suggested that the matter should be adjourned until the search was completed.

The Committee unanimously adopted this view, and requested the Solicitor to further report to a future meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### PURCHASE OF OMEATH PARK.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell, dated 23rd November, stating that he had received notice from the Solicitor having carriage of sale, that he would apply to the Court on 26th November, 1914, that the Report of the Receiver lodged in this matter, and dated 2nd November, 1914, with regard to the proposal for purchase of Omeath Park, received from Messrs Bentley, and also the proposal for like purchase from the Louth County Council dated 26th August, 1914, be considered.

The Committee then considered that as this offer from Messrs Bentley might possibly be in excess of the offer of £1,000 made on behalf of the County Council, it was urgent that some steps should be taken to give the County Council an opportunity of re-considering their offer.

The minute of the County Council at their Meeting held on the 20th August, in reference to this matter, was read by the Secretary, and set out that a sum of £1,000 was to be offered through the Land Judge's Court for the purchase of Omeath

Park, under the Land Purchase Act; the amendment empowering the Solicitor in his discretion to increase the offer to £1,350 being defeated by 13 votes to 7.

After discussion the Committee decided, on the motion of Mr Patrick M'Gee, seconded by Mr J F Murphy, that the Solicitor for the County Council be instructed to appear before the Land Judges' Court when the offers for purchase were to be considered, and in the event of Messrs Bentley's offer being in excess of that of the County Council, to apply for an adjournment to enable the County Council to re-consider their offer.

#### DUTIES ON LAND VALUES.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell on the subject of provisional valuation of the County Courthouse at Dundalk giving the opinion of counsel that although Section 35 of the Finance Act gives exemption for land held by rating authorities from the four new Duties, still the calculation or valuation must be made, and the increment value must be arrived at, and that the Commissioners will make an entry that the increment value duty is deemed to be paid, but no payment need be made by the County Council.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### DR. M'QUILLAN'S PROVISIONAL APPROVAL.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

No. 14,710: 1913.

Louth County.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

18th November, 1914.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland

to advert to their letter of the 14th May last, and to inform you that they have extended, for a further period of six months, their provisional approval of the appointment of Dr. J. A. M'Quillan as Medical Superintendent of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary to be established by the Louth County Council.

I am to add that if the Dispensary is completed before the expiration of that period, the Board will be prepared to give final approval to Dr M'Quillan's appointment.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

#### CONTRIBUTION FROM INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

No. 63,733: 1914.  
Louth County.

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
20th November, 1914.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 18th September last, relative to the expenditure of the Louth County Council on the treatment of Tuberculosis in the half-year ended the 30th idem, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they are informed by the Insurance Commissioners that the Commissioners have now conveyed to the Insurance Committee for the County of Louth their sanction to payment by that body to the Louth County Council at the rate of £250 per annum in consideration of the services rendered to them by the Tuberculosis Officer. It is also understood that the Commissioners are in communication with the Insurance Committee in

regard to certain other payments proposed to be made by them to the Council.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

#### ROAD BOARD GRANT.

Letter was read from Mr J B Connolly, Town Clerk, Drogheda, dated 19th November, stating that the Corporation of Drogheda accept the offer of the Grant of £760 for the re-surfacing of the portion of the Dublin-Belfast Road within their Urban District upon the condition that an equal amount for the purpose is provided by the Corporation.

#### APPLICATION FROM HARBOUR CONSTABLE, GILES' QUAY.

Letter was read from James Cumiskey, Harbour Constable, Giles' Quay, dated 21st November, stating he was in failing health and could not attend to his duties, and requesting permission that his nephew, Laurence Conlan, who had been assisting him for a number of years, be allowed to act as his substitute, and stating he would be responsible as usual for the accounts and pay him for so acting.

The Committee, after discussion, refused to recommend the request to the County Council.

#### RATE COLLECTORS.

Letter was read from Mr John Woods, Rate Collector, complaining of the difficulty in bringing his books to Dundalk for his fortnightly collection owing to defective train service, and stating that he ran great risk of losing his books by leaving them

at Greenore or Bush, and that he would not be accountable after this notice.

The Committee, after discussion, directed the Secretary to write to Mr Woods that he only was responsible for the safe custody of his books, and that under the Public Bodies Order he was required to have them checked regularly in the County Office.

#### REPAIRS TO ARDEE COURTHOUSE.

Letter was read from Mr T T Reilly, Courtkeeper, Ardee Courthouse, requesting payment of an account for £3 7s 6d for repairs alleged to have been done to Ardee Courthouse.

The County Surveyor stated that a certain sum was set apart for the repairs to the Courthouse, and that Mr Reilly had got all that was available.

The Secretary was directed to write Mr Reilly that no further payment could be made to him.

#### ACCOUNTS OF COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The Abstract of Accounts of the County Committee of Agriculture for the half-year ended 31st March, 1914, together with Auditor's Report thereon, and the Local Government Board's letter enclosing, were laid before Committee and initialled by the Chairman.

#### DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

The question of suggestions for the constitution of above Committee were considered, and the following names were approved to be submitted to the County Council:—

Co. Councillors—Messrs W A Doran, J P; C A Duffy, J P; Wm Woods, J P; Denis J Rath, J H M'Ardle, J P; J M'Carthy, J P; J F Murphy, J P; Thomas Murphy, and Thomas O'Rourke.

Guardians—Messrs Patrick Byrne, J P; Peter Lynch, J P; and Sir Vere Foster, Bart.

Other Local Authorities—Patrick Donegan, J P; Mrs E A Duffy.

Insurance Committee—Mrs M Kitterick and Mr S Lockington.

Employers of Labour—Messrs T C Macardle, J P; J M Carroll, F D Acheson, A P Swan.

Trades Unions—Messrs O'Callaghan, Quinn, and J J Martin.

W. N. H. Association—Miss M'Ginity and Mrs Whitworth.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Association—Colonel Jones.

Other Agencies—Messrs James Hughes, A O H; James Kelly, I N F; and Laurence Curtis, Labourers' Society.

#### BELGIAN REFUGEES.

Secretary submitted correspondence from L G B in this matter, and submitted list of names of persons in Co. Louth who were prepared to receive some of the Refugees, copy of which had been sent to the Local Government Board.

The Secretary was directed to record any further offers and submit them to the L G B.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Rate Collectors had requested that a notice to Ratepayers would be issued, that all Rates were due on Demand, the First Moiety, when Demand Note was served, and the Second Moiety on 1st of October.

The request was unanimously granted by the Committee, and the Secretary was directed to have the Notices prepared and printed.

APPLICATION FOR BONUS BY COURTKEEPER, DUNDALK  
COURTHOUSE.

Letter was read from Mr T Murray, Courtkeeper, County Courthouse, requesting the usual allowance of £10 for extra work performed by him during the past twelve months.

The Committee unanimously recommended the granting of £10, which was the amount allowed in former years.

which was the amount allowed in former years, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

LIABILITY OF COUNTY COUNCIL FOR ACCIDENTS ON  
ROADS IN CHARGE OF CONTRACTORS.

Mr Peter Woods brought under the notice of the Committee the question of liability of the County Council for any accidents that might take place on roads in the County during the periods when they were under the charge of the various contractors.

The County Surveyor informed the Committee that any claims for accidents would in the first instance be brought against the County Council, but the Contractor and his sureties were liable to the Council under their Bonds for any damages that might take place.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

**Minutes of Proceedings**

OF THE

**Finance Committee**

AT THEIR MEETING HELD

On Monday, 18th January, 1915.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 18th January, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Edward Goodman, Michael Meade, T. J. Byrne, J P; M M'Ardle, L M'Keown, P Woods, J P; Wm. Woods, J P; James Wynne, J P.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also present.

The Minutes of the previous Finance Committee Meeting were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following Accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in the hands of the County Surveyor	£18 4 8
Secretary's Office	31 18 8
Total	£49 18 4

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined, and initialled by the Chairman.

The County-at-Large payments amounting to £4,717 1s 4d were examined, and recommended for payment.

Before placing the order for Sleeping Vans and Water Carts with Messrs Porter, the County Surveyor was instructed to write them for a reduced price in consideration of them getting the full order.

#### TENDERS FOR ROAD MAKING MACHINERY.

The County Surveyor produced tenders received for the various machines required for use on the roads, and for which Advertisements had been published in the County Louth and Dublin papers. After a long discussion as to prices and quality, the Committee unanimously recommended that the orders be placed with the following firms:—

Traction Engines (2)—John Fowler and Sons, Ltd, Leeds.

Scarifiers (3)—Thackeray and Sons, Malton, Yorkshire.

Water Carts (4)—J Potter and Co, Ltd, North Wall, Dublin.

Sleeping Vans (5)—J Potter and Co, Ltd, North Wall, Dublin.

Rollers (3)—Aveling and Porter, Ltd, Rochester, Kent.

Stone-Breaking Machines (2)—Hadfields Steel Foundry Co, Ltd, East Hecla Works, Sheffield.

Ingersoll Rock Drill (2)—Ingersoll Rand Co. (Fleming and Co), 31 Robertson St., Glasgow.

Jack Hammer and Drills Complete, with Hose, etc (2)—Ingersoll Rand Co (Fleming and Co) 31 Robertson St, Glasgow.

Dynamo Exploders, Complete with Cables, Cable Reels, etc (2)—Ingersoll Rand Co (Fleming and Co) 31 Robertson St, Glasgow.

#### FIRE IN COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The following Report from the County Surveyor was read:—

County Surveyor's Office,  
Court House, Dundalk,  
16th January, 1915.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen, Finance Committee,  
Loth County Council, Meeting 18th January, 1915.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to report that on the evening of 6th inst, a fire occurred in the Council Chamber here, owing to the joists underneath hearth getting afire owing to their proximity to the tiles and hearthstones.

The fire was extinguished before any serious damage was done; but I have had to have tiles and hearthstones broken away, and new front and back hearths to both fireplaces put in.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

The Secretary informed the Committee that a claim had been made on the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company for the sum of £3 10s 0d, being the amount paid for the re-setting of the hearths, and making good the damage caused by the fire. He read letter from the Insurance Company enclosing a cheque for the amount claimed, which had been received this day. The Committee expressed satisfaction that the matter had received such prompt attention, and the letters were initialled by the Chairman.

## GILES' QUAY PIER LIGHT.

The following letter was read:—

Irish Lights Office,  
Carlisle Buildings,

Dublin, 14th Jan., 1915.

No. 26.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners of Irish Lights to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th inst, on the subject of the proposal to have the light at Giles' Quay pier (hitherto exhibited only during the months of September, October, November and December) continued during the entire year, and I am to acquaint you, for the information of the County Council, that the Commissioners of Irish Lights do not disapprove of the proposal, and hereby accord their statutory sanction thereto, under the 653rd Section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.

I am to request that, before issuing any Notice to Mariners respecting the alteration in the period of exhibition of this light, the County Council will be good enough to have a draft of the Notice forwarded to this Office for approval,

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. G. COOK,

Secretary.

The Secretary

Louth County Council,

Court House, Dundalk.

After discussion the County Surveyor was directed to have the light continued during the entire year, and the Secretary was directed to send draft of the Notice regarding the alteration of the period of lighting sent to the Irish Lights Commissioners.

REFUND FROM INSURANCE COMMITTEE UNDER  
TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

Letter was read from Secretary Co. Louth Insurance Committee, dated 13th January, enclosing cheque value £215 10s 0d being in respect of the services of the Tuberculosis Medical Offices and Nurse, for the period ended 31st December, 1914.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

TREASURY GRANT—TUBERCULOSIS.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

No. 70,292: 1914.

Louth County.

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 5th January, 1915.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16th ultimo, relative to the estimated expenditure of the Louth County Council in respect of the treatment of Tuberculosis for the half-year ending 31st March next, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that directions have been given for the issue of a Paying Order for £149 from the Exchequer Maintenance Grant on account.

The final payment for the year will be made in due course on the Auditor's certificate.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

#### COLLECTION OF POOR RATE.

Letter was read from the L G B, dated 6th January, 1915, No. 424/1915, directing attention of the County Council to the large amount of Poor Rate outstanding on 31st December, and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of same to each of the Rate Collectors.

Mr T J Byrne, J P, suggested that a statement showing the state of the collection at the end of each month should be laid before the Finance Committee, and the Secretary was directed accordingly.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

The following letters were read and the Committee unanimously recommended that the requests contained therein be acceded to:—

Industrial School, Drogheda,  
14th January, 1915.

We proposed sending James Townley and Peter Dougan to the Letterfrack Industrial School, Galway, and George M'Arde to the Salthill Industrial School, Galway. Will you kindly let me know if your Council will agree? The boys are now of an age for transfer.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children,  
32, Castle Road, Dundalk,  
13th January, 1915.

Sir,—

I beg to inform you that application will be made to the Justices at Ardee Petty Sessions on Wednesday, the 20th instant, for the committal of two children—Patrick and Thomas Curran—to an Industrial School.

Yours faithfully,

C. WHELEHAN, Inspector.

#### DROGHEDA COURTHOUSE.

A letter from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, was referred to the next Meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### LYONS v. WALL—ENCROACHMENT AT BLACKROCK.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
15th January, 1915.

Lyons v. Wall.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that this Case Stated came on for argument on yesterday before the Divisional Court of the King's Bench Division, the judges sitting being Mr Justice Gibson and Mr Justice Dodd.

The Court, after hearing the case, reversed the decision of the Justices sitting at Petty Sessions and remitted the case to the magistrates with a direction to convict the defendant with a nominal penalty. They ordered the defendant to pay Seven Guineas costs on the terms of no further proceedings being taken.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council,  
Dundalk,

## CRIMINAL INJURY CASES.

The following Report from Mr O'Connell was read, and the Committee directed that an appeal be lodged in the case of Patrick Mackin, of Tavanamore:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

15th January, 1915.

Criminal Injury Applications.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to report on the following four Claims heard at Dundalk Quarter Sessions during the present week:—

Joseph Hamill, Dundalk. Claim £10 for breaking of plate glass window. Decree for £7 off the Urban District.

Joseph M Johnson, Dundalk. Similar claim for £7. 10s. Decree for £7 10 off the Urban District.

Mathew Farrell, Dromin. Claim £50 for burning of small house at Stabanon. Dismissed.

Patrick Mackin, Tavanamore. Claim £100 10s for burning of hay and straw pikes. Decree for £50 to be levied off the Electoral Division of Upper Creggan, Barronstown and Castleryn.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council,  
Dundalk.

## BELGIAN REFUGEES.

Letter was read from Private Secretary to the Local Government Board requesting information as to what provision had been made to house any Belgian Refugees in County Louth, and after discussion the Secretary was directed to convene a Meeting of the Distress Committee and lay the matter before them.

## OFFICE HOURS.

The Chairman brought under the notice of the Committee that the Clerks in the County Office did not get any half holiday, and suggested that Saturday would be the most suitable day for the early closing of the public office.

After discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended that the County Office close at one o'clock on Saturdays in future.

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**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.**

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Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

OF

**New County Offices Committee,**

**AT THEIR MEETINGS**

HELD ON

**27th January and 8th February, 1915.**

## New County Offices Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the New County Offices Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Wednesday, 27th January, 1915, at 11 o'clock, a m.

Present:—In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Bernard Hamill, J P, and Wm Woods, J P, Esquires.

Professor W A Scott was in attendance by appointment, and Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also present

The Minutes of the Meeting of the New County Offices Committee, held on 22nd December, 1914 were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee in company with the High Sheriff of County Louth, Mr Macartney Filgate, and Mr A N Sheridan, Clerk of the Crown and Peace, inspected the site of the proposed Offices, and the Clerk of the Crown and Peace's Offices, which it was proposed should be altered to enable the new offices to be linked up with the Court House.

The Sketch Plan of the proposed alterations prepared by Professor Scott, was also inspected, and the High Sheriff expressed himself satisfied with the proposed change, and with the linking up referred to