

The Committee had then, under consideration the question of some additional frontage at Crowe Street, which Professor Scott considered would be a great improvement for the architectural effect of the New Offices. The entire matter was discussed very fully, and the Chairman informed the Committee that he understood that some additional frontage could be procured from the Dundalk Urban Council of the site of the existing urinal adjoining the plot in the possession of the County Council.

The question of a right of way through the Urban Council premises to the machinery depot at the back of the County Council's property, and the question of the lighting of the new offices from the Town Hall side of the site, was also discussed.

It was finally decided, on the

Motion of Mr B Hamill,  
Seconded by Mr Wm Woods,

"That the Dundalk Urban Council be requested to receive a deputation from the New Offices Committee, to consult with them as to the additional frontage required, the right of way to the machinery depot, and the lighting of the new offices."

The members of the Committee present, with Mr James Wynne and the County Surveyor, were appointed as the deputation, and the Secretary was directed to ask the Urban Council to fix a day for the consultation.

The Committee unanimously decided to recommend the County Council to approve of the recommendation to connect the new offices with the County Court House as proposed by Professor Scott.

The question of some provision being made for accommodation for the Hiring Fairs in May and November, as an auxiliary to the space in the vestibule of the Court House, was under discussion, and it was decided to let the matter come up again for consideration.

## 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 Monday, 8th February, 1915, at one o'clock, p. m.

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

Other Members:—James Wynne, J P, and Thomas Murphy, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surevyor, was also present.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the New Offices Committee at their Meeting held on 27th January, 1915, were read and signed by the Chairman.

### SUGGESTED AGREEMENT WITH DUNDALK URBAN COUNCIL.

The following Memorandum of the Conference between the Committee and the Dundalk Urban Council arranged for at the last meeting of the Committee, relative to the acquisition of increased frontage for the new offices, the grant of a right of way to the machinery depot through the Urban Council pre-

mises, and the question of light from the Town Hall side for the new building, was read:—

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Dundalk,

3rd February, 1915.

Memorandum re Delegation from New Offices Committee to Urban Council.

The Deputation from New Offices Committee, by appointment, last evening attended a Special Meeting of the Dundalk Urban Council for the purpose of discussing—

- (1) Increased Frontage for New Council Offices in Crowe Street.
- (2) Right of way through Town Hall premises to back garden of Court House intended as a machinery depot.
- (3) Granting of light by Urban Council for the new offices on Town Hall side.

These matters having been discussed, the Urban Council offered—

- (1) To give the County Council 13ft. 6in. extra frontage in Crowe Street, by 40ft. 0in. in depth from the proposed front of new offices—the site of the urinal at present, and to shift back into the recess the present urinal.
- (2) To grant the right of way—details to be arranged by the Surveyor of the Urban Council and County Surveyor.
- (3) To grant right of light in Town Hall side subject to approval of plans of new offices by the Urban Council, in consideration of the County Council paying one guinea per annum for the extra frontage, and a sum of £150 in hand to cover expenses of removing urinal, etc.

CHARLES A. DUFFY,  
BERNARD HAMILL,  
THOMAS WALSH.

After discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq., J. P.;

Seconded by Thomas Murphy, Esq.,

“That we confirm the report of the deputation from this Committee to the Dundalk Urban Council, and recommend to the County Council the terms suggested, namely—To pay to the Dundalk Urban Council the sum of £150 to cover the cost of removal and re-erection of the urinal adjoining the plot on which it is proposed to erect the new Co. Offices, and to pay a sum of £1 1s 0d per annum as rent for the extra frontage of 13ft. 6in., with a depth of 40ft., and the grant of a right of way to the proposed machinery depot at the rear, and the right of light to the new offices from the east side of the new building.”

#### LOAN FOR NEW OFFICES.

The following letter from the Manager Hibernian Bank, Dundalk, was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

The Hibernian Bank, Ltd.,  
Dundalk, 8th February, 1915.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favour of 4th inst, I beg to inform you that the Bank will be prepared to grant the Loan of £6,000 (six thousand pounds) for the purpose of erecting the new Council Offices at the rate of 3 p. c. (three per cent). It is presumed that the usual satisfactory arrangements as to col-

lateral security for the loan, and conditions of re-payment, will be made.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. MACNEVIN,

Manager.

#### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE.

The following letter was read:—

R. I. C., Quay Street,  
Dundalk, 7th Feb, 1915.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Weights and Measures Office mentioned to you some time ago by my predecessor (H. Con. O'Connor) I beg to give hereunder particulars regarding dimensions, etc, as set out in Board of Trade Regulations and provided for in Weights and Measures Acts:—

- Floor Space—500 sq. ft.
- Bench (wood).
- Press.
- Small Vice.
- And an arrangement for suspending Beam Scales.

There are other articles, which I consider unnecessary, mentioned in the Board of Trade Regulations, but instead of these might I suggest that a writing desk be provided. The latter would be most useful.

As the repairing of weights, etc, necessarily creates a good deal of noise, may I take the liberty to suggest that the office, if erected, may be so situated that the work which may be carried

on therein may not be a source of annoyance to clerics in other offices.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. H. LEVINGE.

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

A discussion took place with reference to this matter. The County Surveyor informed the Committee that he considered the space mentioned in Constable Levinge's letter was entirely too great, and that he had arranged with Professor Scott to include the erection of a Weights and Measures Office in the scheme of accommodation at the rear of new offices. The Committee approved of this arrangement.

The Chairman, in reply to Mr Murphy, informed the Committee that the accommodation to be provided in the new offices was given in detail in the printed minutes of the County Council in May, 1914, and also in October, 1914.

This accommodation is as follows:—

- (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.

Also Office for Inspector of Weights and Measures, and Caretaker's Residence.

#### SPECIAL MEETING.

As the Assessor, Professor Scott, was waiting instructions as to the increased frontage for the Ground Plan, which could not be given until the arrangements for same were confirmed by the County Council, it was arranged that the Chairman would direct that a Special Meeting of the County Council be called for Monday, 15th inst, to consider the Report of the Offices Committee as appearing on the Minutes of their Proceedings, which the Secretary was directed to have printed and circulated to the members of the Council.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

OF

**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL**

AT THEIR

Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on January  
21st, 1915.

Special Meeting held on 15th February, 1915.

**Finance Committee**

At their Meetings held on 1st February  
and 15th February, 1915.

**Scholarship Committee**

At their Meeting held on 25th January,  
1915.

**Proposal Committee**

At their Fourth Adjourned Quarterly  
Meeting held on 1st February, 1915.

**Executive Committee**

At their Meeting held on 1st February,  
1915.

## Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 21st January, 1915, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—Thomas B M'Court, T V M'Quillan Peter B Moore, J P; W T Skeffington, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; B Hamill, J P; Joseph Dolan, Joseph H M'Ardle, J P Patk M'Gee, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, J P Kearney, James Wynne, J P; John F Murphy, J P; Bernard Finnegan, T J Byrne, J P; Michael Meade, Michael O'Meara, J P; N T Murphy, J P, and T Murphy, Esquires.

Messrs Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council; Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; James Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyor; James Harney, Horticultural Expert of the County Committee, were in attendance; and Dr M'Quillan, T.M.O., and Mr V Warren, Clerk T.C.M., were also present.

### CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by P B Moore, Esq, J P;

Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the

Louth County Council at their Third Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on the 26th November, 1914, and their Special Meeting on the 3rd day of December, 1914, 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 unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;

Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings 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 7th day of December, 1914.

Monday, the 21st day of December, 1914.

Monday, the 4th day of January, 1915.

Monday, the 18th day of January, 1915.

During the progress of the Meeting, but subsequent to the passing of the foregoing resolution, Mr T J Byrne requested permission to refer to the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 18th January, when the Tenders for Road Machinery were submitted by the County Surveyor. He suggested that as the details of the prices were not given on the Minutes, and as some of the Tenders were not formally before the Finance Committee, that it would be desirable to postpone the giving of the orders, and if necessary obtain the advice of a mechanical expert.

A discussion ensued, in which the Chairman, Mr N T Murphy, and Mr Thomas Murphy took part.

The County Surveyor explained that all the Tenders were before the Committee, and the details of Traction Engines, Rollers, Water Carts and Sleeping Vans were carefully considered, and that the other Machinery, such as Ingersoll Drill and Hadfield's Stone Breakers, had been approved by the Road Board and the Local Government Board, and were special things.

Mr N T Murphy stated that the entire question of the purchase of Road Machinery was left in the County Surveyor's hands by resolution of the County Council.

The Chairman ruled that as the Minutes were then passed, their discussion was not in order.

#### CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;

Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on the 21st day of December, 1914, a 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 passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by T B M'Court, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee, at their meeting held on the 4th day of January,

1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### ARDEE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq.,

Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq., J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Ardee No 1 Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on 5th day of January, 1915, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of

These payments amount to the sum of £802 6s 5d.

#### DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq., J P ;

Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq., J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on the 12th day of January, 1915, set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to the sum of £566 19s 1d.

#### DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas B M'Court, Esq ;

Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq., J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 4th January, 1915, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to the sum of £1,333 17s 6d.

#### COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq., J P ;

Seconded by Joseph P Kearney, Esq., and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on the 4th day of January, 1915, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, and amounting to the sum of £4,717 1s 4d, be and are hereby approved of.

#### DATES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

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 First Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils:—

Ardee—Tuesday, 6th April, 1915.

Drogheda—Tuesday, 13th April, 1915.

Dundalk—Monday, 12th April 1915,

And that the Proposal Committee meet on

Monday, 12th April, 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	£1,017 14 10
Drogheda Board of Guardians	1,227 11 10
Duncalk Board of Guardians	2,725 0 0
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	£4,970 6 8
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Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council	£104 10 0
Drogheda (Louth) Rural District Council	19 0 0
Dundalk Rural District Council	187 10 0
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	£311 0 0
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Gross Total	£5,281 6 8

EQUIPMENT OF BEDS IN DUBLIN RED CROSS  
HOSPITAL.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on the 21st December, 1914, and decide to equip five beds in the Dublin Red Cross Hospital for the accommodation of wounded soldiers returning from the war, at a cost of £10 per bed, and that the said beds be named the Louth County Beds.

REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That in accordance with the letters from the Department of Agriculture dated 11th December, 1914, and the Regulations under Section 24 of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, we hereby appoint

Messrs James M'Carthy, J P, Newfoundwell, Drogheda,  
and Joseph Dolan, Gaulstown, Dunleer,

the Louth County Council representatives to serve on the new Council of Agriculture for the term of three years from the 1st April 1915.

Messrs M'Carthy and Dolan returned thanks to the Council for their re-election.

PAYMENT OF RAILWAY FARES TO MEMBERS AT-  
TENDING MEETINGS

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of letter from the Local Government Board, dated 21st December, 1914, No. 68679-1914, relative to the above, in which they stated that there is no Statutory Authority which would empower them to sanction the proposal that the second class railway fares of members of the Council attending the County Council Meetings, or Committee Meetings, should be re-paid to them out of the County Funds at the end of each half year.

A discussion took place on this matter, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by T J Byrne, Esq, J P;

Seconded by M O'Meara, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the resolution already adopted by the County Council regarding the payment of Railway Fares to members attending meetings of the Council and its Committees, be adhered to, and that the Secretary be directed to pay same at the times appointed.

The Secretary informed the Council that any payments made in respect of this expenditure would likely be surcharged, and several members stated that if any surcharges were made that the amounts so surcharged would be refunded by any members who received payments for Railway Fares

#### ADOPTION OF REPORT OF TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq;

Seconded by Thomas E M'Court, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the Report of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, as printed on pages 55 to 59 of the printed minutes, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the County Council.

#### ADOPTION OF REPORT OF CONFERENCE BETWEEN LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT AND THE COUNTY LOUTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Joseph H M'Ardle, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Report of the Conference between County Council Tuberculosis Committee of Management and the County Louth Insurance Committee regarding the agreement between the two bodies, as set out on pages 60 to 64 of the printed minutes, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the County Council.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS ON COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;

Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt the following gentlemen to act on the Louth County Committee of Agriculture for the balance of the ensuing term:—

George Taaffe, D L, Smarmore Castle, Ardee; C J Neary Monavallet, Louth; Philip M'Ardle, Rampark, Ballymascannon, Dundaik; and James V M'Grane, Burren House, Dunleer.

Mr M'Gee's notice of motion to appoint the last-named gentleman was merged in this resolution by the consent of the Council.

When the foregoing resolution was being put to the meeting by the Chairman, Mr Thomas Murphy remarked that the appointment of members on Committees who did not attend, was most undesirable, but no counter proposition to the passing of the resolution was made.

#### MEETINGS OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Arising out of the question of attendance at Committee Meetings under the jurisdiction of the County Council, Mr. James M'Carthy suggested that all Committees should meet once a fortnight, and the following resolution was

Proposed by Thomas Murphy, Esq;

Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq,

That a Committee be appointed to investigate the administration system in connection with the Council, for the purpose of its revision.

To this the following amendment was

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq,

"That no such Committee be appointed."

The Chairman took the voting on the amendment with the following result:—

For the Amendment—Messrs J Dolan, B Finnegan, B Hamill, J P; J P Kearney, J H M'Ardle, J P; P M'Gee, J P; M Meade, J F Murphy, J P; M O'Meara, J P, and J Wynne, J P—10.

Against the Amendment—Messrs T J Byrne, J P; James

M'Carthy, J P; T B M'Court, T V M'Quillan, N T Murphy, J P; T Murphy, P B Moore, J P; T O'Rourke, and W T Skeffington, J P—9.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and the motion fell through.

In connection with the discussion on this matter, the Secretary explained to the Council that he had always endeavoured to call as many meetings as possible on the same day, to ensure full attendance of the members.

#### CO-OPTION ON DUNLEER OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

In accordance with notice of motion, as appearing on the agenda, Mr Patrick M'Gee, J P, moved:—

"That Mr James V M'Grane, of Burren House, Dunleer, be co-opted a member of the Dunleer Old Age Pensions Committee in the room of Mr J Harmon, who had failed to attend."

This was seconded by Mr N T Murphy, J P.

Mr Michael Meade moved, "that the Rev Father Woods, C C, Togher, be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

Mr Thomas Murphy seconded.

The Chairman took a division with the following result:—

For Father Woods—Messrs J Dolan, B Hamill, J P; J P Kearney, M Meade, T Murphy, P B Moore, J P; M O'Meara, J P; T O'Rourke, W T Skeffington, J P—9.

For Mr M'Grane—Messrs J M'Carthy, J P; T B M'Court, P M'Gee, J P; T V M'Quillan, J F Murphy, J P, and N T Murphy, J P—6.

The following gentlemen did not vote:—Messrs T J Byrne, J P, B Finnegan, J H M'Ardle, J P; and James Wynne, J P.

The Chairman declared Rev Father Woods co-opted as member of the Dunleer Pensions Committee.

#### ADOPTION OF REPORT OF NEW COUNTY OFFICES COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, J P;

Seconded by T B M'Court, Esq,

That we adopt the report of the new County Offices Committee set out in the minutes of their Meeting held on 22nd December, 1914, as printed on pages 39 and 40 of the printed minutes.

Mr T J Byrne, J P, proposed "that no plans, ground or otherwise, be passed by the New County Offices Committee, until same were considered and approved of by the County Council."

The Chairman explained that the plan that was being prepared by Professor Scott was merely a sketch plan showing the proposed linking up of the Court House with the new offices, and that this plan had only been received this morning, and that nothing definite would be done until the County Council had a full opportunity of considering plans, etc.

It was also explained by the County Surveyor, and Messrs Wynne and T Murphy that only the preliminaries were being arranged to enable Professor Scott to draft the regulations for the competition for plans for the new offices.

Mr Patrick M'Gee raised the question of the provision of accommodation at the back of the proposed new offices for the purposes of the Hiring Fairs in May and November, and asked had anything been decided in this matter.

The Chairman said this matter had not been lost sight of, and would be considered in due course.

Mr Byrne then withdrew his proposition, and the resolution adopting the Report of the New County Offices Committee was passed unanimously.

#### COMPENSATION FOR GOOSEBERRY BUSHES DESTROYED.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, dated 24th December, 1914, No. A24377-14, enclosing copy of the following Order made by the Department:—

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

#### COMPENSATION FOR GOOSEBERRY BUSHES (CO. LOUTH) ORDER, 1914.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907, and with the consent of the County Council of Louth, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

(1) The County Council of the County of Louth are hereby authorised to pay out of the local rate compensation, as prescribed by the Destructive Insects Act, 1877, Section 3, for gooseberry bushes destroyed in County Louth in compliance

with Notices served under the American Gooseberry Mildew and Black Currant Mite (Ireland) Order, 1912.

TITLE.

(2) This Order may be cited as The Compensation for Gooseberry Bushes (County Louth) Order, 1914.

In witness whereof the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland have hereunto affixed their Seal this 12th day of December, 1914.

(L.S.) (Signed),

H. G. SMITH,

On behalf of Secretary.

An accompanying memorandum was enclosed which stated that before fixing the scale of compensation for any particular year the County Council should have before them all the claims to be paid in that year.

As no claims had been lodged, although the owners had promised to do so before the present meeting, it was decided to postpone the consideration of the fixing of the price to be allowed for bushes destroyed by the order of the Horticultural Inspector.

The Council decided to hear Mr Harney, the Inspector, with reference to the rates of compensation and the quantity destroyed.

Mr Harney informed the Council that between 1911 and 1914 2,813 bushes had been destroyed, and that the price would average 3d or 4d each.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BEE PEST PREVENTION (IRELAND) ACT.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 12th December, 1914, No A26162-14, directing the attention of the Council to a resolution passed by them at their Meeting held on 25th November, 1909, in which there was some doubt whether the consent to the payment of compensation to Bee-keepers therein expressed, was intended to cover payments of compensations generally or not, and enclosing form of resolution, with a request that the Council should pass same.

The resolution, which was as follows, was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we, the Louth County Council, hereby consent generally to the payment of compensation to bee-keepers in accordance with the provision of Section 6 of the Bee Pest Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

CENTRAL BUREAU OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

Letter was read from the Irish Councils' General Council, dated 21st December, 1914, as follows:—

Irish County Councils' General Council.

Cavendish House,

Rutland Square, East, Dublin,

21st December, 1914.

IMPORTANT.

The Secretary Louth Co. Council

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Irish County Councils' Ge-

neral Council to forward you, for the consideration of your Council at its next meeting, the following resolution adopted by my Council at its Annual Meeting, held on the 11th inst, viz:—

“That a circular letter be addressed to each County Council and Co. Borough Council in Ireland, enquiring whether the Council would be willing to co-operate with the Irish County Councils’ General Council in the formation of a Central Bureau of Enquiry into all matters relating to Co. Council administration in Ireland, whereat Councils might obtain statistics and information bearing upon the work of their several departments and which would undertake the compilation and issue of a General Council Year Book, containing in tabulated form, details of the working and finance of the various branches of County Council administration throughout Ireland, presented under separate heads for each department.

“In the event of three-fourths or a larger proportion of the Councils accepting this proposal in principle, the Standing Committee on Legislation to be charged with the framing of a detailed scheme, to be submitted for approval to a special meeting of the Council.”

The advantages to members and officials of Co. Councils, of the Central Bureau, outlined in the above proposal, where information on all matters of County Council administration in Ireland could be classified and collected will be apparent to the members of your Council, and will, I am sure, commend the scheme to you and other County Officials.

It is not proposed to ask County Councils to contribute financially to the expenses of the Bureau, further than their Affiliation Fee to the General Council, nor, whilst the hearty

co-operation of County Officers is essential to the successful carrying out of the scheme, is it proposed to unduly tax their time and energies. In fact, it should be sufficient for the purpose if the County Secretary would forward to the office of the General Council, copies of the printed matter, circulated in the usual course of business to the members of his Council, and would occasionally, with regard to special operations arising, fill in brief replies on Enquiry Forms forwarded from the General Council Office.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly bring this letter before the next meeting of your Council, and inform me, at your earliest convenience, as to their view on the subject.

Yours faithfully,

A. KEOGH NOLAN,

Secretary.

After discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas Murphy, Esq;

Seconded by T V M’Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to co-operate with the Irish County Councils’ General Council in the formation of a Central Bureau of Enquiry in all matters relating to County Council administration in Ireland.

A further communication from the Irish Councils’ General Council dated 21st December, directing attention to the scheme of the Department for weekly classes in Irish for National

Teachers was read, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P,

Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby direct the attention of County and Urban Technical Committees to the Scheme of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for weekly classes in Irish for National Teachers.

A letter was also read from the Irish Councils' General Council in which was embodied a resolution urging every County Council in Ireland to put into operation in the most efficient manner possible the regulations and recommendations of the Department of Agriculture, with a view to the complete stamping out of sheep scab in Ireland.

The Council considered they were doing all that was possible in this direction, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman

#### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (DISQUALIFICATION RELIEF)

ACT, 1914.

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

No. 560-1915.

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 15th January, 1915.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw attention to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Disqualification Relief) Act, 1914 (5 Geo. 5, cap. 10), which received the Royal Assent on the 27th November last.

The Members of Local Authorities Relief Act, 1900, provides that, notwithstanding anything contained in the Municipal Corporation Act, 1882, or in the Local Government Acts, 1888 and 1894, or in the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, or in any Order in Council thereunder, an officer or soldier of the auxiliary forces or of the reserve forces on active service, or on service beyond the seas, shall not by reason only of his absence on that service be disqualified or vacate his office as a member of any county or borough, or district council, or board of guardians, or incur any fine or other liability.

The effect of the new Act is, during the present war, to extend the relief from disqualification for office granted by the Act of 1900, to all members of his Majesty's Naval and Military Forces employed on any naval or military service, and to any person whose employment in connection with naval or military operations the Local Government Board consider may be treated for the purposes of the present Act in the same manner as actual naval or military service, and to provide that the Act of 1900 above referred to shall have effect accordingly.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARRAS,

Secretary.

To Secretary of each  
County Council.

THE LATE MRS. M'DONNELL, DAUGHTER OF MR. P.  
DONEGAN, J P.

The following resolution was passed in silence:—

Proposed by Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we learn with regret of the lamented death of Mrs M'Donnell, daughter of our respected member, Mr Patrick Donegan, J P, Monasterboice, and we beg to tender to him and the members of his family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

#### ABSTRACT OF COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS FOR HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1914.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board enclosing the Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the County Council for the half year ended 30th September, 1914, which were duly certified by him.

The Chairman informed the Council that this was the fourth audit within a period of twelve months, and that copies of the abstract of the period under review would be transmitted to the members of the Council immediately.

The Secretary was directed to have the usual Advertisement of the Completion of the Audit issued.

#### COUNTY LOUTH PATIENTS IN RICHMOND ASYLUM.

Letter was read from the Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, enclosing a return for the quarter ended 30th December, 1914, of the patients sent from County Louth, which numbered eleven for the period.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

## Scholarship Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 25th January, 1915, at 1.30 p m.

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

Other Members—J T Dolan, M A; James Connolly, J P, and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

The Committee had under consideration letter from Railway Clerks' Association, which had been referred back by the Co. Council. This letter was a request that the period of residence in the County of Louth for prospective candidates for University Scholarships in the gift of the Council, should be reduced below the usual period of three years.

After discussion the Committee declined to recommend the County Council to reduce the qualifying period of residence.

Letter was read from the Irish County Councils' General Council enclosing resolution passed at its Annual Meeting, in which County Councils were urged to insert a provision in their schemes compelling all students obtaining County Council Scholarships to reside at properly constituted Hostels.

The Committee decided to recommend the County Council to include in the Scheme for 1915-16 a provision to this effect, with the reservation that the County Council might give their

approval to other residences where approved by the College Authorities.

The following conditions of the Louth County Council Scholarship Scheme for 1915-16, were approved, and recommended to the County Council:—

#### CONDITIONS OF LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1915-16.

The Louth County Council offer two Scholarships of £50 a year each, tenable at the Dublin or other College of the National University for the Session October, 1915, to June, 1916, and renewable for the two succeeding years, and for a fourth year if the Student follows a Course in Agriculture, or in Industrial or Commercial Science. The Scholarships will be open for Competition to male and female Students who fulfil the following requirements:—

- (1) Whose parents or guardians are and have been resident in Co. Louth for the past three years.
- (2) Who satisfy the County Council that they are unable of their own means to obtain a University Education.
- (3) Who have been educated in Ireland.
- (4) Who are of good health and character and under 19 years of age.
- (5) Who pass in Irish and reach a standard of honours in the aggregate of subjects in the Test Examination, which gives proof of ability enough to put a University Education to good use.

The Test Examination will be the Intermediate Examination of 1915—the order of merit being determined by the printed

marks obtained by the applicants in Senior Grade Honours as published in the Official Results List—a Pass in Irish being essential.

The Scholarships shall be awarded to the two candidates best qualified in the judgment of the County Council on consideration of merit in this test examination, and of the fulfilment of the other requirements. If either or both of the highest eligible competitors will not accept Scholarships they shall be awarded to those next in merit, if qualified.

One or both Scholarships may be altogether withheld if sufficient merit or need of assistance is not shown.

The Student accepting a Scholarship must pass the Matriculation of the National University (unless the University accept his Intermediate Examination as qualification) in 1915, and attend regularly the first year's course in some faculty of the University, and reside in a hostel or, by special permission of the County Council, in any other residence approved by the College Authorities.

The College fees shall be paid direct by the County Council to the College Authorities and the hostel proprietors, the balance if any, to be expended on books and other expenses.

In order to retain a Scholarship for the second and third year a Student must pass the College Examination of that year at a standard of merit to be fixed by the Council in consultation with the College Authorities, and must also present a satisfactory report from the College as to attendance at lectures and general conduct during the year.

The County Council shall have complete discretion in applying or modifying these rules and in withholding or reducing Scholarships.

Candidates for Scholarships must apply to the Secretary of the County Council before the 15th September, 1915, and the Council shall meet to consider applications and award Scholarships at end of September, 1915.

On the suggestion of Mr Dolan, it was unanimously recommended that the College Authorities be requested to furnish to the County Council an interim Report of the progress being made by the Louth County Students, for the information of the County Council.

## Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 1st February, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—M O'Meara, J P; Thos O'Rourke, Wm Woods, J P; John F Murphy, J P; Jas Wynne, J P; Edward Goodman, and Peter Woods, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on 4th January, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

### TENDERS FOR WORKS, ETC.

The Committee proceeded to consider tenders received for works, etc., passed at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on 4th January, 1915, in accordance with advertisement issued.

### APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No. 14—To keep in repair Ardee Quarter Sessions Court House with Court Keeper's residence, for one year from the 1st April, 1915—£15 0s 0d.

No Tender received.

No. 15—To Supply on carts at Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk, Best Scotch Coal (screened), at £—— per ton, for one year from 1st April, 1915, as required for use of Road Rollers.

No Tender received.

#### APPLICATIONS BY THE SECRETARY.

No. 16—To supply Printing and Stationery for County Purposes, for one year from 1st April, 1915, including the Printing to be done for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, under Jurors' and Registration Acts.

Tenders were received from Messrs Tempest, M'Dougall, M'Cullough, and Mrs Mathews for various items of Printing and Stationery, and in each case the lowest tender was accepted, and where the prices were the same, the last contractor was given the preference.

No. 17—To supply for one year from the 1st April, 1915, Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk Courthouse, with Best Wigan Coal, at £—— per ton, delivered, Contractor to supply Coke, Bogwood, Fire lighting materials, at Market Prices, as required.

The only tenders received were those of Messrs A Murdock and Sons, Drogheda, for the supply of coals to Drogheda Court House at 30s per ton; and Messrs F O'Neill and Co, Dundalk, for the supply of coals to Dundalk Court House at 30s per ton, and for Ardee Court House at 40s per ton.

The tenders of Messrs Murdock and Sons and F O'Neill and Co were accepted for the supplies to the respective Court Houses as above.

No. 18—To Prepare the Court and Court Rooms for Assizes, Quarter Sessions and Revision Sessions, in County Courthouse, for one year from 1st April, 1915—Not to exceed £15 0s 0d.

The tender of Messrs B Patteson and Co., Dundalk for the sum of £14 14s 0d was accepted, this being the only tender received.

No. 19—To insert the County Advertisements, etc., in one Dundalk and Drogheda Paper, for one year from 1st April, 1915—Not to exceed 3d per line.

Tenders were received from Thomas Roe, "Dundalk Democrat"; M M'Keown, "Drogheda Argus," and Mrs Annie Mathews, "Dundalk Examiner," at the rate of 3d per line. The tenders of Thomas Roe and M M'Keown, being the last Contractors, were accepted.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 1st day of February, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—M O'Meara, J P; William Woods, J P; Peter Woods, J P; John F Murphy, J P; James Wynne, J P; and Edward Goodman, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, and Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on re-examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in hands of County Surveyor	...	167	19	3
Secretary's Office	...	38	9	2
Total,		£206	8	5

## DROGHEDA COURT HOUSE.

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was read:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
18th January, 1915.

Re Drogheda Court House.

Dear Sir,—

In reply to your letter of 6th instant on the subject of the Council's powers herein, I beg to state that ever since the Local Government Act, 1898, and notwithstanding Article 15 of the Schedule to Application of Enactments Order, the property of the Courthouse is vested in the County Council, but the legal custody and control of the existing Sheriff is preserved. The County Council merely have an incorporate right to the custody and control, but the legal possession remains with the Sheriff. The County Council have certain rights under Section 72 of the Act of 1898, but even if the Lord Lieutenant allocated certain portions under this Section to the Council the right to possession thereof remains with the Sheriff.

I am inclined to think that the Corporation of Drogheda have no right to use the Courthouse for their Offices, as under Section 72 of the Local Government Act, 1898, the County Council may use same, except what is required by the Sheriff for the administration of justice.

I cannot see how the County Council can charge a rent on the Drogheda Corporation.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Chas M'Alester, Esq,

Sec. Louth County Council, Dundalk.

A long discussion ensued in which Messrs Goodman, O'Meara, and the Chairman took part.

The Council's Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, on the request of the Chairman, gave his opinion that the County Council were bound to supply the Court House with the necessary coal, light, and water, but considered that the Council could refuse to supply them to the portion of the Court House used by the Corporation.

It was decided to refer the whole question of the usage of the Court House by the Drogheda Corporation and the provision of supplies thereto to the next Meeting of the County Council.

#### WOTTONSTOWN AND FANE DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The following letters were read, and after discussion were referred to the County Council:—

#### WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 19th January, 1915.

No. 2,113: 1915.

Louth County.

Sir,—

With reference to your letter of the 1st ultimo, relative to the proposed transfer of the business of the Wottonstown Drainage District to the Louth County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith, for the information of the Louth County Council, a copy of a letter received from the Commissioners of Public Works on the matter, together with a statement which, the Board presume, contains the information desired by the County Council in their resolution of the 26th November last.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

#### ENCLOSURE IN ABOVE LETTER.

(Copy).

Office of Public Works,

Dublin, 9th January, 1915.

No. 2,113: 1915.

17,348:1914.

Sir,—

In reply to your letter of the 7th ultimo and enclosure (66,702-14) relative to the transfer of the business of Wottonstown Drainage District to the Louth County Council, and in compliance with the request of the County Council in their letter to you of the 1st ultimo, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to enclose herewith a Schedule compiled from the records of the Land Registry Department and General Valuation Office, giving the names of the present proprietors of land in the district and the area of land held by each proprietor. The decimal proportion of liability of each portion of land drained or improved for payment of Maintenance Rate, with the amount payable on the basis of a levy of £50, is also shown.

I am to add that the Board have taken £50 as a basis, for the reason that the annual levy for maintenance purposes in this small district is always likely to be below this amount.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,

Local Government Board, Dublin.

#### FANE DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 29th January, 1915.

No. 5,030: 1915.

Louth County.

Sir,—

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the transfer of the business of the Fane Drainage District to the

Louth County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward a copy of a letter received from the Commissioners of Public Works on the matter, together with a schedule giving the names of the present proprietors of land in the district and the area of land held by each proprietor.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

ENCLOSURE IN ABOVE LETTER.

(Copy).

Office of Public Works,  
Dublin, 23rd January, 1915.

No. 17,342: 1914.

Sir,—

In reply to your letter of the 7th ultimo and enclosure (66,698-14) relative to the transfer of the business of the Fane Drainage District to the Louth County Council, and in compliance with the request of the County Council in their letter to you of the 1st ultimo, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to enclose herewith a Schedule compiled from the records of the Land Registry Department and General Valuation Office, giving the names of the present proprietors of land in the district and the area of land held by each proprietor. The decimal proportion of liability of each portion of land drained or improved for payment of Maintenance Rate, with the amount payable on the basis of a levy of £75, is also given.

I am to add that the Board have taken £75 as a basis for the

reason that the annual levy for maintenance purposes in this small district is always likely to be below this amount.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Local Government Board, Dublin.

#### GILES' QUAY PIER LIGHTING.

The following Report from the County Surveyor on the lighting of Giles' Quay Pier was read:—

County Surveyor's Office,  
Courthouse, Dundalk,  
30/1/1915.

#### LIGHTING GILES' PIER.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen,  
Finance Committee, 1st February, 1915.

Gentlemen,

Re continuing the leading light on Giles' Quay Pier-head, the Harbour Constable states that he would expect to be paid extra for lighting the lamp for the 12 months of the year instead of as hitherto for four months of the year.

I referred him to the Minutes of the Piers and Harbours Committee of October, 1907, on the lighting of the Pier. His explanation is that the £2 allowed him then is for the pier lamps; that the period of lighting the leading light was not then extended nor discussed.

I beg to ask for instructions in the matter so that there may be no hitch when the order for lighting comes into force.

I may add that the leading lamp got badly bruised in the storm

of 1st January last. I have had it repaired so that it will hold for a time, but it would be advisable to get a new lamp and have same in stock for emergencies.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

The Secretary informed the Committee that, as directed by the County Council, he had given notice to the Irish Lights Commissioners of the resolution of the Council to extend the period of lighting of the Pier Light for the entire twelve months instead of four months as heretofore, and the Commissioners had approved of the following Form of Notice to Mariners:

NOTICE TO MARINERS.  
EAST COAST OF IRELAND. DUNDALK BAY.  
GILES' QUAY PIER LIGHT.

Louth County Council Office,  
Dundalk, 23rd January, 1915.

The Louth County Council hereby give notice that the Light at the Giles' Quay Pier (hitherto exhibited only during the months of September, October, November, and December) will be exhibited during the entire year.

CHARLES M'ALESTER,  
Secretary.

He further informed the Committee that the Commissioners had requested that 300 copies of the Notice should be sent to them to be distributed to the various local authorities round the coast of Ireland, and that he had these ready to send; but owing to the fact that the County Surveyor had informed him that the Harbour Constable expected to receive additional remuneration for the lighting for the entire year, he had not sent these forward pending a decision by the Committee on this matter.

The Secretary produced the Minute of the Piers and Harbours Committee at their Meeting held on 14th October, 1907, from

which it was understood that all the lighting at Giles' Quay should be done by the Harbour Constable for £2 per annum, which sum he was at present receiving.

The Finance Committee unanimously decided that the lighting for the entire year of the lamps at the Pier should be done by the Harbour Constable for £2 per annum, and the County Surveyor was instructed to direct him accordingly, and, if necessary, in the case of his refusal, to employ a man to do the necessary lighting, and generally to have full power to deal with the matter.

The Secretary was then directed to send the copies of the Notice to Mariners to the Commissioners of Irish Lights, and request them to advise the County Council when the lighting might commence from.

EQUIPMENT OF BEDS IN RED CROSS HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read, and, after discussion, it was decided to refer same to the County Council:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
29th January, 1915.

No. 5,230/1915.  
Louth County.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th instant, relative to the proposal of the Louth County Council to provide 5 hospital beds in Dublin Castle, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to refer you to Section 47 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and to state that the Board are not aware of any statutory provisions which would enable the Council to make the payment suggested.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,  
J. E. DEVLIN,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.  
Courthouse, Dundalk

## COMPENSATION FOR GOOSEBERRY BUSHES DESTROYED.

The following claims for compensation for gooseberry bushes destroyed in Co. Louth were considered by the Committee:—

Patrick Kelly, Mullacrew—1000 bushes.  
 Michael Hynes, Corderry—3600 bushes.  
 Julia Crinnion, Cappocks Green—150 bushes.  
 Patrick M'Ardle, Ardee—500 bushes.  
 James Connolly, J P, Ravensdale—100 bushes.

After discussion, it was decided that the Secretary would send a list to Mr Harney, Horticultural Expert to the County Committee of Agriculture, for his remarks and report on these claims.

## RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted as directed statement showing the state of the Collection of Poor Rate up to 31st January, 1915, from which it appeared that the following amounts were outstanding. The statement was initialled by the Chairman:—

Patrick S. Donegan	...	£2284	6	8
Patrick M'Donnell	...	2035	6	1
Patrick M'Cullough	...	1685	17	2
J. J. Kelly	...	821	6	4
Patrick Hughes	...	962	7	6
Patrick Cluskey	...	2046	7	3
Peter M'Donnell	...	1883	10	6
John Woods	...	1560	2	1
J. V. Johnston	...	730	10	8

Total outstanding		£14009	14	3
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## NEW COUNTY OFFICES.

Letter was read from Town Clerk, Dundalk, stating that his Council had arranged Tuesday evening, 2nd inst, at seven o'clock, to meet the deputation from the New Offices Committee with re-

ference to the questions of frontage, right of way and lighting for the New Building.

The Chairman informed the Committee that it was desirable to have a Special Meeting of the County Council to consider the Report from the New Offices Committee as to the increased frontage, to enable Professor Scott to proceed with the drafting of the conditions for the competition for plans.

The Secretary was directed to apply to the County Treasurer, the Hibernian Bank, for similar terms for the loan of £8000 required for the New Offices as those for the Machinery and Road Improvement Loans, namely, 3 per cent interest on outstanding balances.

## ENCROACHMENT OF PORCH AT TANKARDSROCK.

The following report from the Co. Surveyor was read, and the matter was referred to the County Council:—

County Surveyor's Office,  
 Courthouse, Dundalk,  
 30th January, 1915.

Porch at Tankardsrock.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen Finance Committee, February 1st, 1915.

Gentlemen,—

My Assistant, Mr Lyons, reports the erection of a porch within 20 feet (twenty feet) of the centre of the road between Cross Roads at Killen and Kileurley National School.

The porch is 7 feet 0 inches x 7 feet 6 inches on plan and is erected inside (i.e., not on road side) of road boundary wall.

Mr Francis Mitchell is the occupier of the house. Mr John Irwin, Dundalk, is the owner.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

## ROAD BOARD GRANTS.

Letter was read from the Road Board enclosing Draft Statements of the Grants to the various districts in County Louth as arranged with the County Council. The amounts apportioned by the Road Board are as follows:—

## DROGHEDA URBAN DISTRICT.

Estimated cost of improvement—£1520.

Grant by Road Board—£321.

Payment of Grant—£410 on requisition when applicants are ready to commence work; £411 on certificate of Co. Surveyor approved by an Engineering Inspector of the Road Board that the works have been satisfactorily completed, and a detailed statement of actual expenditure.

## DUNDALK URBAN DISTRICT.

Estimated cost of improvement—£1260.

Grant by Road Board—£680.

Payment of Grant—£340 on requisition when applicants are ready to commence work; £340 on certificate of Co. Surveyor approved by an Engineering Inspector of the Road Board that the works have been satisfactorily completed, and a detailed statement of actual expenditure.

## RURAL DISTRICTS:

Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk.

Estimated cost of improvement—£8120.

Grant by Road Board—£4385.

Payment of Grant—£1460 when applicants are ready to commence work; £1460 on certificate of County Surveyor that 50 per cent of the works have been completed; £1465 on certificate of County Surveyor approved by an Engineering Inspector of the Road Board, and a detailed statement of actual expenditure.

The County Surveyor stated he was verifying and returning statements to the Road Board.

The Secretary was directed to advise the Drogheda Corporation and the Dundalk Urban Council that in addition to the amounts of half their expenditure that the Road Board had apportioned to them a grant for interest of the sums of £61 and £50 respectively.

The statements were initialled by the Chairman.

## Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 1st February, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—M O'Meara, J P; Wm Woods, J P; Peter Woods, J P; Edward Goodman, John F Murphy, J P; James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Maxwell, V S, was also present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

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

### REPORTS FROM VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

January 31st, 1915.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

Mr Clinton's Report for January.

Sir,—

I beg to report that during the past month no case of scheduled contagious disease has occurred in this district. Two cases of suspected bovine tuberculosis were reported to me, one

at Dromiskin and one at Bellurgan, but on examination of the animals I found that they did not suffer from tuberculosis.

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. CLINTON, V. S.

23rd January, 1915.

The Chairman,  
Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

Mr Maxwell's Report for December, 1914.

Sir,—

I beg to report that I examined the usual fairs and markets of the Ardee No. 1 District. P Crosby, Mullamelia, reported to me that he had a sick pig which he thought was swine fever. The animal was suffering from indigestion.

Faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL.

Ardee, 1st February, 1915.

The Chairman,  
Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

Mr Maxwell's Report for January, 1915.

Sir,—

I beg to report that I visited the usual fairs, markets, etc., for the month of January, held in the Ardee No. 1 District. On the 13th an outbreak of sheep scab occurred on the farm of Edmund O'Connor, Charleville, Dunleer. I visited these premises on the 12th and 13th and issued the necessary regulations in regard to same, and on the 19th and 29th I personally supervised the dipping of these sheep. On the 14th another outbreak took place on the farm at Corballis, owned by L A Lee-Norman. In this case I also issued the necessary notices of detention and personally supervised their dipping on the 23rd of the month.

I beg to draw your attention to the fact that these sheep were not reported under the Sheep Scab Order of May, 1914, made by your Council. I also beg to draw your attention to the fact that in its present form the Order does not fulfil the intention of the Council, viz—the prevention of the entry into this County of diseased animals. To do so, in my opinion, the Order should include the words—"or sheep exposed for sale in any fair, mart, or saleyard"—and should also, in my opinion, be made include the Agents, i.e., stationmasters or managers of Steam Packet Companies in the Co. Louth to report the arrival of any sheep at their station or depots.

Unless something like this be done I am afraid the present Order is of little value.

I am Sir

Faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL.

Drogheda, January 6th, 1915.

Mr Donnelly's Report for December, 1914.

Gentlemen,—

During the month of December, 1914, I had eight reported cases to deal with under the Tuberculosis Order.

I furnished your Secretary with full reports relating to the cases.

I am pleased to state that at present there is no outbreak existing in the district of any of the notifiable diseases.

Sheep Scab is not now at all prevalent in this part owing to the farmers complying with the conditions laid down in the recent Sheep Dipping Orders.

I am,

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

To Louth Co. Council,  
(Executive Committee).

Drogheda, February 1st, 1915.

Mr Donnelly's Report for January, 1915.

Gentlemen,—

During the month of January I had six cases reported under the Tuberculosis Order and dealt with same and furnished your Secretary with the necessary reports on the prescribed forms. I had one outbreak of sheep scab in my district, but fortunately only one animal in the flock was found affected with the disease. I had all the sheep at once dipped, and the diseased animal has been dipped three times since the outbreak was first notified, and I hope in the course of ten days or so to be able to withdraw the restrictions in this case.

I am,

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

#### CASES UNDER TUBERCULOSIS (IRELAND) ORDER, 1913.

The Secretary submitted notices that had been received under the above Order. All the cases (six in number) had been detained at Drogheda Port by the Portal Inspectors. The Secretary informed the Committee that copies of the various Forms in each case had been furnished to the Department, and that in none of the cases would there be any claim for compensation.

#### SHEEP SCAB.

The Secretary submitted notices received from two of the Veterinary Inspectors of the outbreak of scab as follows:—

Farm of Edmund O'Connor, Charleville, and farm of L A Lee-Norman, Corballis, both reported by Mr Maxwell, who stated in his report that the sheep had been purchased from Robert Skelly, Banbridge, and that all the sheep had been dipped since the outbreak.

Farm of Mrs Maguire, of Sheetland, reported by Mr Donnelly, who stated that all the sheep were dipped once and the affected animals dipped on three occasions, and were progressing satisfactorily.

#### TUBERCULOSIS (IRELAND) ORDER, 1914.

Circular letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated 18th January, 1915, was read, notifying that the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913, had been revoked, and that a new Order entitled the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914, dated 31st December, 1914, had been issued, in which the scope of the old Order had been enlarged so as to include all obviously tuberculous cattle. The new features of the present Order are as follows:—

- (1) To enable the Local Authority to give general direction to their Officers to carry out the prescribed slaughter and thus avoid delay.
- (2) That only one valuation has to be made, viz, the market value of the animal.
- (3) The omission of the provision which expressly allowed slaughter of a suspected animal by the owner or person in charge.
- (4) A sub-section to prevent the movement of a suspected animal from premises where it came under suspicion except to premises which the Local Authority or an Inspector direct its removal.
- (5) Giving authority for payment of fees for notification of suspected animals to Veterinary Surgeons other than the Veterinary Inspectors of the Local Authority.
- (6) The giving of power to the Local Authority to proceed immediately with the slaughter of animals found to be suffering from one of the forms of tuberculosis specified in the Order without waiting for specific directions in the case.

It was notified that the Order would come into operation on 1st February, 1915, and requesting that a copy of the following

advertisement be issued before that date. The Secretary informed the Committee that he had sent the advertisement to the county newspapers as directed:—

#### COUNTY COUNCIL OF LOUTH.

#### TUBERCULOSIS (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1914.

#### NOTICE.

The attention of persons owning or having charge of Cattle in the County Louth is directed to the above named Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, which comes into operation on 1st February, 1915. An effect of the Order is to bring within the scope of the existing provisions with regard to bovine tuberculosis all bovine animals suffering from a chronic cough and showing definite clinical signs of tuberculosis. Local Authorities are empowered to slaughter any bull, cow, ox, heifer or calf which they are satisfied is suffering from this form of the disease, and to pay compensation for animals so slaughtered on the same conditions as apply to cows slaughtered as suffering from tuberculosis of the udder, or as giving tuberculous milk, and bovine animals slaughtered as suffering from tuberculous emaciation. Under the Order the valuation of an animal for the purposes of compensation will be made on one basis only, viz: the market value before slaughter.

Under the Order every person having in his possession or under his charge

- (1) any cow which is or appears to be suffering from tuberculosis of the udder, indurated udder, or other chronic disease of the udder; or
- (2) any bovine animal which is or appears to be suffering from emaciation due to tuberculosis; or
- (3) any bovine animal which is suffering from a chronic cough and showing definite clinical signs of tuberculosis

is required to notify the police of the fact without delay and to keep the animal isolated from other animals as far as practicable

(Article 10) until the animal is slaughtered or the permission of the Local Authority for its removal is obtained. He is also required, if the animal be a cow, to take certain precautions with regard to milk and milk vessels (Article 9).

The Order forbids the movement to a Port for shipment of any animal suffering or appearing to be suffering from any of the forms of disease specified in the preceding paragraph, and prescribes steps which may be taken in the event of any such animal being brought to a Port for shipment or exposed for sale in a market, fair ground, or sale yard.

Persons desiring fuller information as to the provisions of the Order can obtain copies of the Order by applying to

The Secretary,  
Department of Agriculture and  
Technical Instruction for Ireland,  
(Veterinary Branch), Dublin.

By Order,

(Signed), CHARLES M'ALESTER,

Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of  
Animals Act for the County of Louth.

Courthouse, Dundalk,  
25th January, 1915.

The Secretary informed the Committee that copies of the Forms under the Order had been forwarded to the Veterinary Inspectors as directed by the Department, which was approved by the Committee.

#### REVOCATION OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE REGULATIONS.

Notice was submitted from the West Sussex County Council, which stated that the Local Authority of West Sussex had revoked the Regulations made by them on 8th May, 1914, dealing with the movement into their County of animals from Ireland, and animals which had been in contact with animals from Ireland.

## Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 15th February, 1915, at one o'clock,  
p m

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

Other Members—T Murphy, Peter Woods, J P; T O'Rourke, Patrick M'Gee, J P; J H M'Arde, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; Thomas B M'Court, and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also present

The Chairman informed the Council that the Meeting was called to consider the Report of the New Offices Committee, as set out in the minutes of their Meetings held on 27th January, and 8th February, 1915, copies of which had been sent to each member of the County Council. He explained that it was necessary to give Mr Scott, the assessor for the competitive plans for the new offices, the exact instructions as to the space available for the new buildings, and also for the proposal to link up the offices with the County Court House.

A discussion ensued as to the terms arranged with the Urban Council of Dundalk, with respect to the increased frontage, right of way, etc, and some of the members present, on the

suggestion of the Chairman, inspected the site. On their return the details of the recommendations contained in the minutes were fully discussed.

Mr M'Carthy suggested that in view of the fact that greatly increased expenditure owing to the war might be necessary in the near future, the erection of the offices might be postponed. He bore testimony to the care that had been exercised by the Committee in dealing with the project, but he would not vote against the passing of the minutes.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously :—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Thomas Murphy, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the recommendations of the New County Offices Committee, made at their Meetings, held on 27th January and 8th February, 1915, namely :—

The linking up of the New County Offices with the Court House.

The arrangements made with the Dundalk Urban Council to pay them a sum of £150, to cover the expenses of the removal and re-erection of the existing urinal, and a rent of £1 1s 0d per annum for :—

Extra frontage in Crowe Street of 13 feet 6 inches by 40 feet in depth.

The grant of right of way through the Urban Council property to the Machinery Depot at the back of the new offices, and

The grant of right of light to the new offices on the Town Hall side.

The question of additional representation on the New County Offices Committee was discussed, and it was decided to refer same to the next meeting of the County Council.

#### ACCOMMODATION FOR HIRING FAIRS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously :—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the contemplated machinery shed about to be erected at the rear of the new county offices, be used when occasion demands it, for the purposes of the Hiring Fairs at May and November.

## South County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 15th February, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members—T Murphy, Peter Woods, J P; T O'Rourke, Patrick M'Gee, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P. James M'Carthy, J P; Thomas B M'Court, and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee 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	£24 13 11
Secretary's Office	2 10 0
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Total	£27 3 11

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled.

It was decided to transfer from the General to the Subsidiary Account for the purpose of paying the Malicious Injury Claims, on levy, etc, a sum of £2,000.

### APPEALS AGAINST MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES.

Mr Bernard Hamill brought under the notice of the Committee a Malicious Injury Claim for which a decree had been granted at the last Dundalk Quarter Sessions, and in which an appeal had been lodged, although the amount of the decree was only given for the amount of damage which had been proven by the County Council witness, and suggested that in the circumstances the appeal should be withdrawn.

Mr Murphy stated that a resolution was on the Minutes of the County Council that appeals should be lodged in every case, and advocated that each case should be considered separately, and the Solicitor's advice as to the chances of success on appeal should be taken.

Mr Hamill stated he would hand in notice of motion to rescind the resolution, and that each case be dealt with on its merits.

### ESTIMATE OF RATES.

The Secretary submitted the Estimate of Rates for service of the Financial Year, ending 31st March, 1916, which was discussed at length, and the various items for County, Union and District Charges examined and compared.

On the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,  
Seconded by Mr James M'Carthy, J P,

it was unanimously decided to recommend the adoption of the

Estimate to the County Council, and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of same with his explanatory statement, to each member of the Council, and the Clerks of the Unions and District Councils concerned.

#### WRITING OF RATE BOOKS.

The Chairman directed the attention of the Committee to the necessity of making some proper arrangements for the writing up of the Rate Books.

A discussion took place on this matter, and the Secretary informed the Committee that the checking of the work had not been done in a satisfactory manner heretofore. He stated that it was absolutely necessary that the writing of the names from the Valuation Lists to the Rate Books and the checking of the copies for the Unions, should be done by trustworthy and competent checkers who would be responsible for the accuracy of all the work, including Demand Notes, etc.

The Committee unanimously decided to recommend the County Council to place the entire work in the charge of the Secretary and that he should be authorised to employ two check clerks, as well as the ordinary extra clerks, for writing up the Rate Books, who would be paid at the ordinary scale rates.

#### RECOUPMENT OF EXPENSES UNDER DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture (Accounts Branch), dated 2nd February, notifying that the sum of £257 1s 3d had been lodged to the credit of the Louth County Council, being half of the nett expenditure of the Council under the Provisions of the Diseases of Animals Acts for the period ended 31st December, 1914.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### COSTS OF CRIMINAL INJURY DISMISS.

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

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
11th February, 1915.

Criminal Injury Application—Mathew Farrell, Dromin, £50.

Dear Sir,—

With reference to this claim for alleged burning of a small dwelling-house at Stabannon, the property of the above-named Applicant, and which was dismissed by the County Court Judge at the January Quarter Sessions at Dundalk, I beg to report that I have received cheque for £4 1s 6d costs of dismissal from the Applicant's Solicitor, and have lodged same with the Council's Treasurer to-day.

I enclose receipt for lodgment made.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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

#### COAL SUPPLIES TO COURT HOUSE AND ROAD ROLLERS.

The following correspondence was read, and after discussion it was decided to leave the matters in the hands of the County Surveyor and Secretary to make the very best terms possible for the necessary coal supplies:—

Railway Quay, Dundalk,  
February 3rd, 1915.

Dear Sir,—

We beg leave to inform your Council that we are unable to obtain our usual supply of coal from other side owing to the war, and on the small stock we have we were forced to pay

exorbitant prices, so we trust your Committee will allow us the current prices during this quarter as had been done on previous occasions.

Yours truly,

F. O'NEILL and CO.

County Surveyor's Office,  
Court House, Dundalk,  
13th February, 1915.

Coal for Steam Rollers.

Secretary, County Council.

Herewith I return you P. Curtis' letter re coal.

On 4th February I interviewed Mr Curtis and he agreed to supply Scotch coal at 28s "for the present." I accepted this pending the next Meeting of the Finance Committee on Monday, 15th instant.

On the 8th instant Mr Curtis wrote me that he could get no Scotch coal, but would supply best English at 33s.

I may say the roller drivers complain of the Scotch coal, and I believe good Yorkshire coal, even at a higher price than the Scotch, would be a saving.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS WALSH.

Coal Yards, St. Helena Quay,  
Dundalk, February 1st, 1915.

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

Dear Sir,—

Owing to present circumstances and the excessive advance in price of coal and freights, I am unable to supply at price quoted 12 months ago. I would be pleased if you could

say that I will be allowed the difference in prices, otherwise I cannot deliver further.

Awaiting your reply.

Yours truly,

PATRICK CURTIS.

#### COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Letter was read from the Very Rev Canon Donnellan, P P, Ravensdale, stating he was making application to have two girls named Isabella Irene Moore and Rose Moore, of Mountpleasant, committed to St. Joseph's Industrial School, Dundalk.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

Notice was received from Clerk of Petty Sessions, Carlingford, that John H. Hanlon, aged 11 years, of Ardtullymore, would come up for trial at a Juvenile Court on Thursday, 18th inst, for larceny, and that it was likely the Justices would send him to an Industrial School, and requesting to know whether the County Council would wish to be represented at this trial.

The Committee decided unanimously that it would not be necessary for the Council to be represented at the trial, and directed the Secretary to reply accordingly.

#### COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

The following Report from Sir Charles Cameron was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, dated 9th February, 1915, Public Analyst for the County Louth, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 31st December, 1914.

Thirty-three articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R I C, as follows:—

Article.	Number.
Butter	19
Milk	12
Whiskey	1
Cheese	1
	—
	33

They were all pure.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	39,200
Including:	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.042
Saline Ammonia	0.170
Nitric Acid	0.750
Chlorine	6.490
Colour	light yellow

Immensely polluted and dangerous to use.

For the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum two specimens of soap, one of butter and one of cocoa, were analysed and were correct.

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

During the months of October and November, 19 articles were received, and during the month of December, 14 articles were received.

I would suggest that the articles should be forwarded more uniformly during the quarter.

Total analyses—36.

#### FISHERY ENQUIRIES AT DROGHEDA.

Notices were read from the Department of Agriculture of Salmon Fishery Enquiries to be held at Drogheda Court House on the 3rd and 4th days of March, 1915, with reference to the mesh of nets and the defining of the Estuary of the River Boyne and the Estuaries, Mouths and Tidal and Fresh Water Boundaries of the Rivers Nanny and Delvin in the Drogheda District.

It was decided to request Messrs James M'Carthy, J P; N T Murphy, J P; P B Moore, J P; and W T Skeffington, J P, to represent the County Council at the Enquiries.

#### GILES' QUAY LIGHTING.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that James Cumiskey, the Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay, has agreed to carry on the lighting of the leading lights at Giles' Quay until the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 25th instant.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL**

AT THEIR

**FOURTH (Adjourned) QUARTERLY MEETING,**  
Held on 25th February, 1915.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AT THEIR MEETINGS

Held on 1st March, 15th March, 29th March, and  
12th April, 1915.

**PROPOSAL COMMITTEE**

AT THEIR MEETING

Held on 12th April, 1915.

REPORT from

**NEW COUNTY OFFICES COMMITTEE.**

P. MACCULLOUGH, PRINTER, DUNDALK.

# Louth County Council.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Adjoined Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 25th February, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—John Morgan, Peter Woods, J.P.; Michael Meade, Thomas B. M'Court, T.V. M'Quillan, Peter B. Moore, J.P.; Bernard Finegan, Patrick Donegan, J.P.; P. Callan, Patk. M'Gee, J.P.; Joseph H. M'Ardle, J.P.; T. Murphy, W. T. Skeffington, J.P.; M. O'Meara, J.P.; Wm. Woods, J.P.; Bernard Hamill, J.P.; James M'Carthy, J.P.; J. Wynne, J.P.; Michael M'Ardle, and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council; James Dromgoole and J. M. O. Lyons, Assistant Surveyors and V. Warren, Clerk T.C.M., were also present.

## CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by W. T. Skeffington, Esq., J.P.;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq., and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on

21st January, 1915, and their Special Meeting held on the 15th February, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

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

Monday, 1st February, 1915.

Monday, 15th February, 1915.

#### CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on 1st February, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the County Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Thomas Murphy, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held

on 1st February, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the County Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES.

After a short discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their meeting held on 25th January, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed, and we hereby approve of the Louth County Council Scholarship Scheme for 1915-16, as set out therein.

#### CONFIRMATION OF COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on Pages 1 and 2 of the Schedule of Proposals for the 25th day of February, 1915, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

## CANCELLATION OF CONTRACTS.

After discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter Woods, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That in accordance with Clause 21 of the Specification, the following contracts are declared to be broken:—

## ARDEE RURAL DISTRICT.

Index No, 14; 411 Perches; Dunleer-Louth—Thomas Nixon,  
Contractor.

## DUNDALK RURAL DISTRICT.

No. 115; 1,334 Perches; Dundalk-Carlingford—Thos Rice, Sen,  
Contractor.

No. 34; 443 Perches; Knockbridge-Tallanstown—Patrick Kane,  
Contractor.

No. 104; 426 Perches; Dundalk-Carlingford—Peter Rafferty,  
Contractor.

No. 25; 320 Perches; Dundalk-Louth—Joseph M'Kenna, Con-  
tractor.

No. 111; 906 Perches; Corrakit-Gyles' Quay—John M'Donald,  
Contractor.

No. 56; 144 Perches; Dundalk-Castleblayney—John Clarke,  
Contractor.

No. 48; 697 Perches; Louth-Essexford—Patrick Markey, Con-  
tractor.

## DEFAULTING CONTRACTORS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby direct that legal proceedings be instituted against all defaulting contractors and their sureties in every case where any loss has been occasioned to the county owing to neglected contracts being re-set at increased prices.

## ARDEE WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, 5th January, 1915, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 26th January, 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

## DROGHEDA WORKS.

The question was raised by Mr Donegan as to Proposal No. 24, for repairs to the road leading from the Borough boundary at Twenties to the Ballymakenny road at Listoke, and the Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, having stated that the proposal was not

legal in the present form, suggested that it should be referred back to the Rural District Council for amendment, and the Council agreed to this.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, 12th January, 1915, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 2nd February, 1915, save and except No. 24, for repairs to the road leading from the Borough Boundary at the Twenties to the Ballymakenny road at Listoke, which is referred back to the Rural District Council, be and are hereby approved of, and that the Secretary be now authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

#### DUNDALK WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T B M'Court, Esq;

Seconded by Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, 4th January, 1915, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 25th January, 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and that the Secretary be authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

#### COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas Murphy, Esq;

Seconded by Michael M'Ardle, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 4th January, 1915, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Monday, 1st February, 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

#### TENDERS FOR WORKS.

In accordance with the Secretary's advertisement, the Council next proceeded to consider tenders for works not set by contract at the Adjourned Meeting of the Rural District Councils and the Proposal Committee.

#### COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

No. 14—Only one tender was received and was accepted—Joseph Kerr, Irish Street, Ardee, for the sum of £15.

#### ARDEE DISTRICT.

The following tenders being the lowest were accepted:—

No. 235—Valentine Kerr, Ardee—£12

No. 243—Thomas Molloy, Stabannon—£63.

No. 253—James Toris, Lawlesstown—£20 19s 11d.

## DROGHEDA DISTRICT.

No. 85—Henry Hughes, Callystown—£37 4s 0d.

No. 91—Patrick Fitzpatrick, Foxhall—£14 8s 0d.

No. 99—Denis Gargan, Callystown—£3 5s 0d.

In this case the Bond was not completed, as neither the contractor nor his sureties attended.

No. 103—Patrick Fitzpatrick, Foxhall—£47 19s 0d.

Another tender for this work was received from Denis Gargan for the sum of £36 14s 0d, but Gargan, who was present, stated he had made a mistake in the amount in his tender, and refused to accept the work at £36 14s 0d, and the Council decided un-animously,

On the motion of W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, seconded by P. Donegan, Esq, J P, to declare Patrick Fitzpatrick, Foxhall, Contractor.

## DUNDALK DISTRICT.

No. 36—Peter Hanlon, Benagh—£25 1s 6d.

In this case the Bond was not completed, as neither the Contractor nor his Sureties attended.

No. 39—Two tenders were received for this work as follows:—  
J Woods, Toomes, £2 3s 0d, and Thomas M'Mahon, Essexford, £2 3s 4d. As neither Woods nor his Sureties attended to complete the Bond, the Council decided unanimously to accept the tender of Thomas M'Mahon, Essexford, at £2 3s 4d.

No. 43—Peter Hanlon, Benagh—£21 1s 0d.

No. 60—James Rice, Bellurgan—£29 0s 0d.

No tenders were received for the following:—

Drogheda—No. 94.

Dundalk—Nos. 32, 56, and 66.

## WORKS PLACED IN CHARGE OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;

Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works passed by the Rural D. Councils and Proposal Committee at their last Quarterly Meeting, and for which no contracts have been entered into, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

## MEETING OF TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Mr Skeffington directed the attention of the Council to the fact that a Meeting of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management had been called for Wednesday, 24th inst, but it would have suited the convenience of the Councillors generally if the meeting had been arranged for the 25th inst, at 11 o'clock.

The Chairman stated they would endeavour to arrange that in future an effort would be made to have the meetings of the Committee to suit the convenience of its members.

## SIGN POSTS.

Mr Thomas Murphy requested information with reference to the sign posts for which an order was made some time ago, and the County Surveyor informed the Council that he would have a report on the matter ready for next meeting of the Council.

SECRETARY'S ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1916.

The estimate of rates for service of the Financial Year to the 31st March, 1916, copies of which had been sent to each member of the County Council, and to the Clerks of the Rural District Councils and Urban District Councils, was next considered, and after a short discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the General Estimate of Rates and the Estimate of Rates for Separate Charges, as set out on Forms 45 and 46, with the various rates in the £ as set out therein, and recommended for adoption by the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on the 15th February, 1915, be and are hereby adopted by the County Council.

DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS.

The Chairman then signed the Demands on the Urban Councils of Drogheda and Dundalk, which were as follows:—

Drogheda—£3,311 16s 11d

Dundalk—£5,073 9s 7d.

WOTTONSTOWN AND FANE DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The next business on the agenda was the consideration of the proposal to take over the Wottonstown and Fane Drainage Districts.

The correspondence from the Local Government Board and the Board of Works, who enclosed the lists of the owners of land

assessable in both Drainage Districts, and which correspondence was printed at Pages 30 to 33 of the Minutes of the Finance Committee, was read. The Secretary informed the Council that Mr Patrick Byrne, J P, Chairman of the Dundalk Board of Guardians, had examined the lists of owners as submitted by the Board of Works, and found there were some names on the lists which he could not trace as being the owners of lands in the Drainage areas.

After further discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That as the lists of occupiers or owners of land liable for assessment under the Awards made for the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts, as furnished by the Board of Works, require revision, we hereby refer the further consideration of these lists to the Finance Committee.

BEDS IN DUBLIN RED CROSS HOSPITAL.

The following letter from the Local Government Board, which had been before the Finance Committee, and had been referred to the County Council for their consideration, was read:—

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 29th January, 1915.

No. 5,230 1915.

Louth County.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th instant, relative to the proposal of the Louth County Council to provide five hospital beds in Dublin Castle, I am directed by the Local Go-

vernment Board for Ireland to refer you to Section 47 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and to state that the Board are not aware of any statutory provision which would enable the Council to make the payment suggested.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council,

Courthouse, Dundalk.

It was unanimously decided not to proceed any further in the matter.

#### APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That Acting-Sergeant John H Levinge, 60335, be authorised to carry out the provisions of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts in the three Petty Sessions Districts of Louth, Castlebellingham and Dundalk, and we instruct our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to his appointment.

#### ENCROACHMENT OF PORCH AT TANKARDSROCK.

The following report in above matter was read. The map of the site was laid before the Council from which it appeared that the porch was inside the boundary wall adjoining the County

Road, and after a short discussion it was unanimously decided under the circumstances not to take any action in the matter.

County Surveyor's Office,

Courthouse, Dundalk,

30th January, 1915.

Porch at Tankardsrock.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen Finance Committee, Feb. 1st, 1915.

Gentlemen,

My Assistant, Mr Lyons, reports the erection of a porch within 20 feet (twenty feet) of the centre of the road between Cross Roads at Killen and Kilcurley National School.

The porch is 7 feet 0 inches x 7 feet 6 inches on plan, and is erected inside (i.e. not on road side) of road boundary wall.

Mr Francis Mitchell is the occupier of the house. Mr John Irwin, Dundalk, is the owner.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr Michael O'Meara, J P, was next considered:—

"I beg to give notice that at next Meeting of the County Council I shall move that the Rate Collectors be instructed, when making out their next Annual Returns for the Valuation Office, to furnish a list of all rated occupiers having two or

more holdings for the purpose of having them consolidated into one rating."

After a lengthy discussion, in which Messrs O'Meara, Meade, M'Gee, Skeffington, M'Quillan, and Murphy took part, Mr. O'Meara withdrew the motion.

#### ARDEE OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

The notice of motion in above matter standing in the name of Mr Thomas Murphy was, by consent of the Council, withdrawn by him.

#### APPEALS AGAINST MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES.

The following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, was unanimously adopted as a resolution:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the resolution on the Minutes of the Council to lodge appeals in all cases where decrees are obtained for malicious injury claims heard before the County Court Judge, be rescinded, and that in future appeals be lodged only in the cases recommended for such by our Solicitor.

#### WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL—MACKIN.

Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, then referred to the appeal lodged by the Council against the decree granted by the County Court Judge to Mr Patrick Mackin, of Tavanamore, in the case of

Mackin v. County Council. The Council's Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, had advised that no appeal be lodged in this case, and Mr Hamill suggested that as the Judge had assessed damages on the evidence of the Assistant County Surveyor, Mr J M C Lyons, and as the decision was admittedly reasonable and fair, the Solicitor should be instructed to withdraw the appeal, which in accordance with the resolution now rescinded he was bound to lodge.

After a short discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Joseph H M'Ardle, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby direct our Solicitor to withdraw the appeal lodged to the decree granted in the Malicious Injury Claim of Patrick Mackin, of Tavanamore.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Monasterboice, Drogheda,  
27th January, 1915.

Dear Mr M'Alister,

Kindly convey to the members of the County Council my most sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy with me and the members of my family in our sad bereavement on the death of my daughter, Mrs M'Donnell, and I also beg to thank you for your personal sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK DONEGAN.

## BYE-LAWS WITH RESPECT TO ABUSIVE LANGUAGE.

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

Dublin Castle,  
5th February, 1915.

3/15

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th ultimo, submitting under the Seal of the Louth County Council Bye-laws as to the use of abusive language, etc, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to inform you that the Bye-laws were laid before his Excellency and the Privy Council on the 4th inst and were not disallowed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. O'FARRELL.

## TUBERCULOSIS (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1913.

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland was read:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,

Veterinary Branch,

50 and 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin.

No. T. 79-15.

Sir,

Adverting to the Form T. 11 (copy enclosed) which was issued by Mr Donnelly, V.S., Inspector to the Local

Authority of County Louth, requiring a roan cow, the property of Mr Luke Gibney, to be taken from Drogheda Port to the owner's premises at Navan, the Department observe that Mr Hare, V.S., reports that Mr Gibney disposed of the animal to a dealer at Drogheda notwithstanding the terms of the notice. In the circumstances I have to request that you will please say whether the Local Authority propose to institute legal proceedings against Mr Gibney under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary,

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

The Secretary submitted copy of Form T. 11, dated 18th January, which had been issued by Mr Andrew A. Donnelly, V.S., in respect of the cow referred to in the Department's letter. The Form was addressed to Mr Luke Gibney, Navan, and ordered the removal forthwith of the animal in question to Mr Gibney's premises at Navan for examination under the Tuberculosis Order of 1913.

The Secretary informed the Council that on receipt of the above letter from the Department he had written Mr Donnelly, V.S., for information in the matter, and had received the following reply:—

Drogheda, 5/2/1915.

Re Luke Gibney's Cow.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant re above, I desire to point out that the animal in question was sent to

Navan on the 18th instant, and not disposed of at Drogheda as stated by Mr Hare, V.S. The cow was sent by rail (goods train, 12.30 p m) on the 18th instant, and loaded at Drogheda station by a man named Mullan, who works for Gibney. I have just made inquiries this morning at the Goods Station Office at Drogheda railway station, and have been shown an entry in the books of the G. N. R. Company where a cow was sent to Navan to Gibney on the 18th instant. What became of the cow when she arrived at Navan of course I have no idea.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

To the Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

The following further letter from the Department in the matter had been received:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,

(Veterinary Branch),

50 and 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin.

22nd February, 1915.

No. T. 79-15.

Luke Gibney's Cow.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 6th instant on the above subject, I have to transmit the accompanying copy of a police report now to hand indicating that Mr Gibney, instead of detaining the cow at Navan for examination under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913, sent it to Dublin and sold

it. In the circumstances the Department will be glad of a reply, in due course, to the inquiry in the latter part of their letter of the 1st instant as to whether the Local Authority propose instituting a prosecution under the Order against Mr Gibney.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary,

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

COPY OF POLICE REPORT REFERRED TO IN  
LETTER No. T. 79-15.

I beg to report that Luke Gibney informed me on this date that he took the cow referred to back from Drogheda to his premises at Navan on 18th January, where she was sold in the market on 21st, but he does not know who she was sold to.

18th February, 1915.

After discussion, the Council unanimously decided not to institute proceedings in the case, and the Secretary was directed to inform the Department accordingly.

INCREASED COST OF LIVING.

The following resolution, submitted by the South Louth Executive of the United Irish League, was adopted unanimously:—

Proposed by T Murphy, Esq;

Seconded by P B Moore, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we ask the employers of labour in town and country to take into consideration the enormous increase in

the price of food and other necessaries of life, and to give their employees a rise in wages equivalent to the increased cost of living.

#### DETENTION OF CATTLE.

The following resolution, submitted by the South of Ireland Cattle Trade Association, was adopted unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by William Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we respectfully request the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, to revoke the regulation at present in force, imposing two hours' compulsory detention on cattle in the inspection yard at the port of embarkation. This detention hampers the trade to an enormous extent. We are of opinion that there is no justification whatever for this two hours' detention at present, seeing that the country is now certified to be free from disease for the past seven months. We, of course, have no objection to a reasonable inspection before shipment, but the present system entails great hardships and suffering to the animals, besides severe pecuniary losses entailed on the owners.

#### APPEAL TO FARMERS TO INCREASE TILLAGE.

The following resolution, submitted by the Corporation of Drogheda, was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That owing to the enormous prices of cereals throughout the world, prices not even reached during the

American Civil War, and to the probable shortage of foodstuffs in the near future, we deem it our duty to call upon the farmers of Louth, Meath, the adjoining counties and the country generally, to imitate the tillage campaign inaugurated throughout the United States of America, throughout the self-governed Dominion of Canada and other countries, to put more ground under cultivation; and that we believe that if the extensive cattle ranches of Meath and Westmeath and other grazing counties were broken up, tilled and cultivated, that Ireland, instead of having to obtain her food supplies from abroad, would have a large surplus for exportation.

#### THANKS FOR ROAD BOARD GRANT.

Letter was read from Town Clerk, Dundalk, stating his Council had directed him to thank the County Council for the manner in which the Grant had been obtained, and expressing satisfaction that their Grant had been increased from £630 to £680. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### LYONS v. WALL.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell, Council's Solicitor, stating that he had lodged to the credit of the Council the sum of £7 7s 0d, costs of the case stated awarded by the King's Bench in above case. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### ROAD BOARD GRANTS.

Letter was read from the Road Board, dated 24th February, enclosing Grants made to the Louth County Council for the

improvement of the Dublin-Belfast Road as follows:—

No. 3011—Grant to Drogheda Urban District	£821
No. 3012—Grant to Dundalk Urban District	£680.
No. 3013—Grant to Rural Districts	£4,385.

A short discussion ensued with reference to the Drogheda Urban Council Grant, in which queries were made by Messrs Skeffington, M'Quillan, and M'Carthy, and the Chairman informed them that the Secretary and the County Surveyor would give all the information to the Urban Council officials to enable them to avail of the Grant with the least possible delay. The letter and Grants were initialled by the Chairman.

#### NEW COUNTY OFFICES COMMITTEE.

The next business was the question of appointing additional members on the New County Offices Committee, and after a short discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following gentlemen as additional members of the New County Offices Committee, viz:—Messrs Peter Woods, J P, and Patrick M'Gee, J P, and we delegate to the said New County Offices Committee full power to deal with any matters that may arise in connection with the New County Offices, and report their proceedings as usual to the County Council.

#### DROGHEDA COURT HOUSE.

The consideration of the use by the Corporation of Drogheda of Drogheda Courthouse, and the supply of coal, light and water

thereto, was the next item on the agenda. The following letter from the Council's Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, was read, and, after a short discussion, the matter was referred to the next meeting of the Council.

Francis Street, Dundalk,

18th January, 1915.

Re Drogheda Court House.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 6th instant on the subject of the Council's powers herein, I beg to state that ever since the Local Government Act, 1898, and notwithstanding Article 15 of the Schedule to Application of Enactments Order, the property of the Court House is vested in the County Council, but the legal custody and control of the existing Sheriff is preserved. The County Council merely have an incorporeal right to the custody and control, but the legal possession remains with the Sheriff. The County Council have certain rights under Section 72 of the Act of 1898, but even if the Lord Lieutenant allocated certain portions under this Section to the Council, the right to possession thereof remains with the Sheriff.

I am inclined to think that the Corporation of Drogheda have no right to use the Court House for their offices, as under Section 72 of the Local Government Act, 1898, the County

Council may use same, except what is required by the Sheriff for the administration of justice.

I cannot see how the County Council can charge a rent on the Drogheda Corporation.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq, Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 1st. March, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present—In the Chair: James Wynne, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Michael Meade, Peter Woods, J P, and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee 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 Surveyor	39	13	10
Secretary's Office	30	4	8
Total	£69	18	6

### COAL CONTRACTS.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had arranged with Messrs F O'Neill and Co, Dundalk, as directed by the Finance Committee, for the supply of Coal for the balance of

the year to the 31st March for Dundalk and Ardee Court Houses, as follows:—

For Dundalk—32s per ton delivered.

For Ardee—40s per ton delivered.

The Committee approved of this arrangement.

#### CATTLE DISEASES FUND.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board, dated 18th February, No. 4045/1915, enclosing copy of the Order assessing upon the County of Louth the sum of £263 19s 9d as the County's share of the general expenses under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, as amended. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

The following notices of committals of children to Industrial Schools were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Kathleen Murphy, Dundalk, by the Rev Father Tohall, C C.  
 Frederick E Huber, Drogheda, by Clerk of P S, Drogheda.  
 Mary and Bridget Finegan, Dundalk, by Clerk of P S, Dundalk.

#### ACCOUNTS OF DROGHEDA UNION AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Letters were read from the Local Government Board, dated 27th February, 1915, Nos. 10,921 and 10,919, enclosing certified abstracts of the accounts of the Drogheda Union and Drogheda (Louth) Rural District for the half-year ended 30th September, 1914. The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

#### ISSUE OF MAPS DURING WAR.

Circular letter was read from War Office, dated 19th February, 1915, No. 811484 (M. O. 4), notifying that any new map or revised addition which the Council may propose to publish in the future, as long as the war continues, must be submitted to the Army Council. The County Surveyor was directed to comply with the circular in the case of any maps he might issue.

#### COULTER v. COUNTY COUNCIL AND RICE.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, notifying that the appeal lodged to the dismiss pronounced in the above case had been withdrawn by Mr Dickie, the appellant's solicitor, and informing the Committee that the costs of the dismiss and fee on withdrawal—£1 12s 9d—had been lodged with the Council's treasurer. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### GRANT TO COUNTY LOUTH AND DUNDALK JOINT COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

The following correspondence was read:—

Municipal Technical School,

Dundalk, February 25th, 1915.

Dear Mr M'Alester,

On making application to the Secretary of the County Committee of Agriculture for payment of the sum of £25—the second half of the £50 voted by the County Committee

as a contribution towards the funds of the Technical Instruction Committee—the first half payment having already been made to my Committee by Mr Hughes—I received a letter of which I enclose a copy.

I shall be pleased to hear from you regarding the contents of the letter as early as possible, as naturally I wish to know definitely to whom we must look for payment.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. EASTHOPE.

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

Copy.

LOUTH COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Court House, Dundalk,

February 25th, 1915.

Dear Mr Easthope,

I much regret my inability to accede to your request for payment of the balance of £25 due to your Committee for the present term. The matter is entirely in the hands of the Secretary to the County Council, and I would suggest that you ask your Committee to approach the County Council with a view to having the total amount of the grant paid

direct in future, instead of having it passed on to me as at present.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) JAMES HUGHES.

A E Easthope, Esq, Secretary,  
Dundalk Technical Committee.

After a discussion, it was

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq;  
Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq, J P, and

Unanimously recommended that the full amount of the grant to the County Louth and Dundalk Joint Committee for Technical Instruction, namely, £150, be paid direct to the Technical Committee, being the £50 now being paid annually by the County Committee of Agriculture and the £100 heretofore lodged direct.

GYLES' QUAY BOAT SLIP.

The following letter from Mr O'Connell, the Council's Solicitor, was read, and, after a discussion, it was decided to appoint the following sub-committee to meet Mr J P Kearney, M C C, with a view of arranging for the transfer of the Slip to the County Council, as the usage of the Slip by the fishermen outside the control of the County Council for the landing of fish was a loss to the revenue from the Pier:—Messrs C A Duffy,

J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; Peter Woods, J P; Wm Woods, J P,  
the County Surveyor and the Secretary.

It was decided that the Committee should meet at Gyles' Quay, date and time to be arranged by the Secretary.

Francis Street, Dundalk,

18th February, 1915.

Re Boat Slip at Gyles' Quay.

Dear Sir,

Adverting to my Report of the 12th November, 1914, I beg to state that I have now completed my investigation of this matter. After attending on three occasions at the Board of Works by appointment, I have been enabled to peruse the very large correspondence between the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the Admiralty, the Board of Works, and the Agent of the Stobert Estate. It is clear from the correspondence that the County Council could not successfully sustain an action at law by way of assertion of ownership of the Boat Slip. It is a structure quite distinct from the Pier and harbour works, was erected by the Board of Works with the joint moneys of the Admiralty and the Lifeboat Institution for the use of the latter body, and was surrendered to the landlord by the Institution equally with the Lifeboat House on the discontinuance of the Station.

Counsel advise the claim of title by prescription cannot be successfully sustained. That though the Harbour Constable

exercised authority over the Boat Slip and the Council repaired it on occasion, yet the Lifeboat Institution were in control until the Lifeboat Station was relinquished.

It appears that the highest bidder at the recent sale withdrew from his purchase, and as a result Mr Joseph P Kearney has now become purchaser of the Lifeboat House and Boat Slip. In those circumstances I would suggest that the Council approach Mr Kearney with a view to acquiring his interest in the Boat Slip, and thus retain control over this structure.

I return herewith copy Award of the Commissioners of Public Works having reference to the Pier and Harbour, and dated the 7th day of February, 1879.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The return showing the state of the Rate Collection to the end of February was submitted by the Secretary. The amounts outstanding were as follows:—

	£	s	d
P S Donegan	2,028	13	4
Patrick M'Donnell	1,459	12	11
Patrick M'Cullough	1,310	12	8
John J Kelly	738	4	0
Patrick Hughes	899	16	2
Patrick Cluskey	1,735	17	3
Peter M'Donnell	1,756	11	3
John Woods	1,365	18	4
James V Johnston	642	15	3
Total outstanding	£11,938	1	2

The Secretary was directed to write all the Collectors, urging them to increased efforts to complete their Warrants before the expiration of the financial year ending 31st March.

## QUARRIES FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

Mr Michael Meade brought under the notice of the Surveyor the urgency of starting work in the quarries prospected for work in connection with Road Board Grant, and the Surveyor informed the Committee that when the necessary formalities had been complied with the work would be commenced forthwith.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 15th March, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

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

Other Members—James Wynne, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; John F Murphy, J P, and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee 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	300	17	8
Secretary's Office	35	17	6
Total	£336	15	2

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

## PAYMENT OF MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES.

The Secretary submitted list of Malicious Injury Decrees on levy for year ending 31st March, 1915, and was instructed to authorise the Council's treasurer, the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Dundalk, to pay same. The list is as follows:—

	£	s	d
Thomas Maguire	4	6	2
Patrick M'Court	19	16	0
Peter Thompson	17	9	0
Joseph Neville	6	12	6
Selina Robson	900	12	6
George Gray	119	2	0

## RAVENSDALE PETTY SESSIONS HOUSE.

The following letter from Mr Oswald Hardy, C.P.S., was read:—

Court House, Dundalk,  
March 9th, 1915.

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

Dear Sir,

The Magistrates of Ravensdale P. S. District have directed me to call the attention of the Louth County Council to the defective state of Ravensdale Petty Sessions Courthouse, with a view to having the necessary repairs carried out by the Landlord or his Agent.

The roof appears to need attention, as rain-water comes through to inside. Eave-gutters need cleaning, several panes

of glass are broken in windows, and windows do not open or close properly. Walls inside require paint or distemper. Door of private entrance is defective. Altogether the building needs a general overhauling.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

OSWALD HARDY, C.P.S.

P.S.—I should also mention that the trees and shrubs require to be trimmed where they overhang roof and windows.—O. H.

The Secretary informed the Committee that on receipt of this letter he had written the agent of the De Vesci estate, Mr A J Fitzherbert, in the matter, and had received the following reply:—

Millbrook, Abbeyleix,  
10th March, 1915.

Lady de Vesci's Estate.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letters as to repairs to Ravensdale Court House. The rent thereof is £10 yearly, out of which the Landlord pays £2 to the caretaker, which certainly leaves no margin for repairs.

Broken glass, cleaning eave shoots, distemping walls, is ordinary maintenance that should be done by the occupiers. If the roof requires repair and you send me an estimate as to what is needed, I shall submit it to the owners. Would the

County Council consider the advisability of purchasing the premises and submit an offer?

Yours faithfully,

A. J. FITZHERBERT.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,

After discussion, the Committee decided that any estimate of repairs necessary would require to be made out by the owners of the property, and the Secretary was directed to write to Mr Fitzherbert and ascertain whether the Estate would sell the Petty Sessions House to the County Council, and point out that in view of the possible expenditure for repairs that the price should be a moderate one.

The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

#### GYLES' QUAY BOAT SLIP.

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was read, and the Committee directed the Secretary to certify for the three attendances necessary:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

8th March, 1915.

Re Gyles' Quay.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my several attendances on Counsel in this matter of the claim of the Council to the Boat Slip, it was necessary for me to attend at the Office of Public Works for

the purpose of consulting fully with Mr Coll, the Assistant Solicitor, and perusing the large files of correspondence as between the Board of Works, Admiralty, and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at the time of the construction of the Boat Slip. I attended on more than three occasions, but I would ask you to have my attendances on the 30th January, 4th February and 13th February, 1915, certified by the Council as special attendances, to enable me to vouch same before the Taxing Master in my bill of costs.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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

#### DEATH DUTY GRANT.

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

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 2nd March, 1915.

No. 5,903:1915—Miscellaneous.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acquaint you that they have now received copies of certificates of the Irish Land Commission, and the Commissioners of National Debt, showing the actual arrears in purchase annuities, etc, under the Irish Land Acts; and I am to state, for the information of the County Council, that the amount

which will be deducted in respect of Land Purchase liability from the Estate or Death Duty Grant payable in the County in the course of the month is a sum of £229 10s 0d .

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

#### MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

The following letters from the Solicitor were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

2nd March, 1915.

Criminal Injury Dismisses.

John Barry (£75) and Vincent J Barry (£50), Collon.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that in the matter of Appeals lodged to Dismisses of above Claims at Drogheda Quarter Sessions in January last, that same were withdrawn, and the Withdrawal Fee of £1 lodged in each case with me. I have passed on the fees to the Council's Treasurer and enclose receipt therefor herewith.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
2nd March, 1915.

Criminal Injury Decrees.

Elizabeth Farrell, Dunleer, £18.

Thomas Duffy, Dunleer, £14 15s 0d.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report with reference to Decrees awarded for above amounts at Drogheda Quarter Sessions in January last, that same were reversed with costs at Spring Assizes at Dundalk to-day by Mr Justice Molony.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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

#### COUNTY INSURANCES.

The following letter from the County Surveyor was read:—

County Surveyor's Office,  
Court House, Dundalk,  
13th March, 1915.

C. M'Alester, Esq,  
Secretary Louth County Council.

Secretary,

Messrs Fowler, Ltd, of Leeds, inform me that they hope to despatch traction engines about 1st proximo, so that they will probably arrive about the middle of April.

It would be advisable to make arrangements for insurance of same (and also of rollers) in all respects.

It will further be necessary to have your workmen's compensation insurance revised in view of the proposed road improvement works.

Would you kindly bring the matter before Finance Committee on Monday next, and get authority to take all necessary steps.

Faithfully yours,

THOMAS WALSH.

After discussion on the whole matter of Insurance for the various risks in connection with the Council's work, when it transpired that there was no policy in existence to cover Third Party and Public Liability risks, the Secretary was directed in conjunction with the County Surveyor, to obtain quotations for the Insurance of the Machinery Plant, and for Third Party risks and Employers' Liability, covering all the work under the jurisdiction of the County Council.

#### LOUTH COUNTY INFIRMARY REPORT.

The annual Report of the Louth County Infirmary for the year ended 31st December, 1914, and the Abstract of Accounts for the same period, were laid before the Committee. The Report was initialled by the Chairman.

#### ARDEE RURAL DISTRICT AND UNION ACCOUNTS.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board enclosing the Abstract of Accounts of the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council and the Ardee Union for the half-year ended 30th Sep-

tember, 1914, together with the Auditor's Reports. In the report of the auditor on the Rural District Council's Accounts appeared a paragraph in which complaint was made that considerable inconvenience had been caused during the half year by the dilatory manner in which the Louth County Council had paid the District Council Demand, thereby compelling the Rural District Council to overdraw their account with Treasurer.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the first instalment of their Demand was paid six days after the meeting of the Co. Council, and the second instalment twenty-one days after the meeting. These dates were approximately the most punctual times that the amounts had ever been paid in.

The Committee directed the Secretary to write the Local Government Board accordingly.

#### MACHINERY AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT LOANS.

The Secretary was directed by the Committee to arrange with the Council's Treasurer for a transfer to the Loans Account of the Loan for the purchase of Road Machinery and the Road Improvement Loan when the money would be required.

#### RATE COLLECTOR'S ILLNESS.

A certificate was read from Dr E F Flood, dated 10th March, that Mr Peter M'Donnell, Kilcurley, was suffering from influenza, and was confined to his bed, and would be unfit for duty for at least a week.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The Committee directed the Secretary to have the Office closed on St Patrick's Day, being the National Holiday and a Bank Holiday.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 29th March, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Wm Woods, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Thomas Murphy, Michael M'Ardle, Thomas O'Rourke, John F Murphy, J P; J Morgan, and Bernard Finegan, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, and Mr Harney, Horticultural Expert of the County Committee, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee 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	£84 16 4
Secretary's Office (including payments to Rate Clerks, Monthly Salaries, etc)	99 0 5
Total	£183 16 9

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

## COMPENSATION FOR GOOSEBERRY BUSHES DESTROYED.

The next business on the Agenda was the consideration of claims made for Gooseberry Bushes destroyed in compliance with the American Mildew Order, and the fixing of a rate of payment for bushes so destroyed.

The Secretary read correspondence and instructions from the Department in the matter, and the following list of claims, which had been certified by the Department was read. The Secretary informed the Committee that the Department did not certify for any claims for bushes destroyed prior to September, 1913:—

Name of Claimant.	No of Bushes Destroyed by Dept. Orders.	Inspector.
Patrick Kelly	60	Mr Harney
Julia Crinnion	72	do.
Mrs Ellen Kelly	224	do.
Peter M'Alester	3	do.
Patrick Kearney	100	do.
Captain R J Filgate	100	do.
Total	559	

The total number of bushes claimed for was 7,596, but only the above 559 were certified for.

Mr Harney, the Horticultural Expert of the County Committee, in reply to the Chairman, stated that it was a difficult question to decide what would be a fair value to place on bushes

affected with this disease, but considered that the amount of compensation per bush ought not to exceed the average price of young bushes, which would be 3½d each.

After a long discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;

Seconded by J P Kearney, Esq, and

Resolved—That in pursuance of the Compensation for Gooseberry Bushes (Co. Louth) Order, 1914, we recommend the Co. Council to fix the compensation to be paid to claimants for Gooseberry Bushes destroyed in County Louth by order of the Department's Officers, under the American Gooseberry Mildew and Black Currant Mite (Ireland) Order, 1912, at the rate of threepence per bush for the number certified by the Department, and that no claims be entertained for bushes destroyed prior to September, 1913.

#### PERMISSION TO PLANT THORN QUICKS.

The following letter, addressed to the County Surveyor, was read:—

Sandpit House, 22nd March, 1915.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly give or get me permission to plant some thorn quicks in a dangerous unsightly place, along the County Road leading from Black Hall Cross towards the sea?

Thanking you in anticipation.

Faithfully yours,

P. L. M'KEOWN.

Mr Thomas Walsh,  
County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor informed the Committee that the planting of the quicks would be beneficial, and the Committee directed him to grant the necessary permission.

#### PAINTING OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

The following letter was read:—

National Amalgamated Society of Operative House and Ship  
Painters and Decorators.

March 24th, 1915.

To the Chairman of Louth County Council,—

Sir,—

The local Committee, representing the painters of this town, beg to draw your attention to the fact that, owing to the dislocation of trade caused by the present deplorable war, there are many painters in the district out of work. Furthermore, we know that as the various jobs now in progress become completed, there will be many others out of work. We therefore respectfully request that your Committee will receive a deputation from our Committee, with a view to discussing the advisability of undertaking at once the painting of one or more of the following buildings, viz:—

The Record Court, Staircase and Corridors of Courthouse, also  
Offices of County Council.

You will be aware, of course, that the present season of the year is particularly well suited for the purpose of painting either interior or exterior work. Therefore, putting the two above facts together, we believe that you will appreciate our desire to at once come closely into touch with your Committee with a view to having the work put into execution at an early date, our chief object being the provision of work for painters, as we desire, during the present unfortunate period, to see some method adopted which shall mutually benefit the town by having work done

effectively at the proper time, and also benefit those painters who are engaged to do the work. We shall be pleased to hear from you at an early date.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly,

PATRICK O'CALLAGHAN,  
Branch Secretary,  
Fair Green, Dundalk.

A discussion took place on this matter, and the County Surveyor informed the Committee that the Record Court had not been painted for about thirty years, and that the doors and roof required attention.

A diversity of opinion existed as to whether the work should be ordered by the Committee, or a deputation from the Painters' Society be received to discuss the matter, and ultimately the Chairman ruled that the matter be referred to the County Council.

#### LOANS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

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

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had applied to the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury for their consent.

No. 14, 191/1915.  
Louth County.

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 24th March, 1915.

Sir,—

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the applications of the County Council of Louth for sanction

to loans of £2,559 10s, £793 10s, and £707 for the purpose of steam-rolling roads in the Dundalk, Ardee No. 1 and the Louth Rural Districts, respectively, and the Board have expressed their sanction to the loans in question, in pursuance of Article 22 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, and Section 60 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, repayment to be spread over a period of five years in each case.

The Specifications and Estimates are returned herewith. The Board at the same time desire to inform the Council that it is necessary that the consent of the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury be obtained to the raising of these loans, their Lordships having recently intimated that their approval is required to all future borrowing by Local Authorities in Ireland.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

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

#### GRANT FOR TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman, and the Secretary was directed to send copy to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management:—

No. 16,687/1915.  
Louth County.

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 25th March, 1915.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that they have received an intimation of the con-

sent of the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury to a grant of £288 to the Louth County Council in respect of the establishment of the proposed Central Tuberculosis Dispensary.

I am to add that the amount will be issued by instalments on the Architect's Certificate as the works proceed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BURLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

#### GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

Letters were read from the Local Government Board enclosing the following grants, and were initialled by the Chairman:—

	£	s	d
Estate Duty—For Roads	...	880	5 10
Estate Duty—For Guardians	...	971	16 0
Sanitary Salaries	...	61	4 0
Medical and Educational	...	494	15 7
Agricultural Grant	...	6391	15 0

#### ROAD BOARD GRANT.

Letter was read from the Dundalk Urban District Council stating that they were ready to start with the work of Road Improvement, and making application for the first Instalment of the Road Board Grant, namely, £340.

The Secretary was directed to apply to the Road Board for the Grant, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Letter was read from Mr Whelchan, Inspector N S P C C, stating that he was making application at Ravensdale Petty Sessions on the 3rd April for Committal of four children to Industrial Schools.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE.

The Secretary brought under the notice of the Committee the question of the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts. This matter had been referred by the County Council to the Finance Committee in order that enquiries might be made as to the names of owners of land as set out on the lists furnished by the Board of Works. The Secretary informed the Committee that he had sent copies of the lists to Mr T J Byrne, J P, and had shown them to Mr Patrick Byrne, J P, with a request that they would make enquiries as to the accuracy of the lists. He had not, however, heard from them in the matter yet.

The Secretary was instructed to write the gentlemen named for a reply to the queries, and the matter was referred to next Meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### GILES' QUAY BOAT SLIP.

The following report was read and referred to County Council:—

#### REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INTERVIEW MR J P KEARNEY RE PURCHASE OF BOAT SLIP AT GILES' QUAY.

To the Finance Committee at Meeting held on 29th March, 1915.

Gentlemen,—

The Sub-Committee appointed to interview Mr J P Kearney relative to the Boat Slip at Giles' Quay met Mr Kearney at Giles' Quay by appointment on Tuesday, the 16th March.

The following members attended:—Messrs C A Duffy (Chairman), Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, and the Secretary.

The Sub-Committee, accompanied by Mr Kearney, inspected the Boat House and Slip purchased by him at the recent sale. The Boat Slip runs from the house or store into the harbour, and has been used by the fishermen for the landing of fish, on which the usual poundage had been paid to the County Council up to about three years ago.

Mr Kearney stated he would transfer his interest in the Boat Slip to the County Council for the sum of £100. After a consultation the Sub-Committee were unanimous in the opinion that as the income heretofore derived from the poundage on fish landed at the Slip was so small, they could not recommend the Finance Committee to consider the offer, and the conference ended without any result.

CHARLES A. DUFFY.  
JOSEPH H. M'ARDLE.  
THOMAS WALSH.  
CHARLES M'ALESTER.

#### ENGINE DRIVERS FOR ROAD ROLLERS.

The County Surveyor submitted list of applicants for the post of Engine Driver for the Rollers purchased by the Council.

After discussion, it was decided to postpone the consideration of the matter till the next Meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### RATE COLLECTOR'S ILLNESS.

The following certificate from Dr Clarke (for Dr Flood) was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

The Dundalk Medical Hall (Flood's),  
89, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk,

March 27th, 1915.

This is to certify that Mr M'Donnell, Kilkierley, Dundalk, is suffering from influenza, and is unable to attend his duties.

JAMES J. CLARKE, L M, L R C S and P I,  
Acting for Dr E. F. Flood.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted statement showing the state of the Collection of the Poor Rate up to date, and stated he expected all the Collectors to close their Collections by the 31st inst, with the exception of Mr Peter M'Donnell, whose certificate of illness has just been read.

The statement was initialled by the Chairman.

#### EASTER HOLIDAYS.

The Committee directed the Secretary to have the Office closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, being Bank Holidays.

## Finance Committee.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 12th April, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members—John Morgan, Thomas Murphy, J H M'Arde, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, Bernard Hamill, J P; Joseph P. Kearney, Michael M'Arde, Peter Woods, J P; Edward Goodman, James Wynne, J P; J F Murphy, J P, and Bernard Finegan, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee 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 15 10
Secretary's Office (including half year's remuneration to Rate Collectors)	397 10 1
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Total	£411 5 11

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined, and initialled by the Chairman.

## RAILWAY FARES OF MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS.

The Secretary requested a direction from the Committee as to the payment of the Railway Fares to these members of the Council travelling by rail, in accordance with the resolution of the County Council. The Committee unanimously decided that each Councillor should send in a claim for the railway fares so incurred, and the Secretary was directed to table same for a future meeting of the Committee.

## ROAD BOARD GRANT.

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

The Road Board,  
London, S. W.,  
7th April, 1915.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst, I am directed by the Road Board to send you cheque for £340, being the First Instalment under Grant No. 3012; also form of receipt which kindly sign and return.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. REES JEFFREY,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Court House, Dundalk.

The instalment being portion of the Grant for the Dundalk Urban District, it was decided to issue Paying Order to the Dundalk Urban Council for the amount—£340.

## FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE.

The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr Patrick Byrne, J P, Chairman Dundalk Board of Guardians, had again gone over the list of owners assessable under the Award in the above Drainage Districts, and was still unable to identify some of the names thereon.

Letter was read from Mr T J Byrne, J P, stating that as the matter now stands he considered the Committee were not yet in a position to satisfactorily report to the County Council as to the taking over absolutely of the Drainage Districts, as many of the names on the Schedule could not be identified, and suggested that a Sub-Committee should be appointed, and requested to meet as often as required to put the matter through.

After discussion,

On the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill, J P ;

Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman,

and unanimously agreed to, the following Sub-Committee was appointed to investigate all matters in connection with the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts—Messrs T J Byrne, J P ; P Byrne, J P ; M Meade, M C C ; J Morgan, M C C ; Robert Craig, Walterstown ; Archibald Murdock, Dromiskin ; Geo. Holmes, Dellon, and Bernard Mullen, Heynestown.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

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

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,

50 and 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin.  
30th March, 1915.

Sir,

I have to state for the information of your Local Authority, that an officer of the Department, acting on instruc-

tions under Section 2 of the Act of 1899, purchased a sample of butter at Dundalk on the 20th ultimo. The sample was submitted to the Public Analyst for the County Louth, who certifies that it proved to be pure.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary,

The Secretary,

Louth County Council,

Court House, Dundalk.

## ADMISSIONS TO RICHMOND.

The Secretary submitted Return showing admissions to Richmond Asylum from County Louth during quarter ended 31st March, 1915. The Return was initialled by the Chairman.

## DRIVERS FOR ROAD ROLLERS.

The consideration of this matter was again postponed in view of the refusal of the Treasury to sanction the Loans for Road Improvement in the Rural Districts of Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk.

## LOANS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

The following letter was read:—

C.2516.

Treasury Chambers,  
9th April, 1915.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury

to inform you that they cannot approve the proposed raising of loans amounting to £4,060 by the Louth County Council in existing circumstances. My Lords are of opinion that capital expenditure by Local Authorities should be confined at present to purposes urgently necessary either for reasons of public health or in connection with war requirements.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. L. HEATH.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council,

Secretary's Office, Court House, Dundalk.

This letter was discussed at length, and the Chairman pointed out that this refusal would be very far-reaching in its consequences, as all the work contemplated on the Dublin-Belfast main road was contingent on this loan being procured; that the Council had made purchases of Road Machinery and entered into other engagements in connection with the work which would be all affected, and that it was absolutely necessary that a strong effort should be made to endeavour to overcome the opposition of the Treasury to the Loan, especially in view of the fact that the money was not being borrowed from the Public Funds, but from the Council's Treasurer.

After protracted discussion, in which the Committee were unanimous as to the urgency of the matter, it was decided,

On the motion of Mr Hamill, J P;

Seconded by Mr Goodman,

that the Chairman, Mr Duffy, the County Surveyor, and the Secretary should wait upon the Local Government Board at the earliest possible moment, and solicit their aid in endeavouring

to induce the Treasury to sanction the Loan, and to take any further steps they might consider desirable, and if necessary to get the assistance of the County Members, and Mr Redmond, Chairman of the Irish Party, in the matter.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

Secretary submitted Return showing state of Poor Rate Collection on 31st March, from which it appeared that all the Collectors, with the exception of Mr Peter M'Donnell, whose certificates of illness had been before the Finance Committee at last two meetings, had closed the collection of the Second Moiety of the Poor Rate.

#### COAL CONTRACTS.

Application was made by Messrs Murdock and Co, Drogheda, for an increased price for coal supplied by them during quarter ended 31st March, owing to the very much increased price they had to pay during that period.

The Secretary informed the Committee that a similar request had been acceded to in the case of the Contractors for the Dundalk and Ardee Court Houses, and after discussion the Committee recommended that Messrs Murdock should be allowed the price fixed for the Dundalk Contractors, namely, 32s per ton.

#### COLLECTORS' ARREARS LISTS.

The Collectors' Arrears Lists for the period ended 31st March, 1915, were examined, and payment of same recommended to the County Council.

## Proposal Committee.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their First Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 12th April, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members—John Morgan, Thomas Murphy, Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, Bernard Hamill, J P; Jos. P. Kearney, Michael M'Ardle, P Woods, J P; Edward Goodman, James Wynne, J P; J F Murphy, J P, and Bernard Finegan, Esquires.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on 1st February, 1915, were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following Proposals were considered by the Committee, and each was approved:—

### APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No. 20—To provide for the maintenance of the County Court House, Dundalk, for the year ending 31st March, 1916.  
Cost not to exceed £50. County-at-Large Charge.

No. 21—To erect Direction Signs in the Rural Districts of Ar-

dee, Drogheda and Dundalk. Cost not to exceed £30. County-at-Large Charge.

(Arms supplied by Automobile Association and Motor Union. Standards proposed to be supplied and fixed by the County Council).

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large Payments for the quarter ended 31st March, 1915, which were examined and recommended for payment.

The Committee adjourned to Monday, 10th May, 1915.

## New County Offices.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the New County Offices Committee at their Meeting held in the Court House, Dundalk, on 1st March, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair—James Wynne, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Peter Woods, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P, and Thomas Murphy, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and confirmed.

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

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
26th February, 1915.

No. 8,858: 1915.

Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant relative to the proposal of the Louth County Council to erect new County Offices, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to refer the Council to Section 10 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, which empowers them to erect such Halls, Buildings, and Offices as they may require for the

purpose of any of their powers or duties, and I am to state that inasmuch as the powers reserved to the Council under this Section do not come within the scope of powers or duties transferred to them from the Grand Jury, it does not appear that it will be necessary for the Council to observe the formalities necessary in the case of business so transferred.

I am to add that the Board's sanction would not appear to be necessary for the proposal, unless it is proposed to defray the expense by borrowing, or in the event of its being proposed to acquire lands compulsorily for the purpose.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

### CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR PLANS.

The Committee then considered the Draft Conditions for the competition for Plans as submitted by Professor Scott, the Assessor.

Each paragraph of the conditions was carefully considered, and after discussion unanimously approved by the Committee, subject to one query as to the meaning of the term "Furniture and Fitting," which the Assessor was to define.

It was also arranged that the Plans sent in by the Competitors should be sent direct to Professor Scott, and when the winner was declared that the Plans be exhibited in the Council Chamber, Dundalk.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL**

AT THEIR

**FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING,**

Held on 22nd April, 1915.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

AT THEIR MEETINGS

Held on 26th April, and 10th May, 1915.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,**

AT THEIR MEETINGS

Held on 26th April, and 17th May, 1915.

**PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.**

AT THEIR MEETING

Held on 10th May, 1915.

# Louth County Council.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 22nd April, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members—William Woods, J P; N T Murphy, J P; Thos Murphy, W T Skeffington, J P; T O'Rourke, T V Mac-Quillan, Denis J Rath, M O'Meara, J P; Laurence M'Keon, Bernard Hamill, J P; John F Murphy, J P; J P Kearney, Edward Goodman, T J Byrne, J P; Michael Meade, and Peter Woods, J P, Esquires.

Messrs T Walsh, County Surveyor; J Dromgoole and J M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyors; Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Co. Council, and V Warren, Clerk T C M, were in attendance.

## CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

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

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth (Adjourned) Quarterly Meet-

ing, held on the 25th day of February, 1915, a printed copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### THE LATE CAPTAIN ROGER BELLINGHAM.

After the passing of the minutes the Chairman referred in feeling terms to the lamented death of Captain Roger Bellingham, and the following resolution was passed in silence:—

Proposed by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we, the Louth County Council, desire to place on record our sincere regret at the lamented death of Captain Roger Bellingham, whose character and record has merited our warmest approbation, and we direct the Secretary of the Council to convey to his wife and to Sir Henry Bellingham and relatives our respectful sympathy in their untimely bereavement.

The following gentlemen desired to be associated with the resolution:—Messrs Goodman, Skeffington, and Rath.

#### CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq;

Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates (a copy of which has been sent to each member of the

Council) with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed:

Monday, 1st March, 1915.

Monday, 15th March, 1915.

Monday, 29th March, 1915.

Monday, 12th April, 1915.

#### CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T J Byrne, Esq, J P;

Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on the 12th day of April, 1915, a printed copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### ARDEE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;

Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on the 6th day of April, 1915, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be, and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £778 4s 2d.

## DROGHEDA PAYMENTS:

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Denis J Rath, Esq;

Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their First Quarterly Meeting held on the 13th day of April, 1915, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £607 16s. 11d.

## DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held on the 12th day of April, 1915, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be, and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £1,237 6s 5d.

## COUNTY AT LARGE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Edward Goodman, Esq;

Seconded by J P Kearney, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on the 12th day of April, 1915, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £6,739 6s 6d.

## DATES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Proposed by Thomas Murphy, Esq;

Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the County Council hereby determine that the following shall be the dates for the holding of the Second Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils:—

Ardee—Tuesday, 6th July, 1915.

Drogheda—Tuesday, 13th July, 1915.

Dundalk—Monday, 5th July, 1915.

And that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 5th day of July, 1915.

## MAKING OF RATES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1916.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T J Byrne, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Denis J Rath, Esq, and

Resolved—That in accordance with the estimate of rates for General and Separate Charges adopted by the County Council at their meeting held on the 25th day of February, 1915, we hereby make rates to be levied off the County of Louth for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1916, as assessed in the Rate Books, and as set out as follows, viz:—

The Rates in the £ for General Charges are:—

Land.	Buildings.
Ardee—31 pence	47 pence
Drogheda—34 pence	55 pence
Dundalk—44 pence	65 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 25th February, 1915, be also made by the 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 Charge having been made.

#### CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF NEW COUNTY OFFICE: COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter Woods, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Report of the new County Offices Committee, as set out in the Minutes of their Meeting held on the 1st day of March, 1915, appearing at pages 60 and 61 of the printed Minutes, and a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted.

#### DEDUCTIONS FROM ESTATE DUTY GRANT.

Arising out of the Finance Minutes a discussion arose with reference to the Death Duty Grant payable to the Louth Co. Council, and the deductions therefrom in consequence of the non-payment of Land Purchase annuities by defaulting purchasers, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas Murphy, Esq;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we, the members of the Louth County Council, hereby request the Irish Land Commission through the Local Government Board to supply the particulars of the deficit

in the Death Duty Grant consequent on the arrears which arose through the non-payment of annuities under the Land Purchase Acts.

#### FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Arising out of the Finance Committee Minutes the matters in connection with the above Drainage Districts were discussed by the Council, and the Sub-Committee appointed by the Finance Committee of those land owners affected by the drainage system, was approved, with power to add to its membership, and the Secretary was directed to summon a meeting of the Sub-Committee at an early date to investigate the list of names submitted by the Board of Works as assessable under the Award.

#### LOANS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

In a discussion as to the result of the interview of the deputation appointed by the Finance Committee to meet the Local Government Board relative to the refusal of the Treasury to sanction the Loan for Road Improvement, the Chairman informed the Council that himself and the Secretary had an interview with the Chief Secretary to the Local Government Board, and acting on the advice given a full statement of the facts was transmitted to the Board in a very full letter which was subsequently read by the Secretary of the Council.

The Council approved of the steps which had been taken to secure the Treasury's approval to the Loan.

#### COLLECTORS' ARREARS.

The Secretary submitted Collectors' arrears lists which had been recommended for payment by the Finance Committee, and

payment of same was ordered subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board.

#### DEMANDS OF UNIONS AND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS

The following instalments of Demands were ordered for payment:—

	£	s	d
Ardee Union	1,073	4	6
Drogheda Union	1,279	14	4
Dundalk Union	2,915	10	0
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	£5,268	8	10
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Ardee No. 1 R.D.C.	671	10	0
Drogheda (Louth) R.D.C.	375	15	0
Dundalk R. D. C.	1,292	10	0
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	2,339	15	0
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Gross total	£7,608	3	10

#### DROGHEDA COURT HOUSE.

The next business on the agenda was the consideration of the question of the use by the Corporation of Drogheda of Drogheda Court House, and the supply of coal, light, water, etc, thereto.

N T Murphy, Esq, proposed; and  
Edward Goodman, Esq, seconded;

That in future Coal, Gas, and Water be supplied for the

maintenance of Drogheda Court House as a Court House, and not for any other purpose.

A long discussion ensued on this matter. Mr N T Murphy stated that committees appointed by the County Council that had the use of the Court House for the holding of their meetings were not afforded proper accommodation. This was confirmed by Mr Rath. Messrs Skeffington, M'Quillan, T J Byrne T Murphy and B Hamill also took part in the discussion, and it was ultimately agreed that the matter should be deferred to next meeting of the Council to enable the Drogheda members of the Council to investigate all the matters in connection with the Courthouse, and in the meantime the Secretary of the Council was directed to write to the Caretaker of the Court House that he must in future provide proper accommodation for all Meetings of Committees appointed by the County Council, which are held in Drogheda Court House.

Mr N T Murphy then withdrew his resolution and the discussion ended.

#### PAINTING OF COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

The letter from the Painters' Society, Dundalk, as printed at page 45 of the minutes of the Finance Committee was next considered, and

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Edward Goodman, Esq;  
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to proceed with the painting of the Record Court in the County Court House, Dundalk, and direct the County Surveyor to prepare Specification and invite tenders for the work.

## GILES' QUAY BOATSLIP.

The next business was the consideration of the proposal to purchase the Boat Slip at Giles' Quay, now in the ownership of Mr J P Kearney, M C C, Wilville, and the Secretary read the report of the Sub-Committee appointed to interview Mr. Kearney on the matter. The report set out that Mr Kearney required the sum of £100 for his interest in the Boat Slip, which the Committee considered too much, and the matter was referred to the County Council.

A discussion ensued on the terms the Council would be prepared to arrange to pay him for the Slip, and subsequently Mr Kearney informed the Council that he would accept the sum of £50 for his interest, and the consideration of this offer was referred back to the Finance Committee.

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CORRESPONDENCE.  
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## RESIGNATION OF MR. JAMES HALPENNY, J P.

The following letter was read:—

Ardee, March 8th, 1915.

Dear Sir,

Finding myself unable to attend the Meetings regularly, and believing that a member should attend, I beg most respectfully to resign my position as County Councillor, at the same time thanking you and all members for past friendship.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

JAMES HALPENNY.

Charles M'Alester, Esq, Secretary,

On the motion of Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P,

It was decided to accept Mr Halpenny's resignation with regret, and the Secretary was directed to put the co-option of a Councillor in his stead on the agenda for next meeting.

## GILES' QUAY HARBOUR CONSTABLE'S RESIGNATION.

The following letter from the Giles' Quay Harbour Constable was read, and it was decided to refer the question of superannuation to the next Meeting of the Finance Committee:—

Giles' Quay,

April 15th, 1915.

Gentlemen,

I beg to tender my resignation as Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay. After a period of 36 years' service to the Council, declining years make me feel it my duty to make room for a younger man. As I ought and to the best of my ability I have always done my best to serve the Council, but on my pay I never had a margin to save; therefore I put myself on the kind consideration of the Council, and I feel the gentlemen will grant me a pension in my advanced years.

Your obedient servant,

JAMES COMISKEY.

To the Members of the Louth County Council.

## UNPURCHASED TENANTS OF IRELAND.

The following resolution submitted by the Lismore Rural District Council, was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the unpurchased Tenants of Ireland naturally resent more and more as time passes, the inequality between their position and that of the purchased Tenants, and that this Council calls for the prompt compulsory settlement of the Irish Land question, and if money is not now available to pay the landlords who have refused to sell since 1903, we consider that justice demands that their rents should be graded down to the scale of the annuities payable in each district, and collected by the Land Commission under a Government Guarantee for these landlords until the war is over, and that the Government should undertake at a fixed date, say in five years, to redeem the scaled down rents on an equitable basis of purchase.

#### MALICIOUS INJURY LAW.

A resolution submitted by Waterford County Council calling on Parliament to repeal the law as regards the imposition for Malicious Injury, on the grounds that it works unjustly on the Ratepayers made liable, was, on the suggestion of Mr T J Byrne, J P, marked "read."

#### DROGHEDA TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

A letter received from the Secretary of the Drogheda Trades' Council in connection with the proposed erection of a Tuberculosis Dispensary in Drogheda, and protesting against same as being a danger to the community, was referred to the Drogheda Tuberculosis Sub-Committee.

#### DEPOT FOR MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT STORES IN DUBLIN.

The following resolution submitted by the Irish Cattle Tra-

ders' Association was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T J Byrne, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That a permanent Depot fully equipped for the reception of Military and Government Stores and Supplies be established in Dublin, as Ireland is entitled to the same facilities for tenders and customers for Irish products and manufacturers as those afforded in Great Britain.

#### DIPPING TANKS FOR CATTLE.

A resolution submitted by the Louth County Committee of Agriculture, recommending the County Council to investigate the effect of dipping as a remedy for Red Water in Cattle, and if found feasible to construct at least one experimental Dipping Tank in the county, was read, and referred to the Executive Committee for investigation.

#### COUNCIL'S EMPLOYEES.

Circular letter was read from the Local Government Board suggesting that the Council should grant leave of absence to any employees who enlist for the period of the war, and the recommendations were approved should any employee desire to avail of the permission.

#### WEEK END TICKETS TO DUNDALK.

The following resolution, submitted by the Dundalk Chamber of Commerce, was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we request the Great Northern Railway Com-

pany to give the same facilities for week end tickets to Dundalk as are given at present from Dublin, Belfast and Derry.

#### ORGANISATION OF LABOUR.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board pointing out the desirability of a proper organisation of labour forces, was referred to the Finance Committee.

#### TOWN TENANTS' LEAGUE CONVENTION.

Letter was read from the Executive Committee of the Town Tenants' League, requesting the Council to appoint two delegates to represent them at the forthcoming Convention of the League, and

On the motion of W T Skeffington, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P,

Thomas O'Rourke and Thomas Murphy, Esquires, were appointed to represent Louth County Council at the Convention.

#### COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Letter was read from the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Drogheda, intimating that an application will be made to the Juvenile Court, to be held at Drogheda on Monday, 26th April, to commit Ellen, Edward, Bridget and John Gibb, children under 14 years of age, to Industrial Schools, under Section 58 of the Children Act, 1908. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

#### CO-OPTION ON LOUTH COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The following notice of motion, standing in the name of Mr Michael Meade, was put as a substantive resolution, and passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;  
Seconded by T J Byrne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That Mr Bernard Hughes, of Newtown, Knockbridge, be co-opted a member of the Louth County Committee of Agriculture.

#### ADDITION TO ARDEE OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

The following notice of motion, standing in the name of Mr Michael Meade, was put as a substantive resolution, and passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;  
Seconded by Denis J Rath, Esq, and

Resolved—That Mr Owen M'Donald, of Ardee, be added to the Old Age Pension Committee of Ardee.

#### CO-OPTION ON DUNDALK (NORTH) EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas Murphy, Esq;  
Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That Mr Wm Woods, J P, be appointed on the North Dundalk Education Committee.

Four notices of motion standing in the name of Mr Thomas Murphy, were, by consent of the Council, at Mr Murphy's request, not proceeded with.

### PROPOSED LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS.

By consent of the Council the following resolution was

Proposed by T J Byrne, Esq, J P, and

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P,

That we, the Louth County Council, view with the most serious apprehension, and the strongest disapproval, any hastily conceived legislation or administrative action tending to paralyse or even further hamper one of our remaining national industries and that we call upon our Irish representatives to use every means in their power to frustrate any further attempt in this direction."

Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P, moved the following amendment, which was seconded by D J Rath, Esq:—

That the resolution proposed by Mr Byrne be not passed.

On a division there voted:—

For the Amendment—Messrs Meade, John F Murphy, O'Meara, O'Rourke, Rath and Wm Woods—6.

Against the Amendment—Messrs Byrne, Hamill, Kearney, Skeffington, and Peter Woods—5.

Mr Thomas Murphy did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and the meeting concluded.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 26th April, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members:—Thomas Murphy, Wm Woods, J P; Thos. O'Rourke, Michael Meade, J P Kearney, J F Murphy, J P; T J Byrne, J P, and John Morgan, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee 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 County Surveyor	£125 16 2
Secretary's Office	66 11 6
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Total	£192 7 8
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The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

### NEW COUNTY OFFICES—DEPOSITS FOR PLANS.

The Secretary informed the Committee that in accordance with the conditions of competition, Architects applying for co-

pies of plans in connection with the new County Offices, had to deposit a sum of £2 2s 0d, which would be refunded to them on receipt of a bona-fide design. He had now a number of these deposits in his possession, and requested a direction from the Committee as to the mode of dealing with them. The Committee decided that it was undesirable to lodge this money in the General County Account, and the Secretary was directed to lodge the sums in a special account in his own name, so that when a competitor submitted a plan his deposit could be refunded without delay.

#### RESIGNATION OF GILES' QUAY HARBOUR CONSTABLE.

A letter (which had been before the County Council, and had been referred to the Finance Committee) was read from James Comiskey, Harbour Constable, Giles' Quay, resigning the post of Harbour Constable, Giles' Quay, after 36 years' service, and requesting that the Council would kindly grant him a pension.

The Secretary stated that Comiskey's remuneration was £10 per annum, with an allowance of £2 per annum for lighting the lamps on the Pier. He did not think that properly speaking Comiskey was a pensionable officer.

After discussion, it was unanimously resolved,

On the motion of Mr J P Kearney,  
Seconded by Mr Wm Woods, J P,

That we recommend that a pension of £8 per year, being two-thirds of his total annual remuneration of £12, be allowed to James Comiskey, Harbour Constable, Giles' Quay, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

It was decided that Comiskey continue to discharge the duties of Harbour Constable until the appointment of his successor, the consideration of which subject was adjourned till next Finance Meeting, when the Secretary was directed to table list of the duties in connection with the post.

#### PURCHASE OF GILES' QUAY BOAT SLIP.

The consideration of this matter had been referred to the Finance Committee by the County Council. Mr J P Kearney, M C C, Wilville, in whose ownership the Boat Slip at Giles' Quay now was, had offered the Slip to the County Council for the sum of £100. The Sub-Committee appointed to interview Mr Kearney on the matter had stated in their report to the Finance Committee that they could not recommend the acceptance of this offer.

Mr Kearney informed the Committee that he was now prepared to dispose of his interest in the Slip, and hand over same to the County Council for the sum of £50 (fifty pounds). After discussion,

On the motion of Mr T J Byrne, J P,  
Seconded by Mr Michael Meade,

it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Council to purchase from Mr J P Kearney, Wilville, the Boat Slip at Giles' Quay, for the sum of £50 (fifty pounds).

#### INSURANCE OF ROAD MACHINERY, Etc.

The County Surveyor stated that some of the machinery for road work had been delivered. He was anxious to test same, but before doing so he wished to have insurance against accidents, explosions, and Third Party risk effected.

In reply to a query the Surveyor stated that the makers had guaranteed the machinery for twelve months.

After discussion, the matter was left in the Surveyor's and Secretary's hands to see the Council safeguarded pending general re-arrangement of Insurances.

#### FARRELL V. COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
15th April, 1915.

Dear Sir,

Elizabeth Farrell, Dunleer, Applicant; Louth County Council, Respondents.

I received to-day Cheque for £7 0s 6d from the applicant, being the costs of Reversal of Decree herein. I lodged the sum to the credit of the Council with the Treasurer, and send herewith receipt.

Yours faithfully,  
DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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

#### REFUNDS FROM CO. LOUTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

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

Insurance Committee for the County of Louth,  
90 Clanbrassil Street,  
Dundalk, 23rd April, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Insurance Committee for the County of Louth to forward enclosed Paying Order for

the sum of £73 (seventy-three pounds) in respect of the services of the Tuberculosis Medical Officer and Nurse, for the period ending the 31st March, 1915.

Faithfully yours,

V. WARREN,  
Secretary.

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

#### PROVISIONAL VALUATION ARDEE COURT HOUSE.

The Official Provisional Valuation of the original assessable site value on Ardee Court House of the sum of £123, was submitted from the General Valuation Office, and the matter was referred to the Solicitor to be dealt with as the valuation of the other Court Houses in the county had been.

#### ARDEE RAILWAY GUARANTEE.

Letter was read from the Chief Commissioner of Valuation, Sir John Barton, enclosing Certificate showing the sum to be contributed by the rateable district in the Barony of Ardee, viz—£400, to make good the deficiency in the working of the Ardee Branch Railway.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### ARDEE RAILWAY ACCOUNTS.

Letter was read from the Accountant G. N. R., enclosing copy of the Ardee Branch Line account for the half-year ended 31st December, 1914, showing a deficit of £130 8s 2d for the half year.

The account was initialled by the Chairman.

PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) Act, 1891,  
and  
THE LABOURERS' (IRELAND) ACT, 1906.

The Secretary submitted Schedule received from the Labourers' Department, Local Government Board, 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 following 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 amount 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.

DUNDALK UNION AND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ACCOUNTS.

Letters were read from the Local Government Board enclosing certified copies of the accounts of the Dundalk Union and Dundalk Rural District Council, together with the Auditor's Reports thereon.

The accounts were initialled by the Chairman.

RURAL DISTRICT OF DUNDALK (LIGHTING POWERS).

Local Government Board Orders were read investing the Rural District Council of Dundalk with Urban Powers for the purpose of lighting the Rural District, and making the entire Rural District the area of charge on which all expenses which may be

incurred by the District Council for this purpose, shall be chargeable.

LIGHTING OF ARDEE COURT HOUSE.

Letter was read from the Ardee Electric Company stating that they would be pleased to give an estimate for the fitting up of the Court House Buildings in Ardee with Electric Light, and requesting the Secretary to bring the matter under the notice of the Council.

The Committee decided that as gas was already in use in the Court House Buildings, the question of electric lighting could not be entertained.

When the above matter was under discussion, Mr Thos. Murphy requested information as to whether the agreement between the County Council and the Ardee Electric Lighting Company was now completed and in order. The County Surveyor said he believed the matter was now perfected, but would make exact inquiries.

CRIMINAL INJURY DECREE—R. & G. GRAY.

The following letter from the Manager Hibernian Bank, Dundalk, was read:—

Hibernian Bank, Ltd.,  
Dundalk, 24th April, 1915.

Re R and G Gray v. Louth County Council, and re do. to the  
National Benefit Insurance Co., Ltd.

Dear Sir,

I have received to-day from the Solicitor to the National Benefit Insurance Co., Ltd., a Certificate of Decree and Affirmance in this case, together with assignment R and G Gray

to the National Benefit Insurance Co. with a request to forward to him the amount due on foot of the Decree.

In view of the fact that I am only authorised to pay over the amount on presentation of the original Decree, I have held over the matter pending further instructions from your Council.

There is a point which I would wish to bring under your notice, viz—if the money is paid over without the production of the Decree there arises the danger of its presentation at some future date. I think this is a case in which the Bank, acting as Treasurer to your Council, should be indemnified against any loss, if, at some subsequent date, the Decree should be presented. I think either Messrs R and G Gray or the National Benefit Insurance Company, Ltd, should be asked to give such indemnity before the money should be paid.

Kindly let me have the views of your Council at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. MACNEVIN,  
Manager.

C. M'Alester, Esq,

Secretary Louth County Council.

In connection with this matter the following letter from the Council's Solicitor was read:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
26th April, 1915.

R and G Gray, Appellants; Co. Council, Respondents.

Same to National Benefit Insurance Co., Ltd.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your inquiry herein, and the letter received by you from the Council's Treasurer, if we are to assume that the original affirmance of Decree in this case is mis-

laid, I am satisfied to accept the Certificate of the entry in the Clerk of the Peace's book from the applicant's assignees as sufficient evidence of the existence of the Decree. It has been held in law that such an entry in the book is conclusive evidence. And if the original affirmance be afterwards discovered and wrongfully presented to the Treasurers it is obvious that there should be no second payment made.

If the Treasurers for their own purposes require some evidence that the Affirmance of Decree is lost, they can call for a short affidavit to be made by the applicant's Solicitor.

I return herewith Mr MacNevin's letter.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq, Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

After a short discussion the Committee unanimously refused to give any indemnity to the Treasurer against the risk of a second payment of the amount of Affirmance and costs.

The Secretary was directed to forward to the Manager of the Hibernian Bank copy of the Solicitor's letter, and at the same time to inform him of the decision of the Committee on the subject.

## Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 26th April, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members:—T Murphy, Wm Woods, J P; T O'Rourke, Michael Meade, J P Kearney, J F Murphy, J P; T J Byrne, J P; and John Morgan, Esquires.

Messrs Clinton, Donnelly and Maxwell V S, were in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

### REPORTS FROM VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

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

Mr. Clinton's Report.

Dundalk, 26th April, 1915.

Sir,— On the 19th inst a case of suspected Tuberculosis in a cow was reported to me from Greenore port. I visited the premises and found the cow affected with unduration of the udder. She was removed to Mr White's, Dundalk, and slaughtered by order of the owner, Mr Francis M'Gee, Holyhead. No compensation is payable by your Council in the case.

No other case of contagious disease occurred in the district during the month.

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. CLINTON,

M.R.C.V.S.

Mr. Donnelly's Report.

Veterinary Establishment,

Drogheda, 12th April, '15.

Gentlemen,

During the month of March I had two reported cases under the Tuberculosis Order, and I dealt with same, and furnished your Secretary with the necessary Reports.

At present there are no animals in the district under restrictions in connection with the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Yours Respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

Mr. Maxwell's Report.

Ardee, 1st March, '15.

Sir,

I beg to report that I visited the usual fairs and markets held in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month of January. I visited the detained sheep at Charleville on the 8th, and the sheep being healthy issued the necessary withdrawal papers. I visited the sheep detained at Corbollis on the 9th and 19th, and the animals being also healthy issued the usual withdrawal notices. In both cases I am pleased to say the cleaning and antiseptic precautions were done in a most efficient way.

During the month a case under the Tuberculosis Act was reported to your Council, but the animal died before examination.

Details from the "Knacker" showed Tuberculosis to have existed in the animal.

I am, Sir,

Yours Faithfully,

W. E. MAXWELL.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER OF 1915.

The following circular letter from the Department of Agriculture, notifying the issue of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915, recently made by the Department, was read:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,

(Veterinary Branch),

50 and 51, Upper Mount Street,  
Dublin, 19th April, 1915.

No. 1399-14.

Sir,

I have to transmit herewith, for the information and guidance of the Local Authority, copies of an Order entitled the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915, made recently by this Department under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

The Orders previously existing, entitled respectively the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1912, and the Autumn Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Temporary Order of 1914 are, in effect, re-enacted by this further Order, which comes into force on 1st proximo; that is to say, the new Order will continue the provision initiated last year, substituting a double for a single dipping in the autumn period, in addition to the usual summer dipping.

From the representations made by the Department on former occasions the Local Authority are aware that it is essential in the interests of the sheep-breeding industry, that effective action should be taken with the object of eradicating Sheep Scab. The extent to which this disease still prevails in Ireland (vide

the attached return as to its distribution in 1914) constitutes a grave menace to the sheep export trade. Already that trade has severely felt the pressure of the regulations called for by the frequency of outbreaks, and should the landing of Irish Sheep in Great Britain be further restricted the results might be very inimical to the prosperity of sheep farming in this country. It will accordingly be seen how necessary it is that all concerned in dealing with the disease should co-operate effectively for its suppression. The Department trust, therefore, that the active co-operation of your Local Authority may be relied upon in so important a matter.

As regards the present Order, the Local Authority should take adequate steps to enforce it properly in the district. In this connection I have to suggest that the Local Authority if they have not yet exercised their powers of appointing Inspectors to see that dipping is effectively carried out, should now do so, under Article 20 of the Order. Many Local Authorities have already taken this course, and it would be distinctly for the general advantage if similar useful action were taken in all districts.

With a view to the effective publication of the Order, the Department will forward at an early date, a supply of placard Notices for posting throughout your Local Authority's district. The customary arrangements are also being made for the supply to sheep owners (through the Police or otherwise) of Forms for use under the Order.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Clerk,

of each Local Authority.

In the return accompanying the circular, of outbreaks of Sheep Scab in Ireland during the year 1914, out of the total of 474 outbreaks, 19 occurred in the County of Louth.

The Sheep Dipping Order was also before the Meeting, and the Committee decided that all the necessary arrangements for the dipping of Sheep in the county be discussed at a further Meeting of the Committee, and in the meantime that the posters when received from the Department should be posted through the county.

#### REVISION OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS' SALARIES.

The next business on the agenda was the revision of the salaries paid to the three Veterinary Surgeons, Messrs Clinton, Dundalk; Maxwell, Ardee, and Donnelly, Drogheda.

The Secretary stated that their Salaries at present stood as follows:—

Mr Clinton, £120.

Mr Maxwell, £80.

Mr Donnelly, £80.

Of these sums £68, £50 and £50 respectively, were paid in respect of extra duties imposed in connection with the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order. The standing salaries for the ordinary duties which the Veterinary Inspectors were appointed to transact, were £52, £30, and £30.

The Department had only sanctioned these salaries temporarily, and the period of sanction expired on the 1st June, 1915, and were to be reviewed by direction of the Department in view of the work performed by the Veterinary Inspectors under the Tuberculosis Order.

The Secretary submitted return giving the number of cases for the past twelve months dealt with under the Tuberculosis Order as follows:—

Mr Clinton—4 cases.

Mr Donnelly—19 cases.

Mr Maxwell—2 cases.

The great bulk of these cases were detentions of animals at the Ports of Drogheda, Dundalk, and Greenore.

The Committee were of opinion that a scale of fees for cases dealt with under the Order would be more satisfactory than salaries, and the Secretary submitted the scale of fees which had been transmitted by the Department in January of the present year.

After discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by J P Kearney, Esq, and

Resolved—That we recommend the County Council to adopt the scale of fees for work by the Veterinary Inspectors under the Tuberculosis Order, as submitted by the Department in their letter of 22nd January, 1915, as follows, and that they come into operation on 1st June, 1915:—

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913.

Scale of Fees Prepared by the Veterinary Medical Association of Ireland.

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| 1. For clinical examination of the first animal a fee of | £0 10 6 |
| Each additional animal on the same premises              | £0 1 0  |
| The maximum amount under this head not to exceed £1.     |         |

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| 2. When the premises are more than 15 miles distant a fee for the first animal of | £1 1 0  |
| 3. For applying the Tubercular Test up to four animals                            | £2 2 0  |
| Each animal over four   | £0 5 0  |
| 4. <u>Post Mortem Examinations</u>  | £1 1 0  |
| 5. Microscopic Examination  | £0 10 6 |
| 6. Mileage at the rate of 1s per mile one way, or railway fare.                   |         |

No further charges to be made for reports or valuations.

#### DIPPING TANK FOR CATTLE.

The resolution on above subject submitted by the County Committee of Agriculture and referred to the Executive Committee, was next considered.

The resolution recommended the County Council to erect one experimental tank in the county for the treatment of the disease known as Red Water in cattle by dipping.

After discussion the Secretary was directed to request the opinion and advice of the Department on the matter, and if possible information as to probable cost.

#### TUBERCULOSIS (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1914.

The Secretary submitted notices that had been received under the above Order. The Secretary informed the Committee that copies of the various forms had been furnished to the Department, and that in no case was there any claim for compensation.

#### SHEEP SCAB AND SWINE FEVER.

Notices of Sheep Scab cases at Corbollis and Charleville, received from Mr Maxwell, V.S, and one case of Swine Fever reported by Police, were submitted and initialled by the Chairman.

## Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 10th May, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members:—N T Murphy, J P; Lawrence M'Keon, J P Kearney, Patk M'Gee, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, John F Murphy, J P; Thomas Murphy, Edward Goodman, Wm Woods, J P, and Michael M'Ardle, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Proposal Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee were called to consider tenders for the undermentioned works:—

### APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No. 20—To provide for the maintenance of the County Court House, Dundalk, for the year ending 31st March, 1916. Cost not to exceed £50. County at Large Charge.

No. 21—To erect Direction Signs in the Rural Districts of Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk. Cost not to exceed £30. County at Large Charge.

(Arms supplied by Automobile Association and Motor Union. Standards proposed to be supplied and fixed by County Council).

No tenders were received for either of these works, and it was decided that they be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 10th May, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members:—N T Murphy, J P; Lawrence M'Keon, J P; Kearney, Patk M'Gee, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, John F Murphy, J P; Thos Murphy, Edward Goodman, Wm Woods, J P; Michael M'Ardle, and Bernard Hamill, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on 26th April, 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 County Surveyor	£87 16 5.
Secretary's Office	75 12 10.
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Total	£163 9 3.
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The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

## LOAN FOR ROAD MACHINERY.

The Secretary stated that some of the Road Machinery for the work of Improvement had arrived, and would require to be paid for at once. He requested a direction from the Committee as to the mode of dealing with the Machinery Loan and payments therefrom.

The Committee decided to instruct the Secretary to make arrangements with the Treasurer to have the amount of the Machinery Loan transferred to an account to be called the "Loan No. 1 Account," and that all payments for Machinery be made direct by paying order out of this account, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board.

## DRIVERS FOR STEAM ROLLERS.

The next business on the agenda was the appointment of Drivers for the Road Rollers, in accordance with Advertisement issued.

The County Surveyor stated he required five Engine Drivers, and that there were twenty-nine applicants. Two of these men were required at once, as some of the Rollers had arrived, and he wished to test them. He suggested that before dealing with the applications the Committee should fix the wages to be paid, and after discussion,

On the motion of Mr Wm Woods, J P,

Seconded by Mr Thomas O'Rourke,

it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Council to fix the wages of the Drivers of Steam Rollers to be employed in connection with the work of Road Improvement at 30s per week, rising by increments of 2s 6d per week per annum to a maximum of 35s.

The Committee then carefully considered the list of applications, and ultimately, after considerable discussion, the following were selected:—

Bernard Harmon, Brownstown, Monasterboice.

P Rooney, Culleen, County Sligo.

James Murphy, Petestown.

Thomas Mynes, James' Street, Dundalk.

Daniel Hanlon, Ballymakellett.

Michael Byrne, Sandpit, Termonfeekin.

J F M'Ardle, Edenkell, Ballsmill.

A M'Guinness, Walterstown, Readypenny.

Henry Kelledy, Ballybarrack, Dundalk.

James Byrne, Corcreagh.

And on the motion of Mr N T Murphy, J P,

Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman,

it was decided unanimously that the final selection from these be left in the hands of the Surveyor, and that he have complete control over the men appointed, including power to dismiss if unsatisfactory.

#### HARBOUR CONSTABLE FOR GILES' QUAY.

The next business was the question of the appointment of a Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay, in room of James Comiskey, resigned.

The Secretary read the Section of the Act empowering the Council to appoint such officer. The Section stated that the person appointed to the post would have power to enforce the bye-laws, rules, orders and regulations made in connection with the Harbour, and would have in addition, for such purpose,

the same rights, powers and authorities as a member of the Constabulary force.

The Secretary also submitted draft list of the duties of the Harbour Constable, and said the salary of the former Constable was £10 per year, with an allowance of £2 per year for lighting.

Mr Thomas Murphy suggested that it would be an incentive to do the work of collecting dues, etc, properly, if the new man was paid a fixed sum, with additional remuneration on a Commission basis. Mr J P Kearney did not think this would be a suitable way, and thought it would be difficult to get a good man on these terms. Ultimately,

On the motion of Mr Edward Goodman,

Seconded by Mr N T Murphy, J P,

it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Council to advertise for a Harbour Constable for Giles' Quay at a salary of £12 (twelve pounds) per annum, the remuneration to cover all the duties in connection with the post, including lighting of the leading and Pier lights.

#### INSURANCES.

The Secretary submitted quotations received for Insurance to cover Third Party and Public Liability risk, Insurance of Machinery by accident thereto or thereby, and Boiler Insurance and Inspection, received from the four Companies who had tendered, namely, the Ocean, the Atlas, London and Lancashire and the Gresham. He informed the Committee that the most comprehensive cover for all these risks and the most advantageous was that of the first-named Company. In connection with the Employers' Liability Insurance, the Council was covered up to the 1st August, 1915, in their existing policy

only for the ordinary working staff of the county, which includes clerical staff, Assistant Surveyors, Harbour Constables, Sheep Dippers, Education Act Officers, etc, and direct labour employed under the charge of the County Surveyor; that work under the ordinary maintenance contracts was not covered although the Council was liable, and that all the contemplated work of quarrying, road-rolling, etc, would also require to be covered. He further informed the Committee that the holding Company for Employers' Liability had quoted for the additional risk a rate of 35s per cent, which was the rate fixed by the Tariff Companies. This was also the rate quoted for all the Employer's Liability risk, and on a total wage roll of £16,700 represented a sum of £283 15s.

After a very long discussion, the Committee were of opinion that a quotation should be obtained from some good non-tariff offices for all the above-mentioned Insurances of the Council, and the Secretary was directed to obtain quotations.

The Committee appointed the following sub-committee to deal with the matter and report to the next meeting:—The Chairman, C A Duffy, Esq; Bernard Hamill, Esq; and the County Surveyor and the Secretary.

#### TREASURY SANCTION TO LOANS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

The following letter from the Local Government Board enclosing the Treasury sanction to the Loan for Road Improvement, which they had previously refused, was read:—

No. 21,960/1915.  
Louth County.

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
26th April, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 14th instant, relative

to three loans amounting to £4,060 sanctioned to the Louth County Council for the purpose of steam-rolling certain roads in the County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, for the information of the Council, the accompanying copy of a letter which the Board have received from the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury on the subject.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

The accompanying letter, as follows, was also read:—

No. 21960/1915.  
Louth County.

Treasury Chambers,  
20th April, 1915.

C3178.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury to say that in view of the representations of the Local Government Board for Ireland they raise no further objections to the borrowing by the Louth County Council of a sum of £4,060 for the purpose of steam-rolling certain roads in the County.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. L. HEATH.

The Vice-President,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin.

The letters were initialled by the Chairman, Mr N T Murphy remarking that the best thanks of the Council were due to the Chairman and to the Local Government Board for the prompt and satisfactory way in which the matter had been dealt with.

#### BORROWING BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board dated 4th May, 1915, was read, stating that the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury had decided to restrict capital issues by Local Authorities within the narrowest limits. To that end labour should be economised as far as possible, and new works, except such as are of pressing necessity, either for reasons of public health or on account of war requirements, should be avoided. Where a consent of the Board to the raising of a loan is dated earlier than 28th February last, and that no action has yet been taken on same either wholly or in part, a further sanction from the Board is necessary before any action can be taken. The circular also pointed out that economies and restrictions on borrowing are feasible not only as regards new works, but also as regards works in progress; in the latter case by arranging with contractors for the postponement of works or by enlarging the period allowed under contract for their completion.

The circular was initialled by the Chairman.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that he had written to the Road Board that the work of Road Surfac-

ing in the Dundalk Urban District had begun, and had received in reply the following letter:—

The Road Board,  
Manager and Engineer's Office,  
Queen Anne's Chambers,  
Broadway, Westminster,  
London, S.W., 6th May, 1915.

DUBLIN-BELFAST ROAD.  
Grant No. 3012.  
Dundalk Urban District Council.

Dear Sir.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, which has been noted, and in reply, I have to inform you that the Road Board would be glad to know whether it would be possible for your Council to arrange for the scheme to be deferred until more normal conditions obtain.

At present, the demand for labour and materials for urgent national requirements is such that it is extremely undesirable for Highway Authorities to press forward any scheme which could well be postponed, even though such postponement causes some local inconvenience.

The policy on which the Board are acting at the present time is based on the need of economising public expenditure, and of deferring works of road-improvement except in cases where the work is necessary to prevent serious deterioration.

From the information before the Board, it would appear that the proposal referred to—or at least portions thereof—might conveniently be postponed, and I am directed to ask your

Council to consider the advisability of taking this course.

Yours faithfully,  
H. P. MAYBURY.

The County Surveyor,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

After discussion, the County Surveyor was instructed to inform the Road Board that the preparations for the work of Road Improvement were practically completed; that the machinery was on order and some of it already delivered; that arrangements had been made for entry into quarries, and that Drivers had been appointed for the Rollers, consequently it would be impossible to postpone the work, but that it would be proceeded with judiciously.

#### ANNAGASSAN PIER.

The following letter from the Department was read, and was referred to the Annagassan Pier Commissioners:—

1,764/15—F.B.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Fisheries Branch).

3 Kildare Place, Dublin,  
30th April, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the Harbour Works at Annagassan, I have to state, for the information of the Louth County Council, that it is considered that the breakwater, although not completed to the full letter of the specification, is now in a serviceable and permanently durable condition.

With regard to the cut, shown on the plans, at the upper end of the basin and connecting it with the river, it has been found, in process of excavation of the basin, that the material at this place, instead of being (as in most of the works) a hard and compact mass of boulders and clayey sand, consists largely of very loose gravel and sand. It is accordingly feared that, if this cut be made, its sides and bottom will be unable to resist the effect of the ebb current, and that the material from them will be carried down and deposited in the basin, so that the latter will rapidly fill up. Against this it has to be said that serious siltage of mud is taking place in the basin, which it is thought might be checked by the making of this cut. However, of the two evils to be feared, the mud appears to be the lesser, since it is not liable to form dangerous ridges such as would be caused by gravel moving under the action of the rapid current that would occur when the river was in flood, if the cut were opened. The mud, moreover, is the more easily removed, and it is possible that the present siltage is largely due to the disturbance of surrounding surfaces by the progress of the work, and it is not, therefore, likely to be continued.

For these reasons it appears undesirable that the cut should be made at present, even if financial considerations did not prohibit it.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

Courthouse, Dundalk.

## REMISSION OF SURCHARGE.

The following letter from the Local Government Board enclosing Order remitting the Surcharge of £408 3s 0d made against Messrs P Hughes, late Chairman; B Hamill and E Goodman, was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

No. 55,866/1914.

Louth County.

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
30th April, 1915.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had under consideration the appeal to them, from the persons aggrieved, against the surcharge of £408 3s 0d made by the Auditor at the audit of the accounts of the County Council of Louth for the half-year ended the 30th of September, 1913.

The Board have inquired into the lawfulness of the reasons stated by the Auditor for making the surcharge in question, and have found that the surcharge was lawfully made, but that the subject-matter thereof was incurred in such circumstances as to make remission fair and equitable, and they have made an Order accordingly, copies of which are enclosed for the information of the applicants and of the County Council.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
County Council of Louth.

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Application was read from Acting Sergeant Levinge, Inspector of Weights and Measures, requesting the County Council to supply four sets of date stamps, and two verification stamps, for use at the Weights and Measures Offices at Drogheda and Dundalk.

The Committee unanimously agreed to supply these necessary requirements, and the Secretary was directed to order same.

## ACCOUNTS OF COUNTY LOUTH AND DUNDALK JOINT COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board dated 4th May, 1915, No. 22856/1915, enclosing the audited accounts for the half year to the 30th September, 1914, of above Committee, together with the Auditor's report thereon.

In the report complaint was made that owing to the delay in the payment of the Grant payable by the County Louth Committee of Agriculture, the Grants from the Department were held back, which caused embarrassment to the Technical Committee.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the instalment payable by the County Council was transferred to the credit of the County Committee immediately after the payment was ordered, and that he had advised the Local Government Board to this effect.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

## TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION GRANT.

The following letter was read, and, after discussion, it was

decided to recommend to the County Council that the Grant be ordered for payment with the Advances in future:—

County Louth and Dundalk Joint Committee for Technical Instruction.

Municipal Technical School,  
Dundalk, April 30th, 1915.

Dear Sir.

I wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the sum of £50, the second half of the payment due to the County Louth and Dundalk Joint Technical Instruction Committee for the year ending March 31st, 1915.

Could I be allowed to suggest that as soon as possible arrangements be made to pay over the amounts due to the Technical Instruction Committee during the financial period concerned, as the delay in payment prevents us receiving monies from the Department, and so causes severe financial stress to my Committee.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

A. E. EASTHOPE.

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

#### ACCOUNTS OF COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board dated 4th May, 1915, No. 22855/1915, enclosing the audited accounts of the above Committee, and the Auditor's report thereon.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### DROGHEDA COURTHOUSE.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to instruct the Caretaker to give the use of the Council Chamber to all Committees appointed by the County Council meeting at Drogheda Courthouse for the transaction of business:—

Courthouse, Drogheda,  
May 3rd, 1915.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, I have always given the different Committees rooms which I thought would suit them, and when I got notice I had a fire lighted for them. The rooms in which they meet are capable of seating twelve comfortably. In future if it is desired I shall put them into the Council Chamber upstairs. The Old Age Pensions Committee do not hold their meetings here.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK GARVEY,  
Court Keeper.

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

#### FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The following Report of the Sub-committee appointed in connection with the above matter was read, and the Secretary was directed to write the Local Government Board as recommended therein:—

To the Finance Committee of the County Council at their Meeting held 10th May, 1915.

Gentlemen.

The Sub-committee appointed to investigate all the matters

in connection with the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts beg to report that they held two meetings at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on the 26th April and 3rd May respectively.

The following gentlemen attended:—Messrs T J Byrne, J P; M Meade, M C C; J Morgan, M O C; P Byrne, P L G; G Holmes, B Mullen, A Murdock, Robert Craig, and T Walsh, County Surveyor.

The lists of owners of lands assessable under the Awards as furnished by the Board of Works, were carefully examined and the maps inspected, with the result that the Sub-committee are unanimously of the opinion that quite a large number of the names are not correct as present owners, and that the lists will require to be revised and the present actual owners given before they could recommend the Council to accept the transference of the business of the Drainage Districts.

The Committee recommend that the Finance Committee should inform the Board of Works, through the Local Government Board, that the list as furnished is not correct, and that the Board of Works should, if necessary, send down a Surveyor to bring the list of present owners exactly up to date, so that all the owners of land assessable may be included in any assessments that may be made, should the Council finally decide to complete the transfer.

Messrs Thomas M'Guinness, Newrath; Peter M'Guinness, Annagassan, and Thomas Mathews, Knocka, were added to the Sub-committee.

Signed on behalf of the Sub-committee,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES M'ALESTER,  
Secretary.

PETER M'DONNELL'S REMUNERATION.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:

No. 22523/1915.

Louth County.

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
28th April, 1915.

Sir.

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your further letter of the 23rd inst. relative to the collection of the poor rate for the past half-year in Louth County, and with reference thereto I am to state that the Board have assented to the payment by the County Council of remuneration to Collector Peter M'Donnell in respect of this collection.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

The Secretary stated that Mr M'Donnell's remuneration was included in to-day's payments.

## Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 17th May, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members:—Patrick M'Gee, J P; T J Byrne, J P; Peter Woods, J P; John F Murphy, J P, and Michael Meade, Esquires.

### ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH DIPPING TANKS.

The Committee had under consideration the arrangements in connection with the Council's tanks for the summer and autumn periods of the present year.

Owing to the great expenditure in connection with the tank in use last year at Ravensdale and Annaloughan, and the lack of support of its usage by sheep owners in the district, it was decided to discontinue the working of the tank.

The following local committees were appointed to manage the other tanks provided by the County Council:—

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

The Committee decided that the Superintendent to be appointed should be paid at the head rate of 1d per sheep, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lamb, for all sheep dipped at the tank, and the local committee were empowered to appoint the Superintendent and make arrangements for tank site, etc.

AGHAMEEN—Messrs J H M'Ardle, J P; J Connolly, J P; Peter Woods, J P, and B Finnegan.

Mr Owen Keenan appointed Superintendent, and to be paid 1d per sheep and  $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lamb.

KNOCKBRIDGE—Messrs J F Murphy, J P; M M'Ardle, T J Byrne, J P, and Bernard Hughes, Newtown, Knockbridge.

Thomas M'Ardle appointed Superintendent at 10s per week.

ARDEE—Messrs Patrick M'Gee, J P; James M'Gee, Roodstown; James M'Donald, Mullacloe; R Stokes, Ardee; James Halpenny, J P, and J C Kieran, J P, Ashville.

Wm Leonard appointed Superintendent at 18s per week, and the local committee to arrange, if possible, for a site for the tank more convenient to the water supply.

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

Michael M'Quillan appointed Superintendent, and to be paid at the head rate of 1d per sheep and  $\frac{1}{2}$ d per lamb.

The Secretary was directed to request quotations for the supply of Dip to the various tanks from merchants in Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk.

### SHEEP SCAB.

Notices were received from Mr W E Maxwell, V S, of an outbreak of Sheep Scab on the farm of Mrs I. Chester-Walsh,

Williamstown. Out of a total of 514 sheep 27 animals were affected, and Detention notice had been served on the owner of the farm.

#### TUBERCULOSIS (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1914.

Notices were tabled of two cases under the above Order, one at Commons, Dromiskin, and the other at Paughenstown, Ardee. Both cases were still under supervision of the Veterinary Inspectors.

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**Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.**

**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**Finance Committee**

Held in the Council Chamber

**On Monday, 24th May, 1915.**

## Finance Committee

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 24th May, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: T J Byrne, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Peter Woods, J P; James Wynne, J P; Michael Meade, Edward Goodman, John F Murphy, J P; P. M'Gee, J P, and B Finegan, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also present.

The minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee 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 County Surveyor	£195 7 4
Secretary's Office	39 16 8
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Total	£235 4 0
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### SUPPLY OF SHEEP DIP.

The Secretary submitted the following tenders for the supply

of Cooper's Sheep Dip to the various tanks throughout the County:—

## ARDEE.

Mr Patrick M'Gee, at 10s per dozen packets  
Mr J M'Cutcheon, at 11s per dozen packets.  
M'Ivor's Medical Hall, at 10s 6d per dozen packets.

Mr M'Gee's tender, being the lowest, was accepted.

## DROGHEDA.

Mr L J Healy, at 11s per dozen packets.

Mr Healy's, being the only tender received from Drogheda, was accepted.

## DUNDALK.

Messrs H Backhouse and Co, Ltd, at 10s per dozen, and cases  
1s each, and an average quantity of 85 dozen during the  
season to be guaranteed.

Mr Patrick Ward, 10s per dozen, without reservation.

Mr Ward's tender was accepted.

MR. PATRICK HUGHES' APPLICATION FOR  
REMUNERATION.

The following letter from Mr P Hughes, Rate Collector, was read, and after discussion it was recommended that the County Council should pass a resolution requesting the Local Govern-

ment Board to sanction the payment of the amount due:—

Park Street,  
Dundalk, 24th May, 1915.

To the Chairman,  
Finance Committee,  
Louth County Council.

Dear Sir,  
I will be glad to receive cheque for balance fees due me for the periods ending 30th September, 1913, and 30th September, 1914, which are considerably overdue.

Yours truly,

PATRICK HUGHES,  
Poor Rate Collector.

## CLAIMS FOR GOOSEBERRY BUSHES DESTROYED.

The following claims, which had been certified by the Department, were recommended for payment by the County Council:—

Claims for Gooseberry Bushes Destroyed in the County  
of Louth.

Certified by Department of Agriculture.

	£	s	d
Patrick Kelly, Mullacrew, Louth, 60 at 3d	0	15	0
Julia Crinion, Cappogsgreen, Ardee, 72 at 3d	0	18	0
Captain R J Filgate, 100 at 3d	1	5	0
Wm J O'Reilly, Knockabbey, Louth, 22 at 3d	0	5	6
Mrs Ellen Kelly, Mullacrew, 224 at 3d	2	10	0
Peter M'Alister, Mullacrew, 3 at 3d	0	0	9
Patrick Kearney, Rathcor, Carlingford, 100 at 3d	1	5	0

Mrs M A M'Ardle, Faughart, 55 at 3d	0 13 9
Bernard Brannigan, Mullavally, Whitecross, Louth, 28 at 3d	0 7 0
Joseph P Moonan, Ardee, 26 at 3d	0 6 6
Mrs Cranston, Kildemock House, Ardee, 45 at 3d	0 11 3
James Smyth, Junr, Gibstown, Dundalk, 30 at 3d	0 7 6
James Smyth, Senr, Gibstown, Dundalk, 20 at 3d	0 5 0
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#### LOANS' ACCOUNTS.

The Secretary informed the Committee that payments for the Road Machinery, portion of which had now arrived, would require to be made at once so as to save the discounts allowed for prompt payment, and that the Hibernian Bank, the Council's Treasurer, had submitted Draft Charge for the Machinery Loans, which had been approved of by the Council's Solicitor, and that the Local Government Board had written on the 19th inst that it would be in order to make the payments for the Road Machinery and other works, direct out of the Loans' accounts.

The Committee approved of the arrangements made by the Secretary.

#### VETERINARY INSPECTORS AND TUBERCULIN TEST.

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture was read, and the Secretary stated he had advised the Veterinary

Inspectors accordingly. The letter was initialled by the Chairman:—  
No. 1820-15.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction  
for Ireland,  
Veterinary Branch,

50 and 51, Upper Mount Street,

Dublin, 18th May, 1915.

Sir,

Adverting to that part of Article 4 of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914, bearing on the application of the tuberculin test in cases in which such a test is contemplated by the Order, the Department wish to make it clear that the fee allowed by the Local Authority in respect of such test, or the special salary paid by them to the Inspector concerned for work under the Order, must be regarded as including the cost of tuberculin for the purposes of the test.

Will you kindly note this and have it pointed out, if necessary, to Veterinary Inspectors acting on behalf of your Local Authority in carrying out the Order.

I am, Sir

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Clerk

of each Local Authority.

#### ROAD BOARD GRANTS.

Letter was read from the Drogheda Corporation applying for the first instalment of the Grant for the Drogheda Urban District, amounting to the sum of £410.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had made application to the Road Board for this instalment, and also for the first instalment of £1,400 for the Rural Districts.

He read letter received from the Road Board, copy of which addressed to the County Surveyor was already before the Finance Committee on 10th inst, and which had been answered according to instructions from the Committee.

The Road Board in their reply, dated 17th inst, had withdrawn their objection to the work being proceeded with.

A further letter from the Road Board, dated 19th May, was read, enclosing the first instalments of the Grants above referred to.

The Committee recommended the payment of the Drogheda Urban portion—£410—by the County Council.

#### DR. M'QUILLAN'S (T. M. O.) PROVISIONAL APPROVAL.

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

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 18th May, 1915.

No. 14,710-1913.  
Louth County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to advert to their letter of the 18th November last, and, with reference thereto, I am 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 Sur-

perintendent 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 the appointment.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

#### LORDSHIP FOOTPATH—CLAIM FOR WAGES.

The following correspondence in above matter was read, and after discussion the Secretary was directed to write Mr Kerley asking for fuller particulars of the claim by Mr Rice:—

Francis Street,  
Dundalk, 17th May, 1915.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Court House, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

Mr Owen Rice, Benagh, Riverstown, has instructed me to apply to you for payment of the sum of £1 6s 0d, whereof the sum of £1 is for four days' work of a horse at 5s per day, and 6s for three days' work by himself, at 2s per day. I understand my client was acting as Ganger under Mr Lyons, on the direct labour scheme. I shall be glad to hear from you with reference to same at your convenience.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. KERLEY.

15 Castle Road,  
Dundalk, May 19th, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 18th inst, enclosing a copy of Mr Kerley's application, on behalf of Mr Own Rice, of Eenagh, for payment of the sum of £1 6s 0d.

In reply I have to state that I am not aware of Mr Rice doing any work as Ganger under me for which he was not paid.

I note that Mr Kerley's application claims £1 for four days' work of a horse and cart, and 6s for three days' work by Mr Rice. Would Mr Kerley kindly furnish dates for the alleged work?

I am, faithfully yours,

J. M. C. LYONS,

Assistant County Surveyor.

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

Francis Street,  
Dundalk, 21st May, 1915.

Chas M'Alester, Esq,  
Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Court House, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of yesterday's date the claim of my client arises in the month of February, 1914, being the final days upon which he was engaged in that month under Mr Lyons.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. KERLEY.

PAYMENT OF RAILWAY FARES TO COUNCILLORS.

The Secretary submitted two accounts for Railway Fares, which had been sent in by Messrs M O'Meara, J P, and N T Murphy, J P, for 14s and 20s respectively. He informed the Committee that as directed he advised all the members of the Council that it would be necessary for any claims made for Railway Fares for attendances at Meetings to be sent in before payment could be recommended, and that these were the only two that had been furnished.

He further informed the Committee that the Local Government Board had stated in their letter, when requested to sanction these payments, that there was no Statutory authority giving them power to do so. He cautioned the Committee that any payments made under this head would be surcharged.

Mr E Goodman proposed, and

Mr B Finnegan seconded,

that payment of these fares be recommended to the County Council.

Mr M Meade proposed, and

Mr P Woods, J P, seconded,

that payment of the Fares be not recommended to the County Council.

For the Amendment there voted Messrs Meade and Woods—2  
Against the Amendment there voted Messrs Goodman and Finnegan—2.

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment, which was then declared lost, and the original resolution, that

Payment of the fares be recommended to the County Council, was declared carried.

#### OFFICE STAFF'S VACATION.

The Secretary requested a direction as to the arrangements for vacation for the office staff.

The Committee recommended that each member of the staff be given a fortnight's vacation, to be taken at times which would best suit the office work. The Secretary to arrange accordingly.

#### SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

The Secretary submitted the Bill of Costs for half year ending 31st March, 1915, of the Council's Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, together with requisition to tax, and it was recommended that Mr P L Macardle, Solicitor, be appointed as usual to attend on taxation of the Bill to represent the County Council.

#### CENTRAL TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

The following letter was read, and was referred to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management:—

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 22nd May, 1915.

No. 16,687:1915.  
Louth County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw your attention to their letter of the 25th March last, notifying the County Council that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury had given their consent, under Section 64 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, to the advance

to the Louth County Council of the sum of £288 for the purpose of establishing a Central Tuberculosis Dispensary in Dundalk. The Board stated that the Grant would be issued by instalments upon the Architect's Certificate, according as the works proceed.

I am accordingly to request that you will be good enough to inform the Board what progress has been made in connection with the erection of the proposed Dispensary.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

#### SURRENDER OF CONTRACTS.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor enclosing Surrenders of Contracts held by Mr Thomas M'Donald, Prieststown, Dunleer, the surrenders to take effect as and from 1st April, 1916.

The Contracts are as follows:—

No. 174—20-70—980 perches from Dundalk to Dunleer, between the turn of the road to Williamstown and Coneyburrow Bridge.

No. 24—12-200—1,365 perches of road from Drogheda to Duridalk, between the Barony Boundary at Tullyesker, and the District Bounds at Castletown.

Louth County Archives

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

# Minutes of Proceedings

OF

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

AT THEIR

**First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting,**

Held on 27th May, 1915.

**Annual Meeting,**

Held on 16th June, 1915.

**Finance Committee**

At their Meetings held on 7th June; 21st June;  
5th July and 19th July, 1915.

**Proposal Committee**

At their Meeting held on 5th July, 1915.

**Executive Committee**

At their Meeting held on 19th July, 1915.

**Scholarship Committee**

At their Meeting held on 21st June, 1915.

**The County Offices Committee**

At their Meeting held on 9th July, 1915.

## Louth County Council.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 27th day of May, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

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

Other Members:—Wm Woods, J P; P M'Gee, J P; Michael M'Ardle, T V M'Quillan, James M'Carthy, J P; N T Murphy, J P; Thomas B M'Court, James Wynne, J P; P Callan, J P; Patrick Donegan, J P; W T Skeffington, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; J F Murphy, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; M O'Meara, J P; Bernard Finnegan, J P Kearney, Peter Woods, J P; Joseph Dolan, Thomas O'Rourke, John Morgan, Edward Goodman, T J Byrne, J P, and Michael Meade, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; James Dromgoole and J M O Lyons, Assistant Surveyors; Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, and Dr M'Quillan, T M O, and Mr V. Warren, Clerk, T C M, were in attendance.

### CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth

County Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on the 22nd day of April, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Edward Goodman, Esq;  
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned dates (a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council) with all payments and recommendations—save the appointment of the Solicitor to represent the Council on costs taxation—contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed:—

Monday, 26th day of April, 1915.  
Monday, 10th day of May, 1915.  
Monday, 24th day of May, 1915.

Mr T J Byrne, referring to the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, held on the 24th day of May, at which meeting he was Chairman, said that the minute referring to the Payment of Railway Fares to members was slightly inaccurate. The minute referred to (Page 9 of the printed minutes), read:—"The Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment, etc." Mr. Byrne said it was his ordinary vote and not his casting vote which decided the question, and the word "casting" should be deleted. The alteration was made accordingly.

#### TAXATION OF SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

Arising out of the Finance Minutes of 24th May, 1915,

Mr M Meade proposed;

Mr T J Byrne seconded, and it was unanimously passed:

That Mr Patrick J Roe be appointed to represent the Council on the taxation of the Council's Solicitor's bill of costs.

#### CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas B M'Court, Esq;  
Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, held on the 10th May, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Edward Goodman, Esq;  
Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee, at their Meetings held on 26th April, 1915, and 17th May, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

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

Resolved—That the Report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on Pages 1 and 2 of the Schedule of Proposals for the 27th May, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and is hereby approved of.

#### ARDEE WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;

Seconded by Patrick Callan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on the 6th day of April, 1915, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their adjourned quarterly meeting, held on the 27th day of April, 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

#### DROGHEDA WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P;

Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their first quarterly meeting held on the 13th day of April, 1915, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their adjourned quarterly meeting, held on the 11th day of May, 1915, be, and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

#### DUNDALK WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Wm Woods, Esq, J P;

Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dnudalk Rural District at their first quarterly meeting, held on the 12th day of April, 1915, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their adjourned quarterly meeting, held on 3rd May 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

#### COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Joseph H M'Ardle, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee, at their first quarterly meeting, held on the 12th day of April, 1915, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

#### WORKS NOT SET BY CONTRACT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;

Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That all works not taken by contract at adjourned meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

## COLLECTOR P. HUGHES' REMUNERATION.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at their meeting, held on 24th May, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T J Byrne, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby request the Local Government Board to sanction the payment of all remuneration due to Collector Patrick Hughes, inasmuch as this Collector has now lodged the full amounts of all his warrants in respect of which the remuneration still remains unpaid.

## GILES' QUAY HARBOUR CONSTABLE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby direct the Finance Committee to advertise for a Harbour Constable for Giles' Quay Pier at a salary of £12 (twelve pounds) per annum, the remuneration to cover all the duties in connection with the post, including the lighting of the leading and Pier Lights, and we empower the Committee to make the appointment.

## PURCHASE OF GILES' QUAY BOATSLIP.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby confirm the recommendation of the

Finance Committee to purchase the interest of Mr Joseph P Kearney in the Boatslip at Giles' Quay Harbour for the sum of £50 (fifty pounds), and direct our Solicitor to prepare the necessary assignment.

## CHARGE FOR MACHINERY LOAN.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the charge on the Rates to the Treasurer of the County Council, the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Dundalk, for the sum of £4,095, with interest on all outstanding Balances at the rate of 3 per cent (three per cent) per annum, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the said charge.

## DROGHEDA COURT HOUSE.

The question of the use of Drogheda Court House by the Corporation of Drogheda was next considered.

N T Murphy, Esq, J P, proposed, and

Edward Goodman, Esq, seconded,

That in future Coal, Gas, and Water be supplied for the maintenance of Drogheda Court House as a Court House, and not for any other purpose.

A protracted discussion took place on this resolution, in which Messrs Skeffington, Byrne, M'Quillan, M'Carthy, M'Gee, O'Meara, and Hamill, and the proposer and seconder took part.

Mr T J Byrne proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr James M'Carthy:—

That we hereby appoint a Committee to investigate and report as to the original agreement as between the Corporation of Drogheda and the Grand Jury, and the average cost of the upkeep and maintenance of same, and the liability of this Council for same.

At the request of the Chairman, the Secretary read the following Clause from the Lease of the Court House given by the Corporation of Drogheda to the Grand Jury:—

“That the Grantors may at all times when the said Court House Buildings and Improvements shall not be in actual use for the purposes of any of Her Majesty’s Courts of Law, or for Grand Jury purposes, use and occupy the said Court House Buildings and Improvements for the purpose of holding Meetings of the Grantors in their said Corporate capacity, and for all purposes incidental thereto.”

By permission of the Council Mr N T Murphy amended his resolution, which was seconded by Mr Goodman, to read as follows:—

“That in future Coal, Gas and Water be supplied for the maintenance of Drogheda Court House as a Court House, and not for any other purpose, unless the lease given by the Drogheda Corporation to the Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda provides otherwise.”

The Chairman then took a division on the amendment, with the following result:—

For the Amendment—Messrs Byrne, Callan, Joseph Dolan, J H M’Ardle, M’Carthy, M’Quillan, O’Meara and W T Skeffington—8

Against—Messrs Donegan, Finnegan, Goodman, Hamill, M M’Ardle, Kearney, M’Court, M’Gee, Meade, J F Murphy, N T Murphy, Morgan, O’Rourke, P Woods, W Woods, and Wynne—16.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and took a division on Mr Murphy’s amended resolution which the following Councillors voted for:—

Messrs Joseph Dolan, Donegan, Finnegan, Goodman, Hamill, M M’Ardle, Kearney, M’Court, M’Gee, Meade J F Murphy, N T Murphy, Morgan, O’Rourke, P Woods, W Woods, and Wynne—17.

The following gentlemen declined to record their votes:—  
Messrs T J Byrne, Callan, J H M’Ardle, M’Carthy, M’Quillan, O’Meara and Skeffington.

The Chairman then declared the resolution carried.

#### CO-OPTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR ARDEE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M’Gee, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr James T M’Gee, of Roodstown, as County Councillor for the Electoral Division of Ardee, vice Mr James Halpenny, J P, resigned.

#### VETERINARY INSPECTORS’ REMUNERATION.

The sanction of the Department to the extra Salaries paid the Veterinary Inspectors for work under Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order being due to expire on the 1st June, the revision of these salaries had been before the Executive Committee, and in ac-

cordance with their recommendation the following resolution setting out the fees to be paid for this work on and after the 1st June, 1915, was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P ;  
Seconded by J P Kearney, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the recommendations of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on the 26th day of April, 1915, and fix the scale of fees noted below, to be paid the Veterinary Inspectors for cases under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914. The scale to come into operation on the 1st June, 1915:—

Scale of Fees Prepared by the Veterinary Medical Association of Ireland.

	£	s	d
1. For clinical examination of the first animal a fee of ...	0	10	6
Each additional animal on the same premises ...	0	1	0
The maximum amount under this head not to exceed £1.			
2. When the premises are more than 15 miles distant a fee for the first animal of ...	1	1	0
3. For applying the Tubercular Test up to four animals ...	2	2	0
Each animal over four ...	0	5	0
These fees to include the cost of Tuberculin for the purposes of the test.			
4. Post Mortem Examinations ...	1	1	0
5. Microscopic Examinations ...	0	10	6
6. Mileage at the rate of 1s per mile one way, or railway fare.			

No further charges to be made for reports or valuations.

THE LATE CAPTAIN ROGER BELLINGHAM.

The following letter from Sir Henry Bellingham was read, and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:—

Castlebellingham,  
Ireland,

April 24th, 1915.

Sir Henry Bellingham begs to acknowledge with many thanks the very kind resolution of sympathy sent him from the Louth County Council on the death of his son, and to say how entirely he reciprocates what they say of him.

Mr Roger Bellingham and his entire family wish to associate themselves with Sir Henry in tendering thanks to all the members present who voted the resolution, and those who though absent endorsed it.

DEDUCTIONS FROM ESTATE DUTY GRANT.

The following letter and statement were read from the Local Government Board in reply to letter and resolution forwarded by the Secretary in accordance with instructions given at last meeting of the County Council, and were initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 17th May, 1915.

No. 25,634:1915.

Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 7th instant, relative to the deductions made from the share of the County Louth in the second instalment of the Estate or Death Duty Grant for the year ended 31st of March last, in respect of land purchase liability in the County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to enclose for the information of

the County Council, copies of the certificates, so far as they relate to the County of Louth, which have been furnished by the Land Commission and National Debt Commissioners showing the liability of the county in this matter.

Outside the information contained in these documents the Board have no information on this subject, and they regret to state that they cannot undertake to obtain any further information for the Council.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

County Louth County Council.

#### COUNTY OF LOUTH.

Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891.

Guarantee Fund—Year Ended 31st March, 1915.

Certificate (1) of the amounts (if any) to be deducted from the shares of the several counties in the Guarantee Fund in respect of advances to meet deficiencies on the Land Purchase Account, or to be distributed to any of them in respect of repayments by the Land Purchase Account to the Guarantee Fund out of current instalments of annuities in excess of advances made during the year; and (2) of the amounts (if any) to be paid over to any of the counties in respect of arrear instalments of annuities received into the Land Purchase Account in the year ended the

12th day of February, 1915, and transferred to the Guarantee Fund.

(Signed),

C. T. BEARD, Secretary.

County.	Net Advances made by the Guarantee Fund after deducting repayments out of current Instalments of Annuities.	Transferred to the Guarantee Fund in Repayment of Advances.		Addition.
		Out of current instalments of Annuities in excess of advances made during the year.	Out of Arrear Instalments.	
Louth	£ s d 224 17 9	— — —	£ s d 225 2 7	£ s d 0 4 10

Irish Land Acts, 1903 and 1909.

Certificate Under Rule 8 (2) in Respect of Arrears.

I hereby certify that for the year ending 31st January, 1915-I. the amount chargeable to each county of the sum drawn from the Guarantee Fund in respect of purchasers' half-yearly payments in arrear; and II. the amount which each county shall have paid to the Guarantee Fund in respect of purchasers' half-yearly payments in arrear which have been recovered are as under:

(Signed),

W. G. TURPIN,

Comptroller-General.

County.	Arrears drawn from Guarantee Fund. I.	Repayments to Guarantee Fund of arrears recovered. II.
Louth	£2,450 15 4	£2,228 7 5

Irish Land Acts, 1903 and 1909.

Certificate Under Rule 8 (2) in Respect of Insufficiency of Income.

I hereby certify that for the year ending 31st January, 1915, the amount chargeable to each county of the sum drawn from

the Guarantee Fund under Section 29 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, is as under:

(Signed), W. G. TURPIN,  
Comptroller-General.

County	1.—Amount drawn from Guarantee Fund.
Louth	£7 6 11
Net Deduction, £229 10s 0d	

#### BALLYMAKENNY TANK.

Letter was read from M. M'Quillan, Superintendent of the Ballymakenny Sheep Dipping Tank, stating that some hurdles, buckets, etc, were required in connection with the Tank, and the matter was referred to the local committee, Mr Joseph Dolan undertaking to look after the matter.

#### ARDEE TANK.

The following report from the Honorary Secretary of the Ardee Sheep Dipping Tank Committee, Mr J T M'Gee, M C C, was read, and the Sec. was directed to have advertisement inserted inviting tenders for the water supply to the tank for the present season.

Roodstown,

Ardee, 25th May, 1915.

Ardeo Local Dipping.

Dear Sir,  
The Committee met to-day. There were present Messrs J C Kieran, James M'Donnell, R Stokes, and J T M'Gee.

They considered all other possible sites and unanimously ad-

hered to the existing one. Sites convenient to the river might cause Fishery Authority to question the emptying of Council's tank into the river, and yards are unsuitable.

They recommended Council to advertise for tenders for supplying water to tank, as 1s 3d per load is, they believe, excessive.

Faithfully yours,

JAMES T. M'GEE.

#### COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Letter was read from Clerk of Petty Sessions, Drogheda, informing the County Council that application would be made by the Right Rev Archdeacon Segrave, P P, at Juvenile Court to be held in Drogheda on June 7th, to have the following children committed to Industrial Schools, under Section 133 of the Childrens Act, 1908:—William Patrick, Rose and Sophia James, of Ropewalk, Drogheda, all under 14 years.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### MAINTENANCE OF PATIENTS AT PEAMOUNT.

Letter was read from Tuberculosis Committee of Management enclosing letter received by them from the Peamount Sanatorium Committee embodying the following resolution:—"That in consequence of the increased cost of provisions and general maintenance, the Committee of Management regret having to request the Insurance Committee and County Council to increase the payment by 5s per week during the period of the war."

This resolution had reference to the cost of patients in Peamount Sanatorium, for whose maintenance the Women's National Health Association had agreed with the County Council at the rate of £1 per week per patient, and for whom they now ask an increase of 5s per week each.

After discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we ask the Peamount Authorities to make no increase in the cost of maintenance of the twelve beds provided by the County Council, and that we decide to pay the extra cost of 5s now asked for, for any additional beds over the twelve contracted for, that the County Council may require during the period of the war.

#### GRANT FOR PEAMOUNT SANATORIUM.

Letter was read from Tuberculosis Committee of Management enclosing Memorandum explaining the arrangements made in connection with the Grant of £25,000 made to the Women's National Health Association of Ireland from the special Sanatorium Grant for the building of Sanatoria and Dispensaries under the Insurance Act.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received notice of a meeting of the Peamount Sanatorium Committee as representative of the County Council, which would be held on Tuesday, 1st June, and suggested that the consideration of this Memorandum be deferred until after this meeting. This course was adopted unanimously.

#### OMEATH IRISH COLLEGE.

A letter from Mr Joseph T Dolan, M A, Ardee, Treasurer of the Omeath Irish College, addressed to the Chairman, was read, in which the members of the Council were appealed to for subscriptions towards the upkeep of the College.

The Council unanimously decided to make personal contributions to the fund, and Messrs M O'Meara, J P, and Wm Woods, J P, made the collection, and the latter two gentlemen were appointed to represent the Council on the College Committee.

#### RECRUITING IN IRELAND.

Circular letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Central Council for the organisation of Recruiting in Ireland, which had been forwarded by His Majesty's Lieutenant for County Louth (Sir H Bellingham) was read and approved.

#### PENSION TO HARBOUR CONSTABLE, GILES' QUAY.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by J P Kearney, Esq;

Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P. and

Resolved—That a pension of £8 (eight pounds) per year, being two-thirds of his total annual remuneration of £12 (twelve pounds) be allowed to James Cumiskey, Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

## 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, 7th June, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—William Woods, J P; N T Murphy, J P; J F Murphy, J P; M O'Meara, J P; Jas Wynne, J P; Patk M'Gee, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P. Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee 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	£180 19 5
Secretary's Office (including refund of Rate Collectors' arrears)	... 327 0 4
Total,	£507 19 9

The Bank books for General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined, and initialled by the Chairman.

### PAYMENTS OUT OF NO. 1 LOANS ACCOUNT.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's Authority, which was duly signed, for payments to John Fowler and Co for traction engines, and to J Potter and Co. for living vans, and read the following letter from the Local Government Board authorising the Finance Committee to order payments direct out of the Loans' Account at any fortnightly meeting:

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
4th June, 1915.

No. 28, 908/1915.

Louth County.

Sir,—

With reference to your further letter of the 22nd ultimo, relative to the loan of £4,095 sanctioned to the County Council of Louth for the purpose of purchasing road-machinery, I am directed by the Local Government for Ireland to state that they see no objection to the Finance Committee ordering payments direct out of the Loans' Account at any fortnightly meeting.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

### MACHINERY LOAN AND HIBERNIAN BANK.

The following correspondence with reference to the Machinery Loan for £4,095 was read:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
31st May, 1915.

No. 27,784/1915.  
Louth County.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland

to forward for the information of the Louth County Council, the accompanying copy of a letter which the Board have received from Messrs D and T Fitzgerald, Solicitors, relative to the loan of £4,095 required by the Council for the purpose of purchasing road making machinery, together with a copy of the Board's reply.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

(Copy).

20, St. Andrew Street, Dublin,  
18th May, 1915.

No. 69,244/1914.  
Louth County.

Hibernian Bank, Ltd., re Louth County Council.—Dundalk  
Branch.—Mortgage for £4,095.

Dear Sir,—

On the 24th December last you wrote to the Secretary of the Louth County Council sanctioning a loan of £4,095 for the purpose of purchasing road-making machinery. The Hibernian Bank, Ltd., have agreed to make the advance, and the draft deed charging the rates has now been prepared and sent on. It has occurred to us that, even though this loan was sanctioned prior to the recent Treasury regulations as to issue of capital, yet it may be that such a transaction might require the formal sanction of the Treasury, as we presume the loan is such as could be created by the issue of stock if the Council decided to issue stock. No doubt the loan was sanctioned prior to the

making of the Treasury regulations, but the amount is only being advanced now. Perhaps you will kindly favour us with your view as to whether the Treasury regulations are applicable. We enclose a draft of the proposed deed of charge.

Yours faithfully,

D. & T. FITZGERALD.

The Secretary,  
Local Government Board, Dublin.

(Copy).

Labourers' Department,  
Local Government Board, Dublin,  
31st May, 1915.

No. 27,784/1915.  
Louth County.

Gentlemen,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., and enclosure, relative to a loan of £4,095 required by the County Council of Louth for the purpose of purchasing road-making machinery.

In reference thereto, I am to state that under the arrangement with the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury embodied in the accompanying circular no further action can be taken by the Council on the sanction to the loan conveyed in the Board's letter of the 24th of December last without a further sanction of the Board.

The enclosure to your letter is returned, herewith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,  
Assistant Secretary.

Messrs D. & T. Fitzgerald, Solicitors,  
20, St. Andrew Street, Dublin.

The Secretary informed the Committee that on receipt of these letters he had written the Local Government Board and directed their attention to the circular issued by the Board dealing with borrowing by Local Authorities, in which it was set out that it was only necessary to again obtain sanction for Loans sanctioned prior to February, 1915, where the Loans had not been acted upon: that in the case of this Loan the County Council had definitely acted upon it by the purchase of the road-making machinery; and requesting confirmation of the sanction if this were necessary.

In reply, the Local Government Board sent the following letter, which was considered satisfactory by the Committee and was initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
4th June, 1915.

No. 30,399/1915.

Louth County.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, relative to the loan of £4,095 required by the County Council of Louth for the purpose of purchasing road-making machinery.

In reply, I am to state that the Board have authorised the Council to act on the sanction to the loan conveyed in the Board's letter of December last, No. 69,244/1914.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

Secretary,

Louth County Council.

Courthouse, Dundalk.

The Secretary was directed to send copy of this letter to the Treasurer of the Council.

### COUNTY INSURANCES.

The following Report from the Insurance Sub-Committee was read:—

#### Third Party and Employers' Liability Insurances.

##### Report of Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee appointed to consider and report on the question of Third Party and Employers' Liability Insurances met in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 3rd June, 1915. Messrs C A Duffy, J P, Chairman; Bernard Hamill, J P, and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

As instructed at last Meeting of the Finance Committee, the Secretary had written some non-tariff companies for terms to cover the Council's risks, and their quotations together with those which had been before the Finance Committee, were now tabled.

After very careful and full consideration of the terms of all the Companies, the Sub-Committee were of opinion that those of the Ocean Insurance Company for all Third Party risks, including Defence of Proceedings, Boiler Insurance (including four Inspections annually) spark risks, repairs up to £10, etc., at an inclusive annual premium of £131; and the terms of the Bell Motor Company for all Employers' Liability Risk at an annual premium of £125 5s, were the most comprehensive and advantageous, and the Sub-Committee believed that the Council would be fully covered under these policies.

In accordance with instructions received from the Chairman, the Secretary had addressed to each County Secretary in Ireland a list of queries as to the method by which insurances for each Council's various risks were effected and to what extent they insured against such risks.

Twenty-three had sent in replies up to the time of Meeting. Of this number four only were fully insured against all risks: fourteen were insured partially. Few Councils were insured against Employers' Liability for contractors' employees, considering the contractor's bond sufficient indemnity. One Council did not effect any insurance whatsoever, and four Councils set aside yearly a sum approximate to the amount of premiums they would pay an Insurance Company for the risks, and thus established a fund to meet any claims made on them.

The Committee considered that the last named method might commend itself to the County Council, as, owing to the infrequency of accidents, it was unlikely that there would be any great drain on the fund, but one Council which had applied to the Local Government Board for authority to adopt this course had been unable to secure the Board's sanction, and consequently had to insure in the ordinary way.

It might be considered as an alternative to insure only for all Third Party Risks and not to insure under the head of Employers' Liability. In the latter case, as regards contractors' employees, the contractors' bond might be accepted as sufficient indemnity against the risk, and as regards the Council's employees it was unlikely that there would be any big claim.

The Sub-Committee recommend the Finance Committee to consider the following three courses, and suggest that as the matter is very urgent a special meeting of the County Council should be convened as soon as possible to finally consider the Finance Committee's recommendations:—

1. To insure against all Third Party and Spark Risks and for Employers' Liability Risks. The whole question of insurances to be reconsidered after 12 months.

2. To insure against all Third Party Risks only.
3. To segregate annually a sum of say £300, thus forming a fund out of which all claims for all classes of accidents and damage would be met by the Council themselves.

In any event it is recommended that the boilers should be insured against explosion and damage arising out of explosion.

One of the Companies quote a rate of 5s per cent for General Third Party Risks on a wage roll of £16,700, which amounts to £41 15s, but they have not consented to the special endorsement of the assureds undertakings and risks, although the form was sent them to sign and return.

After the foregoing report was read a telegram was received from the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company quoting for Third Party Risks and Public Liability, a sum which approximated to £74 0s 6d, but excepted the risk for damage to Road Rollers and Horse Drivers employed by the Council on road work.

A discussion took place as to the advisability of accepting the offer from this Company for the risks for Third Party and Injury to Vehicles, and the Chairman having stated he was going to Dublin on private business on the following day and considered that a personal interview with the Local Manager in Dublin would be more satisfactory with a view to getting the damage to vehicles and horse driving risks included in the quotation, it was decided that the Chairman and Secretary would interview the Manager in Dublin and if possible arrange terms.

The Committee recommended, on the motion of Mr N T Murphy, seconded by Mr James Wynne, and unanimously agreed to:

“That provided the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Com-

pany included the damage to vehicles and the 25 horse drivers in the risks covered that their quotation of £74 0s 6d for the comprehensive Third Party Policy, be accepted."

The Committee also recommended that the Employers' Liability risk for road maintenance contracts and for which the contractors indemnified the County Council in their bonds might not be included in the Employers' Liability risk, and directed the Secretary to obtain quotations for all the other risks under this head from the Tariff Companies who had already quoted for the entire liability of the Council on a wage roll approximately of £16,700.

#### DROGHEDA COURTHOUSE.

In connection with the resolution passed by the County Council by which the Council decided "to supply coal, gas and water for the maintenance of Drogheda Courthouse as a Courthouse and not for any other purpose, unless the lease given by the Corporation of Drogheda to the Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda provides otherwise," the Secretary requested a direction from the Committee to instruct the Council's Solicitor to examine the lease referred to, and report on the liability of the County Council under same.

The Secretary was directed to obtain the opinion of the Solicitor on the liability of the Council as to the provision of fuel, light, and water to the offices used by the Corporation of Drogheda in Drogheda Courthouse, and any other matter pertaining thereto.

#### GILES' QUAY HARBOUR CONSTABLE.

The Committee directed that the following advertisement for a

Harbour Constable for Giles' Quay be published in the usual manner:—

Louth County Council.

Vacancy for Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay Pier.

The Finance Committee of the Louth County Council are prepared to receive applications from suitable persons for the position of Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay Pier at a salary of £12 per annum.

The duties in connection with the position are the management of all the business of the Harbour and the lighting of the leading and pier lights.

Applications, accompanied by Testimonials, will be received by the undersigned up to the hour of one o'clock p m on Saturday, the 19th instant, and the person appointed will be required to enter into a bond with two sureties in the sum of £50 for the due performance of the duties.

CHARLES M'ALESTER,

Secretary to the County Council.

Courthouse, Dundalk,

7th June, 1915.

#### IRRECOVERABLE ARREARS OF RATES.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board, dated 27th May, 1915, No. 24,591/1915, authorising the refund to the Rate Collectors of the amount of their irrecoverable arrears as per lists and vouchers submitted to the Board, excluding an item of 2s 6d on Collector M'Cullough's sheets for costs of warrant, which item was to be paid by separate paying order.

The Secretary stated that these payments were included in today's authority, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman, and the payments ordered.

## COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Letter was read from the Principal, Dominican Hall, Dublin, stating that Miss Lyons, County Council Scholar, had been unable, through ill health, to present herself for First Arts Examination, and that her claim to exemption therefrom was recognised by the College Authorities. The letter requested the continuance of Miss Lyons' Scholarship in order to pursue the course next Session.

Application from Miss U M'Parland for balance of her Scholarship was read.

Letter from Mr P A Hanratty asking for balance of Scholarship, and stating that he had applied for a commission in the Army, was read. He wished to know whether, if he got the commission, the Council would hold over the remaining year's Scholarship till after the war.

All the letters were referred to the Scholarship Committee.

## COLLECTOR HUGHES' BOND.

The following letter from the London and Lancashire Assurance Company was read, and the Secretary informed the Committee that Mr Hughes' collecting books were ready, but could not be taken up until the bond was completed. The Secretary was directed to write Mr Hughes to have his bond completed and his collecting books and warrant taken up at once:—

London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, Ltd,  
18 and 19, College Green, Dublin,  
1st June, 1915.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,—

F. G. Bond—£900—Patrick Hughes, Rate Collector.

With reference to the new bond for £900 which is re-

quired in this case, we have submitted the papers to our Head Office, who have informed us that they will require two solvent counter-sureties to be furnished by Mr Hughes before the security can be granted.

We have written on two occasions to Mr Hughes to this effect, but so far he has not furnished us with the names and addresses of two gentlemen willing to act in the required capacity.

As you will doubtless soon be issuing the books in respect of the present half-year's collection, it is important that the matter should be attended to without delay.

We shall be glad, therefore, if you will kindly communicate with Mr Hughes requesting him to comply with our requirements, and oblige.

Yours faithfully,

SYDNEY L. FRY,  
Local Manager.

## COLLECTOR P. HUGHES' REMUNERATION.

The following letter from the Local Government Board, in reply to the resolution of the Council, copy of which had been forwarded by the Secretary, was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
3rd June, 1915.

No. 29,754/1915.  
Louth County.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, relative to the payment by the Louth County Council to Collector Patrick Hughes of the balance of poundage fees in respect of the

half-year ended the 30th September, 1913, and of full poundage fees in respect of the half-year ended the 30th September, 1914.

With reference thereto, the Board desire to refer the County Council to the previous correspondence on the subject, and the guarantee given by Mr Hughes in June, 1914, that he would close his collections on the prescribed dates in future; and I am to state that, in the circumstances, the Local Government Board are not prepared to approve of the payment of these fees.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

#### DUNDALK TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board, dated 2nd June, 1915, No. 30,158/1915, enclosing Forms of Architect's Certificate, which the Secretary was directed to have completed and forwarded.

#### WATER FOR ARDEE SHEEP DIPPING TANK.

In accordance with instructions, the Secretary had advertised for tenders for the supply of water to the above tank during the Summer and Autumn Dipping Periods, and had received the following tenders:—

Thomas Martin, 1s per load.  
J J Breen, 1s per load.  
L Callan, 11d per load.  
J Byrne, 1s 2d per load.

The tender of Laurence Callan at 11d per load being the lowest, was accepted.

#### SIR CHARLES A. CAMERON'S REPORT.

The following Report from Sir Charles A Cameron, County Analyst, was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, Dublin,

1st June, 1915.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Louth, on articles submitted during the quarter ended 31st March, 1915.

There were no articles received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C.

There was one specimen of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which was taken up in the County Louth, and was pure.

One specimen of water analysed for the Guardians of Ardee Union had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	36.400
Including	
Albuminoids Ammonia	0.018
Saline Ammonia	0.004
Nitric Acid	5.620
Chlorine	2.390
Colour	light yellow

This water is of slightly inferior quality.

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

No specimens were received from the Food Inspectors.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

## SURPLUS FROM SALE OF DOG LICENCES.

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

Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks' Office,  
Dublin Castle, 2nd June, 1915.

Sir,—

I beg to acquaint you, for the information of the County Council, that the proportion of Surplus Moneys arising from the sale of Licences under the "Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865," amounts to £246 13s 2d for the County of Louth for the year 1914, and to state that the Lord Lieutenant has directed that this sum should be paid over to the County Treasurer, to be applied by him in aid of County Rates, in such manner as the County Council shall direct.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. CADDELL.

To the Secretary to the County Council,  
for the County Louth, at Dundalk.

## AUDITED ACCOUNTS.

Letters from the Local Government Board enclosing the Abstracts of Accounts of the Ardee Union, Ardee Rural District Council, County Committee of Agriculture, and Joint Committee of Technical Instruction, for half-year ended 31st March, 1915, together with Auditors' Reports thereon, were submitted, and were initialled by the Chairman.

## MOTOR LICENCE DUTY DEFAULTERS.

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was read, and the Committee unanimously decided to withdraw the summonses

against those persons who had paid the duty subsequent to the issue of the summonses:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
7th June, 1915.

Re Motor Licence Duty Prosecutions.

Dear Sir,—

As you are aware summonses have been issued for hearing at Petty Sessions on Friday next for failure to pay this Duty against the following:—J H Clinton, Hugh Casey, P J Kerley, Michael V M'Kevitt, Patk Eardley, and R H Hunter. The latter three persons have paid the Duty subsequently to issue of the summonses. Ordinarily the Council are entitled to proceed for convictions and payment of penalty inflicted against all who have not paid the Duty prior to issue of the summonses.

I ask for the Council's instructions in the matter to know if all the summonses are to be proceeded with, or whether summonses are to be withdrawn against any defendant who may have paid prior to the Court hearing.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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

## LOANS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

The Committee directed the Secretary to apply to the Council's Treasurer to transfer the Loans for Road Improvement in the Rural Districts of Ardee No. 1, Drogheda and Dundalk of £793 10s, £707 and £2,559 10s, respectively, to the Loans' Accounts. These loans amounting to £4,060 had been sanctioned by the Local Government Board and the Treasury, and the County Surveyor would now require to make payments out of same in connection with the work under the Road Board Grants.

# Louth County Council.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Annual Meeting held in the Courthouse, Drogheda, on Wednesday, 16th June, 1915, at eleven o'clock a m.

## Present:—

Patrick Callan, J P; Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J P; Charles A Duffy, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; P M'Gee, J P; Laurence M'Keon, T V M'Quillan, John F Murphy, J P; N T Murphy, J P; Peter B Moore, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, Wm T Skeffington, J P, and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

On the motion of P B Moore, Esq, J P,

Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P,

The chair was taken by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

## ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P,

Seconded by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That Lieutenant William A Doran, J P, of Harristown House, Ardee, be and is hereby elected Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing year.

## ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, J P,

Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That Mr Charles A Duffy, J P, of Seatown Place, Dundalk, be and is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing year.

## CHAIRMEN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Letters were read from the Clerks of the District Councils Ardee No. 1, Drogheda, and Dundalk, notifying that their Councils had appointed the following gentlemen as Chairmen of their respective Councils for the following year:—

Ardee No. 1—Captain Sir Augustus Vere Foster, D L, Glyde Court, Ardee.

Drogheda—Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, Monasterboice.

Dundalk—William Woods, Esq, J P, Carlingford.

## LICENCE FOR BLACKROCK PICTURE THEATRE.

Letter was read from the Secretary, Blackrock (Dundalk) Picture Theatre Company, for renewal of Cinematograph Licence for the above Picture House, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Joseph H M'Ardle, Esq, J P,

Seconded by Thomas V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby grant a renewal of the Cinematograph Licence to the Blackrock Picture Theatre Company for the ensuing year.

## THE OIREACHTAS FESTIVAL.

## ADDRESS TO DR. DOUGLAS HYDE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P,

Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to present an Address of Welcome to Dr Douglas Hyde, President of the Gaelic League, on the occasion of the opening of the first Oireachtas or All-Ireland Festival to be held in County Louth on the 25th July, and we direct our Secretary to prepare a suitable Address for the occasion; and we appoint the following Committee to take charge of the arrangements therewith—Messrs C A Duffy, J P; W T Skeffington, J P; T V M'Quillan, Michael O'Meara, J P; N T Murphy, J P; and William Woods, J P.

## SPEED OF MOTORS IN URBAN DISTRICTS.

Mr Moore brought under the notice of the Council the question of the excessive speed at which motors were driven through the streets of Drogheda to the danger of the public, and suggested that the County Council should obtain orders limiting the speed in the Urban area.

A discussion took place on the matter in which Messrs N T Murphy, M'Carthy, Skeffington, M'Gee, and the Chairman took part. At the request of the Chairman, the Solicitor informed the Council that he had this matter in hands some time since, and had been in communication with the Local Government Board with reference to the speed of motors in the Urban Districts of Dundalk and Drogheda, and the towns of Ardee, Dunleer, Castlebellingham and Carlingford, and that it might be

necessary for an enquiry to be held before the Local Government Board would fix the speed limit.

It was suggested that the Corporation of Drogheda and the Urban District Council of Dundalk should name a maximum limit of speed for motors within their Districts, and subsequently the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P,

Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we direct our Solicitor to obtain orders limiting the speed of motors in the Urban Districts of Drogheda and Dundalk.

## REPAIRS TO DROGHEDA COURTHOUSE.

On the suggestion of Mr N T Murphy, the members of the Council present inspected the Courthouse Buildings in company with the County Surveyor as to the necessary repairs which required immediate attention, and the matter was left in the hands of the County Surveyor to prepare an estimate of the cost and submit same to Finance Committee.

The meeting adjourned.

## Scholarship Committee.

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Minutes of proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 21st June, 1915, at 12.30 p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P.

Other Members—James Connolly, J P, and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Scholarship Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary submitted Report from the Registrar of the University College, Dublin, in which it was stated that the conduct and attendance of all the Louth County Council Scholarship holders has been most satisfactory. A report as to their progress and studies cannot be furnished now as the Examinations are being held, and results will not be available until the end of the month.

The report was initialled by the Chairman.

Letter was read from Sister M de Ricci, Principal, Dominican Hall, Stephen's Green, Dublin, informing the Council that Miss Margaret V Lyons, one of the Council's Scholars, had been unable, through ill-health, to present herself for First Arts Examination, and that the College Authorities recognised her claim to exemption

therefrom. The continuance was requested of Miss Lyons' Scholarship in order that she might pursue her First Arts Course next Session.

The Committee unanimously recommended that under the circumstances Miss Lyons' Scholarship should be continued next year.

Letter was read from Mr P A Hanratty stating that he had applied for a commission in the Army, and requesting to know whether, if he got it, the County Council would hold over his remaining year's Scholarship until after the war.

The Committee were unanimous in recommending that if Mr Hanratty obtains a commission, his Scholarship be held over for him until after the war.

Applications from two of the Council's Scholarship Holders for balance of their Scholarships were read, and the Committee recommended that any balances remaining out of the Scholarships of £50 each be handed to the Students, and the Secretary was directed to ensure that all their College and hostel expenses to the end of the scholastic year were paid before such balances be handed over.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 21st June, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members—Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Thos B M'Court, Thomas O'Rourke, Peter Woods, J P; Bernard Finnegan, Wm Woods, J P; Michael O'Meara, J P; P M'Gee, J P; John F Murphy, J P; John Morgan, J P Kearney and T J Byrne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee 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 Co. Surveyor	£43 11 0
Secretary's Office	53 6 0
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Total	£96 17 0
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The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined, and initialled by the Chairman.

## ELECTION OF HARBOUR CONSTABLE FOR GILES' QUAY.

The next business on the agenda was the appointment of a Harbour Constable for Giles' Quay Pier, in room of James Cumiskey, resigned, in accordance with the following advertisement which had been published for two succeeding weeks in the "Drogheda Argus" and "Dundalk Democrat":—

Louth County Council.

Vacancy for Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay Pier.

The Finance Committee of the Louth County Council are prepared to receive applications from suitable persons for the position of Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay Pier, at a salary of £12 per annum.

The duties in connection with the position are the management of all the business of the Harbour, and the lighting of the leading lights and pier lights.

Applications, accompanied by testimonials, will be received by the undersigned up to the hour of one o'clock, p m, on Saturday, the 19th instant, and the person appointed will be required to enter into a bond with two sureties in the sum of £50 for the due performance of the duties.

CHARLES M'ALESTER,

Secretary to the Co. Council.

Court House,

Dundalk, 7th June, 1915.

The only application received for the position was that of Michael Ferguson, Maddoxland, who named as his sureties Richard M'Grath, Loughanmore, and Patrick Connor, Maddox-

*For Cumiskey's pension  
see entry 27-8-1915*

land, and enclosed a reference from the Very Rev Canon Donnellan, P P, Ravensdale, who testified to the applicant's honesty, sobriety, and excellent character.

It was then proposed by Mr J H M'Ardle, J P, who spoke very highly of Ferguson, seconded by Mr Thomas O'Rourke, and passed unanimously:—

That we hereby appoint Michael Ferguson, Maddoxland, Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay Pier, at a salary of £12 per annum, to carry out all the business of the Harbour, including the lighting of the leading and pier lights, in accordance with the advertisement issued by the Secretary; and that we approve of the sureties named by him.

The Secretary was instructed to arrange to have Ferguson's Bond completed at once, so that he could take up the duties at the Pier on 1st July, on which date the late Harbour Constable's resignation takes effect.

#### PURCHASE OF GILES' QUAY BOAT SLIP.

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

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 15th June, 1915.

No. 30,400: 1915.  
Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, relative to the proposed payment by the Louth County Council of a sum of £50 for the purchase of a Boat Slip at the Giles' Quay Harbour, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have your letter under consideration, but before giving a definite reply, they have thought it well to

communicate with the Commissioners of Public Works on the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Dundalk.

#### LOANS FOR MACHINERY AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

The following letters were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

The Hibernian Bank Limited,  
Dundalk, 7th June, 1915.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

I beg to advise you that I have placed to credit of the Council's Loan No. 1 Account the sum of four thousand and ninety-five pounds, being proceeds of the loan granted by the Bank for the purchase of road-making machinery.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES H. MacNEVIN,

Manager.

The Hibernian Bank Limited,  
Dundalk, 18th June, 1915.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 17th inst, with its enclosures. I note that your Council now require the advance for £4,060, for the purpose of road-making.

I am putting the matter before Head Office this evening, and it shall have our immediate attention.

Yours faithfully,

CHAS. MacNEVIN,  
Manager.

#### IMPROVEMENTS IN RURAL DISTRICTS ADJOINING COUNTY ROADS.

The following applications were considered by the Committee:—

From Bernard Sandys, Heynestown, for permission to erect a wall at his farm at Heynestown. He enclosed map showing where the proposed wall was to built.

From Philip M'Cann, Edenkell, for permission to extend wall round his farmyard. This was a continuation of wall which the County Council had sanctioned some years ago.

From John Keelan, Tallanstown, for permission to plant rose bushes and erect a wire fencing in a line with the existing wall at his store in Tallanstown.

All three applications were granted subject to the approval of the County Surveyor, condition to be made in the case of Keelan that no barbed wire would be used.

#### THIRD PARTY INSURANCES.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the result of the interview he and the Secretary had with the Manager of the London and Lancashire Insurance Company at Dublin, on Tuesday, 15th inst. The Manager had agreed to submit to his Head Office the inclusion of 10 horse drivers and three trailers on road rollers to be covered in the Policy, and the Insurance for damage to the engines by accidents, and submit quotations. The Secretary then submitted these quotations, which were at the rate of £4 10s 0d each for road rollers and trailers, being £1 10s 0d per cent extra; for traction engines the sum of £16 each, being £4 11s 0d per cent extra, and horse drivers at 15s each. The entire quotation for all Third Party risks to and by rollers, traction engines with trailers, ten horse drivers, spark risks, boiler explosion and inspection, amounting in all to the sum of £93 17s 6d, with all the extras covered in Schedule signed on behalf of the Company, including law costs incurred cost of protection and removal following damage, repairs up to £10, representation at inquests and defence of police court proceedings, together with the special endorsement covering all possible risks either by misfeasance or non-feasance on the part of the County Council by their workmen or vehicles.

A long discussion took place on the entire matter, and various queries by Mr T J Byrne with reference to the various risks covered by the quotation, were answered. The quotations of the other Insurance Companies were also compared, by which it was seen that that of the London and Lancashire was the cheapest.

The Committee unanimously recommended,

On the motion of Patrick M'Gee, Esq., J. P.;

Seconded by Bernard Finnegan, Esq.,

That the quotation of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Coy, Ltd, for the sum of £93 17s 6d, to cover all Third Party risks, as set out in the schedule signed by them, be accepted subject to the approval by the Solicitor to the County Council of the Policy to be prepared by the Company.

It was further unanimously decided to request the Insurance Company to issue a protection note covering the County Council pending the completion of the Policy.

PERMISSION TO COUNTY SURVEYOR TO PROCEED  
WITH WORK.

The following letter was read:—

County Surveyor's Office,  
Court House, Dundalk,  
19th June, 1915.

Road Board Work.

In the Chairman and Gentlemen, Finance Committee,  
Louth County Council.

Gentlemen,

There have been many serious delays in connection with loans in the matter of the Road Board Work. These naturally hold up the settling of the question of insurance, both Third Party and Workmen's Compensation. The matter of the loans is now settled: it is getting late in the year. I beg to ask if it would be the wish of the Council that I should get a couple of gangs of men to work preparing quarries for drills,

making passes, etc, pending the settlement of the insurance question which is now in hands.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

A discussion took place on this matter, some of the members of the Committee considering that the work should be delayed for a time, but it was ultimately unanimously decided to instruct the County Surveyor to proceed with the necessary preliminary work pending the completion of the insurance against Employers Liability risks under the Workmen's Compensation Acts.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Atlas Assurance Company were bringing the matter up for revision at the Associated Tariff Office Meeting during the present week, and would submit quotation as early as possible.

FEES UNDER TUBERCULOSIS (IRELAND) ORDER, 1914.

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, 7th June, 1915.

No. 1999-15.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 28th ultimo, embodying copy of a resolution adopted at a recent meeting of your Council on the subject of the special remuneration to Veterinary Inspectors for duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914, I have hereby to express the Department's appro-

val of the proposal to substitute for the increased salary rates hitherto applying, payment in accordance with the subjoined scale of fees during a period of twelve months from 1st inst.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Scale of Fees Approved.

- |   |     |   |    |   |
|---|-----|---|----|---|
| 1. For clinical examination of the first animal<br>a fee of                       | ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Each additional animal on the same premises                                       | ... | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| The maximum amount under this head not to exceed £1.                              |     |   |    |   |
| 2. When the premises are more than 15 miles distant a fee for the first animal of | ... | 1 | 1  | 0 |
| 3. For applying the Tuberculin test up to four animals                            | ... | 2 | 2  | 0 |
| Each animal over four   | ... | 0 | 5  | 0 |
| These fees to include the cost of Tuberculin for the purpose of the test.         |     |   |    |   |
| 4. Post Mortem Examinations   | ... | 1 | 1  | 0 |
| 5. Microscopic Examination  | ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| 6. Mileage at the rate of 1s per mile one way, or railway fare.                   |     |   |    |   |
| No further charges to be made for reports of valuations.                          |     |   |    |   |

TUBERCULOSIS (IRELAND) ORDER, 1914,  
COMPENSATION.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chair-

man. The Secretary stated that this compensation was included on to-day's Treasurer's Authority:—

Department of Agriculture and  
Technical Instruction for Ireland,  
(Veterinary Branch),  
50 and 51, Upper Merrion Street,  
Dublin, 17th June, 1915.

No. T. 969-15.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 14th instant, I have to say that the net compensation due under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order to Mr D Clarke for his slaughtered cow, is 30s, and the Department see no objection to the amount being paid by the Local Authority.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

COUNTY COURT-CLEANER'S APPLICATION.

The County Court-Cleaner, Christopher M'Garrity, applied for usual allowance for extra work incurred in connection with the extra staff at rate books. The Secretary informed the Committee that no application was made last year, but in previous years £1 was allowed for this work.

Mr T J Byrne, J P, proposed that M'Garrity be not allowed anything, as the work claimed for was part of his ordinary duties and entailed nothing additional.

Mr J H M'Ardle, J P, seconded.

Messrs T B M'Court and B Finnegan thought he should get the usual allowance, and Mr Peter Woods, J P, suggested allowing it this year, but no amendment to Mr Byrne's motion being proposed the application was rejected.

#### CLAIMS FOR GOOSEBERRY BUSHES.

The Department of Agriculture wrote on 11th June, 1915, No. A, 10862-15, enclosing copy of letter received from Michael Hynes, Corderry, Knockbridge, in which Mr Hynes requested information as to why the Department had not certified for gooseberry bushes destroyed by him under the American Mildew Order. The Department's letter stated that they were not aware of having refused sanction to payment of compensation for his bushes, to Mr Hynes, but that their Inspector had reported that his bushes, though cut down, had not been burned in accordance with instructions. The bushes, however, had since been destroyed, and in the circumstances the Department saw no objection to payment of compensation. The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr Hynes had written him in the matter requesting compensation, but in the Department's return, which was submitted, the bushes had not been certified for, and consequently no compensation was paid under the resolution of the County Council, which required a certification by the Department.

The Committee unanimously agreed to accept the Department's letter as a certificate of destruction of the bushes, and recommended payment of compensation for 3,600 bushes to Mr Hynes.

A claim from Miss A B Farrell, Carlingford, for 12 bushes

was also certified for by the Department, and payment recommended.

#### RECOUPMENT UNDER DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

Letter dated 14th June, 1915, was read from the Department of Agriculture informing the Council that the sum of £48 10s 0d had been lodged to the credit of the County Council. This amount is a refund of half the sum paid under the Diseases of Animals Acts by the Council during quarter ended 31st March, 1915. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Letter was read from the Inspector of the N S P C C, Dundalk, informing the Council that application will be made at the Children's Court on Friday, 18th inst, for the committal of three children to Industrial Schools. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### WEEK-END TICKETS.

The following letter from the Great Northern Railway Company in reply to the letter of the Secretary, enclosing copy of the resolution passed by the County Council at the request of the Dundalk Chamber of Commerce, was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Great Northern Railway Co., (Ireland),  
Office of Superintendent of the Line,  
Amiens Street Terminus,  
Dublin, 11th June, 1915.

M. 15-12459.

Dear Sir,

The resolution passed by the Louth County Coun-

oil, referred to in your letter of the 27th April, has had consideration, but I regret that this Company is not prepared to extend the Week-End Ticket Arrangements to any place other than Dublin, Belfast and Londonderry, to which they have applied for many years.

Yours faithfully,

R. J. MOORE.

Chas. M'Alister, Esq,  
Secretary Louth Co. Council,  
Court House, Dundalk.

The Secretary was directed to send copy of this letter to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

#### WATER SUPPLY FOR ARDEE DIPPING TANK.

The Secretary informed the Council that in accordance with advertisement issued, the contractor for the supply of water to above tank should enter into an agreement with two sureties, for the due performance of the contract. He had forwarded the agreement to Mr J T M'Gee, Secretary to the Tank Committee, that he might get the contractor, Mr Laurence Callan, Tisdale Street, Ardee, and his sureties to complete it; but Mr M'Gee had written that there was no necessity for sureties in this case, and that the work would be properly carried out. Mr M'Gee returned the agreement signed by the contractor only. The Secretary requested the sanction of the Committee to this course, and it was unanimously agreed that sureties were unnecessary for this contract.

#### REVISION OF VALUATION AND CHANGES OF NAMES.

The Secretary submitted lists of changes of names and revi-

sions of valuation required to be made by the Valuation Office, and the lists were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

#### CANADIAN FLOUR FOR RURAL DISTRICTS.

Mr Bernard Finnegan asked whether the suggestion of the War Distress Committee to apply for the rural districts, for some of the flour sent to Ireland by the Canadian Government, had been carried out.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had written the Local Government Board in the matter, and had received a reply to the effect that it was not proposed to distribute any of this flour in purely rural areas, as the agricultural industry had, if anything, benefitted by the war. The letter stated, however, that the Board was prepared to consider applications for flour from towns, when it could be shown that the industries or businesses had suffered by the war, and that in consequence distress was caused among the poorer classes. He had shown this letter to Mr Comerford, Town Clerk, and he understood that a consignment of the flour had been received by the Dundalk Urban District Council for distribution in the urban area.

Mr Finnegan suggested writing the Board again as there was considerable distress in the rural districts, and the Secretary was instructed accordingly.

## Proposal Committee.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Second Quarterly Meeting held in the Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 5th July, 1915, at 1 o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members—Patrick M'Gee, J P; Wm Woods, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; Laurence M'Keon, Michael Meade, John Morgan, N T Murphy, J P; John Dolan, Bernard Hamill, J P; James M'Carthy, J P, and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Proposal Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee considered the following Applications by the County Surveyor:—

No. 22—To render and pebbledash in cement the exterior walls of Drogheda Court House; to supply two new grates in the Judges' Rooms, and two new grates in the Assembly Room, and to make new connection to w.c. adjoining Judges' Chamber. Cost not to exceed £131.

County-at-Large Charge.

No. 23—To provide 29 Sign Arms with Gaelic lettering, to be erected on same poles as signs provided by Automobile Association, the erection of which was approved

at last Quarterly Meeting. Cost not to exceed £33.  
County-at-Large Charge.

In connection with the Application No. 22, a report was read from the County Surveyor in which he stated that the plastering and pebbledashing of the exterior walls of Drogheda Court House were very necessary to preserve the building, and that four new grates were required in the Judges' Rooms and the Assembly Rooms, and that the w.c. was in a very bad way and would require a new connection.

After discussion the Committee unanimously decided,

On the motion of Mr N T Murphy, J P;

Seconded by Mr Jas M'Carthy, J P,

That the Proposal No. 22 be passed.

The Secretary was directed to instruct the Caretaker of Drogheda Court House to exercise care as to the usage of the lavatories by the general public.

With regard to Proposal No. 23, as to the provision of Sign Arms, the Committee decided to reduce the amount to be expended on these to the sum of £20, and subject to this amendment, the proposal was passed unanimously,

On the motion of Mr N T Murphy, J P,

Seconded by Mr Wm Woods, J P.

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large Payments for quarter ended 30th June, 1915, which were duly examined and passed by the Committee.

The meeting adjourned till 9th August, 1915.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 5th July, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members—Patrick M'Gee, J P; Wm Woods, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; Laurence M'Keon, Michael Meade, John Morgan, N T Murphy, J P; John Dolan Bernard Hamill, J P; Jas M'Carthy, J P, and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the previous Finance Meeting 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	£39 9 8
Secretary's Office	23 1 11

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£62 11 7  
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The County-at-Large Accounts for quarter ended 30th June, 1915, were examined and recommended for payment.

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

## BALANCES OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Secretary informed the Committee that after paying the college and hostel fees and board and lodging accounts of the Louth County Scholarship holders for the scholastic year just ended, there were small balances remaining out of the scholarships of £50 each awarded to the students. In previous years the balances had been paid over to the scholars when it was ascertained that all their fees had been paid, and the Secretary read a letter from the College Authorities, in which it was stated that all fees incurred by County Louth students had been discharged.

The Committee unanimously decided to follow the course adopted in former years, and the Secretary was directed to present for payment at next Meeting of the Finance Committee the amount of the balance remaining out of each student's scholarship.

## ACCOUNTS OF TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Clerk to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management had been in communication with the Local Government Board relative to the method to be adopted by him of dealing with the Tuberculosis Committee's accounts. Up to the present all the accounts of the Committee have been dealt with by the County Council, and payments were made out of the County account. The Local Government Board had instructed the Secretary of the T C M to keep the accounts of the Tuberculosis Committee in accordance with the terms of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Prevention Act, 1908, and to prepare annually a statement of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Committee, and furnish a

Demand accordingly to the County Council. The demand was not to exceed the produce of the rate of one penny in the pound struck by the Council under the Tuberculosis Prevention Act, and would be transferred to the account of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management by four equal quarterly instalments. In view, however, of the fact that some of the accounts of the Tuberculosis Committee for the first quarter of the current financial year had already been paid by the County Council, the Local Government Board approved of a Demand on the Council for the remaining three quarters, on the basis of the nett estimated expenditure for the entire year. Accordingly the Clerk had prepared a Demand on the Council, and the Secretary submitted same. The net estimated amount required to carry on the business of the Tuberculosis Committee for the present financial year, as set out in the Demand, is £900, which would be transferable to the Tuberculosis Committee's accounts by instalments of £225 quarterly. As, however, the accounts for the first quarter—to 30th June—have been paid by the County Council, there remained only three instalments to be transferred to the Tuberculosis Committee to the end of the current year, namely, £675, to 31st March, 1916.

This arrangement was unanimously approved of by the Finance Committee, and the Demand was initialled by the Chairman, and the Secretary instructed to have the quarterly instalments transferred to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, subject to the approval of the County Council.

#### TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY—CONTRACTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Letter was read from the Clerk, Tuberculosis Committee, enclosing application from Mr Nicholas Haughey, Contractor for the Tuberculosis Dispensary at Dundalk, for instalment of

account for work done. The Secretary informed the Committee that the first instalment of £100 had been received from the Local Government Board, and Paying Order for the amount would be issued to Mr Haughey after the County Council meeting on 29th July.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### SITE FOR OMEATH SHEEP DIPPING TANK.

Letter was read from Mr John M'Cann, Omeath, stating that he could not accept less than £4 for the rent of the site for above dipping tank for the present season. The Secretary informed the Committee that this was the price charged last year for this site, but other sites only cost £2, and the Executive Committee last season were of opinion that £4 was an excessive charge.

The matter was referred to the local Tank Committee.

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DIP SHEEP.

Police report stating that Mrs Segrave, Dunany, had not complied with the Sheep Dipping Regulations by forwarding the "Notice of Intention to Dip" her sheep was read, but as the Declaration of having dipped the sheep had been delivered by her, the report was marked "read."

#### SPEED LIMIT OF MOTORS IN URBAN DISTRICTS.

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, with reference to above matter, was read, and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the letter to Mr Peter B Moore, J P, M C C, who had moved in the matter at the annual meeting of the Council; to Mr J B Connolly, Town Clerk,

Drogheda, and to Mr. Mathew Comerford, Town Clerk, Dundalk, and ask the two latter gentlemen to inform their respective Councils that it was the wish of the County Council that a speed limit should be fixed in the urban areas, and request those bodies to make the necessary application:—

Francis Street,

Dundalk, 28th June, 1915.

Re Speed Limit for Motor Cars.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the discussion at the annual meeting of the Council on this subject, it will be recalled that I reported on the 11th April, 1914, that I had 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 stated that they could not 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.

I have ascertained that in Dublin City no speed limit exists. An inquiry was held by a Local Government Board Inspector recently and as a result no limit of speed was imposed. Of course the police have extensive powers under the Motor Car Act, 1903, to deal with reckless and negligent driving.

With regard to having regulations made for limiting the speed in Drogheda and Dundalk, I am of opinion that this is a matter for the local authority in each instance, and it is for the Corporation of Drogheda and the Urban District Council in Dundalk respectively to make the necessary application in each case to the Local Government Board.

The Motor Car Act, 1903, Section 9, Sub-Section (1) sets out:—

“Section Four of the principal Act (which relates to the rate of speed of motor cars) is hereby repealed, but a person shall not, under any circumstances, drive a motor car on a public highway at a speed exceeding twenty miles per hour, and within any limits or place referred to in regulations made by the Local Government Board with a view to the safety of the public on the application of the local authority of the area in which the limits or place are situate, a person shall not drive a motor car at a speed exceeding ten miles per hour.”

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.,

Secretary Louth County Council,

Dundalk.

#### FLOODING OF PUBLIC ROAD AT OMEATH.

The following correspondence was read, and after discussion the Committee unanimously decided to recommend the County Council to enter into the usual easement agreement with the

London and N. W. Railway Company, and pay them the nominal acknowledgement of 2s 6d per annum:—

County Surveyor's Office,  
Court House, Dundalk,  
June 24th, 1915.

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

Dear Sir,

Flooding of the public road from Carlingford to Newry takes place in wet weather beside Omeath Cemetery. The Rural District Council of Dundalk have passed a proposal to lay a pipe to carry the surface water of the road through the cemetery, discharging it into the sea through a culvert under the Newry and Greenore Railway. The permission of the Railway Company is necessary to do this. I have applied for same and have met their representative on the ground.

I beg to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Finance Committee, the reply to my application for permission to discharge the water as proposed.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS WALSH,  
County Surveyor.

London and North Western Railway.  
District Estate Office,  
Eaton Street, Crewe,  
June 23rd, 1915.

JW/G219/9097.

Thomas Walsh, Esq,  
County Surveyor,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

Flooding of Public Road at Omeath.

Dear Sir,—

Having reference to your letter of the 9th inst to our Mr A M Thompson, which has been sent on to me asking for per-

mission to lay a drain on the Company's property to take flood water from the public road through a culvert under railway. I am prepared to recommend that this be allowed if you will let me know that your Council are willing to enter into our usual easement agreement and pay a nominal acknowledgment of 2s 6d per annum. Upon hearing from you as to this I will have the form of agreement drawn up for completion, and the work should not be commenced until this is done.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. WILLIAMS.

#### MAINTENANCE OF PATIENTS IN PEAMOUNT.

Letter was read from Sir Wm J Thompson, Honorary Secretary Peamount Sanatorium, with reference to the proposal to increase the charge for maintenance of the County Louth patients in the Institution from 20s to 25s per week.

After discussion the matter was referred back to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, who now have power to deal with the matter direct.

#### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCES.

Letters were read from the following Insurance Companies stating that at the meeting of the Associated Tariff Committee the rate of Insurance for Employers' Liability under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, to be fixed for the Louth County Council was reduced from 35s to 23s per cent:—The Ocean, Atlas, North British, and London and Lancashire. This rate covered all risks incurred by the Council, including quarrying and workmen in charge of the County Surveyor, sheep dipping inspectors,

rate collectors, veterinary inspectors, school attendance officers, and office staff, etc, the sum to be covered being the estimated one of £5647.

After discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Mr N T Murphy, J P,

Seconded by Mr James M'Carthy, J P,

That we recommend the County Council to effect Employers' Liability Insurance against Workmen's Compensation risks for the estimated amount of wages of £5,647 at the rate of 23s per cent with the Ocean and Accident Guarantee Association, and we direct our Secretary to obtain covering note to protect the risk pending completion of the policy.

#### COMMITTAL TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Letter was read from Rev Father Hurson notifying that application will be made at Dundalk Children's Court, to be held on Friday, 9th day of July, for committal to an Industrial School of Ignatius M'Kelvey, James' street, Dundalk, a child under 14 years of age.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### CANADIAN FLOUR FOR RURAL DISTRICTS.

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

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 3rd July, 1915.

No. 35,433/1915.  
Louth County.

Sir,—

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before

them your letter of the 25th ultimo, applying for a further grant of Canadian gift flour for distribution in the Rural Districts immediately adjoining the towns of Drogheda and Dundalk; and in reply the Board direct me to state that they see no necessity for making a grant of flour for distribution in the Rural Districts in question.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

Charles M'Alister, Esq,  
County Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Dundalk,

#### MOTOR LICENCE DUTY.

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

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 3rd July, 1915.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to transmit to you herewith an order for payment of the sum of £39 16s 9d, being the amount payable to the County Council in respect of duties on Licenses for Motor Cars under Section 89 of the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910, during the year ended the 31st March, 1915.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The Return showing the state of the Rate Collection to 30th

June, 1915, was submitted by the Secretary and initialled by the Chairman.

The amounts outstanding are as follows:—

Patrick S Donegan	...	£2875	5	9
Patrick M'Donnell	...	2548	0	6
Patrick M'Cullough	...	2096	13	6
John J Kelly	...	865	6	11
Patrick Hughes	...	1162	7	10
Patrick Cluskey	...	2688	8	4
Peter M'Donnell	...	2244	19	4
John Woods	...	1967	13	10
James V Johnston	...	1117	5	2

Total outstanding		£17566	1	2
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#### NOXIOUS WEEDS.

Circular letter from the Department of Agriculture dated 2nd July, 1915, was read, requesting the Council to assist the Department in the administration of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act, 1909, by taking all necessary steps to ensure that all roads and lands in the control of the Council shall be kept cleared of noxious weeds throughout the present season, and the County Surveyor was instructed to attend to the matter.

#### QUARRY AGREEMENTS.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor requesting the approval of the Finance Committee to the following agreements for entry into quarries and stones taken therefrom, viz:—

Anne O'Neill, of Carrickarnan, with the County Council, for 4000 cubic yards of stone from quarry at Carrickarnan for the sum of £50, with right to use the quarry for three years from 1st day of July, 1915.

Mrs Rachel Alderdice, of Haggardstown, with the County Council, for 1800 cubic yards of stone from quarry at Haggardstown for the sum of £15, with right to use the quarry for three years from 1st day of July, 1915.

The County Surveyor informed the Committee that the County Solicitor stated that it would be necessary to have the agreements approved by the Finance Committee and sealed with the common seal of the County Council.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Mr James M'Carthy, J P,

Seconded by Mr Patrick M'Gee, J P,

That we recommend the County Council to approve of the Agreements for entry into quarries and the raising of stones therefrom with Anne O'Neill, of Carrickarnan, and Mrs Rachel Alderdice, and that the common seal of the County Council be affixed to same.

#### DROGHEDA COURTHOUSE.

The following letter was read:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

5th July, 1915.

Dear Sir,—

Referring to your letter of 12th ultimo and the enclosures therewith, I beg to state that advising on the Council's position under the Local Government Act, 1898, I wrote on the 18th January, 1915, that the Council have an incorporate right to the custody and control of the Drogheda Courthouse. At the Finance Committee meeting held on the 1st February, 1915, I stated that I considered the Council could refuse to supply coal, light and water to the portion of the Courthouse used by the Corporation.

I have read the Lease, dated the 20th July, 1887, from the Drogheda Corporation and Others to Trustees on behalf of the Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda, and which is a grant in perpetuity subject to the annual rent of One Shilling of the plot of ground on which the Courthouse is now erected, and in which it sets forth:—

“And it is hereby agreed and declared by and between the Grantors and the said Commissioners on behalf of the said Grand Jury, their successors and assigns, and these presents are made upon the express condition that the Grantors may at all times when the said Courthouse buildings and improvements shall not be in actual use for the purposes of any of her Majesty’s Courts of Law or for Grand Jury purposes use and occupy the said Courthouse buildings and improvements for the purpose of holding meetings of the Grantors in their said corporate capacity and for all purposes incidental thereto.”

Apart from the question of construction of the said proviso there is the larger question of how far this Lease operates in favour of the Corporation of Drogheda and is consistent with the terms of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and I would recommend that the opinion of Counsel be obtained on the points involved.

I return herewith original Lease as also copy Presentments.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O’CONNELL.

C. M’Alester, Esq,  
Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

A discussion arose on this letter, and some members of the Committee were in accord with the Solicitor’s views that the opinion of Counsel should be taken, but on the suggestion of Mr James M’Carthy, supported by Mr N T Murphy, that the Corporation would probably provide the fuel, light and water necessary for the premises in the Courthouse used by them, the Committee unanimously directed the Secretary to write to the Corporation embodying the suggestions and requesting their consideration of same.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 19th July, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, T J Byrne, J P; Jas. M'Carthy, J P; Wm Woods, J P; and Michael O'Meara, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee 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	£131 17 8
Secretary's Office	57 6 0
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	£189 3 8

Form 22 with payments on foot of road maintenance contracts for the Rural Districts of Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk, for the quarter ended 30th June, 1915, were submitted, and recommended for payment by the County Council.

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

## RATE COLLECTION.

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

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 6th July, 1915.

No. 36664-1915.

Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to the return showing the condition on the 30th ultimo 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 very unsatisfactory state of the collection, and to request that the Collectors who have so far failed to make any lodgment may be warned as to the necessity of proceeding with the collection at once, so that the County Council may be in a position to meet any financial demand which may be made upon it.

I am to add that it is obligatory on all Collectors to attend at the appointed time and place for the checking of their accounts, even if they have no monies collected.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

The Secretary informed the Committee that by direction of the Chairman a copy of this letter had been sent to all the Collectors, and that since then seven of the Collectors had attended at the office to check their books, and that all with the exception of two had made lodgments of the amounts collected.

After discussion it was unanimously decided to request the Collectors to attend the meeting of the County Council on the 29th inst, to explain why they had not proceeded more energetically with their collection, and their failure to attend to the checking of the books during the month of June.

#### USE OF ARDEE COURT HOUSE.

Letter was read from Mr Arthur Macan, Druncashel, Honorary Secretary Ardee Drainage Trustees, stating that the meetings of the Trustees under the Grand Jury were held in the Court House, Ardee, free of charge, and complaining that Mr Reilly, the present court-keeper, was claiming payment for the use of the room in which the meetings were held, and requesting the County Council to consider the matter.

The Committee decided to recommend the County Council to continue the use of the room in the Ardee Court House to the Ardee Drainage Trustees free of charge, and directed the Secretary to instruct the court-keeper that he was not to charge any fee for the use of said room.

#### DROGHEDA COURT HOUSE.

Letter was read from the court-keeper Drogheda Court House, in reply to a letter from the Finance Committee, that the public did not have access to the w.c. in the Court House except on days when the rooms to the rear of it are being used for meetings for County purposes, and that on other days the door is kept locked.

The County Surveyor informed the Committee that the necessary repairs to the Court House passed by the Proposal Committee included work to put this w.c. in a proper sanitary condition.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

The Secretary submitted the following return of expenditure for the supply of coal, gas and water and maintenance for the Drogheda Court House, as directed by the Finance Committee, for the year ended 31st December, 1914. The Secretary was directed to have the return inserted on the minutes for the information of the County Council:—

Expenditure on Drogheda Court House during year ended  
31st December, 1914.

	£	s	d
Coal	14	5	5
Gas	2	5	11
Water	1	10	0
	£18	1	4

Upkeep and Maintenance.

	£	s	d
Feb. 2—Michael M'Guigan	30	0	0
Feb. 16—Drogheda Corporation	0	18	9
Mar 2—Patrick Wogan	0	13	1
Mar. 30—Michael M'Guigan	21	0	0
Mar 30—Patrick Connor	0	11	0
Mar 30—Patrick Garvey	1	0	0
	£54	2	10

	£	s	d
Supplies	18	1	4
Maintenance	54	2	10
	£72	4	2

## EXCHEQUER MAINTENANCE GRANT—TUBERCULOSIS.

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

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 15th July, 1915.

No. 26493-1915.

Louth County.

Sir,

Adverting to the return of the estimated expenditure of the Louth County Council on the treatment of Tuberculosis for the half year ending the 30th September next, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that they have given directions for the issue of a Paying Order for £240 from the Exchequer Grant in respect of the half year in question.

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

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council,

Court House, Dundalk.

## CENTRAL TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY—PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR.

The Secretary informed the Committee that in order to expedite payment of the instalments to the Contractor for the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary, Mr Nicholas Haughey, he had written

the Local Government Board for forms of Architect's Certificates, and on receiving them he had got Mr Vincent O'Connell, the Architect of the Dispensary, to sign and complete the forms. He had then forwarded them in duplicate to the Local Government Board, who would in due course transmit to the Council the amount certified for—namely, £100.

The Committee approved of the Secretary's action in the matter.

## GILES' QUAY HARBOUR CONSTABLE'S PENSION.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had written the Local Government Board for their sanction to the pension of £8 per annum granted by the County Council to James Cumiskey, late Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay Pier, and had received a letter from them in reply stating that one month's notice should be given to each member of the Council of the intention to grant such pension, and requesting the Secretary to give such notice to each Member of the Council for the Meeting to be held on 19th August. The Secretary informed the Committee that he had sent out the necessary notice, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

## FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Letter was read from the Secretary, Office of Public Works, Dublin, enclosing revised schedule showing the names of the Proprietors and their proportionate liability for payment of Maintenance Rate in each of the above districts, and maps of the two districts.

The letter and enclosures were referred to the Special Committee appointed by the County Council to deal with the transfer of the business of these drainage districts to the County Council, and on

the suggestion of Mr T J Byrne, J P, the Secretary was directed to call a Meeting of the Committee for Monday next, 26th inst, at 12 o'clock.

#### QUARRY AGREEMENTS.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor enclosing the following Agreements for entry into quarries and for stones taken therefrom, for the approval of the Finance Committee:—

Henry Sloan, of Athclare Castle, with the County Council, for 1600 cubic yards of stone from quarry at Castletown for the sum of £20, with right to use the quarry for three years from 1st day of July, 1915.

Rose Murphy, of Haggardstown, with the County Council, for right of entry to the quarry of Mrs Rachel Alderdice, by pass as shown on sketch map, for the sum of £2.

The Committee unanimously approved of the Agreements, and recommended same for sealing with the common seal of the County Council.

#### ADDRESS TO DR DOUGLAS HYDE.

The Secretary submitted draft Address to be presented to Dr Douglas Hyde on the occasion of his visit to Dundalk on Sunday, 25th July, to open the Oireachtas, in accordance with resolution of the County Council.

The Committee unanimously approved of the draft Address, and directed the Secretary to have same printed suitably for presentation.

#### BANK HOLIDAY.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the next Meeting

of the Finance Committee would be due on 2nd August, which was a Bank Holiday.

The Committee unanimously decided to postpone the Meeting due on 2nd August to the following Monday, 9th day of August.

#### LOAN FOR NEW COUNTY OFFICES.

The Committee directed the Secretary to write the Local Government Board informing them that the County Council had decided on the plans for the proposed New County Offices, and requesting the Board's sanction to the borrowing from the Council's Treasurer of the sum of £6,000, which sum had been fixed by the County Council for the erection of the New Offices.

## Executive Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 19th July, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, T J Byrne, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; William Woods, J P, and Michael O'Meara, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

### VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

The following reports from the Veterinary Inspectors for the month of July were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Mr. J. T. Clinton's Report.

Sir,—

Dundalk, July Report.

I beg to report that during the month a case of suspected scab occurred amongst Mrs Dickie's sheep at Fairhill. Samples of wool were taken by the Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Inspector, and the Board confirmed the existence of the disease. All the sheep have been restricted to the farm and have been by police, and a memorandum from the Department that perty of Mr John Long, of Grange, Carlingford. The affected

animal has been slaughtered by owner and the remaining sheep dipped.

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. CLINTON.

Mr. Donnelly's Report.

Veterinary Establishment,

Drogheda, July, 1915.

Gentlemen,—

During the month of June there was one outbreak of Swine Fever in my district. The disease was confined to the pigs on one premises in the town of Drogheda. The Veterinary Officers of the Department valued the animals and had them all slaughtered, and the premises have since been thoroughly disinfected.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

Mr. W. E. Maxwell's Report.

Ardee, 5th July, 1915.

The Chairman,

Louth Co. Council, Dandalk.

Dear Sir,—

I have inspected the usual fairs held in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month of June. I supervised the dipping of the sheep belonging to Mrs Chester Walsh, Castlebellingham, on the 12th, 13th and 14th June. On the 26th June I personally gave notice to Mr R W Walsh re disinfection and subsequently also a written notice. He promised to have same carried out. The wet weather is interfering so far.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL.

## SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1915.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture enclosing copy of the above Order which came into operation on 24th June. The provisions of the Order makes it illegal in Ireland to slaughter or for the owner to cause or permit to be slaughtered

- (1) Any animal which is visibly or obviously in calf or in pig; or
- (2) Any calf under the age of twelve weeks (male calves of the following dairy breeds excepted, viz: Channel Island, Ayrshire, and Kerry breeds).

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

## OMEATH SHEEP DIPPING TANK.

The Secretary read correspondence in connection with the site for the Omeath Sheep Dipping Tank. Mr William Woods, on behalf of the Local Committee, had obtained a site for the tank at Knocknagoran, but a letter from the owner of the land stated that the water for use at the tank would require to be carted. Letter was also read from the Dipping Superintendent that the site at Knocknagoran was not suitable owing to the insufficient supply of water, and stating that he had arranged for a site at Omeath, where the water was plentiful, for the sum of £2.

The Committee approved of the taking of this site for the tank, and directed the Secretary to have the tank removed from Annaloughan to Omeath.

## SHEEP SCAB NOTICES.

The notices served by the Veterinary Inspectors in the various cases of sheep scab were submitted and initialled by the Chairman.

The following are the cases referred to:—

Mrs Chester Walsh, Williamstown—Sheep have now been declared free of disease and the detention notice withdrawn.

John Long, Grange—The animal affected was slaughtered.

Mrs K Dickie, Fairhill—Sheep have now been declared free of disease and the detention notice withdrawn.

Patrick M'Shane, Greenore—Detention notice withdrawn.

## SWINE FEVER.

Case of swine fever at 78, Trinity Street, Drogheda, was notified by police, and a memorandum from the Department that on examination of the intestines by the Veterinary Officers of the Department discovered that in their opinion swine fever did exist. The premises are now thoroughly disinfected.

## New County Offices Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the New County Offices Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Friday, 9th day of July, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—Bernard Hamill, J P, and Thomas Murphy, Esquires.

Professor W A Scott, Assessor, and Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, were in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the New County Offices Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Professor Scott then read his report on the competition for plans for the New County Council Offices as follows:—

45, Mountjoy Square, Dublin,  
8th July, 1915.

Gentlemen,—

I beg to report that I have examined the 19 Designs submitted in Competition for the New County Offices for County Louth, to be erected in Dundalk, and place the Designs as follows:—

- (1) The Design Number 14.
- (2) The Design Number 12.
- (3) The Design Number 15.

The Design I place first is straightforward and a good solution of the problem, while the architectural treatment is the best of the designs submitted, having regard to the conditions of matching the old building and as to the cost.

The lighting of the Judges' Room in the Courthouse is not unduly curtailed. A reconsideration of the arrangement of the staircase is desirable, and this Competitor should submit a modified plan accordingly.

The Design Number 12 is a good second. I commend his arrangement of the Council Chamber, Committee Rooms and Lobby, and also the Staircase. The Ground Plan would have been improved by a direct entrance to the Staircase Hall.

The congested area at the public convenience is a defect, but the width and lighting of the Courtyard is good.

The architectural treatment is not of the same quality as the planning.

The Design Number 15, which I place third, presents a good plan, but the width and lighting of the Courtyard is not so good as in the premiated designs. The Offices near the entrance are not well proportioned, the Committee Rooms are rather remote from the Council Chamber, if these apartments are to be used en suite,

The architectural effect of this design would be better than that of the second premiated design, but would not harmonise so well with the existing building.

I think it right to direct attention to the high standard to which the greater number of the designs have reached.

The sealed envelopes which accompanied the Competitive Designs I shall submit to your Committee, when they consider this my award.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. SCOTT.

After discussion, the Committee examined the plans numbered 14, 12 and 15, which had been placed first, second and third respectively; and

On the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,  
Seconded by Mr Thomas Murphy,

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved—That we hereby accept the Award of Professor W A Scott, the Assessor appointed by the County Council in the competition for plans for New County Offices, and decide that the first prize be awarded to the author of the design numbered 14 (fourteen), and that the second prize be awarded to the author of the design numbered 12 (twelve) submitted in the competition.

The Committee then proceeded to open the sealed envelopes in which the names of the authors of the various designs were enclosed. Each envelope was numbered to correspond with the numbers on the drawings. It was found that the number of the winning design—No. 14—was the work of Messrs O'Callaghan and Webb, 31 South Frederick Street, Dublin; that placed second—No. 12—was Messrs Batchelor and Hicks, 88 Merrion Square, Dublin; and the third—No. 15—for Scheme No. 2, Mr Thomas J Cullen, 25 Suffolk Street, Dublin.

The names of the other competitors who had sent in plans were:—Messrs J F M'Gahon, Dundalk; V J O'Connell, Dundalk; R M Butler, W G Clayton, Kaye, Parry and Ross, M'Donnell and Reid, Moore, Keefe and Robinson, Edwin Bradbury, Sir Thomas M Deane, and A W Reid, all of Dublin; Fennel and Clarke, Belfast; W J Doherty, Londonderry; Coghlan and Tierney, Mitchelstown; P J Neary, Newry; and D M O'Connor, of Cork.

The Secretary was directed to send telegrams to the successful competitors, Messrs O'Callaghan and Webb, Batchelor and Hicks, and also to the author of the design placed third, Mr T J Cullen.

It was also decided unanimously that the plans would be publicly exhibited in the Courthouse, Dundalk, until after the Meeting of the County Council to be held on 29th July; and

Secretary was directed after that time to return the drawings, carriage paid, to the owners thereof, and also to return the deposits made by the competitors according to the conditions of the competition.

Letter was read from Mr George P Sheridan, Dublin, one of the architects who had lodged his deposit of £2 2s for the conditions of competition, in which he stated that owing to an attack of influenza he was unable to complete his plans.

The Committee unanimously decided to direct the Secretary to refund Mr Sheridan the amount of his deposit when he returned the photographs and ground plans sent him.

The Secretary was further directed to send a report to the local papers in Dundalk and also to the Drogheda Press of the result of the competition.

On the motion of Mr Murphy,  
Seconded by Mr Hamill,

It was unanimously decided to specially invite all visitors to the Oireachtas to the exhibition of drawings submitted in the competition.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

OF

**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL**

AT THEIR

**Second Quarterly Meeting,**

Held on 29th July, 1915.

**Finance Committee,**

AT THEIR MEETING

Held on 9th August, 1915.

**Proposal Committee,**

AT THEIR MEETING

Held on 9th August, 1915.

**Executive Committee,**

AT THEIR MEETING

Held on 9th August, 1915.

## Louth County Council.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 29th day of July, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members—John Morgan, Bernard Finegan, Michael O'Meara, J P; Peter Woods, J P; B Hamill, J P; Patk M'Gee, J P; Michael Meade, J H M'Ardle, J P; Wm Woods, J P; N T Murphy, J P; T V M'Quillan, Patrick Donegan, J P; John F Murphy, J P; P Callan, T J Byrne, J P; and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, James Dromgoole and John M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyors, Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, and Valentine Warren, Clerk T C M, were in attendance.

Before proceeding to the business of the meeting, the Chairman read a letter which had been addressed to him by the Secretary of the Oireachtas Committee, inviting the members of the County Council to visit the Industrial Section of the Oireachtas Exhibition, and it was unanimously decided that the Council should avail themselves of the invitation when the business of the day was transacted.

### CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Louth County Council at their first (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, held on the 27th day of May, 1915, and their Annual Meeting, held on the 16th day of June, 1915, a copy of each having 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 Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Joseph H M'Ardle, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates (a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council) with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed:—

Monday, 7th day of June, 1915.

Monday, 21st day of June, 1915.

Monday, 5th day of July, 1915.

Monday, 19th day of July, 1915.

Arising out of the Finance Minutes, Mr N T Murphy said there were conflicting statements as to the repayment of the balance of the loan for Drogheda Court House outstanding at the passing of the Local Government Act, and he asked for definite information on the point from the Secretary.

The Secretary stated that for three years after the passing of the Local Government Act the instalments of the loan for the Court House were paid by the Corporation of Drogheda, the total repayments during that time being £842 2s 0d. In 1902, by direction of the Local Government Auditor, the Drogheda Corporation were credited with the repayments made by them, and the amount paid by them up to that time was debited to the County at Large, and thereafter the instalments of the loan, with interest, were repaid by the County Council, and charged to the County at Large. Thus the total amount of the loan outstanding at the passing of the Local Government Act had been repaid as a County at Large charge.

### CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T J Byrne, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their meeting held on the 5th day of July, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

### CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive

Committee at their meeting held on the 19th day of July, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### NEW COUNTY OFFICES COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the New County Offices Committee at their Meeting held on the 9th day of July, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### LOAN FOR ERECTION OF NEW COUNTY OFFICES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Bernard Finegan, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to borrow the sum of £6,000 from the Council's Treasurer, the Hibernian Bank, Ltd, Dundalk, to be repaid in 30 years, for the purpose of erecting the new Offices, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board.

#### CONFIRMATION OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas V M'Quillan, Esq ;

Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their meeting held on the 21st day of June, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

#### ARDEE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq ;

Seconded by Patrick Callan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 6th day of July, 1915, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £827 13s 3d.

#### DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 13th day of July, 1915, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £507 11s 4d.

## DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by William Woods, Esq, J P;

Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 12th day of July, 1915, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £1,104 2s 5d.

## COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on the 5th day of July, 1915, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council and amounting to the sum of £6,281 10s 4d, be and are hereby approved of.

## DATES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;

Seconded by Patrick Donegan, 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, 5th October, 1915.

Drogheda—Tuesday, 12th October, 1915.

Dundalk—Monday, 4th October, 1915.

and that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 18th of October, 1915.

## CHARGE FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS LOAN.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the charge on the rates to the Treasurer of the County Council, the Hibernian Bank, Limited, Dundalk, for the sum of £4,060 (four thousand and sixty pounds) with interest on all outstanding balances at the rate of 3 per cent (three per cent) per annum, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to said charge.

## RATE COLLECTION.

The next business on the agenda was the consideration of letter from the Local Government Board relative to the state of the Collection of Poor Rate in the County up to the end of June. This letter appeared at page 71 of the printed Minutes, and the L G B pointed out therein that the Collectors should be pressed to greater activity in their Collection to enable the County

Council to meet their liabilities, and conform to the Public Bodies Order to have their books checked at least once a fortnight.

The following Collectors attended as directed by the Finance Committee—Messrs P Donegan, Patk MacDonnell, P M'Cullough, John Kelly, P Hughes, Peter M'Donnell, John Woods, and James V Johnston, and an apology for non-attendance was sent by Mr P Cluskey.

The Chairman informed the Council that a copy of the L G B's letter had been sent to each Collector. He pointed out to the Collectors that it was necessary to conform with the Public Bodies Order as to the checking of their books.

A discussion took place among the members of the Council, and it was suggested that in the case of the Drogheda and Ardee Collectors one check in each month should suffice, but that all the local Collectors in Dundalk district should check once a fortnight.

The Secretary read the Article on the subject from the Public Bodies Order in which it was specifically set out that the Secretary must check the Collectors' receipts and abstracts at least once in every fortnight. He further stated that during the month of June none of the Collectors had checked for that period.

One of the Collectors made complaint that his receipts were in danger of being lost owing to the perforations cutting through the leaves, and the Secretary informed the Council that he had arranged with the Contractor who supplied the books to provide gummed slips to secure the receipts, and that he would

arrange to have these pasted on if the books were left at the Office.

#### CO-OPTION ON COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr T J Byrne, J P, was put as a substantive resolution and passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas J Byrne, Esq, J P,

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That Mr C S Whitworth, Blackrock, be co-opted a member of the Louth County Committee of Agriculture.

#### THANKS FOR RE-ELECTION.

The following letter was read from Lieutenant William A Doran, Chairman of the Council, and it was ordered that it be inserted on the Minutes:—

The Camp,  
Ballyhooley,

Co. Cork.

Dear Mr M'Alester,—

I thank you for the wire stating I was unanimously elected Chairman of the County Council for ensuing year. I would feel that it was unfair to accept this signal honour under present conditions were the chair of Vice and Acting Chairman not so ably filled as it is at present. Please thank my friends for me until—if ever—I can thank them personally.

I hope to come back to take my part in New Ireland, but

that is not for me to decide. Meanwhile we have all got our work to do.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM A. DORAN.

#### APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY.

Letter from the Veterinary Inspectors as follows was read and referred to the Executive Committee:—

July, 19th, 1915.

To the Presiding Chairman Louth County Council.

Sir,—

We, the Veterinary Inspectors to your Council, respectfully ask you to grant us an increase in our salaries. In each of our cases, when appointed, the salaries were considerably reduced.

Owing to the "Sheep Scab Order," the "Sheep Movement (Louth) Order," and the many stringent regulations of the Department of Agriculture, our work has been very much increased.

We therefore respectfully ask you to favourably consider our application.

Your obedient Servants,

W. E. MAXWELL, M.R.C.V.S.

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

ANDREW A. DONNELLY, M.R.C.V.S.

#### ADMISSIONS TO RICHMOND.

The return from the Richmond District Asylum showing the

admissions from County Louth during quarter ended 30th June was submitted and initialled by the Chairman.

#### MOTOR LICENCE DUTY.

Letter was read from the L G B enclosing return showing amount of Motor Licence Duty collected in the various counties of Ireland during the past financial year. The amount collected in Louth County was £796 15s 3d, which compared most favourably with the collection in other counties, and represented a marked increase from former years.

The return was initialled by the Chairman.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board was read urging on County Councils the necessity of seeing that the Inspectors of Food and Drugs carried out their duties more thoroughly than they have been doing, and of taking samples for analysis of all kinds of food and drugs intended for human use, and not merely confining themselves to three or four. A list of Food and Drugs suitable for analysis was set out.

The Secretary was directed to forward a copy of this circular to the Inspectors in County Louth for their attention.

#### WAR LOAN.

Circular letter re the War Loan, setting out the method by which employers of labour could assist the objects of the loan by putting its advantages before their employees, accompanied by explanatory leaflets for distribution, was read and initialled by the Chairman.

## ARDEE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

Letter was read from the Secretary Ardee School Attendance Committee stating that owing to the resignation of Mr P Byrne, of Mooremount, in consequence of ill-health, there was a vacancy on the Committee.

It was decided to co-opt a member on the Committee in room of Mr Byrne at next Meeting of the County Council, and the Secretary was directed to place the matter on the agenda for that Meeting.

## GRANTS.

Letters were read from the Local Government Board, dated 27th July, enclosing the following Grants:—

In aid of expenditure for Medical and Educational purposes by Guardians	... £529 12 10
In aid of Sanitary Salaries in Rural Districts	... £88 14 2

The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

## Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Second (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 9th August, 1915 at one o'clock, p.m.

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

Other Members—Peter Woods, J P; Michael Meade, N T Murphy, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; J F Murphy, J P, and Thos O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee were called to consider tenders for the following works:—

No. 22—To render and pebbledash in cement the exterior walls of Drogheda Court House; to supply two new grates in the Judges' Rooms, and two new grates in the Assembly Room, and to make new connection to w.c. adjoining Judges' Chamber. Cost not to exceed £131.

County at Large Charge.

No. 23—To provide 26 Sign Arms with Gaelic lettering, to be erected on same poles as signs provided by Automobile Association, the erection of which was approved at last Quarterly Meetin. Cost not to exceed £20.

County at Large Charge.

For Work No. 22 only one tender was received, that of The Fox, 3 Brayden Street, Drogheda, who proposed to carry out the work in accordance with the County Surveyor's specification for the sum of £122 10s 0d, and his tender was unanimously accepted.

For Work No. 23 the tender of Thomas Williamson, Francis Street, Dundalk, for the sum of £12 9s 10d, was unanimously accepted, his being the only tender received.

## Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 9th August, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members—Peter Woods, J P; Michael Meade, N T Murphy, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; J F Murphy, J P; and Thos O'Rourke, Esquires.

The minutes of the previous Meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

### VETERINARY INSPECTORS' SALARIES.

The next business on the agenda was the consideration of an application signed by the Veterinary Inspectors of the Council for an increase in their salaries. This letter had been referred to the Executive Committee by the County Council.

The Secretary stated that the standing salaries of the Veterinary Inspectors (apart from fees under Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order) were as follows:—Mr J T Clinton, Dundalk, £52 per annum; Mr Donnelly, Drogheda, £30 per annum, and Mr Maxwell, Ardee, £30 per annum, and that their duties for this salary included attendance at and inspection of the various fairs and markets held in each district; dealing with out-

breaks of sheep scab and swine fever, and issuing the proper notices in such cases; supplying the County Council and the Department with copies of all such notices served; reporting to the Executive Committee on their work monthly, and, generally, work under the Diseases of Animals Act, excluding work under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1914.

After discussion it was unanimously decided, on the suggestion of the Chairman, that in order that the Council might be in a position to see what fees would be payable for work under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914, for a period of six months from the 1st day of June, 1915, when the scale of fees came into operation, that the matter stand adjourned for six months, and the Secretary was directed to table the application for consideration at the end of that period.

#### VETERINARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The following was the only report received for the month of July, and it was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Veterinary Establishment,  
Drogheda, July 31st, 1915.

Gentlemen,

During the month of July there occurred no outbreak of any of the notifiable diseases in my district. I made inspections in a few cases personally reported to me, but found the animals were not suffering under the Contagious Diseases of Animals Acts.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

To the Louth County Council.  
(Executive Committee).

The Secretary was directed to direct the attention of the other two Inspectors to their omission to supply the usual monthly reports, and to say that in future if they had nothing to report they should notify the Council to that effect.

#### SHEEP SCAB AT GRANGE.

Notice was read and initialled by the Chairman of removal of detention notice served by Mr Clinton on Mr John Long, Grange, in above case.

## 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 August, 1915, at 1 o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members:—Peter Woods, J P; Michael Meade, N T Murphy, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; J F Murphy, J P, and Thos O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee 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	£210 13 11
Secretary's Office	83 2 11
Total	£293 16 10

### PAYMENTS OUT OF MACHINERY LOAN.

The following payments for Machinery were ordered:—

Aveling and Porter, Ltd.	£1496 6 6
Fleming and Co.	262 0 4
M'Donald Bros.	0 5 0
Oswald Hardy	0 9 6
Total	£1759 1 4

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman, and the Committee recommended that a Paying Order for £1,000 from the General to the Subsidiary Account be made by the Council at their adjourned quarterly meeting.

### LOAN FOR NEW COUNTY OFFICES.

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

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 31st July, 1915.

No. 40,790/1915.

Louth County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, relative to the proposal of the County Council of Louth to obtain a loan of £6,000 for the purpose of erecting new Council Offices at Dundalk; and, with reference thereto, I am to draw attention to the terms of the Board's circular letter of the 4th May last, and to state that the question of borrowing for this purpose must be postponed for the present.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

## CONTRIBUTION FOR FOOTPATH AT ARDEE.

Letter was read from Ardee Town Commissioners enclosing Paying Order for £6, being moiety of amount paid for new footpath at Ardee Court House, now completed. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

## SPEED LIMIT OF MOTORS IN DROGHEDA URBAN DISTRICT.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 31st July, No. 40723-1915, enclosing copy of letter from the Drogheda Corporation requesting the Board to make an Order limiting the speed of motors in their urban district to 10 miles per hour. The L G B stated that the Corporation were the local authority upon whose application regulations may be made by the Board establishing the speed limit within the urban district. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

## DROGHEDA COURT HOUSE.

The following letter from the Town Clerk, Drogheda, in reply to a letter from the Secretary embodying the suggestions of the Council with regard to the supply of coal, light and water to Drogheda Court House, was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Town Clerk's Office,  
Drogheda, 31st July, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I have brought your letter of 8th inst before the Finance Committee of the Corporation. It came on at the

end of a long agenda, and consideration was adjourned until next meeting.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. CONNOLLY.

C. M'Alester, Esq.

## THIRD PARTY INSURANCES.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell, County Solicitor, enclosing three policies covering the Third Party risks of the Council, as arranged with the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, with some additional clauses added by him, and approving on behalf of the Council of the policies. The Secretary was directed to transmit same to the Insurance Company, and request that the policies would be completed as early as possible.

## DRAIN OVER RAILWAY AT OMEATH.

The following letter was read:—

London and North Western Railway.  
District Estate Office,  
Eaton Street,

Crewe, July 28th, 1915.

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Chas. M'Alester, Esq,  
Louth County Council,  
Secretary's Office, Court House, Dundalk, Ireland.

Dear Sir,

Flooding of Public Road at Omeath.

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant.

I enclose herewith an agreement for permission to lay drain on Company's property near Omeath, and shall be glad if you will have same sealed at next Council meeting. The witness to the sealing should write his full name and address where indicated on the first page, sign the plan and the schedule on pages 2 and 3, and write his initials where marked "X" in the margin on the first page. If the next Council meeting is some time distant, perhaps you will send me a letter approving of the Agreement, and stating that it will be sealed at such meeting, the work can then be allowed to proceed.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. WILLIAMS.

A discussion took place on the agreement, which specified that it might be terminated by either party upon giving 30 days' notice to the other of them expiring at any time.

The Chairman pointed out that the sum of £20 was being expended on this work, which under the agreement might be terminated in 30 days after the work was finished. The County Surveyor informed the Committee that owing to objections to allow the road to be drained either through the cemetery at Omeath, or through a lane adjoining same, he found it necessary to convey the drainage by pipe through the cemetery and across the railway line to the sea.

The Secretary was directed to write the London and North Western Railway Company that the termination of the agreement on such short notice after the money had been expended on the work, did not meet the views of the County Council, and that this clause should be deleted. The County Surveyor in the meantime was to try and arrange for some other means of drawing the surface water off the road, if possible.

### QUARRY AT FAUGHART.

The agreement, in duplicate, with Mr Telford M'Neill, for a pass to M'Alister's quarry at Faughart, arranged for by the County Surveyor, was submitted for approval. The agreement set out that the pass was to be used for a period not exceeding ten years, and the sum payable for such right was five shillings. The Committee approved of the agreement, and recommended its sealing by the County Council.

### ROAD CONTRACTOR'S CLAIM.

The following letter was read and was referred to the Co. Surveyor:—

Roden Place,  
Dundalk, 9th August, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by Mr Owen Mathews, of Louth, to apply to you for the sum of £10 5s 0d, being the amount deducted from his contract No. 17, and £2 5s 0d from his contract No. 25. Unless this amount is paid to me on or before Monday next, I will issue process without further notice.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT DICKIE.

Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

### IMPROVEMENTS.

Letter was read from Mr Peter M'Donnell, Kilkenny, apply-

ing for permission to erect a paling at his house at Kilkerry along the County Road, and the matter was referred to the Co. Surveyor.

### RATE COLLECTION.

Return showing the condition to the 31st July of the Poor Rate Collection was submitted, from which it appeared that the following amounts were outstanding on that date:—

	£	s	d
P S Donegan ... ..	2351	3	11
Patrick M'Donnell ... ..	2111	3	1
P M'Cullough ... ..	1967	4	2
John Kelly ... ..	835	1	11
Patrick Hughes ... ..	1090	2	9
Patrick Cluskey ... ..	2552	18	0
Peter M'Donnell ... ..	2188	11	4
John Woods ... ..	1792	12	8
Jas. V. Johnston ... ..	1005	15	7
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Total outstanding	£15,894	13	5

Local Government Ireland Act, 1898.

**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL,**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
OF  
**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL**

AT THEIR

Second (Adj.) **QUARTERLY MEETING,**  
Held on 26th August, 1915,

**SPECIAL MEETING,**  
Held on 23rd September, 1915.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE,**

At their Meetings held on 23rd August;  
6th September; 20th September; 4th  
October; 18th October and 1st November,  
1915.

**PROPOSAL COMMITTEE,**

At their Meeting held on 18th October,  
1915.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,**

At their Meetings held on 20th September,  
and 1st November, 1915.

**NEW COUNTY OFFICES COMMITTEE,**

At their Meeting held on 4th October, 1915.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE,**

At their Meeting held on 16th September, 1915.

## Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council, at their Second (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, specially convened, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 26th August, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

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

Other Members—Joseph H M'Ardle, J P ; Michael Meade, Wm Woods, J P ; Thomas O'Rourke, Peter Woods, J P ; John F Murphy, J P ; James Wynne, J P ; B Finnegan, and Bernard Hamill, J P, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor ; J M O Lyons, and James Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyors, and Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

### CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Joseph H M'Ardle, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Thos O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on 29th July, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

### CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on the 9th day of August, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed.

### CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by William Woods, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Second Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on the 9th August, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the County Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

### CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Bernard Finnegan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Exe-

utive Committee at their Meeting held on the 9th August, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the County Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

### CONFIRMATION OF COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thos O'Rourke, Esq;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on Page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals for the 19th day of August, 1915, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

Mr Bernard Finnegan directed the attention of the Council and the County Surveyor to the condition of the kerbing at Ballymascannon footpath, and the County Surveyor was directed to attend to the matter.

### TENDERS FOR WORKS.

In accordance with the Secretary's advertisement the Council next proceeded to consider tenders for works not set by contract at adjourned meetings of the Rural District Councils:—

#### ARDEE DISTRICT.

For Work No. 257, only one tender was received—that of Thomas M'Cormack, Town Parks, Ardee, for the sum of £11 19s 0d, but as neither the contractor nor his sureties attended the Bond was not entered into.

## DROGHEDA DISTRICT.

No tenders were received for the work advertised.

## DUNDALK DISTRICT.

For Work No. 79 two tenders were received. Michael Mathews proposed to do the work for the sum of £49 15s 0d, but as neither Mathews nor his sureties were present his tender was rejected.

Michael Hanratty, of Belloran, tendered to do the work for the sum of £50, and his tender was accepted and the Bond duly completed.

No tenders were received for Works Nos. 80, 81, or 82.

## ARDEE WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;  
Seconded by Bernard Finnegan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th day of July, 1915, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 27th July, 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

## DROGHEDA WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th July, 1915, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 10th August, 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

## DUNDALK WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Wm Woods, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by Thos O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, 12th July, 1915, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 26th July, 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

## COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;  
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 5th July, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Monday, 9th August, 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

#### WORKS PLACED IN THE HANDS OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter Woods, Esq, J P;

Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works passed by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee at their last Quarterly Meeting, and for which no contracts have been entered into, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

Before the foregoing resolution was passed the County Surveyor directed the attention of the Council to the work in the Drogheda district—No. 1—for the construction of 250 perches of new road in the townlands of Moneymore and Yellowbatter. He stated that he had already informed the District Council that the money for the work was insufficient and that he could not undertake to do the work by direct labour at the amount set down, as it was understood that local people would assist the contractor. He further stated that he would endeavour to get a contractor for the work.

The Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, confirmed his former opinion that the work was a legal one.

The resolution as set out above was then passed.

#### VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The following resolutions were passed in silence, and the Secretary was directed to forward copies to the proper quarters:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;

Seconded by Thos O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That we tender to Mr John Fitzgibbon, M P, our sincere sympathy with him in the great loss he has sustained by the death of his son.

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;

Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we learn with extreme regret of the death of Major W F C Garstin, 5th Royal Irish Fusiliers, who was killed in action, and we tender to his father, Mr J R Garstin, D L, Braganstown, a former respected member of this Council, our sincere sympathy in his bereavement.

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we tender to Mr P Byrne, J P, a former esteemed member of this Council, our sincere sympathy with him on the death of his wife.

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by J F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we beg to tender to Mr J N Armstrong, J P,

our deep sympathy with him on the great loss he has sustained by the death of his son.

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That we tender to Mr Michael M'Ardle, an esteemed member of this Council, our deep sympathy with him on the death of his uncle.

#### CANON LYONS CONGRATULATED.

The following resolution was passed unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to send a copy to Canon Lyons :—

Proposed by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we beg to congratulate the Very Rev Canon Lyons on his recent appointment as Parish Priest of Ardee, and on his well deserved elevation to the Canonry. His great ability and energy in every good work for the well-being of his country and Church, has earned our respect and admiration, and we are pleased that such a distinguished Louth man will be enabled to continue his good work in the county to which he is such an ornament.

#### PENSION TO JAMES CUMISKEY, HARBOUR CONSTABLE GILES' QUAY.

In accordance with special notice issued by the Secretary under the provisions of the Union Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Act, 1865, the Council next proceeded to consider the question of granting a pension to James Cumiskey, late Har-

bour Constable at Giles' Quay, and the following resolution was passed unanimously :—

Proposed by J H M'Ardle, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Bernard Finnegan, Esq, and

Resolved—That a pension of £8 (eight pounds) per year, being two-thirds of his total annual remuneration of £12 (twelve pounds) be allowed to James Cumiskey, Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

#### ARDEE DISTRICT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

The next two items on the agenda—Nos. 9 and 10—were taken together, and the following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr Patrick M'Gee was, in the absence of Mr M'Gee, and by his written authority, moved by Mr J H M'Ardle, and passed unanimously :—

Proposed by Joseph H M'Ardle, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That Mr Bartholomew Woods, of Mountainstown, Dunleer, be co-opted a member of the Ardee District School Attendance Committee.

#### ALL-IRELAND FARMERS' CONVENTION.

Circular letter from the Secretary of above was read, requesting the Council to send five representative farmer delegates to a Convention to be held on Tuesday, 31st August next, in the Mansion House, Dublin, as to the best methods for the produc-

tion, marketing and distribution of agricultural produce, and other matters relating to agricultural output, etc. The following gentlemen were unanimously delegated to represent the Council at the Convention:—Messrs James M'Carthy, J P; N T Murphy, J P; Patk M'Gee, J P; M Meade, and John F Murphy, J P.

#### FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The following letter was read and referred to the Drainage Sub-Committee:—

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 5th August, 1915.

No. 39,005/1915.

Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the transfer of the business of the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts to the Louth County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that before the Board take any steps towards making Provisional Orders in these cases under Section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, they consider that the County Council would do well to put themselves in communication with the last elected or surviving or continuing trustees of the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts with a view to obtaining their consent to the proposed transfer, or, in the alternative, to ascertaining definitely that there are no persons capable of acting as such board or body.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

#### SPEED OF MOTORS IN URBAN AREAS.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board, and one from Mr O'Connell, Council's Solicitor, informing the Council that the Corporation of Drogheda was the local authority to make application fixing the speed limit of motors in the urban district of Drogheda, but that in the urban district of Dundalk, which was not a Municipal Borough within the meaning of the Act, the County Council was the authority to make the application. The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

#### COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Letter was read from the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Drogheda, informing the Council that application would be made at Drogheda Petty Sessions, to be held on Monday, 30th August, for committal of the following children to Industrial Schools:—Laurence, James, John, Eva and Rosella Carr, and Patrick J. Plunkett, all under fourteen years of age. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### THE ELECTION AND REGISTRATION ACT, 1915.

Circular letter was read from the Local Government Board, No 42453-1915, with reference to above Act, which provides that the Parliamentary and Local Government Register of Electors, or any register based on same, shall remain in force until Parliament provides for special register being made, but in no case later than 31st December, 1916. The effect of the various provisions of the Act is to arrest from and after the 31st July, any further proceedings on the part of the officers concerned in

regard to the registration of voters for Parliamentary and Local Government purposes. The circular was initialled by the Chairman.

#### FORESTRY SCHEME.

The following letter was read, and it was decided that before submitting a scheme for approval, the Solicitor should inquire further as to the possibility of purchase by the Council of Omeath Park:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
16th August, 1915.

Estate of the Irish Land Commission, formerly Estate of Lord Rathdonnell, County Louth, E.T.A. 7071.

Dear Sir,

I have received the following letter dated the 14th instant, from the Secretary, Estates Commissioners:—

“With reference to the undertaking executed by the Louth County Council for the purchase of a plantation on the above Estate and to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Estates Commissioners to inquire if the Council has yet submitted a scheme under Sections 4 and 20 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, for the approval of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.”

In the terms of the Undertaking referred to, and which is dated the 23rd day of January, 1914, the Council agreed to hold the lands “with such rights and powers as may be specified in a Scheme to be settled pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 20 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, as amended by Section 18 of the Irish Land Act, 1909.” You will see that under Sections 4 and 20

of the Act of 1903, it is necessary to have a Scheme submitted for approval.

I have drafted the Scheme but same was held over in order to ascertain if it were possible to purchase Omeath Park and Ruxton Estate holdings with a view to inclusion in the draft Scheme. I would be glad to have your instructions to submit the draft Scheme for approval of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, and also of the Estates Commissioners.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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

#### HOLIDAYS.

Applications were read from the County Surveyor and Secretary for annual holidays, and the Council unanimously granted each officer three weeks' leave of absence.

#### SUSPENSION OF TUBERCULOSIS (IRELAND) ORDER OF

1914

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 24th August, 1915, No. 2985-15, enclosing copy of an Order made by them suspending as from 1st of September, 1915, until it is otherwise ordered, the operation of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914, except Article 12 (1) (diseased animals

not to be sent for shipment). The letter was initialled by the Chairman. The following is the Order referred to:—

(435.)

Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical  
Instruction for Ireland.

(Dated 19th August, 1915).

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 1914, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

From the first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifteen, and until it is otherwise ordered by the Department, the operation of the Order described in the Schedule hereto shall be suspended to the extent mentioned in the third column of such Schedule: Provided that such suspension shall not—

- (i) affect the previous operation of such Order or anything duly done or suffered under such Order; or
- (ii) affect any right, privileges, obligation or liability acquired, accrued, or incurred under such Order; or
- (iii) affect any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against such Order; or
- (iv) affect any investigation, legal proceeding, or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment as aforesaid;

and any such investigation, legal proceeding, or remedy may be instituted, continued, or enforced, and any such penalty, for-

feiture, or punishment may be imposed, as if this Order had not been made.

In witness whereof the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland have hereunto set their Official Seal this nineteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

H. G. Smith,  
On behalf of the Secretary.

#### COLLECTOR P. HUGHES' REMUNERATION.

The Secretary was directed to write again to the Local Government Board requesting their sanction to the payment of all poundage fees still due to Mr Patrick Hughes.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 23rd August, 1915, at One o'clock p m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—Bernard Hamill, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, and William Woods, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

### LOANS ACCOUNT.

J Potter and Co., Dublin	...	£280 0 0
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### SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNT.

Works in charge of Co. Surveyor	...	£66 1 4
Secretary's Office	...	24 11 0
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		£90 12 4

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman

## FLOODING OF PUBLIC ROAD AT OMEATH.

As directed by the Finance Committee the Secretary had written the London and North Western Railway Company that the termination on thirty days' notice of the Agreement between the Company and Louth County Council whereby the Council were permitted to drain the water off the public road at Omeath through a pipe laid on the Railway Company's property did not suit the views of the Council, and asking for the deletion of the Clause, and had received the following reply:—

London and North Western Railway,

District Estate Office,

Eaton Street, Crewe.

J W/11786/718  
G 220.

Flooding of Public Road at Omeath.

Dear Sir,—

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, it is our usual practice to make such easements as that included in the enclosed form of Agreement subject to termination by thirty days' notice to meet the contingency of any alteration to railway or works which the Company may be called upon to carry out.

I have no reason to think that you will be disturbed, but regret I cannot alter the period of notice.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. WILLIAMS.

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

It was decided that the Chairman and Co. Surveyor should visit Omeath and endeavour to arrange for some method of draining the water off the public road other than through the Railway Company's property.

## COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

The following report from Sir Charles A Cameron was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

19th August, 1915.

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, 1915.

Forty-seven articles were received from Food Inspectors, R I C, as follows—

Article	Number
Butter	25
Milk	16
Whiskey	5
Buttermilk	1
Total	47

One certificate was sent to Acting Sergeant Levinge, Dundalk, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 30 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Sharpe, Drogheda, for specimen of whiskey, which was 32 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 9.33 per cent of water.

For the Guardians of Drogheda Union one specimen of butter was analysed and was pure.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	49.000
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0075
Saline Ammonia	0.0035
Nitric Acid	6.500
Choline	5.090
Colour	Almost Colourless

A good water.

Two specimens of milk were analysed for Mrs Maxwell Boyle, Prospect, Dundalk. One was adulterated with at least 4.9 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 36 per cent of its fats, and the other was adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 23 per cent of its fats.

In the original report 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—51.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

## LOST PAYING ORDER.

The Secretary reported to the Committee that a Paying Order issued on 29th July, 1915, for road maintenance to Peter Kelly, Drumcah, Inniskeen, for the sum of £3 19s 6d, had not been delivered to the payee up to the present. On hearing of this from Mr Kelly he (the Secretary) had stopped payment of the Order at the Bank. Kelly had been with him again this morning and had handed him a letter from the Returned Letter Office Branch which was read, and which stated that the letter containing the Paying Order had not been found.

The Committee directed the Secretary to issue a duplicate Paying Order to the contractor, and to advise the Council's Treasurer to pay same on presentation.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 6th September, 1915, at One o'clock p m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—Michael Meade and Thos O'Rourke, Esquires.  
Messrs James Dromgoole and John M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyors, were in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee 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	... £140 8 0
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The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman

### PURCHASE OF GILES' QUAY BOAT SLIP.

The following letter and enclosure therewith were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
2nd September, 1915.

No. 47,448/1915.  
Louth County.  
Sir,—

With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo and pre-

vious correspondence, relative to the proposed payment by the Louth County Council of a sum of £50 for the purchase of a Boat Slip at Giles' Quay Harbour, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward to you a copy of a letter dated the 7th ultimo received from the Commissioners of Public Works on the matter, and I am to state that, as soon as the Board have heard from the Commissioners, they will be in a position to reply to your letter of the 1st June last.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Copy.  
Office of Public Works, Dublin,  
7th August, 1915.

No. 43,596/1915.  
8660-15.

Sir,—

In reply to Mr Devlin's letter of the 5th instant, No. 30,400, on the subject of Giles' Quay Harbour, the Board are advised by their Solicitor that there is some doubt as to whether they have power to make Bye-Laws and a Schedule of Tolls for this Slip. A case has been sent to the Law Officers, and as soon as their advice has been received the Board hope to be in a position to reply definitely to your letter of the 16th June last.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE E SHANAHAN,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Local Government Board, Dublin.

## COURTBANE WATER SUPPLY—AREA OF CHARGE.

Sealed Order of the Local Government Board making the entire Rural District of Dundalk the area of charge for any expenses incurred or to be incurred for the purpose of improving the supply of water and maintaining same at Courtbane, was submitted and initialled by the Chairman.

## MAINTENANCE OF LIVE STOCK (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1915.

The Secretary submitted Order of the Department of Agriculture entitled "Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) Order of 1915," dated 24th August, 1915, setting out that for the purpose of maintaining a sufficient stock of animals any animal which is visibly or obviously in-calf or in-pig shall not be slaughtered nor moved out of Ireland; provided that the Order shall not apply to the slaughter of an animal under the provisions of the Diseases of Animals Acts or the slaughter of an animal desirable on account of injury to the animal or its illness, or the slaughter of an animal when considered desirable by the Department. The "Slaughter of Animals (Ireland) Order of 1915" is revoked, and the Maintenance of Live Stock Order comes into operation on 1st September, 1915.

The Order was initialled by the Chairman.

## SHEEP REGULATIONS.—DEFAULTERS.

Letter was read from Sergeant Callan, Dunleer, enclosing list of persons who exposed sheep for sale at Dunleer fair on 1st September; and letters were read from Constable Friel giving names of persons who exposed sheep for sale at Drogheda market on 4th September, without being accompanied by a Declaration

that the sheep were dipped twice within the Autumn Dipping Period in accordance with the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915.

The cases were referred to the Executive Committee.

## LOAN FOR ROAD MAKING MACHINERY—SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

Letter was read from the Manager Hibernian Bank, Dundalk, enclosing the Bank's Solicitor's Bill of Costs incurred on behalf of the Bank for and incident to preparation of mortgage of £4095 for the purpose of purchasing road making machinery, and requesting payment of the amount—£8 0s 8d.

The Secretary was directed to request the sanction of the Local Government Board to the Payment of the account.

## OMEATH PARK.

As directed at the last meeting of the County Council, the Secretary had instructed the Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, to enquire from the Solicitor for the owner of Omeath Park whether there was any possibility of the Council's offer for Omeath Park being accepted, and the following letter in the matter from Mr O'Connell was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

3rd September, 1915.

Re Forestry Scheme—Sale of Omeath Park.

Dear Sir,—

The Solicitor for the owner replies to my enquiry as to the possibility of purchasing Omeath Park:—

"In reply to yours of 30th August, I don't think there is any

likelihood of the offer already made on behalf of the Council being accepted by the judge. I think you should make a substantially increased offer."

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq, Dundalk.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted the return of the condition of the Poor Rate Collection to the 31st August, 1915, from which it appeared the following amounts were outstanding: —

	£	s	d
P S Donegan	1926	9	8
Patrick M'Donnell	1631	4	4
Patrick M'Cullough	1597	14	5
John J Kelly	692	19	5
Patrick Hughes	905	6	3
Patrick Cluskey	2347	1	5
Peter M'Donnell	2125	9	6
John Woods	1430	16	3
James V Johnston	912	15	2
Total outstanding	£13569	16	5

#### REDWATER IN CATTLE.

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

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

4th September, 1915.

No. A. 9296/15.

Sir,—

Adverting to your letter of the 7th May last, relative to the treatment for Redwater in cattle, I have to state, for the information of the Louth County Council, that the Department would not at present recommend the erection of a dipping tank,

but if the Council desire to make a trial of efficacy of a dip they might do so at small expense by obtaining a loan of a machine for applying the dip in the form of a spray.

In this connection the attention of the Council might be directed to an offer which has been made by Messrs William Cooper and Nephews, Berkhamsted, England, viz: to lend the necessary spraying apparatus and supply spraying materials and the services of a fitter, on condition that the firm's out-of-pocket expenses would be refunded to them.

I have to add that, if the Council are disposed to consider Messrs Cooper's offer, the Department would approve of the spraying trials being undertaken by the Louth County Committee of Agriculture and expenditure referred to above being defrayed from the Joint Fund of the Committee and the Department.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL. Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

## Scholarship Committee.

Report of proceedings of above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 16th day of September, 1915, at One o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—J T Dolan, Esq, M A

Other Members—P O'Connell and James Connolly, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were read by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary read applications which had been made, under the conditions of the Louth County Council Scholarship Scheme, 1915-16, for the Scholarships to be awarded by the County Council

The following are the names of the applicants:—

Miss M C Murphy, 40, Church Street, Dundalk.

Miss Eileen Mary Teevan, Barronstown House, Dundalk.

John Vincent A Magrath, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk.

Joseph Hardy, Newtownfane, Dundalk.

Certificates of character and suitability of Mr Magrath were read from Rev Father Hurson, C C, Dundalk; Rev Bro Burke, Principal; and Rev Bro J G Robinson, B A, Christian Schools, Dundalk; also certificate of Pass for the Matriculation Examination of the National University.

Mr Hardy submitted testimonials from Rev Bro Burke and Rev Bro Robinson, Christian Schools, Dundalk, in which the suitability of the candidate was testified, and Mr Hardy had also passed the Matriculation Examination.

The Committee examined the Official Pass Lists of the Intermediate Examinations and satisfied themselves that all of the candidates had passed the examination for the Senior Grade in 1915.

On reviewing the other conditions of the Scholarship Scheme, especially as to means, the Committee were unanimously of the opinion that only Mr Magrath and Misses Teevan and Murphy were strictly eligible.

After long discussion, the following recommendation

Proposed by James Connolly, Esq, J P,

Seconded by Patrick O'Connell, Esq,

was passed unanimously:—

That on consideration of all the conditions of the Louth County Council Scholarship Scheme, 1915-16, we recommend that a Scholarship of £50 be awarded to John Vincent A Magrath, of Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk; and that the remaining Scholarship be divided between Miss Eileen Mary Teevan, Barronstown House, Dundalk, and Miss M C Murphy, 40, Church Street, Dundalk, giving £25 to each student.

The consideration of the renewal of the Scholarships to the existing students was then discussed.

Reports were read from the University Authority certifying that the Council's student—Joseph M'Parland—whose Scholarship was renewable, had passed his 1st University Examination in Engineer-

ing with Second Class Honours. The other two scholars—Mr Patrick A Hanratty and Miss Margaret V Lyons—had not presented themselves for examination, both having been ill when the Examinations were on. Certificate of Miss Lyons' illness had already been considered by the County Council, and the continuance of the Scholarship recommended. In Mr Hanratty's case the Council had decided that if he obtained a Commission in the Army his Scholarship would be held over for him until after the war. Letter was read from the Secretary University College recommending the County Council to renew both these Scholarships.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

That we recommend the County Council to renew the Scholarship of Margaret V Lyons, Drogheda, for the second year; and that of Joseph M'Parland, Dundalk, for the third year. We also recommend the renewal of the Scholarship of Patrick A Hanratty for the third year, and should he obtain his Commission in the Army that his Scholarship be held over him until after the war.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 20th September, 1915, at One o'clock p m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—J P Kearney, Michael Meade, Thos O'Rourke, T J Byrne, J P, and Bernard Finnegan, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee 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 the County Surveyor	...	£39 15 1
Secretary's Office	...	39 18 10
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		£79 13 11

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman

Letter was read from Mr J M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyor, who was acting for the County Surveyor, stating that he was unable, through illness, to attend the Meeting.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

## APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF WAGES.

The following application from the labourers engaged at Jonesboro' quarry was read, and the matter was referred to the County Surveyor; and the Secretary was directed to advise Mr Feehan, who was in charge of the workmen, to inform them accordingly:—

September 17th, 1915.

Dear Sir,—

We wish to inform the Louth County Council that we, the workmen of Jonesborough quarry, will not work after Wednesday, the 22nd September, under 18 shillings a week

Signed by

C Mathews, P M'Canna, H Thompson, J Hughes, S  
Mullan, P Murphy, J Ferron, P Mullan, P  
M'Ginity, D Boyle, O M'Nulty.

## PURCHASE OF GILES' QUAY BOAT SLIP.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read, and after discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T J Byrne, Esq, J P,

Seconded by Michael Meade:

That we refer the consideration of the Local Government Board's letter with reference to the purchase of the Slip at Giles' Quay Harbour to the County Council, with the recommendation that the purchase of the Slip be proceeded with.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

17th September, 1915.

No. 50,020/1915.

Louth County.

Sir,—

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the recent correspondence relative to the proposed purchase by the Louth County Council of a Boat Slip at Giles' Quay Harbour.

The Board presume that in connection with the acquisition of the Boat Slip the County Council had in view the levying of tolls or poundages for the use of the Boat Slip as part of the Quay. Any tolls to be levied under Section 7 of the Grand Jury (Ireland) Act, 1853, as adapted, require to be fixed by the Commissioners of Public Works, and as already intimated the Board have been in communication with that Department on the subject.

The Commissioners now state that they have been advised that they have no power to frame bye-laws for the regulations of the Quay or to fix a schedule of tolls for the use of this Boat Slip, and in these circumstances the proposal would appear to require further consideration by the County Council.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

## COLLECTOR HUGHES' POUNDAGE FEES.

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

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
7th September, 1915.

No. 47,194/1915.

Louth County.

Sir,—

With reference to your further letter of the 27th ultimo, relative to the payment by the Louth County Council of poundage fees to Collector Hughes in respect of the half-years ended the 30th September, 1913, and 30th September, 1914, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they can, at present, only refer the County Council to the previous correspondence on the subject.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

## ANCIENT MONUMENTS AT BARNAVEDDOGE.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—  
17820/15.

Estates Commissioners Offices,  
Irish Land Commission,  
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,  
9th September, 1915.

Estate of Charles A Kingston and Others.  
County Louth, E.C., 3773.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Estates Commissioners to inform you that the Ancient Monuments consisting of two Standing Stones

situate on the holding of James Stokes on the lands of Barnaveddodge, in the Barony of Ardee, and County of Louth, have been vested pursuant to Section 14 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, in the Louth County Council, by Vesting Order dated the 14th July, 1915.

The Vesting Order has been transmitted to the Land Registry of Ireland, Central Office, Four Courts, Dublin, where the ownership of the Council will be registered free of charge under the Local Registration of Title Act, 1891.

A copy Map of the holding is sent herewith.

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN T. DRENNAN.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

## RELEASE OF ELIGIBLE MEN FOR THE ARMY.

Circular letter was read from the War Office requesting a return of the extent it had been possible to release eligible men in the Council's employment to join the Army, and the Secretary was directed to obtain the necessary information and furnish the return as soon as possible.

## APPOINTMENT OF BACTERIOLOGIST FOR COUNTY LOUTH.

The Secretary reported that Dr Brian O'Brien, Medical Inspector of the Local Government Board, had called at the Office and interviewed the Chairman with reference to the appointment of a bacteriologist, or the establishment of a pathological laboratory in the County of Louth for the prevention, diagnosis

and treatment of disease. A letter from the Local Government Board to Dr O'Brien requesting him to endeavour to induce the County Councils in his district to prepare such schemes, was read, in which it was suggested that the Treasury contemplated presenting estimates to Parliament for the defraying of half the cost of these schemes. The Chairman informed the Committee that in his interview with Dr O'Brien he elicited the information that the probable cost of such a scheme in County Louth would be about £100.

The matter was discussed at length, and it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the next quarterly meeting of the Council for their decision, with the recommendation that the present time was inopportune for the incurring of the expenses of such a scheme.

#### ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS ACT, 1915.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board, dated 6th September, 1915. No. 140M-1915, was read, in which it was set out that the present registers were by Act of Parliament to remain in force until Parliament provide for special registers being made, but in no case after the 31st December, 1916. It was pointed out that no contracts for future Parliamentary and local registration work should be entered into, but that this did not refer to the preparation of the Jurors Lists, etc, and that no payment for any work done by officers, et in connection with the Acts relating to the registration of electors, up to 31st July last, be made until they are referred to the Local Government Board. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### APPLICATION FOR GRANT OUT OF SCHOLARSHIP.

Letter was read from Mr P A Hanratty, County Council

Scholar, Collon, informing the Committee that he was trying to arrange for a Commission in the Army, and had been promised that he might obtain same, but that it was suggested by the Military Authorities that the Candidate should attend the parade of applicants for perfection in drill, and requesting the Committee to allot him a sum of £10 out of his remaining year's scholarship to help to cover the cost of the training.

After discussion the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Hanratty that his request could not be acceded to.

#### RATE COLLECTORS' APPLICATION.

The following letter was read:—

Dundalk, 20th September, 1915.

Gentlemen,

Owing to the harvest being over three weeks later than last year, and at the request of the majority of the small ratepayers, who depend entirely on the corn crop in our collecting districts, we, the undersigned, beg to apply for an extension of at least 21 days to enable us to complete our respective collections.

We remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

PETER M'DONNELL.

JOHN WOODS.

PATRICK HUGHES.

PATRICK OLUSKEY.

JAMES V. JOHNSTON.

To the Chairman and Members Finance Committee.

The Committee inspected the rate collection returns, from which it transpired that of the first moiety of the rate amounting to the sum of £17,878 only £6,531 had been collected to date, and that one of the collectors, out of £2,244, had only collected £238.

The Committee considered the application in all its bearings, and it was pointed out that in September, 1913, when the Committee granted a similar application, that the Local Government Board had refused to entertain it, and the collectors had to remain out of their fees until the following year.

It was unanimously decided that under all the circumstances the Committee could not grant any extension of time for the closing of the collection, and the Secretary was directed to advise each of the applicants accordingly.

#### VACANCY ON COUNCIL.

The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr James T. M'Gee, of Roodstown, who was co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Halpenny, had not complied with the Statutory obligation to make the necessary declaration of acceptance of office within the required period. The Committee declared the seat vacant, and the Secretary was directed to place the co-option of a member to fill the vacancy on the agenda for next Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

## Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 20th September, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J P Kearney, Michael Meade, Thomas O'Rourke, T J Byrne, J P; and Bernard Finnegan, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

#### VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REPORTS—AUGUST, 1915.

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

##### MR. CLINTON'S REPORT.

Dundalk, September, 1915.

Dear Sir,

During the month of August I dealt with the following outbreaks of sheep scab:—

- P Goodman, Crescent, Dundalk (15 sheep).
- L Goodman, Park Street, Dundalk (34 sheep).
- Thomas Malone, Drumshambo (22 sheep).
- Jos. Murphy, Derrybeg, at Greenore (41 sheep).
- Patrick Rooney, Mountmills, at Greenore (48 sheep).

In all the cases the affected sheep were slaughtered, and the remainder isolated and dipped.

Yours truly,

J. T. CLINTON.

MR. DONNELLY'S REPORT.

Veterinary Establishment,  
Drogheda, September 4th, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that during the month of August, 1915, there was no outbreak of contagious disease amongst animals in this district, and no animals are at present under restrictions.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY,  
Veterinary Inspector.

To the Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

MR. MAXWELL'S REPORT.

Ardee, 8th September, 1915.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Sir,

I have inspected the usual fairs and markets held in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month of August. During the month I have seen the detained sheep at Corbollis, Ardee, dipped twice, and visited them at other periods. A fresh outbreak occurred at Dowdstown, Ardee, which I am taking precautions against.

I have had disinfected the premises of Green's, John Street, Ardee.

The usual forms have been supplied.

Yours truly,

W. E. MAXWELL, Ardee.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.

Reports were read from the police from Dunleer and West Gate, Drogheda, giving lists of persons who had exposed their sheep for sale without being accompanied by a declaration that they were dipped within the Autumn period, as prescribed by the Sheep Dipping Order of 1915. In Dunleer fair on 1st September, the Sergeant reported that eleven owners had exposed their sheep. In Drogheda market on 4th September the Constable reported that five defaulters had exposed their sheep, and on 11th inst one owner had also failed to comply with the Order.

Mr T J Byrne, J P, suggested that the owners of the sheep should be written to to produce the declarations that the sheep had been dipped, and if the declarations were produced that no prosecutions should ensue in these cases.

The matter was discussed at length, and it was ultimately

Proposed by J P Kearney, Esq;  
And seconded by Michael Meade, Esq.

That all the owners who had exposed their sheep for sale, as reported by the police, and had failed to produce the declaration when requested to do so, be prosecuted under the Order,

and that the Solicitor of the Council be directed to issue summonses.

This resolution was passed, T J Byrne, Esq, dissenting.

#### SHEEP SCAB CASES.

The various notices served by the Veterinary Inspectors in the cases of sheep scab, were examined by the Committee and initialled by the Chairman.

The cases were as follows:—L A Lee-Norman, Corballis; Thos Malone, Drumshambo; Peter Goodman, Dundalk; J P Rooney, Mountmills, Newry; Laurence Goodman, Dowdstown; Jos. Murphy, Derrybeg; William Woods, Carlingford.

#### PARASITIC MANGE.

Notice was tabled from Mr Donnelly of a case of Parasitic Mange at John Street, Drogheda. The final report stated that the animal had been slaughtered and buried and the premises and harness thoroughly disinfected.

#### SWINE FEVER.

A case of swine fever at Mullenstown, Ardee, was reported by the police, and the premises were declared an infected place by the Veterinary Inspector, Mr Maxwell.

#### SHEEP DIPPING DEFAULTERS.

The Secretary submitted lists of sheep owners who had failed to return the Forms for the summer dipping period according to the terms of the Order. After discussion the Secretary was directed to notify the owners that if they did not return the Forms within seven days prosecutions would ensue.

## Louth County Council.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 23rd September, 1915, at One o'clock p m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—Peter Woods, J P; Bernard Finnegan, Patrick M'Gee, J P; John Morgan, John Dolan, Bernard Hamill, J P; Michael Meade, T V M'Quillan, Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, J P Kearney, William Woods, J P; and T J Byrne, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary read the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee, which were as follows:—

“That a Scholarship of £50 per annum be awarded to John Vincent A Magrath, Dundalk, and that the remaining Scholarship of £50 be divided as follows:—£25 to be awarded to Miss Eileen M Teevan, Barronstown, and £25 to be awarded to Miss Margaret C Murphy, Dundalk; and that a Scholarship of £50 be awarded to Miss Margaret V Lyons, Drogheda, for her second year; and Scholarships of £50 each to Joseph M'Parland and Patrick A Hanratty for their third years, and that in the event of the latter student obtaining a Commission in the Army that his Scholarship be held over for him until after the war.”

A discussion took place on these recommendations, and the Secre-

tary informed the Council that four candidates had applied for the Scholarships, but that Mr Joseph Hardy, one of the applicants, was, in the view of the Scholarship Committee, not considered entitled, as it was alleged that his father was possessed of sufficient means to give his son a University Education without the aid of a Scholarship. This view was contested by several Members of the Council, who stated that Mr Hardy's father was a working blacksmith with a large family.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T J Byrne, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Joseph P Kearney, Esq, and

Resolved—That on consideration of the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee now submitted to a Special Meeting of the Council, we hereby decide to divide the two Scholarships of £50 offered by the Council equally between the four applicants whose names are as follows:—

Miss Eileen Mary Teevan, Barronstown House, Dundalk.

Miss Margaret C Murphy, 40 Church Street, Dundalk.

Joseph Hardy, Newtownfane, Dundalk; and

John Vincent A Magrath, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk;

and in the event of one of the applicants refusing the Scholarships, that a full Scholarship of £50 be awarded to Mr Magrath.

And we approve of the Committee's recommendation regarding renewals of existing Scholarships, and hereby renew for the second year Miss Margaret V Lyons' Scholarship of £50; and for the third year Joseph M'Parland's and Patrick A Hanratty's Scholarships of £50 each.

And in the event of the latter student obtaining a Commission

in the Army, we agree that this Scholarship be held over for him until after the War.

#### CO-OPTION ON LOUTH COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr Michael Meade was put as a substantive resolution and passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;

Seconded by T J Byrne, Esq, J P; and

Resolved—That Mr John Hand, Castlebellingham, be co-opted a Member of the Louth County Committee of Agriculture.

#### WORKMEN AT JONESBORO' QUARRY.

On the application of the County Surveyor the Members of the Council decided to hear him in Committee with regard to the application for an increase of wages made by the workers at Jonesboro' Quarry. He stated that the present wages of the labouring men was 15s per week and they had asked for an increase of 3s per week. He understood that the workmen in Co. Armagh quarries only received 15s per week. He asked for a direction from the Council in the matter.

It was suggested by Mr Hamill that the County Surveyor be empowered to increase the wages from 15s to 16s per week at his discretion, but this was opposed by Messrs M'Gee, Byrne, and Meade on the ground that these men had only been in the Council's employment a very short time, and they should not break through an agreement as to wages so recently made.

After discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;

Seconded by T J Byrne, Esq, J P;

"That the application of the workmen at Jonesboro' quarry for an increase of wages from 15s to 18s per week be not acceded to."

To this the following Amendment was

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Joseph P Kearney, Esq:

"That the application of the workmen at Jonesboro' Quarry for an increase of wages be left in the hands of the County Surveyor, and that he have power to increase their wages from 15s to 16s per week if he thinks it advisable."

The Chairman took a division on the Amendment with the following result:—

For the Amendment—Messrs John Dolan, Bernard Finnegan, Bernard Hamill, Joseph P Kearney, Thomas V M'Quillan, Thos O'Rourke, Peter Woods, and William Woods—8.

Against—Messrs Thomas J Byrne, Joseph H M'Ardle, Patrick M'Gee, Michael Meade, John Morgan—5.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried, and the terms of same accepted as a substantive resolution, and the County Surveyor was instructed in accordance therewith.

#### FISHING IN DUNDALK BAY.

Petition addressed to the Chairman and signed by the fishermen of Blackrock was read, in which complaint was made that trawlers and boats using ring-nets are constantly at work inside the limit in Dundalk Bay, and that if something was not done immediately to put a stop to these breaches of the law, the fishing in the Bay would be ruined. As the interests of the fishermen of Clogherhead, Giles' Quay, and Annagassan were affected, as well as those of the Blackrock men, the petitioners requested the

County Council to bring the matter under the notice of the Fishery Commissioners with a view to having an inquiry held; and to take all necessary steps to save the fishing in Dundalk Bay from ruin.

The Council unanimously directed the Secretary to send a copy of the petition to the Fishery Branch of the Department of Agriculture, drawing attention to the complaints made therein; and also directed the Secretary to invite a deputation of the Blackrock fishermen to the next Meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the matter.

## New County Offices Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the New County Offices Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 4th October, 1915, at 1.30 o'clock p m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—Peter Woods, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; Wm Woods, J P; and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary submitted Professor Scott's account for work in connection with the proposed New County Offices as follows:—

To fee for Assessing 19 Designs for the New County Offices	... ..	£31 10 0
One-fifth per cent of value of building (£6,000)	... ..	12 0 0
To Survey and measuring of Clerk of the Crown and Peace's Offices and making drawings of suggested alterations, etc.	... ..	5 5 0
To Travelling Expenses	... ..	5 5 0
		£54 0 0

It was unanimously agreed that the amount of his account be paid Professor Scott.

Application was read from Messrs Batchelor and Hicks, 26 Merrion Square, Dublin (the designers of the drawings placed

second in the recent competition for plans for the New Offices) for the amount of the premium, namely, £25, and it was unanimously agreed that this amount should also be paid.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 4th October, 1915, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—

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

Other Members—James Wynne, J.P.; Michael O'Meara, J.P.; Wm. Woods, J.P.; John F. Murphy, J.P.; Michael Meade, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; and Peter Woods, J.P., Esquires.

Mr. Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee 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	...	£147	1	3
Secretary's Office (including remuneration to five Rate Collectors who closed their collections on 30th September, 1915)	...	266	10	10
Total,		£413	12	1

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

## TRAWLING AT BLACKROCK.

The following letter from the Department (Fisheries Branch), in reply to the petition of the Blackrock Fishermen, which had been forwarded by the Secretary in accordance with instructions received at last meeting of the County Council, was read:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction,  
(Fisheries Branch),

3 Kildare Place, Dublin,

29th September, 1915.

No. 4268/15, F.B.

Sir,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, and its accompanying copy of a petition from the fishermen of Blackrock, Co. Louth, in reference to alleged illegal trawling in Dundalk Bay; and to state, for the information of the Louth County Council, that the Department have received no complaint of illegal trawling in Dundalk Bay. Should such complaints be received, supported by information which would assist the identification of offenders, the question of instituting proceedings would be considered.

The use of seines or ring nets is not illegal in Dundalk Bay.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Courthouse, Dundalk.

The Committee decided to hear the deputation from the fishermen, who had been invited to attend this meeting, and the following men appeared before the Committee—Denis M'Keown, Michael Hamilton and Peter Carroll—and it was stated that the usage of ring nets by trawlers was working havoc with the fishing in the Bay, and was even more destructive than steam trawling.

The Committee were unanimously of opinion that as the use of ring nets, as embodied in the Department's letter, was not illegal in Dundalk Bay, that the only effective way to deal with the matter was for all the fishermen of Blackrock, Gyles' Quay, Annagassan and Clogherhead to jointly petition the proper authority to make the use of ring nets illegal in the Bay, and that the County Council would give all the assistance possible to the fishermen in the matter. This was conveyed to the deputation, who thanked the Committee for affording them this opportunity of ventilating their grievance.

A complaint was also made by the deputation that a water cut in the river near Lurgangreen required attention owing to the embankment being broken; and it was arranged that the County Surveyor would inspect the place and see if anything could be done to remedy the defect.

#### CARLINGFORD PIER STORE.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor requesting the Committee to have transferred from the Carlingford Pier Revenue Account a sum of £60, to be expended on any necessary repairs to the Pier and other works in connection therewith.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the request be acceded to, and the Secretary was directed accordingly.

#### LETTING OF CARLINGFORD STORE.

The question of the letting of the above store was considered at length by the Committee, and the Secretary was directed to have the consideration of the letting of the store placed on the agenda for next Meeting of the Finance Committee, and placed on the notice convening the Meeting.

#### ESTUARY OF BOYNE.

Notice from the Department of Agriculture defining the boundary of the mouth of the River Boyne was tabled by the Secretary, who was directed to send a copy of same to the Town Clerk, Drogheda.

#### GILES' QUAY BOAT SLIP.

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

Local Government Board, Dublin,

27th September, 1915.

No. 51895/1915.

Louth County.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to refer to their letter of the 17th instant on the subject of the purchase by the Louth County Council of a Boat Slip at Giles' Quay Harbour, and I am to inform the County Council that the Board have since received a communication from the Commissioners of Public Works, in which the expression of their views, as previously conveyed to the Local Government Board, is qualified as follows:—

"The correct statement should be that the Board (of Works) have no power to frame bye-laws for the regulation of the Quay

as proposed to be enlarged by the addition of the Boat Slip. The Board have power to make, and have made, bye-laws under the provisions of the Fisheries Acts for the regulation of the works carried out under those Acts and transferred to the County of Louth on the 7th February, 1879, consisting of a concrete pier, a storm parapet, a sloping sea pavement and harbour excavation."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,

The Secretary was directed to reply that, in the opinion of the Council, the Slip was not an extension of the Quay, but was part of the Harbour and Works.

#### PENSION TO GILES' QUAY HARBOUR CONSTABLE.

Sealed Order from the Local Government Board sanctioning the proposal of the Council to grant a pension of £8 per annum to James Cumiskey, late Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay, was read and initialled by the Chairman.

#### AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board enclosing paying order for the sum of £6,391 15s 0d in respect of the Agricultural Grant. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### THIRD PARTY POLICIES.

Letter was read from the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., enclosing Third Party Policies as approved by the Council's Solicitor, and account for Premiums on same. The

policies were initialled by the Chairman and payment of the account ordered.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted statement of the rate collection to 30th September, 1915, from which it appeared that all the collectors in the Ardee and Drogheda districts, and one collector in Dundalk district, had closed their collections. Four collectors in Dundalk district had not closed, and the amounts outstanding against them were as follows:—

Patrick Hughes	£557 4 6
Patrick Cluskey	719 6 5
Peter M'Donnell	1180 6 9
John Woods	341 14 10
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	£2798 12 6

Letter addressed to the Chairman, and signed by the above four collectors, was read, in which their application for an extension of time to close their collections, which had been before the Committee at last Finance Meeting, was renewed. In the original application an extension of 21 days was asked for.

Messrs Bernard Hamill and Peter Woods supported the application, and the Secretary was directed to convey the application to the Local Government Board with the opinion of the Committee that owing to the late harvest and the fact that very little grain had yet been sold that the extension might be granted.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Letters were read from Joseph Hardy and Margaret C Murphy thanking the Council for awarding them Scholarships of £25

each, but stating that they were not intending to avail themselves of same.

The Secretary informed the Committee that under the terms of the resolution of the County Council Mr John V Magrath was now entitled to a Scholarship of £50 per annum.

After discussion, it was

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P;

Seconded by Mr Peter Woods, J P,

and unanimously resolved:—

That we recommend the County Council to increase Miss Eileen Teevan's Scholarship of £25 to £50, this making two Scholarships for this year's award, namely:—Eileen M Teevan and John Vincent Magrath, £50 per annum each.

#### BOOK FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Application was read from the High Sheriff for Civil Bill book for records of decrees and judgments.

The Secretary read the Section of the Local Government Act from which it appeared that the County Council should supply this book, and the Committee unanimously instructed him to order same.

#### MOTOR LICENCE DUTY DEFAULTERS.

The Secretary submitted list of motor owners in the County who had not paid the Licence Duty as required by the Finance Act, and the Committee unanimously directed the Secretary to have prosecution issued against the defaulters.

## Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Third Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 18th October, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, William Woods, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; James Wynne, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; J P Kearney, Peter Woods, J P, and T J Byrne, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Proposal Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large accounts for quarter ended 30th September, 1915, amounting to the sum of £5,469 4s 4d. Same were examined by the Committee and payment recommended.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 18th October, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

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

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, William Woods, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; James Wynne, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; J P Kearney, Peter Woods, J P; and T J Byrne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

### LOANS ACCOUNT.

W. Thackeray and Sons for 3 Scarifiers complete £210 0 0

### SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNT.

Works in charge of County Surveyor	£196 12 4
Secretary's Office	£26 9 9
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	£223 2 1

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loan Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

### LETTING OF CARLINGFORD PIER STORE.

The next business on the agenda was the consideration of the letting of above Store, which was now completed and ready for the storage of goods.

On the motion of Mr J P Kearney,  
Seconded by Mr Peter Woods, J P,

The Committee unanimously recommended that the Store be let as required from time to time to all persons requiring same.

The Committee then considered the question of the warehousing charge for the use of the Store, and the following scale was unanimously adopted:—

A charge of 2d (twopence) per ton per week, or any portion of a week for all goods stored.

Where the Store is used for coal imported to the pier, the rate of 2d per ton per week to be charged on the full tonnage first stored until the entire quantity is removed from the Store.

The Harbour Constable to be responsible for the keeping of the accounts of all goods stored.

### CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS.

The following letter from the County Solicitor was read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street,  
Dundalk, 14th Oct., 1915.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report on the result of claims heard at the recent Quarter Sessions as follows:—

ISMAY CHESTER WALSH, £50 and £5.—These are the

cases where cattle are alleged to have been poisoned and otherwise killed. The larger claim was dismissed. In the second claim the sum of £2 was awarded to be levied off the D. E. D. of Castlebellingham.

TRUSTEES ARDEE DRAINAGE BOARD, £20.—Injury to sluice gates. Decree was granted for £10 10s 0d, to be levied off D. E. Divisions of Ardee Urban and Ardee Rural jointly.

KILLANNY CO-OPERATIVE F. I. SOCIETY, LTD, £20—Damage to reaping and binding machines. This claim was dismissed.

JOHN M'ARDLE, Monascriebe, £15.—Burning of hay. Decree was granted for £7 10s 0d, to be levied off the District El. Division of Ballymascanlon.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read and initialled by the Chairman, who explained that a copy had been sent to all the Collectors concerned, with the result that all of them had now closed their collection of the First Society, on the date mentioned by the Local Government Board:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
6th October, 1915.

No. 53089/1915.

Louth County.

Sir,—

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the return showing the condition of the collection of the poor rate on the 30th ultimo in Louth County for half-year ended on that date, from which they regret to note that Collectors Patrick Hughes, Patrick Cluskey, Peter M'Donnell, and John Woods have failed to close their collections within the half-year, having outstanding the large amounts of £557, £719, £1180 and £341 respectively.

The County Council will recollect that when these Collectors failed to close on a similar occasion previously, the Board were obliged to suspend the payment of their remuneration. On the representation of the County Council and in view of a guarantee given by each of the Collectors individually that they would comply with the requirements of the Board in future, the Local Government Board, though with considerable reluctance, agreed to modify this ruling.

Not only therefore have the Collectors by their failure to close for the past half-year forfeited all claim to the payment of their remuneration, but it is clear that the question of their fitness to retain their office must now be considered.

In the meantime the Collectors or their Sureties should be called upon to lodge the amounts outstanding forthwith to the credit of the County Council, and the Board request that you will notify them by the 13th instant whether the outstanding amounts have then been so lodged.

You should immediately inform each of the Collectors concerned of the contents of this letter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN, Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

At the request of the Chairman, the Committee directed the Secretary to apply to the Local Government Board for their sanction to the payment of the poundage fees to Collectors Hughes, Cluskey, M'Donnell, and Woods.

#### CARETAKER CENTRAL TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

The following letter was read, and the Committee unanimously recommended the confirmation of the appointment of Mrs Annie M'Parland as caretaker at the salary of £12 per annum:—

County of Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management.

Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk,

7th October, 1915.

Dear Sir,—

I am directed by the Tuberculosis Committee of Management to inform the Louth County Council that they have appointed as Caretaker of the Central Dispensary, Dundalk, Mrs Annie M'Parland, Infirmary Lodge, Dundalk, at a salary of £12 (Twelve Pounds) per annum; and to request the Council to ratify the appointment.

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN, Secretary.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,

Secretary Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

#### AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY COUNCIL AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

The following circular letter from the Local Government Board was read, and the Committee directed the Secretary to send copies to the Secretary of the Insurance Committee and the Tuberculosis Committee of Management and ask him to arrange for a Conference of the two Committees to discuss the letter and the terms of the agreement referred to therein; the Conference to take place in the Council Chamber, Dundalk Courthouse.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

13th October, 1915.

No. 53, 987: 1915.

Miscellaneous.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state, for the information of the Council, that after negotiations with the Insurance Commissioners they have arranged the terms of a standard form of agreement to be entered into between County and County Borough Councils and Insurance Committees, in regard to the treatment of tuberculous insured and exempt persons recommended for Sanatorium Benefit. Three copies of the Form are enclosed herewith.

The objects which the Board have had in view have been to effect co-ordination between the administration of Insurance Committees and County arrangements for the treatment of Tuberculosis, to secure for insured and exempt persons a fair equivalent for the contributions made from the Sanatorium Benefit Funds, and in all other respects to preserve the inde-

pendence of County and County Borough Councils in regard to financial control and to the management of their institutions.

Under the conditions of Agreement as now settled, the services of the Tuberculosis Officer will be at the disposal of the Insurance Committee for the examination of applicants for Sanatorium Benefit, for attendance at meetings the Committee, and for advice on matters arising out of the administration of Sanatorium Benefit. In addition the dispensary system and staff, together with the provision of shelters, will be available for insured and exempt persons for examination and for treatment, where recommended by the Tuberculosis Officer. In return for these services, a contribution calculated on the basis of one-fifth of the annual salary and travelling expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer will be received from the Sanatorium Benefit Funds.

In regard to institutional treatment, the County Council will undertake to provide accommodation for insured and exempt patients recommended by the Insurance Committee on the advice of the Tuberculosis Officer, within a limit of expenditure hereafter explained. The form includes facilities for this upward limit to be expressed in terms of Sanatorium and Hospital beds to be reserved for insured and exempt patients, the number of which can readily be determined upon the basis of an estimated annual cost of maintenance. It will certainly be of convenience for the practical administration of the Insurance Committee and of the County or County Borough Council, that either body should be in a position to know the extent of the institutional accommodation at their disposal from time to time.

Similarly domiciliary treatment in a manner approved by the Local Government Board will be undertaken by County or County

Borough Councils for insured and exempt persons recommended by the Insurance Committee on the advice of the Tuberculosis Officer, subject to a financial limit also hereafter specified.

The normal annual contribution of the Insurance Committee towards the funds of the County or County Borough Councils will be at the rate of 1s 2d per insured person, out of the statutory yearly income of the Insurance Committee under the National Insurance Acts. Four-sevenths of this contribution (that is, at the rate of 8d per annum per insured person) is appropriated to meeting the cost of institutional accommodation reserved for insured and exempt persons under the Agreement. The requirements of insured and exempt persons for institutional treatment will doubtless exceed this allowance; the surplus cases will be dealt with by the Tuberculosis Committee of the County or County Borough Council, who should consider the claims of such patients equally with those of uninsured persons.

The balance of the Insurance contribution (that is, at the rate of 6d per insured person) is charged primarily with the commuted payment for the services of the Tuberculosis Officer and Dispensary system, calculated at one-fifth of the salary and travelling expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer, while the remainder is applicable to the expenses of the County or County Borough Council in carrying out domiciliary treatment of insured and exempt persons, on the recommendation of the Insurance Committee.

The form further includes provisions for the supply of periodical reports, and other statistical information, as to insured and exempt patients undergoing treatment under the County or County Borough Council, for the visitation of County Institutions by

Officers of the Insurance Commissioners, and for the settlement of disputes by reference to the Local Government Board and Insurance Commissioners, or by arbitration.

In recommending the standard form of Agreement for acceptance by County and County Borough Councils, the Board have no doubt that the Councils will recognise the conditions as representing a reasonable and equitable adjustment of the mutual rights and obligations of the Councils and of Insurance Committees, and they trust that agreements will be generally concluded on the suggested lines at an early date, and that an organised scheme of efficient treatment of Tuberculosis will now be put in operation in every County and County Borough in Ireland.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary of  
the County Council.

#### OMEATH PARK.

The following letter was read, and, after discussion, the Committee recommended that the Council's Solicitor should appear before the Land Judge's Court on 29th instant to represent the County Council, with authority to say that their offer for Omeath Park of £1,500 would be adhered to, but that no increase on that sum would be made:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

5th October, 1915

WOODHOUSE, OWNER: ANNESLEY, PETITIONER.

Dear Sir,

I would be glad to have the Council's instructions on the

following letter as received to-day from Mr. Henry F. Chidley, Solicitor, relative to offer recently made for the purchase of Omeath Park:—

"Some parties are negotiating as regards the purchase of Omeath Park, and I propose to bring the matter before the Court on the 29th inst. to determine what course should be adopted.

"If your clients wish to make another offer you should be represented on that day before the Judge. It would be well if you would let me know beforehand, of course, what they would be prepared to do further."

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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

#### TREASURY LETTER RE GOLD COIN.

Letter was read from the Treasury impressing upon the Council the urgent importance of substituting notes for gold for the purpose of paying wages and for cash disbursements generally. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### OFFENCE UNDER FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

The following letter was read, also the Report from the Officer of the Department and the Analysis Report from Sir Chas. Cameron, which certified that the sample of butter contained 21.3 per cent. of water, 16 per cent. being the maximum proportion of water allowable:—

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

Dublin, 14th October, 1915.

No. G.4361-15.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Sir,

I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Louth County Council, that an Officer of the Department—Mr. James J. Nagle—acting on instructions under Section 2 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899, purchased on the 27th ultimo at the premises occupied by Mr. P. Watters, 11 Earl street, Dundalk, a sample of butter, which was submitted for analysis and was found to contain 21.8 per cent. of water—16 per cent. being the maximum proportion of water allowable in sample of genuine butter under the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations, 1902 (copy herewith). A copy of the report received from Mr. Nagle in regard to this matter is enclosed, together with the Analyst's certificate and copy thereof.

In this case an offence would appear to have been committed against the provision of Section 6 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, and the Department are, therefore, desirous that proceedings should, on behalf of your Local Authority, be instituted in respect of the transaction within 28 days from the date on which the sample was obtained (Vide Sections 2 (2) and 19, Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899).

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Dundalk.

A discussion took place on this matter, and Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., pointed out that it was impossible for a trader who purchased butter to know the quantity of water contained therein, and as there was no deleterious matter discovered on analysis of the sample, he proposed that no prosecution be instituted in the case.

Mr. Peter Woods, J.P., seconded.

Mr. T. J. Byrne, J.P., stated that the trader purchasing the butter had his remedy against the seller if it contained too much water, and that it was imperative to prosecute. He proposed an amendment, that, as suggested by the Department, a prosecution be instituted.

There being no seconder to the amendment, the Chairman declared Mr. Hamill's motion, that the County Council do not prosecute in the case, carried, Mr. T. J. Byrne dissenting.

DROGHEDA COURTHOUSE.

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

Town Clerk's Office,

Drogheda, 15th October, 1915.

The Secretary,  
County Council of Louth,  
Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

My Finance Committee have now considered your letter, in which it is suggested that the Corporation should in future provide fuel, light and water for the portions of Drogheda Courthouse used by them and their officers.

The suggestion comes upon them with surprise, and they can only think there must be some misunderstanding to account for it.

Perhaps the County Council are not fully aware of the circumstances under which the Corporation came to use the Courthouses for municipal purposes.

Formerly the "Tholsel" premises were availed of by the Grand Jury, with the permission of the Corporation, for the purposes the present Courthouse is used for until the erection of a new Courthouse was decided upon. The Corporation thereupon agreed with the Grand Jury to lease for ever at a nominal rent of 1s. portion of their principal Market and some of the Market buildings, upon the understanding that they would be at liberty to use the Courthouse for municipal purposes, and thereby be in a position to lease the "Tholsel." The Courthouse was erected, the Market buildings being altered so as to form portion of it, and the Corporation moved in. The Grand Jury provided the entire cost of maintenance, including fuel, light and water. On the passing of the Local Government Act such maintenance, of course, passed on to the County Council, and until now no question has been raised.

The amount of coal, gas and water used in the year amounts to but a small sum.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. CONNOLLY.

#### ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION ACT EXPENSES.

Circular letter was read from the L.G.B. with reference to the payment to officials and contractors (except Clerks of the Crown and Peace) for work in connection with the Voters' and Jurors' Lists, in which it was set out that, as all the work in connection

with the Registration of Voters is discharged before the 1st August, payment on the usual scale might be made, but without fees for attendance at Revision Sessions.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS.

Letter was read from the L.G.B.—No. 159M/1915—informing the County Council that Mr. J. A. Reddy had been appointed to audit the accounts of the above Committee for the half-year ended 30th September.

#### COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

The following notices of application for committal to Industrial Schools were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Clerk of Petty Sessions, Drogheda—For committtal of James J. and John Sexton, of Fair street, Drogheda.

Rev. Father Hurson, C.C., Dundalk—For committal of Kitty, Margaret and Susan Sullivan, and Lily Grimes, all of Dundalk.

Sergeant, R.I.C., Ardee—For committal of two children to Drogheda Industrial School.

#### COUNTY COURT-KEEPER'S APPLICATION.

The following letter was read, and the Committee unanimously recommended that Mr. Murray be allowed £10 as usual for extra

duties, subject to the sanction of Local Government Board:—

The Courthouse, Dundalk,

18th October, 1915.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen  
of the County Council.

I respectfully beg to apply for the usual annual allowance for the extra work performed by me during the past twelve months.

You very kindly granted me £10 per year for the past five years for this extra work, which consists principally in attending to the Heating Apparatus during the winter months, preparing the two Courts for Petty Sessions every Friday instead of one as heretofore, keeping space in front of Courthouse clean, also Courts and various other duties, including looking after gutters in roof and cleaning them.

Thanking you, Gentlemen, for past favours.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

TIMOTHY MURRAY,

Court Keeper.

#### HOSTELS FOR COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARS.

The Secretary was directed to write the Scholars who had been awarded Scholarships under the Council and ascertain whether the hostels where they had arranged to reside were approved by the College Authorities.

#### SUNDRIES FOR ARDEE COURTHOUSE.

The Secretary submitted a requisition from the Court Keeper, Ardee Courthouse, for stationery, ink, brush, etc., and informed them that a similar quantity of the same articles had been

supplied in the previous three quarters, and that the expenditure under this head had increased in recent years. The Secretary was directed to write the Court Keeper that he would require to exercise economy in the use of the sundries in future.

## Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 1st November, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

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

Other Members—T J Byrne, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; P M'Gee, J P; John F Murphy, J P; and Laurence M'Keown, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

### SALARY OF CLERK TO LOCAL AUTHORITY.

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

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland (Veterinary Branch).

50 and 51 Upper Merrion Street,

Dublin, 16th October, 1915.

No. 3670/15.

Sir,

Having regard to the suspension of the Tuberculosis (Ireland)

Order as from the 1st ultimo, the Department find it necessary to advert to the question of the rate of remuneration attached to your office of Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and to direct attention to the terms of their letter of 16th December, 1913, in which approval of the present rate of remuneration was conveyed.

It will be observed that the Department's approval of the proposal to attach a salary of £100 per annum to the post was given subject to revision in the event of a cessation of work under the Tuberculosis Order. It became necessary, therefore, to consider the question of such revision now that the operation of the Order has been suspended for the time being, and that there is, apparently, no reported case of bovine tuberculosis remaining to be dealt with in the county.

I have, accordingly, to request that, at the first opportunity, you will be so good as to place the matter before your Local Authority with a view to their considering what rate of remuneration should be attached to the office in question in the altered circumstances at present existing.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council,  
Court House, Dundalk.

The original letter from the Department, dated 18th December, 1913, No. 6147/13, in which the Department approved of the appointment of the Secretary to the County Council as Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals

Acts, was read, in which they expressed approval of the proposal to attach a salary of £100 per annum to the office, but stipulated that this approval might be subject to revision in the event of cessation of work under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order.

The Committee, after considering the proportion of work under the Tuberculosis Order, which was a very small proportion of the entire work under the Diseases of Animals Acts, unanimously decided to reduce the salary of the Clerk to the Local Authority by the sum of £10 per annum, and directed the Secretary to inform the Department of Agriculture of their decision.

#### VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

The Reports of the Veterinary Inspectors as follows, for the months of September and October, were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

##### Mr Clinton's Report for September, 1915.

On 1st September 41 sheep, the property of Joseph Murphy, of Derrybeg, were detained at Greenore Port for scab. The necessary steps were taken, the affected sheep being slaughtered and the remainder dipped at Greenore and returned to the owner's farm by order of the Department of Agriculture. On the same date 48 sheep, the property of Mr P Rooney, Mountmills, were also detained at Greenore for scab. The affected sheep were slaughtered. The remainder were dipped at Greenore and returned to Mr Rooney's farm.

Your obedient servant,

J. T. CLINTON.

##### Mr Clinton's Report for October, 1915.

On October 7th 24 sheep were detained at Dundalk Port owing to the presence of scab amongst them. They were the property of Thomas Malone, Drumshambo, and were consigned to England. All of them were slaughtered on the premises by order of the owner. On October 30th 4 lambs suffering from scab were found in a consignment sent by Mr J Shevlin to Dundalk Port from Carrickmacross. The necessary steps are being taken in the case.

Your obedient servant,

J. T. CLINTON.

##### Mr Donnelly's Report for September, 1915.

During the month of September I had to deal with one outbreak of sheep scab (the animals coming from Co. Down). There was a case of parasitic mange in a horse, the animal being destroyed, and I had one or two cases of suspected swine fever. I also inspected a couple of hundred sheep imported into the county from Dublin and Ballinasloe.

Your Secretary has been furnished with full particulars and all the necessary reports relating to each case.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

##### Mr Donnelly's Report for October, 1915.

There has been no outbreak of any of the notifiable diseases amongst animals in my district during the month of October, 1915.

There are no animals at present under restrictions. I made inspections in one or two suspected cases reported to me, but found the animals free from any of the scheduled contagious diseases.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

Mr Maxwell's Report for September, 1915.

I beg to report that I visited the usual fairs, markets, etc, held in the Ardee No.1 District during the month of September.

On the 5th, 12th, 21st and 30th of the month I visited the detained sheep at Dowdstown, and issued a withdrawal notice on the 30th September.

A fresh outbreak of scab occurred on the 30th September on the lands of John Crawley, of Artnalivery, Ardee, and I issued the usual notices. Swine fever was reported on P M'Goggart's premises, at Debidee, Ardee, and at Mrs M'Gee's, Tallanstown. In neither case was the disease swine fever.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL.

Mr Maxwell's Report for October, 1915.

I beg to inform you that I inspected the usual fairs, markets, etc, held in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month

of October. The outbreak of sheep scab which occurred on the farm of John Crawley, Artnalivery, has been attended to, and the sheep were dipped in my presence on the 15th October. The usual notices have been served in all the cases reported to me.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL.

The Secretary submitted notices from the Veterinary Inspectors in the following cases:—

Swine Fever.

Mary M'Gee, Tallanstown.  
Patrick Byrne, Garveystown.  
Lester Doran, Harristown.

Sheep Scab.

John Crawley, Artnalivery.  
L Goodman, Dowdstown.  
Matthew Skelly, Hammondstown.  
Thomas Malone, Dundalk Steampacket Yard.  
James Shevlin, Dundalk Steampacket Yard.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 1st November, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

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

Other Members—T J Byrne, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; P M'Gee, J P; John F Murphy, J P; and Laurence M'Keown, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

Before the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Finance Committee were signed the Secretary informed the Committee that an officer from the Department of Agriculture had called and informed him that the Department were taking steps with a view to the institution of proceedings in the case under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts which had been considered at the last meeting. The minute of the last meeting was read, and the Secretary informed the Committee that if the County Council, as the Local Authority under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1899, failed to prosecute the trader from whom the sample of butter was taken that had been found on analysis to contain 5.8 per cent of excessive moisture, that under Section 3 (3) of the said Act the Council would be liable for all expenses with costs if the prosecution were taken by the Department, and that in a recent case the expenses had run to over £15.

It was proposed by Mr J F Murphy, J P;  
Seconded by Mr Laurence M'Keown,

That we hereby delete from the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the 18th October the recommendation that no prosecution be instituted, and that we recommend the County Council to proceed with the prosecution under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

Messrs J F Murphy, J P; L M'Keown and T J Byrne, J P, voted for, and Mr B Hamill, J P, against this motion, which was declared carried by the Chairman.

The Minutes as amended were then signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and, on examination, were ordered for payment:—

Loans Account	£1 2 5
Subsidiary Account.	
Works in charge of County Surveyor	£185 7 10
Secretary's Office	136 7 6
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	£321 15 4

The Bank Books were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

The Rate Collectors' Irrecoverable Arrears lists were submitted by the Secretary and payment of same recommended.

### RATE COLLECTION.

The following letter from the Local Government Board, in reply to the request of the Committee for sanction to payment of poundage fees to Collectors Hughes, Cluskey, Peter

M'Donnell and Woods, was read, and payment was made accordingly:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,

22nd October, 1915.

No. 56,052/1915.

Louth County.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 18th instant and previous correspondence with the Louth County Council, relative to the failure of Collectors Hughes, Cluskey, Peter M'Donnell and Woods to lodge the full amount of their warrants for the past half year on the prescribed date.

With reference thereto, I am to state that, having regard to the previous records of these Collectors and their failure to fulfil the guarantees given by them, the Board feel considerable hesitation in assenting to their retention in office.

Inasmuch as they lodged within one week of the Board's letter of the 6th instant the full amount of the half year's rates, the Board will not now take the extreme step of removing them. The Board are, however, only prepared to allow them a share of their remuneration calculated on the proportion of the rates actually lodged by them up to the 30th September to the total amount of the half-yearly warrant.

The Local Government Board wish the County Council clearly to understand that this decision is to be accepted as final, and if the Collectors are not prepared to abide by it they may resign their positions. The Board cannot admit that there is any reason why the Collectors of Rates in Louth

County should be placed upon a different footing from that of the Collectors of every other County in Ireland.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

#### OBSTRUCTION AT LURGANGREEN ON FANE RIVER.

A report was read from the County Surveyor on inquiries made by him, as directed by the Finance Committee, on a complaint made by the deputation from the Blackrock fishermen. The County Surveyor reported that there was a breach in the embankment along the Fane river south of Mr Murphy's lands at Haggardstown. The embankment forms part of the Fane Drainage Works, and the breach was caused by the high tide of 1st January last. The fishermen state that the drain north of and adjacent to the toe of the embankment is being filled up with silt and screws dug off the embankment and thrown into the drain to grow. The object in closing the drain is alleged to be to prevent the beaching of boats along the banks, and advantage is taken of the breach in the embankment to drain the land water which formerly went through the drain. The tide now rises through the breach and covers the adjacent lands. The County Surveyor further stated that he did not think the County Council could expend money in repairing the embankment, which is part of the drainage works.

The report was initialled by the Chairman.

## DEATH OF MR. CHARLES E. M'CANN.

Letter was read from Mr T F Ryan, Dublin, stating he was directed by Mrs M'Cann to inform the County Council that Mr Charles E M'Cann, of Newtownplatten, Drogheda, late rate collector of the Drogheda Rural District, and a pensioner under the County Council, had died at Bettystown on the 13th October, 1915.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

## NOTICE RE ROAD CONTRACTOR.

Letter was read from H J W Downey, solicitor, of Dublin, notifying that his client, Mr Denis M'Ardle, of Cunnigar, was due a sum of £27 11s 3d by Thomas M'Kevitt, jun, of Barrons-town, road contractor, and that he intended to obtain an Order for Garnishee of any monies payable to Mr M'Kevitt by the County Council in respect of road contracts.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

## COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARS.

Report was read from the University College of Autumn Examinations on Scholarship Holders under the Louth County Council as follows:—

Margaret Callan—Passed B.A. (Honours) degree in Modern Languages.

Ursula M'Parland—Passed the degree for Bachelor of Commerce.

Henry Rogan—Passed B.E. degree examination with 2nd class Honours.

A further letter was read from the University College that the following residences for Louth Council Scholars had been approved of:—

Eileen Teevan—Loreto Hall, 77 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Patrick A Hanratty and John V A M'Grath—12 Grantham Street, Dublin.

## COSTS OF MORTGAGE—ROAD MACHINERY.

Letter was read from L. G. B. dated 27th October, No. 57235/1915, sanctioning payment of bill of costs, amounting to £8 0s 8d, furnished to the Louth County Council by Messrs D and T Fitzgerald, solicitors to the Hibernian Bank.

## CIVIL BILL BOOK.

Letter was read from L. G. B. dated 18th October, No. 54768/15, sanctioning payment for a Civil Bill Book for recording decrees and judgments in the Sheriff's Office, Louth County.

ACCOUNTS OF DUNDALK UNION AND DISTRICT  
COUNCIL.

Letters were read from the Local Government Board dated 18th October, Nos. 55223/15 and 55292/15, enclosing the audited accounts and reports thereon of the Dundalk Union and Dundalk Rural District Council respectively.

## OMEATH PARK.

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

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
30th October, 1915.

Woodhouse, Owner; Annesley, Petitioner.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that, as instructed, I represented the Council in this matter before Judge Ross in the Land Judge's Court in Dublin on yesterday.

Mr Chidley, as Solicitor having Carriage, entered it in the Judge's list for directions on several matters, viz—The appointment of new caretaker; whether the lands should be let in the usual way for the season, etc; and also to bring under the notice of the Judge two offers before the Court.

His Lordship stated that since the matter was last in his List he was in the district and took the opportunity of inspecting the house and grounds. He was disappointed in the property, which he had thought was in better condition. The house was an ugly structure and the timber was not good. He had heard, however, that there was some rich merchant looking after it, and that he would probably buy it.

Mr Chidley stated that there was an offer made him of £1,750 conditional on his allowing the purchase to remain out for six months. Then there was the County Council offer of £1,500. I mentioned to the Judge that the Council would not increase their offer, but would adhere to the offer made provided the Department of Agriculture approved of the Land Commission making the advance for purchase under the provisions of the Land Act of 1903. The Judge replied that the

Council's offer really meant that they were giving nothing for the house.

Mr Harris, Solicitor, stated he represented one of the mortgagees, and that if the Council's offer were accepted his clients would be cut out and would get nothing. Mr Killingley, Solicitor, also appeared for a mortgagee, and the Judge asked him if his clients' charge would be reached if the property were sold for £2,000. He stated he thought they would, and that the first mortgage was for £1,000.

His Lordship adjourned the matter for a month, with liberty for Mr Chidley to re-enter it if he felt justified at an earlier date. He asked the latter to try and get into communication with this rich merchant that had been spoken of, but from whom no offer had been received. He also directed that the lands be not let for grazing as usual, as it would be inconvenient to have them so let should it be thought expedient to accept any offer before the Court when the matter appears again in the lists.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alister, Esq.,

Secretary Louth County Council,  
Dundalk.

## ROAD AT SEABANK.

Letter was read from the L. G. B. dated 27th October, No. 57989/15, enclosing copy of a letter from Mr P M'Cartney relative to the condition of a road in Louth County, and requesting that the Board would be furnished with a report from the County Surveyor on the subject.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had submitted the letter to the County Surveyor, and obtained from him the subjoined report, a copy of which had been sent to the Local Government Board.

The Committee approved of what had been done, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman:—

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Dundalk,

29th October, 1915.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,

Secretary, Louth County Council,

Court House, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 28th instant enclosing letter from Local Government Board (No 57389/1915), asking for a report on a letter of complaint received by them from P M'Cartney, relative to the condition of a road in this County.

The road which M'Cartney complains of is a portion of the "Old Coast Road"—A-B on enclosed map—i.e., from Lurgan White House to his (M'Cartney's) residence.

No portion of this old "Coast Road" is at present under repair by the County; and, so far as I can learn, no money has been expended on it during the last 60 years at least, nor probably for a much longer period.

So far as I am aware no notice of motion in respect of the road has been lodged with the Dundalk Rural District Council.

I return Local Government Board communication with M'Cartney's copy letter attached.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS WALSH,  
County Surveyor.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

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

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for  
Ireland,

Upper Merrion Street, Dublin.

No. G.4380/15.

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 27th ultimo, at Dundalk, three samples of butter for analysis. The samples were duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the County Louth, who certifies that they proved to be pure.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council,  
Court House, Dundalk.

## SHEEP DIPPING PROSECUTIONS.

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

Francis Street, Dundalk,

26th October, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that I attended at Drogheda Petty Sessions on yesterday, the 25th instant, on the hearing of seven summonses at the suit of the County Council against the several defendants hereunder named, for "exposing for sale" sheep at the Drogheda Market during the past month unaccompanied by the Declaration that such sheep were dipped within the prescribed Autumn Dipping Period. The Declarations of the Magistrates were as follows:—

Nicholas Lyons, Nynch, Co. Meath ... 6 sheep.  
Fined 6s and 5s costs.

Patrick Brangan, Ministown, Co. Meath. ... 3 sheep.  
Fined 7s 6d and 7s 6d costs.

William M'Donagh, Bettystown, Co. Meath ... 44 sheep.  
Fined £2 4s 0d and 7s 6d costs.

James O'Hagan, Omeath, Co. Louth ... 80 sheep.  
Fined £4 0s 0d and 10s costs.

The summonses against Patrick Rooney, Mountmills, Newry; Robert Skelly, Ballywad, Banbridge, and Joseph Fitzpatrick, Clanawhillan, Bryansfort, all in Co. Down, were adjourned for a fortnight for argument on the point of the jurisdiction of the magistrates.

Summonses against other defendants are issued for next Dunleer Petty Sessions, 9th proximo.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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

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Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

**LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

OF

**Louth County Council**

AT THEIR

**Third Quarterly Meeting**

**Held on 11th November, 1915.**

**Finance Committee**

AT THEIR

**Meetings held on 11th November, and**

**15th November, 1915.**

## Finance Committee.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 11th November, 1915, at 12.45 p.m.

Present:—In the Chair: Wm. Woods, Esq, J P.

Other Members—B Hamill, J P; M Meade, and Peter Woods, J P.

The Secretary submitted payments for road maintenance contracts, as per Forms 22, for the Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk Rural Districts, and payment of same was recommended.

## 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, 11th November, 1915, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—In the Chair: Lieutenant Wm A Doran, J P.

Other Members—Bernard Hamill, J P; Michael Meade, Peter Woods, J P; William Woods, J P; Thos B M'Court, Thomas O'Rourke, Peter B Moore, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; John Morgan, T V M'Quillan, Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; P Callan, J P; P Donegan, J P, and W T Skeffington, J P, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; James Dromgoole, and J M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyors; Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council; Dr M'Quillan, T M O, and Mr V Warren, Clerk, T C M, were in attendance

### CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Thomas M'Court, Esq, and

Resolved.—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held on the 26th August, 1915, and their Special Meeting

held on the 23rd September, 1915, a copy of each having 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 O'Rourke, Esq;

Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the under-mentioned dates (a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council), with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed:—

Monday, 23rd August, 1915.

Monday, 6th September, 1915.

Monday, 20th September, 1915.

Monday, 4th October, 1915.

Monday, 18th October, 1915.

Monday, 1st November, 1915.

Arising out of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 18th October, Mr Wm Woods, J P, referred to the method of letting the new Store on Carlingford Pier, decided upon at that meeting, and stated that he wished it to be understood that although he was present at the beginning of the Meeting referred to, and his name therefore appeared on the Minutes as being in attendance, he had left the meeting before the letting of the Store was discussed. He was not in favour of the decision arrived at by the Committee, as he thought it would have been better to advertise for tenders for the use of the Store.

The Secretary was directed to note Mr Woods' statement.

### POOR RATE COLLECTORS' FEES.

Arising out the Finance Minutes, and with reference to the Local Government Board letter regarding the payments sanctioned by the Board to the Rate Collectors for the period ended 30th September, 1915, the following resolution was passed unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to convey the terms of same to the Local Government Board:—

Proposed by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we request the Local Government Board to sanction payment of the balance of remuneration due to the Collectors who did not close their collections before the 30th September, as they have lodged the full amounts of their warrants on 13th October.

### CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meetings held on the 20th September, 1915, and 1st November, 1915, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Prior to the passing of this resolution Mr Patrick M'Gee, J P, referred to the prosecution of Sheep Owners who had complied with the Sheep-Dipping Order, but had merely neglected to carry their declarations with them when exposing

their sheep for sale, and considered this was a great hardship, but the Council did not take any action in the matter, and the resolution was passed.

### CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Thos V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on the 18th October, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

### NEW COUNTY OFFICES COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq ;

Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the New County Offices Committee at their Meeting on the 4th October, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

### ARDEE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P ;

Seconded by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on 5th October, 1915, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £728 17s 0d.

## DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P ;  
 Seconded by Patrick Callan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on the 12th October, 1915, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £511 14s 3d.

## DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by William Woods, Esq, J P ;  
 Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on the 4th October, 1915, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £1,048 12s 5d.

## COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by William Woods, Esq, J P ;  
 Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on the 18th day of October, 1915, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, and amounting to the sum of £5,469 7s 4d, be and are hereby approved of.

## UNION AND RURAL COUNCIL DEMANDS.

The Treasurer's Authority for the Unions and District Councils of Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk for the third instalments of demands, amounting in all to the sum of £7,608 3s 7d, was signed.

## DATES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P ;  
 Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, 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, 4th January, 1916.  
 Drogheda—Tuesday, 11th January, 1916.  
 Dundalk—Monday, 3rd January, 1916.

and that the Proposal Committee meet on 10th January, 1916

## RATE COLLECTORS' ARREARS' LISTS.

The Arrears' Lists in respect of half-year to 30th September, 1915, amounting to the sum of £280 3s 0d nett, were submitted by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman.

## ANNAGASSAN PIER.

Mr Michael Meade requested permission of the Council, which was granted, to direct attention to the unsatisfactory position in which the pier works at Annagassan had been left by the Department of Agriculture. The work had been suspended and was incomplete, but nevertheless imports of

coal, etc., were being landed at the pier, and no dues were collectable as the Board of Trade had not given their certificate. He pointed out that there was a provision in the Provisional Order that even though the works were incomplete, that if the necessary certificate were given, the Harbour Commissioners could insist on the dues being paid, and requested the Council to move in the matter.

The County Surveyor informed the Council that, in his opinion, the Harbour was not yet in a condition to be taken over, and that it would be desirable to see the effect of the winter tides before anything definite was done. He stated that there were no mooring posts erected, although these were specified for in the contract.

Mr Skeffington stated that he thought that it was the Harbour Commissioners should move in the matter, as they were the properly constituted authority under the Provisional Order.

It was eventually decided to direct the Secretary to request the Harbour Commissioners to meet and report on the matter.

#### CO-OPTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR ARDEE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;

Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr James T M'Gee, of Roodstown, as County Councillor for the Electoral Division of Ardee.

#### REDWATER IN CATTLE.

The consideration of the letter from the Department of

Agriculture relative to the treatment for Redwater in Cattle, which appeared on page 24 of the printed Minutes, was next on the agenda. This letter suggested that if the Council decided to establish tanks for the purpose of experimenting for the treatment of the disease the Department would approve of the trials being undertaken by the Louth County Committee of Agriculture, and that the expenditure would be defrayed from the joint fund of the Committee and the Department.

The matter was discussed by the Council, but no order was made.

#### PURCHASE OF GYLES' QUAY BOAT SLIP.

The next item on the Agenda was the consideration of two letters from the L.G.B., which appeared on pages 30 and 51 respectively of the printed Minutes. In these letters it was pointed out that in connection with the acquisition of the Boat Slip it was presumed that the County Council had in view the levying of tolls or poundages for the use of the Boat Slip as part of the Quay, and that any tolls to be levied would require to be fixed by the Commissioners of Public Works, which latter body stated that they had no power to frame bye-laws for the regulation of the Quay, or to fix a schedule of tolls for the use of the Boat Slip. The County Council were asked to further consider the proposal.

After discussion

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter Woods, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That, having considered the letters from the Local Government Board of the 17th September and 22nd September, 1915, we hereby decide to proceed with the pur-

chase of the Boat Slip at Gyles' Quay Harbour, and request the sanction of the Local Government Board to the purchase.

#### BACTERIOLOGIST FOR COUNTY LOUTH.

The Council next considered the request conveyed to them by Dr Brian O'Brien, Medical Inspector of the Local Government Board, suggesting the appointment of a Bacteriologist to aid in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease in the County of Louth.

After discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;

Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That having considered the request conveyed to the Council by Dr Brian O'Brien, late Medical Inspector of the Local Government Board, for the appointment of a bacteriologist for the County of Louth, we are of the opinion that the incurring of expenditure for this purpose at the present abnormal time is undesirable, and we postpone the consideration of same for six months.

#### PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND CO. LOUTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE FOR TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT.

The following report of the Conference between the Tuberculosis Committee of Management and the Insurance Committee was read:—

County of Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management.

Report of Conference held on Wednesday, the 27th day of

October, 1915, and resumed on Wednesday, the 3rd day of November, 1915, between Representatives of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management and the County Louth Insurance Committee to consider the terms of the agreement proposed to be entered into between the County Council and the Insurance Committee for the treatment of Insured and Exempt Persons suffering from Tuberculosis.

There were present:—Presiding: C A Duffy, Esq, J P, M C C. Other Representatives—Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, M C C; Wm Woods, Esq, J P; M C C; Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, M C C; Rev P Fagan, P P; Dr A G M'Kenna, Mrs M A Hamill, P L G; Messrs James Hughes and James Kelly.

Also present:—Dr J A M'Quillan, T M O; D O'Connell, Esq, Solicitor; Charles M'Alester, Esq, Secretary County Council; Dr Browne, L G B Inspector, and V Warren, Secretary to Committee.

A Model Form of Agreement furnished by the Local Government Board, after consultation with the Insurance Commission (Ireland) was submitted and considered Clause by Clause; which concisely means—"That the County Council shall render certain services to the Insurance Committee in return for a sum calculated at the rate of 1s 2d (one shilling and twopence) per insured person per annum resident in the county, which estimated at 14,000 insured persons realises £816. The services to be rendered in return for this contribution are:—

- (1) The Tuberculosis Medical Officer shall act as Medical Adviser to the Insurance Committee.
- (2) The use of the Council's Dispensaries and Staff for the examination and treatment of patients.
- (3) The provision of Sleeping Shelters.

(4) Provide in a sanatorium for treatment of not more than 24 insured persons, and (a) 4 surgical cases in the Louth County Infirmary.

(5) Provide treatment other than that specified above in a manner approved by the Local Government Board.

It is, however, specified that the 1s 2d (one shilling and two-pence) shall be divided into two parts, i.e. 8d and 6d. The 8d to be devoted solely to Institutional Treatment, i.e. :—

- (a) A sum calculated at 8d, i.e. 4/7 of £816, or £465 for Institutional Treatment.
- (b) One-fifth of the Medical Officer's Salary and Travelling Expenses, i.e. one fifth of £500, or £100 for Dispensary system.
- (c) Balance remaining, or £251 for Treatment other than in Institutions.—Total, £816.

PARTICULARS OF THE COUNCIL'S SCHEME.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.				
£	s	d	£	s	d		
Co. Council (rate 1d) in the £, ...	900	0	0	Medical Officer, ...	500	0	0
Insurance Committee, 14,000, at 1s 2d ...	816	0	0	Nurse, ...	84	0	0
				12 Beds at Peamount, at 25s each per week,	780	0	0
				Louth Infirmary—			
				Two Beds, ...	52	0	0
				District Nurses, ...	60	0	0
				Dispensaries—			
				All heads, ...	80	0	0
				Medicines, etc., ...	70	0	0
				Secretary, ...	50	0	0
				General Administration	10	0	0
				Balance for other Treatment, ...	30	0	0
Total, £1716	0	0	Total, £1716	0	0		

N.B.—The County Council shall receive from the L.G.B. one-half of their nett expenditure.

It was proposed by Mr B Hamill,

Seconded by Mr Wm Woods, and

Resolved—That we approve of the Agreement and Scheme

as outlined, which we recommend to operate from the 1st day of January, 1916, and remain in operation for two years.

V. WARREN,  
Secretary Tuberculosis Committee.

5th November, 1915.

The following letter from the Insurance Committee was also read:—

Insurance Committee for the County of Louth.

90, Clanbrassil Street,  
Dundalk, 11th Nov., 1915.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Insurance Committee for the County of Louth to inform you they have had under their consideration the report of the Conference between Representatives of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management and the Insurance Committee relative to the Agreement in connection with the Scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis; and, with reference thereto, the Committee desire to draw attention to the terms as set out in Clause 2 (d) and to request the Council's opinion as to the advisability of inserting the words six beds in a sanatorium and one bed in the Louth Infirmary for insured persons, instead of specifying and thereby confining treatment in a sanatorium to 24 insured persons, and in the Louth Infirmary to 4 insured persons respectively.

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN,  
Secretary.

On the motion of Mr Hamill, the Council unanimously agreed to accept the suggestion of the Insurance Committee, and to recommend that the number of beds (6) in a sanatorium,

and one for surgical cases in the County Infirmary for insured and exempt persons, should be inserted in the Agreement instead of a specific number of persons.

The matter of the Agreement was discussed at length, and Mr Skeffington suggested that as the matter was very important and required consideration, that the Report should be in the hands of all the members of the County Council before a decision was arrived at.

The Council unanimously decided to adopt Mr Skeffington's view, and the Secretary was directed to have the Report printed and circulated to the members of the Council, and place the consideration of the agreement on the agenda for the adjourned quarterly meeting to be held on the 25th November.

#### DROGHEDA TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

A letter was read from the Tuberculosis Committee of Management referring to the County Council the question of the Branch Dispensary for Drogheda. The letter stated that a site for the Dispensary had been approved by the L G B, who had furnished the Committee with a model plan, and directing that the cost of the building should not exceed £100. The Committee referred the matter to the Drogheda representatives, but notwithstanding the fact that two meetings had been specially called of these latter gentlemen it had been impossible to get a quorum to decide the matter. The Tuberculosis Committee now requested the County Council to issue their directions on the matter.

After discussion it was decided to refer the matter back to the Tuberculosis Committee, who were to endeavour to arrive at some definite decision, and report the result to the adjourned quarterly meeting of the Council.

#### DEATH OF MR. HENRY O'CONNELL, DUNDALK.

The following resolution of sympathy was passed in silence, all members present standing:—

Proposed by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we learn with regret of the death of Mr. Henry O'Connell, who was formerly a respected member of this Council, and we beg to tender to Mrs O'Connell and family our deep sympathy in their bereavement.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### NOTICE OF AUDIT.

Notice from R J Newell, Esq, Local Government Auditor, dated the 9th November, was read, stating that he would attend at the Courthouse, Dundalk, on Wednesday, 17th November, for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the Louth County Council for the half years ended 31st March and 30th September, 1915.

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

Parochial House,

Ardee, 4th September, 1915.

My Dear Mr M'Alester,

May I ask you to convey to the Louth County Council my thanks for their very kind resolution of congratulation on my recent appointment. I need hardly say how much I value the approval of the most important public body in our county. It will encourage me to do anything I can according to my opportunities for the public weal, especially

in this little county of whose prosperity and progress we are not without some reason proud.

I beg to thank you also for your personal association with the sentiment of the resolution.

Yours very sincerely,

P. LYONS.

Braganstown, Castlebellingham,  
30th August, 1915.

Dear Mr M'Alester,

Pray convey to the Louth County Council my deep sense of gratitude for the resolution of sympathy passed by them on the death of my only son, Major Garstin, killed in action against the Turks. His untimely but heroic fate cut short a noble and promising life, but his bright example will not have been in vain.

Accept my thanks for the kindly way in which you convey the resolution.

Faithfully yours,

JOHN R. GARSTIN.

Dundalk, 28th August, 1915.

Dear Mr M'Alester,

I have to thank you for forwarding the kind resolution of sympathy on the death of my dear son, passed by the Louth County Council at their meeting on the 26th. Please assure your Council that I shall always cherish the memory of their goodness to me on this sad occasion.

Faithfully yours,

J. N. ARMSTRONG.

Big Ash, 2-9-15.

Dear Mr M'Alester,

Will you please convey my grateful thanks to the members of Louth County Council for their kind vote of sympathy on the death of my uncle.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL M'ARDLE.

#### MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL COUNTY COUNCILS.

Notice was read from the Secretary informing the County Council that the Annual Meeting would be held on Friday, 10th December, at the Office of the Dublin County Council, 11, Rutland Square, and that any questions the Council would desire to have discussed at the meeting should reach him on or before 25th November.

#### OVERDUE ACCOUNTS.

Circular letter from the L G B dated 8th November, was read, pointing out that with reference to overdue accounts, the date on which a claim becomes legally due is that on which the services for which payment is claimed are completed, and not on any other date for which a certificate of the correctness of the claim is made. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

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

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 8th November, 1915.

No. 59238/1915.

Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to the return showing the condi-

tion on the 30th ultimo, 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 state that they regret to note that the Collectors generally have made no effort to collect the rates in the early portion of the half year; and that not one of the Collectors have made any lodgment in respect of the second moiety, which is payable on the 1st October.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,  
Secretary.

The following letter submitted by the General Council of County Councils was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

The Irish Land Commission,  
24, Upper Merrion Street,  
Dublin, 1st September, 1915.

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Sir,

With reference to the communication which has been received from your Council, asking that the names of those persons who have not paid their Land Purchase Annuities, with the result that the latter have become a charge on the Guarantee Fund, and, consequently, have reduced the amounts payable annually to the different County Councils from the Local Taxation Account, should be furnished to those Councils: I am directed by the Irish Land Commissioners to inform you that the matter has received very careful consideration, and they now have, with the approval of His Majesty's Government, arranged to furnish County Councils with copies of the lists of defaulting tenant-purchasers sent to their solicitors for legal proceedings immediately after the annual deduction from the Guarantee Fund. These lists will contain the

names of the great majority of the chronic defaulters, and the County Councils, with these lists before them, will have ample opportunity for taking whatever steps they may consider desirable with the object of securing the prompt payment of annuities, and thereby avoiding a charge against the county ratepayers.

The Commissioners trust that this arrangement will meet the wishes of your Council.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE H. GREEN.

The Secretary,

General Council of County Councils,

Cavendish House, Rutland Square, Dublin.

Letter was read from Mr T J Byrne, J P, regretting his inability to attend the meeting of the Council, as he was attending a Special Meeting of the Richmond Asylum Board, to consider the establishment of a herd of pig breeding and feeding.

#### SPEED LIMIT OF MOTORS IN DUNDALK URBAN AREA.

An application from the Dundalk Urban Council requesting the County Council to apply to the L G B to fix a speed limit for motor traffic in Dundalk at a rate of ten miles per hour was read, but as the necessary maps, etc, had not been lodged with the application, the Secretary was directed to point out the omission to the Town Clerk, and say that when the maps, etc, had been lodged the matter would be considered by the County Council at their next meeting.

#### NON-ACCEPTANCE OF CHAIRMAN'S RESIGNATION.

The Chairman (Lieut. Doran) in very impressive language

tendered his resignation as Chairman of the County Council. He pointed out that as he was immediately to proceed with his division to the seat of war, that he considered it his duty to tender his resignation, his view being that the complex work of the Council required minute personal attention, and expressing grateful thanks for the honour conferred upon him by selecting him for such a coveted position

On the motion of Mr Skeffington, J P;

Seconded by Mr Hamill, J P,

It was unanimously resolved as follows:—That we, the Louth County Council, do not accept the resignation of our worthy Chairman, and press him in the strongest manner to re-consider his decision.

## Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 15th November, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: James Wynne, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Peter Woods, J P; John F Murphy, J P; and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee 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 the County Surveyor	£73 17 6
Secretary's Office	29 6 0
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Total	£103 3 6
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The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

### RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted the usual monthly report of the state of the rate collection in the county, from which it ap-

peared that no money had been lodged by any of the collectors during the month of October.

#### DUNDALK URBAN DISTRICT DEMAND.

Letter was read from Mr Comerford, Town Clerk, Dundalk, enclosing Paying Order £2,536 14s 9d, being the first instalment of the County Council's Demand on the Dundalk Urban District Council. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

#### SHEEP DIPPING PROSECUTIONS.

Letters were read from the Council's Solicitor giving results of prosecutions at Drogheda and Dunleer Petty Sessions of sheep owners for offences against the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915, and were initialled by the Chairman. Following are the results:—

PATRICK ROONEY, Mountmills, Newry, exposed for sale 150 sheep in Drogheda Market on the 4th September, 1915, without producing the Declaration of having twice dipped the sheep within the Autumn Dipping period. Fined £8 15s 0d (6d per sheep) and £1 costs.

ROBERT SKELLY, Ballywad, Banbridge, exposed for sale 14 sheep in same maket, on the 11th September, 1915, without producing Declaration referred to. Fined £1 1s (1s 6d per sheep) and £1 costs.

The Summons against JOHN FITZPATRICK, Clanawhillan, Bryansford, was further adjourned as the Constable who proves this case was in Liverpool on official business.

THOMAS MATHEWS, Newrath, Castlebellingham, 4 sheep. Fined 5s and 7s 6d costs.

PATRICK MATHEWS, Tullydonnell, Dunleer, 9 lambs. Fined 2s 6d and 7s 6d costs.

NICHOLAS COONEY, Carricknashannagh, Dunleer, 7 lambs. Fined 1s and 7s 6d costs.

OWEN MORGAN, Brownstown, Monasterboice, 6 sheep and 5 lambs. Fined 5s and 7s 6d costs.

JAMES M'GEE, Roodstown, Ardee, 6 rams. Fined 1s and 7s 6d costs.

NICHOLAS MARKEY, Carrickbaggot, Dunleer, 2 sheep. Fined 2s 6d and 7s 6d costs.

JOHN PORLIN, Newtown, Collon, 3 sheep. Fined 2s 6d and 7s 6d costs.

JOHN HARMON, Salterstown, Dunleer, 9 sheep. Fined 5s and 7s 6d costs.

PETER CALLAGHAN, Ardee, 14 sheep. Fined 5s and 7s 6d costs.

JOSEPH M'GEE, Richardstown, Dunleer, 7 sheep. Fined 5s and 7s 6d costs.

In the case of JAMES O'HAGAN, Omeath, the service has not yet been effected by the police as this owner travels very much around the country with sheep.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 9th November, 1915, No. G 4583-15, informing the Council that their officer obtained samples of butter at Ardee, County Louth, on 12th October, that the samples were submitted to the County Analyst, who certifies that they proved to be pure. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

## SALARY OF CLERK TO LOCAL AUTHORITY.

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

Department of Agriculture,  
Dublin, 6th November, 1915.

No. 4039-15.

Sir,

With reference to your reply of 3rd instant to this Department's letter, No. 3670-15, of 16th ultimo, I have to state that the Department are prepared, in all the circumstances, to agree to the proposal of your Local Authority that the deduction to be made from your salary of £100 per annum as Clerk to the Local Authority in respect of the fact that the duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order have ceased for the time being, should be at the rate of £10 per annum.

The Department accordingly hereby sanction the proposed revised rate of salary as Clerk to the Local Authority in your case of £90 per annum, subject to the consideration that, in the event of operations against Tuberculosis being resumed in future, the salary shall not be increased again by any larger amount than £10 per annum.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Louth County Council.

DROGHEDA UNION AND DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ACCOUNTS.

Letters were read from the L G B dated 6th November, '15, No. 57674-15, and 9th November, '15, No. 57675-15, enclosing

the audited accounts of the Drogheda Union and District Council respectively, together with the Auditor's Reports, which were initialled by the Chairman.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY COUNCIL AND  
INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

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

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 12th November, 1915.

No. 58,326-15.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to advert to their circular letter of the 13th ultimo, relative to Agreements between County and County Borough Councils and Insurance Committees in regard to the treatment of insured and exempt persons recommended for Sanatorium Benefit; and I am to state that as the question of representation of the Insurance Committee on the Tuberculosis Committee is likely to come before the Councils in connection with the completion of Agreements, the Board desire to point out that they have been advised that the Committee could enter into no arrangement which would have the effect of fettering their successors in the exercise of the discretion given in reference to the appointment of a Committee of Management by Section 5 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

To the Secretary of each County Council.

## SALTERSTOWN COAST ROAD.

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

County Surveyor's Office, Dundalk,  
15th November, 1915.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen,

The Ardee R. D. Council approved a sum of £60 for protection work to the Salterstown Road leading to the Boat Slip. I am having the work carried out, and beg to ask if the County Council would be able to supply some trees for groining from Willistown plantation, which I understand requires to be thinned.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

## FORESTRY SCHEME.

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

Francis Street, Dundalk,  
13th November, 1915.

Estate of the Irish Land Commission, Formerly Estate of  
Lord Rathdonnell, County Louth, E.T.A. 7071

Dear Sir,

Adverting to my letter to you of the 16th August last, requesting instructions to submit the draft scheme prepared by me for approval of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, and also of the Estates Commissioners, when the Council decided that inquiries should

be made as to the possibility of purchase by the Council of Omeath Park, that this property might yet be included in the scheme, I would now ask for instructions in the matter as the Council's offer for purchase has not been accepted.

The property of the above-mentioned Estate which is the subject of the draft Forestry Scheme is, as you are aware, a plantation at Willistown.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary Louth County Council.

## SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

Letter was read from Mr Daniel O'Connell, enclosing Bill of Costs for half year ended 30th September, amounting to the sum of £87 15s 8d, together with requisition to tax. It was unanimously decided to recommend the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the requisition, and to appoint Mr P L Macardle, Solicitor, to represent the Council at the taxation.

## COUNTY SURVEYOR'S APPLICATION.

Letter was read from Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, requesting leave of absence from Thursday, 18th instant, until Wednesday, 24th instant, for the purpose of having a slight operation performed in Dublin by a Specialist. The Committee unanimously decided to grant the application.

## DATE OF ARDEE QUARTERLY MEETING.

Letter was read from Mr Dromgoole, Clerk of Ardee District Council, dated 13th November, stating his Council would be glad if the date for the Fourth Quarterly Meeting of their

Council could be fixed for 11th January. The Secretary informed the Committee that the 4th January had now been fixed by the County Council for the holding of the meeting, and this would require to stand. The Secretary was directed to inform Mr Dromgoole accordingly.

#### SIR CHARLES CAMERON'S REPORT.

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

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C B, Public Analyst for the County Louth, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 30th September, 1915:—

27 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R I C, as follows:—Butter 14 samples, Milk 4, Cocoa 3, Whiskey 3, Mustard 2, Cheese 1. Total, 27. They were all pure. There were four specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, which were taken up in the County Louth. One contained an excess of water, namely, 21.8 per cent. One specimen of water analysed for the Guardians of Ardee Union had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matter 39.200, including Albuminoid Ammonia 0.009, Saline Ammonia 0.001, Nitric Acid 2.500, Chlorine 3.090, Colour, colourless. A good water. One specimen of milk analysed for Mrs M'Keever, Ardee, was of rich quality. In the original report 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, 33.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

