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LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

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OF

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

At their Third Quarterly Meeting held on Thursday, 11th November: and the Adjourned Meeting held on 25th November, 1909. Special Meeting held on the 23rd December, 1909.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At their Meetings held 22nd November, 1909; 26th December, 1909; and 10th January, 1910.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

At Meeting held on Monday, 3rd January, 1910.

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 the 11th day of November, 1909.

Present:—

In the Chair: Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Messrs P Woods, J P; M O'Meara, J P; J M'Court, J P; P M'Gee, J Wynne, C A Duffy, J P; B Finegan, J Quinn, J P; J Dolan, Gaulstown; B Hamill, J P; T Maguire, P Donegan, J P; J H M'Ardle, and J M Johnson.

A printed copy of the last minutes of the Council having been transmitted to every member of the Council, were taken as read in accordance with the Standing Order, No. 26, and were confirmed.

Proposed by Mr Chas A Duffy, J P,
Seconded by Mr J M'Court, J P, and

Resolved—“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee, on the following dates, viz—July 26th, 9th August, 23rd August, 13th Sept., 27th Sept., and 11th October, 1909, be and are hereby adopted by this Council.

Proposed by Mr J Wynne,
Seconded by Mr B Finegan, and

Resolved—“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of proceedings of the Proposal Committee, together with the Contracts entered into at their meetings held on the 18th October and 8th November, 1909, be and are hereby adopted by this Council.

Proposed by Mr J M'Court, J P,
Seconded by Mr J Quinn, J P, and

Resolved—“That the recommendations contained in the minutes of proceedings of the Dundalk Rural District School

Attendance Committee, at their meeting held on the 13th day of October, 1909, be and are hereby adopted by this Council.

Proposed by Mr J M'Court, J P,
Seconded by Mr C A Duffy, 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, and Proposal Committee, viz:—

Ardee No. 1—Tuesday, 4th January, 1910.
Drogheda (Louth)—Thursday, 13th January, 1910.
Dundalk—Monday, 10th January, 1910.
Proposal Committee—Monday, 3rd January, 1910.

The last day for lodging Notices and applications for above Meetings, will be Tuesday, 14th December, 1909.

ARDEE ROAD PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr B Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr J Quinn, 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 Tuesday, the 5th day of October, 1909, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of."

These payments amount to £838 6s 5d.

DROGHEDA ROAD PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr Joseph Dolan,
Seconded by Mr P Donegan, J P, and

Resolved—"That the proposals for payments formulated by the Louth Rural District Council of Drogheda Union, at their third Quarterly Meeting held on Thursday, the 14th day of October, 1909, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of."

These payments amount to £683 16s 9d.

DUNDALK ROAD PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr J Wynne,
Seconded by J M'Court, J P, and

Resolved—"That the proposal for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their third Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, the 11th day of October, 1909, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of."

These payments amount to £1,707 0s 11d.

COUNTY AT LARGE PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr B Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr B Finegan, and

Resolved—"That the proposal for payments, County-at-Large formulated by the Proposal Committee, at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 8th day of November, 1909, be and are hereby approved of by this Council."

Proposed by Mr J M Johnson,
Seconded by Mr Joseph Dolan, and

Resolved—"That a deputation consisting of Messrs P Hughes, J P, Chairman County Council; J M'Court, J P, Chairman Urban Council; B Hamill, J P, Chairman Harbour Board; P Donegan, J P, Chairman R. D. Council, Drogheda; W Woods, J P, Chairman R. D. Council, Dundalk; P Byrne, J P, Chairman P. L. Guardians; and Capt. Filgate, Chairman P. L. Guardians, Ardee, and the Secretary, be appointed to proceed and interview the Local Government Board, with a view to explain the position and arrange a satisfactory basis of working with the Rate Collectors for extension of time of collection and payment of their poundage."

Proposed by Mr B Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr J Dolan, Gaulstown, and

Resolved—"That we beg to tender to our esteemed colleague Mr Edward Goodman, our sincere sympathy at the sad loss he has sustained in the death of his wife, and hasten to offer our

condolence in his deep bereavement, and that this meeting be adjourned as a mark of our respect.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr James M'Court, J P, and

Resolved—"That we beg to tender the expression of our deep regret at the death of our esteemed colleague, the late Mr Peter Callan, and beg to convey to his relatives and friends our most sincere sympathy in their affliction, and that this meeting stand adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased."

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 25th day of November, 1909.

Present:—

In the Chair: J M'Court, Esq, J P.

Also Present—Messrs P Woods, J P; W Woods, J P; B Hamill, J P; P Kinahan, John Dolan, J T Dolan, M A; P P Keeley, C A Duffy, J P; J Dolan (Gaulstown); J Wynne, B Finnegan, J H M'Ardle, P Donegan, J P; L M'Keown, J M Johnson.

DROGHEDA WORKS.

Proposed by Mr Donegan, J P,
Seconded by Mr Kinahan, and

Resolved—"That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on Thursday, the 14th day of October, 1909, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. And we now authorise the Secretary to affix the common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into."

DUNDALK WORKS.

Proposed by Mr Woods,
Seconded by Mr B Hamill, and

Resolved—"That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, the 11th day of October, 1909, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby ap-

proved of. And we now authorise the Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the County Council to the Contracts entered into."

Proposed by Mr B Hamill,
Seconded by Mr James Wynne, and

Resolved—"That all Works not set by Contract at Meetings of the District Councils be placed in charge of the County Surveyor."

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr Thomas Kinahan, and

Resolved—"That we hereby co-opt Mr Thomas Callan Macardie a Member of the Louth County Council in room of the late Mr Peter Callan, deceased."

Proposed by Mr J M Johnson,
Seconded by Mr Peter Woods, J P, and

Resolved—"That Mr James Wynne be appointed Member of the Louth County Infirmary Committee in room of the late Mr Peter Callan, deceased."

EASTWOOD ESTATE IN CHANCERY.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr Bernard Finnegan, and

Resolved—"That, reverting to our resolution of May last, urging the Estates Commissioners to reinstate Mr Loudon in his former holding at Castletown, in this County, on or before the first of this November, we now learn with regret that our request has not yet been complied with, and before bringing the matter prominently before Parliament, we hereby request, as a special favour, the Member of North Louth to interview the Estates Commissioners and ascertain from them the cause of such unnecessary delay and what progress has been made with the Court of Chancery towards the completion of the purchase of this farm."

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr James Wynne, and

Resolved—"That we hereby direct our Secretary to call the attention of the Member for North Louth—Mr T M Healy, K C M P—to the action of the Local Government Board in not complying with the request of this Council in allowing their Collectors an extension of time for one month in closing the Collection in respect of the half-year ended 30th September last."

Proposed by Mr P M'Gee,
Seconded by Mr J T Dolan, and

Resolved—"That our Solicitor be hereby instructed to take the necessary steps to compulsorily acquire the lands required for the making of the road at Tubardoney."

Proposed by Mr Joseph T Dolan,
Seconded by Mr James Wynne, and

Resolved—"That we, the Louth County Council, hereby approve of the allocation of £'0 made by the Louth County Committee at their Meeting held on 7th day of September, 1909, for the purpose of Compensation being given to Bee Owners in this County whose Bees, articles, and appliances may have to be destroyed owing to the presence of Foul Brood in their appliances in accordance with Section 6 (3) of the Bee Pest Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, and Clauses 10 (11) of the Bee Pest Prevention (Ireland) Regulations, 1909, made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland."

Proposed by Mr J M Johnson,
Seconded by Mr P M'Gee, and

Resolved—"That we desire the Local Government Board to inform this Council under what Section of the Act of 1898, or by what authority, they oppose the payments in full to the Rate Collectors of this Council of their just earnings now due."

SPECIAL MEETING.

The minutes of proceedings of a Special Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 23rd day of December, 1909, at one o'clock, p m.

The business specified in the requisition "To elect delegates to represent the Council at the Divisional Executive Meeting, which is to be held on the 27th inst, to select a Candidate to represent North Louth in Parliament.

Present:—

In the Chair: T J Byrne, Esq, J P, V C.

Other members—Messrs T J Dolan, C A Duffy, J P; J M Johnson, J Wynne, B Hamill, J P; P M'Gee, W A Doran, E Goodman, M O'Meara, J P; J H M'Ardle, P Woods, J P; J Quinn, J P; T Kinahan, and Joseph Dolan.

Mr Hamill objected to the meeting being held, as the members did not get three clear days' notice of the meeting, in accordance with S. O. No. 13.

After several members had expressed their opinions on Mr Hamill's objection,

The Chairman gave his decision that the Standing Order was against holding the meeting, sufficient notice not having been given to the members.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 22nd day of November, 1909.

Present:—

In the Chair : Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other members—Joseph M Johnson and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's authority containing payments for work in charge of the County Surveyor, and other matters, which, on examination, was passed by the Committee.

The County Surveyor called the Committee's attention to the fact that the Contractors, Messrs M'Douglass and Co., Drogheda, had supplied paper to this office which was not equal to sample.

Ordered—That the paper in question be returned to the Contractor, and that they be called upon to supply paper in accordance with the sample had by Mr Lynam.

The Secretary submitted the Collectors' irrecoverable arrears list, in respect of the half-year ended 30th September last. He informed the Committee that so far as he was aware the Collectors had complied in every respect with the requirements of the Act in the preparation of these lists.

Ordered—That these lists be sent forward to the County

Council for ratification on the 25th inst, and finally to the Local Government Board for their ruling thereon.

Mr James Wynne called the Committee's attention to the fact that the County Council had to pay yearly to the Great Northern Railway Company a sum of £800 in respect of the Ardee Railway guarantee, and he failed to see why the Council should have to collect this money for the Great Northern Railway Company.

The Secretary informed Mr Wynne and the Committee that the matter of the Company and collectors of £800 was governed by Act of Parliament, and until some alteration was made in the Act itself he feared that the Company and the collectors would have to continue.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 6th day of December, 1909.

Present:—

In the Chair: Mr C A Duffy, J P.

The following Payments were considered and ordered for Payments, viz, for Works in hands of the County Surveyor:—

Repairs to County Court House	...	...	£8 9 6
Repairs to Clogherhead Pier	...	...	0 7 10
Repairs to Giles' Quay	...	...	1 17 0
Total,			£10 14 4

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr Hoey to ask him to meet Mr Lynam at Annagasson.

The Committee recommend that W Leonard, Superintendent Sheep Dip Tank at Ardee, be paid at the rate of 16s per week during the month of November, 1909.

Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1909.

Present:—

In the Chair: Mr J Wynne.

The following Payments were considered and order for Payment, viz, for Works in hands of the County Surveyor:—

No. 459, Dundalk—B Shevlin (Contract taken up	...	£8 0 0
No. 76, Ardee—J Martin (Contract taken up)	...	20 10 0
No. 434, Dundalk—P Connolly (Contract taken up)	...	4 0 0
No. 282, Dundalk—H Mathews, jun. (Contract taken up)	...	20 0 0
Repairs to Clogherhead Pier	...	0 5 10
Total,		£52 15 10

Minutes of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair: P Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Messrs C A Duffy, J P; J Wynne, E Goodman, W A Doran, P M'Gee, J M Johnson, and T Kinahan.

The following Payments were considered and ordered for Payment, viz:—

No. 164, Drogheda District—W M'Guinness (Contract taken up	...	£11 5 0
No. 194, Drogheda District—J Shevlin (Contract taken up	...	7 0 0
Repairs to County Court House	...	0 13 0
Repairs to Clogherhead Pier	...	0 4 0
Total,		£19 2 0
Receiver of Wrecks, Newry, Burial Carcasses	...	£1 7 0
Receiver of Wrecks, Drogheda, Burial Carcasses	...	0 10 0
Total,		£1 17 0

Two Temporary Clerks employed in Secretary's Office during Mr Finigan's absence	£2 5 0
Total,	£23 4 0

Arising out of the last payment,

The following resolution was adopted:—

“That the Finance Committee consider that the Management of the Council Office has been most unsatisfactory, and recommend the County Council to ask for an inquiry by an impartial tribunal.”

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 3rd January, 1910, at 1 o'clock, p m.

Present:—

In the Chair: P Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other members—Messrs P P Keely, J Wynne, J M'Carthy, P Woods, P M'Gee, and J M Johnson.

The following applications were considered:—

Applications for the period of One Year, from the 1st April, 1910, to 31st March, 1911.

No. 1—To maintain the County Court House, Dundalk, for one year, from 1st April, 1910—not to exceed £30. Approved.

No. 2—To maintain the Court House, Drogheda, for one year, from 1st April, 1910, not to exceed £20. Approved.

No. 3—To maintain the Court House, Ardee, for one year, from 1st April, 1910, not to exceed £10. Approved.

No. 4—To supply the above Court Houses with best Wigan Coal at £ per ton (delivered). Approved.

Contractor to supply coke, bogwood, fire lighting materials, etc, at Market price, as required.

No. 5—To prepare the Courts and Court-Rooms for Assizes, Quarter Sessions and Revision Sessions in County Court-House, not to exceed £15. Approved.

No. 6—To insert the County Advertisements, etc, in one Dundalk and one Drogheda Paper, not to exceed 3d per line. Approved.

The Meeting stands adjourned to Monday, the 31st January, 1910.

T. F. FILGATE, Secretary.

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At their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Thursday,
20th January, 1910; and Adjourned to 24th ~~Janu-~~
*Febru*ary, 1910.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At their Meetings held 20th January, 1910; 31st
January, 1910; and 14th February, 1910.

Adjourned Proposal Committee

Held on Monday, 31st January, 1910.

Executive Committee Meeting

Held on 14th February, 1910.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 20th January, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—T J Byrne, J P; James Wynne, P P Keeley, James M'Court, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J P; Patrick M'Gee, Patrick Callan, Laurence Moore, T Callan Macardle, J P; Joseph T Dolan, M A; W A Doran, Thomas Maguire, Stephen Segrave, Denis J Rath, Esquires.

A printed copy of the last Minutes of the Council having been transmitted to every member of the Council were taken as read, in accordance with the Standing Order No 26, and were confirmed.

ARDEE NO. 1 ROAD PAYMENTS.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr J T Dolan,
Seconded by Mr P M'Gee, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Ardee No 1 Rural District Council at their fourth Quarterly meeting, held on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 1910, amounting to £814 1s 1d, as set out on Form No 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

DROGHEDA (LOUTH) PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr P Donegan,
Seconded by Mr L Moore, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their fourth Quarterly meeting, held on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1910, amounting to £626 10s 2d, and set out on Form No 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

DUNDALK ROAD PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne,
Seconded by Mr J M'Court, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their fourth Quarterly

meeting, held on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1910, amounting to £1,621 15s 1d, as set out on Form No 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne,
Seconded by Mr J M Court, and

Resolved—That the recommendation contained in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee held on the 3rd day of January, 1910, be and are hereby adopted by this Council.

Proposed by Mr P P Keeley,
Seconded by Mr B Hamill.

That the Minutes of the Finance Committee from page 7 to page 10 be adopted, with the exception of the paragraph dealing with the management of the County Council Office, and that the consideration of this paragraph be adjourned to the next meeting of the County Council, to be held on Thursday, the 24th February, 1910.

DATES FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Proposed by Mr Byrne,
Seconded by Mr Doran, 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 and the Proposal Committee, viz:—

Ardee No 1—Tuesday, 5th April, 1910.

Drogheda (Louth)—Thursday, 14th April, 1910.

Dundalk—Monday, 11th April, 1910.

Proposal Committee—Monday, 4th April, 1910.

The last day for lodging Notices and Applications for above Meetings will be Tuesday, 15th March, 1910.

Re Loy's encroachment on the public road at Castletown, the consideration of which was adjourned from last meeting—The County Surveyor, in reply to the Chairman, stated that the porch erected by Mr Loy at Castletown inside the limit prescribed by the Act was not yet removed. The Council unanimously ordered that the Solicitor get instructions to take proceedings forthwith at the Petty Sessions Court to have the obstruction removed.

Re Haynestown Criminal Injury—The Solicitor also got instructions not to appeal in this case. The amount of compensation awarded at Quarter Sessions was £26.

Owing to the Election for North Louth falling on the same day as the County Council Meeting, all other business was adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council on the 24th day of February, 1910.

ADJOURNED PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

Held on Monday, 31st January, 1910.

Present—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—B Hamill, J P; O A Duffy, J P; P P Keeley, P Woods, J P; J T Dolan (Ardee), M O'Meara, J P; J H M'Ardele and N B King, J P, Esquires.

The Committee was summoned to consider Tenders for the following Works and Payments, viz:—

No 1—To maintain the County Courthouse, Dundalk, for one year, from 1st April, 1910, not to exceed £30.—No Tender.

No 2—To maintain the Courthouse, Drogheda, for one year, from the 1st of April, 1910; not to exceed £20.—No Tender.

No 3—To maintain the Courthouse, Ardee, for one year, from the 1st of April, 1910; not to exceed £10.—No Tender.

No 4—To supply the above Courthouses with best Wigan Coal, at £ per ton (delivered). Contractor to supply coke, bogwood, fire-lighting materials, etc, at market price, as required.—Dundalk, 19s 5d, Ardee 25s, P Curtis, Dundalk, accepted. Drogheda, no Tender.

No 5—To prepare the Court and Court-rooms in County Courthouse for Assizes, Quarter Sessions and Revision Sessions; not to exceed £15.—B Patteson and Co's Tender, £12 12s, accepted.

No 6—To insert the County Advertisements, etc, in one Dundalk and one Drogheda paper; not to exceed 3d per line.—The "Drogheda Argus" and "Dundalk Democrat" accepted at 3d per line.

The County-at-large Payments were then examined and recommended for payment.

Arising out of payments for Furniture and Fittings supplied for Crown and Peace Offices, the Committee instructed the Secretary that any payments amounting to an outlay of £10 or over must in future be advertised.

Arising out of payments for Printing Voters' Lists, the Committee unanimously resolved that the Clerk of the Crown and Peace be requested to conform strictly with the terms of the printing contract, and to order only 100 copies of the Voters' Lists at any one time; a second 100 copies only to be ordered when first supply is exhausted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Held on Monday, 31st day of January, 1910.

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—Messrs B Hamill, J P; C A Duffy, J P; P P Keeley, P Woods, J P; J T Dolan (Ardee), M O'Meara, J P; J H M'Ardele and N B King, J P.

The Committee was convened to consider the following payments, viz:—

- 1—Order payments for work in charge of the County Surveyor.
- 2—Order payments for extra Clerks in Secretary's Office.
- 3—To consider County-at-large payments for quarter ended 31st December, 1909, and recommend same for payment.

The County Surveyor did not present any payments.

The Secretary presented payments for the following:—

J F Finigan, two months' salary to 31/12/09	£20	0	0
Two extra Clerks temporarily employed for 18 days, to 29/1/1910, during Mr Finigan's absence through illness		9	0
Total,	£29	0	0

The Committee ordered payments and signed Treasurer's authority for same.

The County-at-large payments for quarter ended 31st December, 1909, were then submitted and recommended for payment.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Held on Monday, 14th day of February, 1910.

In the Chair—P Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—Messrs C A Duffy, J P; P Woods, J P; E Goodman, M O'Meara, J P, and J Wynne.

The Secretary submitted the following payments:—

Burial of Carcasses, Drogheda	£1	1	6
Two temporary clerks, Secretary's Office	6	0	0
The County Surveyor submitted payments for Road Maintenance in his charge		64	13
Total	£71	14	6

Payment for above was ordered and a Treasurer's authority duly signed for same.

ESTIMATE OF RATES.

The Secretary submitted his Estimate of Rates for the ensuing year, which was fully considered, and on the motion of Mr Goodman, seconded by Mr Wynne, it was resolved—That we approve of same and recommend its adoption by the County Council, and that a printed copy be furnished to each member of the Council, with an explanatory Table setting out in detail the difference between this year's and last year's Estimates.

PREPARING THE RATE BOOKS, ETC, FOR ENSUING YEAR.

The Committee, after due deliberation, were of opinion that under the present system the work is most unsatisfactorily done and the expenses incurred (£180) excessive. They, therefore, recommend that the Secretary be requested to undertake this work in future at a fixed sum to be determined by the Council.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 14th February, 1910.

The Secretary submitted the Veterinary Inspectors' Monthly Reports, etc.

Mr Maxwell reported no cases of Contagious Disease in his District.

Mr Donnelly reported 8 sheep at Drogheda affected with Scab. The sheep were dipped twice during the month, and are now free from Scab. Gates, rubbing-posts and premises disinfected, and all loose wool collected and burned.

Mr Clinton reports that two outbreaks of Sheep Scab occurred in his district—one at Mountpleasant and the other at Dundalk. The necessary steps for stamping out the disease were immediately taken and both flocks of sheep were dipped, etc. A supposed case of rabies in a dog at Knockbridge was reported. I immediately visited the place and forwarded the animal's head for examination. Personally I do not believe that the case is one of rabies.

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At their Fourth Adjourned Quarterly Meeting
held on Thursday, 24th February, 1910.

Finance Committee

At their Meetings held 28th February, 14th March,
24th March, 11th April, 1910.

Sub-Committee

7th March, 1910.

Executive Committee Meeting

14th February ; 11th April, 1910.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 24th February, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Patrick Donegan, J P; Joseph T Dolan, M A; Denis J Rath, Luke J Elcock, Thomas Kinahan, P Callan, Jas M'Carthy, J P; Laurence M'Keone, T J Byrne, J P; N B King, J P; James M'Court, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; James Quinn, J P; Edward Goodman, Peter Woods, J P; Bernard Finegan, William A Doran, James Wynne, Joseph H M'Ardle, Michael O'Meara, J P; Joseph Dolan, Gaulstown; Thomas Maguire, Patrick M'Gee, Esquires.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by N B King,
Seconded by James M'Court, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council, held on the 20th day of January, 1910, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member, were taken as read and were confirmed.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by T J Byrne,
Seconded by J Wynne, and

Resolved—That the Report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on page No 1 on the Schedule of Proposals circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and entered on the Minutes.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by J T Dolan, M A,
Seconded by Patrick Donegan, and

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

- No. 76—James Martin, 1,105 perches, Aclint to Tullykeel and Lagan.
- No 113—Nicholas M'Cabe, 440 perches, Salterstown Roads.
- No 434—Patrick Connolly, 432 perches, Louth to Kilbride.
- No 459—Bernard Shevlin, 661 perches, Carrickrobin to Drumcrah.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Bernard Finnegan,
Seconded by W A Doran, and

Resolved—That the Bye-laws with respect to the use of Locomotives be altered so as to include in Clause 5 the three following bridges:—

- (3) The Steel Deck Bridge over the Glenmore River, between Benagh and Glenmore.
- (4) The Steel Deck Bridge over the Fallymascanlon River, between Proleek and Bellurgan.
- (5) Jonesborough Bridge, between Carrickaneena and Feede.

CONTRACTS.

COUNTY AT LARGE.

No 3—The Tender of Stephen Malone, of Ardee, was accepted at £10, to maintain in repair the Ardee Courthouse for one year from 1st April, 1910.

No 4—The Tender of A Murdock and Sons for supplying the Drogheda Courthouse with Coal for one year from 1st April, 1910, at 21s per ton, was accepted.

DROGHEDA (LOUTH) RURAL DISTRICT.

No 8—The Tender of Thomas Kirk, Hamlinstown, Drogheda, for maintaining for five years, from 1st April, 1910, 518 perches of road from Drogheda to Dundalk, by Ballymakenny, between the Mearing of Drogheda and Ferrard and the Schoolhouse in Kellystown, was accepted at £34 10s 8d per annum.

No 11—The Tender of Andrew Verdon, of Cruisetown, Clogherhead, for maintaining for five years, from 1st April, 1910, 496 perches of road from Collon to the Sea, between the Cross of Piperstown and Laurence M'Keown's at Milltown, was accepted at £17 15s 0d per annum.

No 15—The Tender of Michael Hoey, of Cruisetown, for maintaining for five years 900 perches of the road from Drogheda to Dundalk by Blackhall, between Cobbler's Cross and the Cross of Blackhall, was accepted at £56 5s 0d per annum.

No 23—The Tender of Thomas Connor, of Lurganboy, Toghery, for maintaining for one year from 1st April, 1910, 550 perches of road from Clogher to Dunany by the Seashore, between the Cross of Reynoldstown and the Seaford Road, was accepted at £22 18s 4d.

No 24—The Tender of Nicholas Garvey, of Termonfeckin, for maintaining for one year from 1st April, 1910, 518 perches of road from John Callan's in Ballymakenny, by Tullyard and Milltown, to Sandpit Chapel, was accepted at £38 17s 0d.

DUNDALK RURAL DISTRICT.

No 1—To make 94 perches of New Road and repair 204 perches of Old Road at Duffy's Corner to Annaskea House on the New Road, was referred back to the Rural District Council.

No 22—The Tender of Charles M'Elroy, of Cavan, Dundalk, for maintaining for five years from 1st April, 1910, 445 perches of the road from Dundalk to Dunleer by Dunmahon, between Prospect Gate and the Old River Fane, was accepted at £12 19s 7d.

No 29—The Tender of Bernard Hanratty, of Killencoole, for maintaining for five years from 1st April, 1910, 1,005 perches of the road from Kingscourt to Dundalk by Corderry, between Mr John M'Donnell's, in Louth, and Mrs Murray's, in Corderry, and Allardstown Cross, was accepted at £37 10s 0d per annum.

No 38—The Tender of Michael Reilly, of Walterstown, to maintain for one year from 1st April, 1910, 332 perches of road from Patrick Smyth's house on the Walterstown road through Curlinstown to Darver road, was accepted at £11 19s 10d.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by T J Byrne,
Seconded by N B King, and

Resolved—That all Works formulated by the Rural District Councils at their Fourth Quarterly Meetings and approved by this Council, but not set by Contract, be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor for three months, new works excepted.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by N B King,
Seconded by James Quinn, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for County at Large Payments submitted and passed by the Proposal Committee and Finance Committee meetings held on Monday, the 31st day of January, 1910, be and are hereby approved of.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by B Hamill,
Seconded by J Wynne, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, the 3rd day of January, and the Contracts entered into at their adjourned meeting held on Monday, the 31st of January, 1910, be and are hereby approved of.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by J T Dolan,
Seconded by W A Doran, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No 1 Rural District Council at their fourth Quarterly meeting held on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 1910, and set out on Form No 20 furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their adjourned meeting held on Tuesday, the 1st day of February, 1910, be and are hereby approved of, and that the Secretary be now authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by John Dolan,
Seconded by Thomas Maguire, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Fourth Quarterly meeting held on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1910, and set out on Form No 20 furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their adjourned meeting held on Thursday, the 3rd day of February, 1910, be and are hereby approved of, and that the Secretary be now authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by B Hamill,
Seconded by James M'Court, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly meeting held on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1910, and set out on Form No 20 furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their adjourned meeting held on Monday, the 31st day of January, 1910, be and are hereby approved of, and that the Secretary be now authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by B Hamill,
Seconded by James Wynne, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, the 31st day of January, 1910, and the recommendations therein contained, be and are hereby approved of.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by James Wynne,
Seconded by N B King, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee held on the 31st day of January and the 14th February, 1910, and the Payments therein contained, be and are hereby approved of.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by James Wynne,
Seconded by N B King, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Recommendation contained in the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Monday, the 14th day of February, 1910, that the Secretary in future undertake the preparation of the Rate Books and Demand Notes, etc, and that we fix the remuneration for same at the sum of £ per annum.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by D J Rath,
Seconded by E Goodman, and

Resolved—That Mr Donegan be re-appointed as Member of the Drogheda School Attendance Committee.
Approved of.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by W A Doran,
Seconded by Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That a Special Meeting of the County Council be called to investigate the alleged irregularities in the County Council Office.

After considerable discussion, it was finally decided to hold this investigation at the next meeting of the County Council in April next.

RESOLUTION.

LOUDEN v. EASTWOOD ESTATE, IN CHANCERY.

Proposed by J T Dolan, Esq, M A (Ardee)
Seconded by P Hughes, Esq, J P, Chairman, and

Resolved—That we, the Members of the Louth County Council, being strongly of opinion that this case was one of extreme urgency, unanimously resolved on the 28th May last

to request the Estates Commissioners to reinstate this tenant in his former holding at Castletown, in this county, before the expiration of the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907, and as nothing definite appears to have yet been done towards purchase of the farm from the Court of Chancery, and as the said Act expires at May next, we now ask the Leader of the United Irish Parliamentary Party to bring the matter before Parliament at the earliest opportune moment, so as to ascertain the cause of the unnecessary delay in dealing with this case; that a statement of the true facts of the case be forwarded to each member of the Party, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Estates Commissioners, and the Court of Chancery.

Unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr James M'Carthy, J P, and

Resolved—That we, the Members of the Louth County Council, desire at this crisis in the affairs of our country to express our implicit confidence in the political wisdom and integrity of the United Irish Parliamentary Party under the leadership of Mr John Redmond, whose straightforward Nationalist policy is lucidly and firmly defined in his masterly speech in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, and again in his able reply to Mr Asquith in the House of Commons, feeling assured that the Party will take that course which, in their opinion, is best calculated to lead up to Home Rule, the goal of every Irish Nationalist; that copies of this Resolution be sent to Mr Redmond, and Mr Joseph Nolan, M P for South Louth.

Approved of, Mr Hamill dissenting.

Louth County Council Office,
Dundalk, 16th February, 1910.

To the Chairman and Members of the County Council.
Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges for the Financial Year commencing on 1st April, 1910. The subjoined tables for the greater part explain themselves, and it is only necessary that I should make a short statement in explanation of the slight increases proposed.

As to County Charges, the amount you require to make provision for is practically the same as last year, except that the portion chargeable to Urban Districts (and Rural) is somewhat larger, and that chargeable to Rural Districts is less. The different items to which Urban Districts contribute will be furnished to the Clerks of these Districts with your Demand.

As to Union Charges. The Demand furnished by the Guardians of Ardee No 1 Union is increased by £73. In Drogheda there is a decrease of £200, and in Dundalk a decrease of £711.

As to Rural Districts. In Ardee the Demand from the Rural District Council is the same as last year. In Drogheda there is a decrease of £11—too small to affect a rate—and in Dundalk

you are required to provide £1,032 more than last year. As regards the other items of expenditure applicable to Rural District Charges—that is, Road Works, Agricultural and Technical Instruction, Education Act Expenses, Collectors' Remuneration and irrecoverable arrears of Rate, I have ascertained that the amount estimated for last year (taking these needs of account collectively) was considerably less than it should have been, judging by actual expenditure, and this is more apparent in Dundalk than in either of the two Rural Districts; also, for next year, the County Surveyor anticipates an increase in respect of Road Work of £100 each in Drogheda and Dundalk Rural Districts.

As regards receipts applicable to Rural District Charges (and Unions), I find the amount estimated last year was excessive, and I have reduced this figure in the present Estimate by £300 spread over the three contributory areas.

It is, of course, understood that an obligation rests on the Council to provide funds in advance for the various Board of Guardians and Rural District Councils in the County, and for Richmond District Lunatic Asylum. For this purpose it is necessary that the County Treasurer should have at his disposal a large credit balance, and in my opinion that balance should be somewhat larger than it is at present. Not infrequently these payments have to be delayed, to the inconvenience of the public bodies concerned, and in this connection the Transfers ordered at last Quarterly Meeting to Guardians, District Councils and Richmond Asylum have been delayed for want of funds, although in some instances urgently called for. The credit balance required for these advance payments stands, of course, to the credit of the District from which it was levied, and on the 31st March, 1909 (our last completed year) the amount standing to credit of Dundalk Rural District Charges was only £930, as compared with £3,176 on the 31st March, 1906. Under this head (i.e., District Charges) the Estimate has been slightly inflated, and more so in Dundalk than in either of the two Rural Districts. On the whole Estimate the net increase is 2d in the £ in Ardee and Drogheda Districts, and 4d in the £ in Dundalk.

In my opinion the amount you are asked to provide is no more than is absolutely needed for the requirements of the County.

The Table of Separate Charges (annexed) explains itself, and contains only the figures necessary to meet each separate charge.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. R. FILGATE,

Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by N B King,
Seconded by T J Byrne, and

Resolved—That the Secretary's Estimate of Rates for the amounts required for the ensuing Financial Year, which includes one penny in the £ under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Acts, as submitted to and adopted by the Finance Committee at their meeting held on the 14th day of February, 1910, as set out on Forms No 45 and 46 furnished to each Member of the Council, be reduced 2d in the £ all round on the three Rural Districts.

Correspondence was referred to the Finance Committee Meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

- No 1—Mr Rath's Notice of Motion re Sheds at Clogherhead Pier, to be acquired for benefit of Fishermen, was not moved.
2—Mr Dolan, Ardee, Steam Rolling.
3—Tree Planting.
4—Alteration of Polling Districts was referred to the Finance Committee.

The above were referred to the Finance Committee.

MR. J. DOLAN'S NOTICE OF MOTION.

Proposed by Mr Dolan, Gaulstown,
Seconded by Mr T Kinahan, and

Resolved—"That we tender our best thanks to the Nationalists of North Louth, especially the patriotic priests, who supported Mr R Hazleton in the grand effort to save our county from the stain put upon it of not being found in the fighting line with the other counties of Ireland in the present great crisis, making Louth a word of reproach wherever an Irishman is to be found either in exile or at home."

Mr Goodman proposed,
Mr Magee seconded, and

Resolved—"That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the priests referred to."

Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 14th February, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Chas A Duffy, J P; P Woods, J P; E Goodman, M O'Meara, J P; and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted the following payments:—

Burial of Carcases, Drogheda	... £1 1 6
Two temporary Clerks Secretary's Office	... 6 0 0
The County Surveyor submitted payments for Road Maintenance in his charge	... 64 13 0

Total £71 14 6

Payments for above were ordered and a Treasurer's authority duly signed for same.

ESTIMATE OF RATES.

The Secretary submitted his Estimate of Rates for the ensuing year, which was fully considered, and on the motion of Mr Goodman, seconded by Mr Wynne, it was resolved—That we approve of same and recommend its adoption by the County Council, and that a printed copy be furnished to each member of the Council, with an explanatory Table setting out in detail the difference between this year's and last year's Estimate.

PREPARING THE RATE BOOKS, ETC, FOR ENSUING YEAR.

The Committee, after due deliberation, were of opinion that under the present system the work is most unsatisfactorily done and the expenses incurred (£180) excessive. They, therefore, recommend that the Secretary be requested to undertake this work in future at a fixed sum to be determined by the Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, at one o'clock p m on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—B Hamill, Esq, J P.

Other Members—E Goodman, M O'Meara, J P; J Wynne, J H M'Arde, J T Dolan, M A (Ardee); and N B King, J P, Esquires.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Committee were convened to consider the following business:—

1—To order payments for works in the hands of the County Surveyor.

2—To order payments, Secretary's Office.

3—Notices of Motion by Mr J T Dolan (Ardee):—

(a) I beg to propose that the County Council appoint a Committee to consider the question of Steam Rolling the Roads and Mr Lynam's report thereon, and to invite the opinions of the Rural District Councils thereon.

(b) I beg to propose that a Committee be appointed to inquire into the advisability of adopting a small scheme of Tree Planting.

(c) I beg to propose that a Committee be appointed to examine whether it would be of any advantage to alter the Polling Districts of the County in accordance with the powers given under the recent Act.

(Signed) Joseph T Dolan, Ardee.

The Committee ordered payments for works in the hands of the County Surveyor, amounting to	...	£19	14	5
Sheep Dip Order	...	45	11	3
And payments for Secretary's Office	...	6	0	0
Total		£71	5	8

A Treasurer's authority was signed for same.

The following correspondence, adjourned from the last meeting of the County Council, was considered:—

(1) Application from H Chamberlain, Receiver of Constabulary, for expenses of extra police in July, 1909, amounting to £5 18s 4d. The Proposal Committee on the 8th of November, 1909, declined to recommend the County Council to discharge same. The Committee adjourned the further consideration of the matter until the next meeting of the County Council in April next.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

The Department of Agriculture, etc, reported their Inspector took a sample of butter from a trader in Collon which was found on analysis to contain 3.6 per cent more water than was allowed by the Act. A prosecution was ordered.

The following letter was read:—

Town Clerk's Office, Drogheda,
29th December, 1909.

Dear Sir,

The Corporation of Drogheda pay a salary of £20 per annum to Sir Charles Cameron as public analyst for the Bor-

ough of Drogheda, and in respect of this payment Drogheda does not receive any relief whatever from any part of the County of Louth. But, on the other hand, Drogheda is required under the Demand of the County Council to pay its full proportion, according to valuation, of a further salary paid to Sir Charles Cameron by the County Council as county analyst, which is obviously unfair to Drogheda, and I shall be glad to know whether the County Council are disposed to have the matter adjusted.

Yours faithfully,
J. B. CONNOLLY.

The Committee declined to entertain the matter, which cannot be adjusted until the Drogheda Corporation get their next Provisional Order.

Mr Dolan's three Notices of Motion, viz, Steam Road Rolling, Tree Planting, and Alteration of Polling Districts; also Mr King's Motion re Drainage, were referred to the following Sub-committee, viz:—Messrs Hamill, Goodman, O'Meara, Wynne, J H M'Ardele, J T Dolan (Ardee), King, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and P Donegan; the Committee to meet on Monday, the 7th March, 1910, at one o'clock, in the Council Chamber.

Mr O'Meara brought under the notice of the Committee a complaint made by the sheep owners relative to the June Sheep Dipping Order in his district, the locality being so cold sheep could not be clipped and dipped in time for the Warrenpoint Fair, and requested the Secretary to write to the Secretary of Down County Council relative to the matter.

Mr Goodman explained that the County Council of Down could not vary the Order in favour of Louth sheep; that the Order did not compel owners to clip their sheep before dipping.

The matter then dropped.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Sub-committee held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 7th of March, 1910, at one o'clock.

Present:—

In the Chair—Thomas J Byrne, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Nicholas B King, J P; James Wynne, Joseph H M'Ardele, and Joseph T Dolan, M A, Esquires.

ROAD ROLLING—The County Surveyor's Report read. The Committee directed the Secretary to write to the Local Government Board and to the Board of Works re loan; they also directed the Secretary to write to the Co Dublin, Co Meath, Armagh, Monaghan and Down Councils to obtain information on the subject.

TREE PLANTING was referred to the County Committee.
POLLING BOOTHS was referred to the next meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday the 14th March, 1910, at one o'clock.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Edward Goodman, Charles A Duffy, J P; James Wynne, Michael O'Meara, J P; and Joseph H M'Ardle, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted the following payments:—

Works in Charge of County Surveyor	...	£14	9	11
Salaries, Secretary's Office	...	16	0	0
Billposting, Valuation Revision	...	1	15	0
Sheep Dip	...	3	6	0
Receiver of Wrecks	...	1	5	6
Education Act	...	0	6	6
Total		£37	2	11

A Treasurer's authority was signed for same.

Dredging was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

The Committee next considered the correspondence which was as follows, viz:—

25th October, 1909.

Local Government Board letter giving the County Council power to alter Parliamentary Polling Stations. When a scheme has been adopted by the Council at a Quarterly Meeting to be submitted to the Local Government Board. There shall be a separate scheme for each Parliamentary Division.

9th December, 1909.

Local Government Board letter relative to the Collection of the Poor Rate, and refer to Section 83 (5) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

See copy of President's reply.

10th December, 1909.

Letter from Mr Healy on same subject.

13th December, 1909.

Letter from Mr O'Connell on same.

16th December, 1909.

Letter from Mr Healy re Mr Louden's eviction.

21st January, 1910.

Local Government Board Order, Bawntaaffe water supply, area of Louth Rural District of Drogheda.

27th January, 1910.

Letter from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Drugs Act.

January, 1910.

Letter from General Council—Tobacco Growing and re Rates on Labourers' Cottages; a Bill to enable Rural District Councils to pay the Rates in respect of Labourers' Cottages.

28th January, 1910.

Letter from the Secretary of the County Committee of Agriculture. Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act, 1909; also Resolution asking the consent of the County Council to put the aforesaid Act into operation.

11th March.

Letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction on same subject.

7th February.

Circular from Local Government Board. Inebriates Act, 1898.

16th February.

Letter from Department of Agriculture. Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906, and Regulations.

22nd February.

Circular from the Local Government Board. The Cinematograph Act, 1909.

23rd February.

County Wicklow Home for Inebriate Women.

23rd February.

Department of Agriculture Order under the Diseases of Animals Act.

8th March.

Local Government Board letter re Collection of Poor Rate.

24th February.

Local Government Board letter, Estate and Duty Grant.

26th February.

Local Government Board letter, Food and Drugs Act.

10th March.

General Council's increased subscriptions.

19th February.

C. P. S., Dunleer, Childrens Act. C. P. S., Dundalk Childrens Act.

10th March.

Criminal Injury, Connolly, K'assan.

23rd February.
Criminal Injury, Haynestown Church Body.

12th March.
Criminal Injury, Flynn, Castletown.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 24th day of March, 1910, at one o'clock.

Present:—

In the Chair—Thomas J Byrne, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Bernard Hamill, J P; and Joseph M Johnson, Esquires.

The Committee ordered payment for the following:—

Works in charge of the County Surveyor, amounting to	...	£6 17 5
Secretary's Office	...	5 0 0
Clerical Staff	...	16 17 11
Conveyance of Prisoners (Drogheda and Dundalk)	...	6 4 1
Total		£34 19 5

A Treasurer's authority was signed for same.

The Committee considered the following correspondence:—

Letter from Messrs Corr and O'Connor, solicitors, Crossmaglen, re Mr Connolly's Criminal Injury.

Ordered not to be paid unless levied.

Bye-laws with respect to Locomotives. The Committee instructed the Secretary to employ the Council's Solicitor to attend to same.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 11th day of April, 1910.

Present—

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

Other Members—Thomas Kinahan and James Wynne, Esqs.

The Secretary submitted the following payments, viz:—

Works in charge of County Surveyor, amounting to	...	£83 15 5
Secretary's Office, amounting to	...	72 1 11
Total		£155 17 4

A Treasurer's authority was signed for same.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter was read from the Dundalk Gas Company, re Lighting of County Courthouse:—

8th April, 1910.

Dear Sir,

Further to our conversation of to-day with reference to the lighting of County Courthouse. On behalf of the Dundalk Gas Company, I beg to offer to take down the old pipes and to renew same, but of a larger size; to put in all new Incan and descent Burners, and to thoroughly illuminate the Record and Crown Courts and Hall, for the sum of Thirty Pounds (£30); any renewing of plaster to be done by the Council. I enclose a sample of rust which was taken from the pipes in Courthouse by our plumber recently, which shows that they are in a very inefficient condition.

Yours truly,

GEORGE AIRTH, Manager.

Town Hall, Dundalk,
6th April, 1910.

Mr Comerford wrote asking for a refund of £179 15s 11d, which he overlodged. The refund was recommended by the Committee.

Francis Street, 8th April, 1910.

Letter From Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, re Criminal Injury Applications.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report on the following claims heard before the County Court Judge at Dundalk on the 4th inst:—

Peter Flannagan, Paughanstown—£80 claimed. A decree for £54 was made, to be levied off the D. E. D.'s Dromin and Drumcar. I do not advise an appeal to be taken, as the injury was clearly malicious.

James Toal, Muchgrange—£20 claimed. A decree for £18 was granted, to be levied off the E. D. of Greenore. I advise an appeal to be taken, as the evidence of malice was very shadowy.

William Russell, Dundalk—£7 10s 0d claimed. Decree, £6 10s 0d.

Daniel Leavy, Dundalk—£22 10s 0d claimed. Decree, £13 10s 0d.

Francis Short, Dundalk—£12 claimed. Decree, £6.

The foregoing three claims were for damage to plate-glass windows. I do not advise an appeal in any of the cases. The Urban Council will have the option of appealing. Mr Short has already lodged notice of appeal.

I shall be pleased to have the Council's instructions.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

The Council approved of same.

United Irish League,

Dublin, 24th March, 1910.

Letter from Mr Joseph Devlin requesting the election of Delegates to Divisional Conventions. The County Council is entitled to four delegates for each Parliamentary division within the district.

CUNARD COMPANY AND IRISH INTERESTS.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin wrote intimating that an All-Ireland Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 20th day of April, 1910.

As this Meeting will be held before the next meeting of the County Council, the Committee suggest that the Chairman and any other members of the Council who could attend this very important meeting should do so.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 14th February, 1910.

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J P.

Other Members present:—Messrs Charles A. Duffy, J P; J. Woods, J P; Edward Goodman, Michael O'Meara, J P; and James Wynne.

The Secretary submitted the Veterinary Inspectors' monthly report, etc.

Mr Maxwell reported no cases of Contagious Disease in his district.

Mr Donnelly reported eight sheep at Drogheda affected with Scab. The sheep were dipped twice during the month, and are

now free from Scab. Gates, rubbing posts, and premises disinfected, and all loose wool collected and burned.

Mr Clinton reports that two outbreaks of Sheep Scab occurred in his district—one at Mountpleasant and the other at Dundalk. The necessary steps for stamping out the disease were immediately taken, and both flocks of sheep were dipped etc. A supposed case of Rabies in a dog at Knockbridge, was reported. He immediately visited the place and forwarded the animal's head for examination. Personally he did not believe that the case is one of rabies.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Committee held in the Courthouse on Monday, the 11th of April, 1910, at 1.30 o'clock.

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

Other Members present—Thomas Kinahan and Jas Wynne, Esquires.

The Secretary read a report from the Veterinary Inspectors.

Mr Maxwell reported he attended and examined the usual fairs and markets held in his district during the month. There have been no cases of contagious or infectious disease reported.

Mr Clinton reported 2 sheep at Mountpleasant, 5 in Dundalk, and 3 at Tateetra, affected with Sheep Scab, all of which were detained, and the usual precaution taken, etc.

Local Government (Ireland)
Act, 1898.

Louth County Council.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

At their First Quarterly Meeting held
on THURSDAY, 21st APRIL, 1910.

Finance Committee

At their Meetings held 18th April; 25th April;
9th May, 1910.

Proposal Committee

9th May, 1910.

Executive Committee Meeting

9th May, 1910.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 21st day of April, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—James M'Court, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Bernard Hamill, J P. Peter Woods, J P; Michael O'Meara, J P; Charles A Duffy, J P; Joseph T Dolan, M A; Laurence M'Keown, Thomas Kinahan, John Dolan, Bernard Finnegan and Joseph M Johnson, Esquires .

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill,
Seconded by Mr J Dolan ,and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council, held on the 24th Day of February last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member, be taken as read, and confirmed.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Charles A Duffy, J P,
Seconded by Mr Bernard Finnegan, and

Resolved—That the Payments and Recommendation obtained in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings, held on the 28th February, 14th March, 24th March and 11th April, 1910, be and are hereby confirmed by this Council.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Charles A Duffy, J P,
Seconded by Mr Peter Woods, J P, and

Resolved—That the County Council hereby determine that

the following shall be the dates for holding of the Second Quarterly Meeting of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee:—

Rural District of Ardee No. 1, Tuesday, 5th July.
 Rural District of Drogheda (Louth), Thursday, 14th July.
 Rural District of Dundalk, Monday, 11th July.
 Proposal Committee, Monday, 4th July.
 The last day for lodging Notices and Applications will be Tuesday, 14th June.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Dolan,
 Seconded by Mr Minahan, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, the 5th April, 1910, amounting to £734 1s 10d, as set out in Form No. 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr M'Keone,
 Seconded by Mr Dolan (Drogheda), and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on Thursday, the 14th April, 1910, amounting to £754 19s 9d, as set out on Form No. 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Woods, J P,
 Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 11th day of April, 1910, amounting to £1,325 8s 8d, as set out on Form No 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
 Seconded by Mr Duffy, J P, and

Resolved—That the Secretary's Estimate of Rates as altered by the County Council at their Meeting held on Thursday, the 24th February, 1910, be and is hereby adopted by this Council, viz—Ardee No. 1, 1s 11d on Land and 3s 3d on Hereditaments; Drogheda (Louth), 2s 5d on Land and 4s 2d on Hereditaments; Dundalk, 3s on Land and 4s 10d on Hereditaments, which includes one penny in the £ under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Acts; and also that the several Rates in respect of Separate Charges, as set out on Form 45, be also adopted by this Council; and that the Secretary be authorised, in accordance with Article 78, to public Notice of said rates having been made.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Peter Woods, J P,
 Seconded by Mr Dolan, M A, and

Resolved—That the Chairman, Mr Duffy, and Mr Hamill be authorised on behalf of the Council to sign the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants in respect of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1911, and that the Secretary place the Common Seal of the Council on same.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr J M Johnson,
 Seconded by Mr B Hamill, J P, and

Resolved—That our Solicitor be instructed to advise the Council on the Cinematograph Act, as to its appliances and working. That we grant a Provisional Licence under the Act to Mr Deene for a tent at Castlebellingham for three months at 5s per month, the Licence to be withdrawn should any objectionable pictures be displayed.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Thomas Kinahan,
Seconded by Mr Michael O'Meara, J P, and

Resolved—That we, the Members of the Louth County Council, having heard with profound astonishment the extraordinary rep'y given by the Chief Secretary for Ireland to Mr Hazleton's question in the House of Commons relative to the reinstatement of Joseph Loudon to his former holding, as the Chief Secretary must have been grossly misinformed in the matter, we hereby appoint the Chairman, Mr J M'Court, and Mr Joseph Dolan, Ardee, as a sub-committee to furnish the true facts of the case for the information of the Irish Party, and request them to again urge on the Government the absolute necessity there is to have this tenant reinstated in his former holding in accordance with the provisions of the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Act, 1907.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Dolan, Drogheda,
Seconded by Mr Finnegan, and

Resolved—That the Secretary be and is hereby directed to furnish in future, and as soon as may be, to the Clerks of the Unions and the Urban and Rural District Councils within the County of Louth, copies of the printed Minutes of the County Council and the various Committees, copies of all Estimates of Rates and Explanatory Tables and other Documents containing or relating to Financial Proposals affecting the County, in order that such Clerks may, when considered necessary, report thereon to their respective Councils.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Joseph T Dolan,
Seconded by Mr Michael O'Meara, and

Resolved—That this Meeting proceed to appoint Delegates to represent the County Council at any Convention of the United Irish League for the Divisions of South and North

Louth which may be called within this year, as the Rules of the League require that Delegates be nominated in the early part of each year before occasions for any Conventions arise, viz:—

SOUTH LOUTH.

- 1—Luke J Elcock, Laurence Street, Drogheda.
- 2—James M'Carthy, Newfoundwell, Drogheda.
- 3—Thomas Maguire, Sheetland, Drogheda.
- 4—William A Doran, Tullykeel, Ardee.

NORTH LOUTH.

- 1—Charles A Duffy, Seatown Place, Dundalk.
- 2—James M'Court, Clanbrasil Street, Dundalk.
- 3—Michael O'Meara, Omeath, Newry.
- 4—Joseph H M'Ardle, Rampark, Ballymascanlon, Dundalk.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Joseph T Dolan,
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, J P, and

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed to get the Rate Books of the County revised and the demolished houses finally struck off, and to examine whether it is not possible to have the yearly Rating Lists compiled in our Offices, instead of in the General Valuation Office.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr B Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr Charles A Duffy, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 18th day of April, 1910—that as the Collectors have lodged the full amount of their Warrants for year ended 31st

March, 1910, they are entitled to the balance of their remuneration, viz:—

	£	s	d
Patrick Moonan ...	96	18	6
Patrick M'Donnell ...	100	0	8
Patrick M'Callough ...	74	17	9
Charles E M'Cann ...	31	16	8
Patrick Hughes ...	71	17	10
Patrick Cluskey ...	83	2	6
Peter M'Donnell ...	87	18	6
John Woods ...	66	10	0

and we order payment for same, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Duffy, J P,
Seconded by Mr Joseph T Dolan, M A, and

Resolved—That we beg to tender the expression of our deep regret at the death of our late esteemed colleague, Mr James Quinn, J P, and beg to convey to his relatives and friends our most sincere sympathy in their affliction. That copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs Quian and Rev B Quinn.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr Joseph T Dolan,
Seconded by Mr Thomas Kinahan, and

Resolved—That we, the County Council of Louth, express our sincere sense of the serious injury which Ireland would suffer from the transfer of the American Mails from Queens-town, and request the Cunard Company to reconsider their decision. And ask our countrymen in America to agitate against the proposed change, and request the intervention of their Government in the regulation of the mail contracts so as to avert this loss to Irish trade.

The following correspondence was referred back to the adjourned meeting of the Council in May next:—

1—Claim from Royal Irish Constabulary for extra police expenses in July, 1909—£5 18s.

2—Application from St Bridget's Home, Wexford, asking the Council to become contributory to their Women's Inebriate Home at the rate of 5s 6d per week per patient.

3—Application from Irish County Councils General Council requesting the Council to increase their annual affiliation fee from £5 to £10.

4—Letters from Catholic Defence Society regarding the unfair treatment accorded to the Catholic officials serving in the Veterinary Branch of the Irish Agricultural Department.

Return of admission to Richmond Lunatic Asylum was referred to the Finance Committee.

Proposal from Dundalk Gas Company to relight the County Courthouse was rejected.

The Council decided to withdraw the appeal in James Toal's Criminal Injury Case.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 18th of April, 1910, at one o'clock.

Present:—

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

Other Members—B Hamill, J P; E Goodman, J Wynne, & B King, J P; and T J Byrne, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted the following payments, viz—

	£	s	d
Ardee Road Payments ...	734	1	10
Drogheda Road Payments ...	754	1	9
Dundalk Road Payments ...	1325	8	7
Total,	£2813	12	2

TRANSFERS.

Richmond Lunatic Asylum ...	1765	15	0
Refund to Dundalk Urban Council ...	179	15	11
Ardee Guardians ...	1086	8	8
Drogheda Guardians ...	1438	15	1
Dundalk Guardians ...	2735	10	0
Ardee Rural District Council ...	356	0	0
Drogheda Rural District Council ...	301	0	0
Dundalk Rural District Council ...	1181	5	0
Total Transfer,	£9044	9	8

COLLECTORS' BALANCE OF REMUNERATION.

	£	s	d
Patrick Moonan ...	96	18	6
Patrick M'Donnell ...	106	0	8
Patrick M'Cullough ...	74	17	9
Charles E M'Cann ...	3.	16	8
Patrick Hughes ...	71	17	10
Patrick Cluskey ...	83	2	6
Peter M'Donnell ...	87	18	6
John Woods ...	66	10	0
Total,	£619	2	5

COLLECTORS' ARREAR LISTS.

	Struck off.			Carried Forward.			Total.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Patrick Moonan	39	3	0	4	3	1	43	6	1
Patrick M'Donnell	17	0	3	19	2	5	36	2	8
Patk M'Cullough	27	14	7				27	14	7
Charles E M'Cann	14	3	4				14	3	4
Patrick Hughes	29	11	11	84	6	10	113	18	9
Patrick Cluskey	40	0	2	71	12	6	111	12	8
Peter M'Donnell	41	17	1	49	4	11	91	2	0
John Woods	70	5	4	54	11	2	124	16	6
Total,	£279	15	8	283	0	11	562	16	7

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 25th day of April, 1910, at one o'clock.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J M Johnson, J Wynne, and B Hamill, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted the following payments, viz:—

WORKS IN CHARGE OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

Carlingford Pier ...	0	6	4
Gyles' Quay ...	2	18	10
Ballyreggan Bridge ...	8	7	3
Shortstone Bridge ...	6	4	2
Kilbride Road ...	2	0	0
Sheed Dip Account ...	1	6	8
Secretary's Office ...	56	19	8
Total,	£78	2	11

A Treasurer's Authority was duly signed for same.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 9th day of May, 1910, at one o'clock.

Present:—

In the Chair—Nicholas B King, Esq, J P.

Other Members—B Hamill, J P; J Wynne, M O'Meara, J P; Wm A Doran, E Goodman, T Kinahan, P Hughes, J P; and T J Byrne, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted the following payments, viz:—

	£	s	d
Secretary's Office	...	19	11 10
County Surveyor's Office	...	9	6 7
Receiver of Wrecks, Drogheda	...	0	9 0
Owen Keenan, Sheep Dipping	...	3	15 1
Total,		£33	2 6

A Treasurer's Authority was duly signed for same.

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large Payments as set out on Form No. 22, amounting to £5592 7s 6d, which were examined and recommended for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Gaelic League re National University, referred to next meeting of the County Council.

Letter from Wexford County Council re National University.

28th April, 1910. Letter from Dublin Castle directing the deduction of £5 18s 4d from sums payable to the Council from the Local Taxation Account for expenses of extra Constabulary.

Letter from Local Government Board with reference to the Collectors' Remuneration and Arrear Lists.

30th April, 1910. Letter from Irish National Teachers' Organisation. Resolution referred to next meeting of the Co. Council.

4th May, 1910. Letter from Mr Molony, Solicitor, re Toal's Criminal Injury Claim, ordered to be paid when levied and collected.

4th May, 1910. Letter from Public Health Department, Drogheda, and resolution, referred to County Council.

6th May, 1910. Letter from Department of Agriculture re Control of Dogs, was referred to County Council.

Finance Committee 9th May, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—T J Byrne, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—Messrs N B King, J P; W A Doran, J Wynne, E Goodman, and M O'Meara, J P.

The Secretary reported that Mr Finigan returned to the Office on Tuesday, 3rd May, at 11 o'clock, and remained until 2 o'clock p m on Wednesday, the 4th; gave him paying order for £20, being 2 months' salary. He left the Office at 2 o'clock p m, and did not return on Thursday or Friday.

The Committee recommended the County Council to call on Mr Finigan to resign owing to his continuous absence without any explanation.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 9th day of May, 1910, at one o'clock.

Present:—

In the Chair—N B King, Esq, J P.

Other Members—B Hamill, J P; J Wynne, M O'Meara, J P; Wm A Doran, E Goodman, T Kinahan, P Hughes, J P; T J Byrne, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large Payments as set outting to £5,592 7s 6d, which were examined and recommended for payments.

Account from Royal Irish Constabulary for £49 4s 1d, expenses at last Parliamentary Election, recommended for payment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 9th day of May, 1910, at 1.30 o'clock.

Present:—

In the Chair—Thomas J Byrne, Esq, J P.

Other Members—B Hamill, J P; P Hughes, J P; M O'Meara, J P; Wm A Doran, E Goodman, N B King, J P; J Wynne, and A Kinahan, Esquires.

30th April, 1910.

Mr Maxwell, Veterinary Inspector, Ardee, reports his district free from contagious disease.

On the 9th of April he examined sheep at Baltrasna suspected of sheep scab, but found no trace of disease.

1st May, 1910.

Mr Donnelly Veterinary Inspector, Drogheda, reports that during the month of April there has been no outbreak of contagious disease in his district, and no animals under observation.

30th April, 1910.

Mr Clinton, Veterinary Inspector, Dundalk, reports that there were no fresh outbreaks of contagious disease in his district during the month of April. A case of suspected outbreak of sheep scab was reported to him, but on examination could find no trace of disease. He has still under observation 3 sheep at Tateetra, 2 at Ballymascanlon, and 3 at Dundalk.

Letter from the Department of Agriculture enclosing Sheep Dipping Order, 1910, which was approved of by the Committee.

Local Government (Ireland) Act,
1898.

Louth County Council.

MINUTES
OF
PROCEEDINGS
OF
LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

At their First Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held in
the Council Chamber, Dundalk,
on THURSDAY, 26th MAY, 1910; and

At their Annual Meeting held in the Court House, Drogheda,
on 11th JUNE, 1910.

Finance Committee

At their Meetings held 23rd May; 30th May; 6th June;
11th July, 1910.

Sub-Committee

of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held 29th June,
1910.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their first Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 26th day of May, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—N B King, J P; Peter Woods, J P; Michael O'Meara, J P; James M'Court, J P; Edward Goodman, T C Macardle, J P; Luke J Elcock, Patrick M'Gee, Joseph H. M'Ardle, Joseph M Johnson, Charles A Duffy, J P; Patrick Donegan, J P; Patrick Callan, James Wynne, Bernard Finegan, and William Woods, J P, Esquires.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,

Seconded by Mr N B King, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on the 21st day of April last, having been printed, and a copy sent to each member, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed,

CO-OPTION OF MEMBER.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,

Seconded by Mr Thomas Kinahan, and

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr Peter Woods, of Muchgrange, as member of the Louth County Council in room of the late Mr James Quinn, J P, deceased.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr D J Rath, and

Resolved—That the Report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on page 1 of the May Schedule of Proposals, and circulated to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and entered on the Minutes. The following Supplementary Report was also adopted by the Council:—“The Dunbin New Road (No. 1, May, 1905) ought to have been completed two years ago; but there is a small amount of work not done at a watering place. I beg to recommend that the Contract be cancelled, and authority be given to me to complete work at the Contractor's expense.”

CONTRACTS.

The following Contracts were approved of by the Council:—

- No. 3—Bernard Duffy, Carrickboghan—Contractor to make 18 perches of new fence at Mr B Duffy's land at Carrickboghan, along the road from Shanmullagh to Drumsinnott; accepted at £2 14s 0d.
- No. 6—Patrick Treanor, Carrickedmond—Contractor to maintain for 9 months, from the 1st July, 1910, 419 perches of road from Dundalk to Forkhill, between the old Police Barrack at Kilcurry and the County boundary at Carrickedmond, at £5 12s 6d.
- No. 7—Peter Begley, Sheelagh—Contractor to fence a dangerous gripe along the road at Mrs Brady's land at Sheelagh, £5 0s 0d.

ARDEE WORKS.

Proposed by Mr Patrick M'Gee,
Seconded by Mr Patrick Callan, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their Meeting held on Thursday, the 26th day of April, 1910, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise the Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into.

DROGHEDA WORKS:

Proposed by Mr T Callan Macardle, J P,
Seconded by Mr Joseph Dolan, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Meeting held on Thursday, the 5th day of April, 1910, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise the Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into; and, further, that that portion of the County Surveyor's Report, which reads as under, be deleted therefrom, and referred to the Rural District Council, viz—“That the existing lane cannot be repaired as a fourth-class road, because it is closed against the public by gates..”

DUNDALK WORKS.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr C A Duffy, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Meeting held on Mon-

day, the 2nd day of May, 1910, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise the Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into.

WORKS NOT SET BY CONTRACT.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,

Seconded by Mr James Wynne, and

Resolved—That all Road Maintenance Works formulated by the Rural District Councils, and not set by Contract, be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,

Seconded by Mr C A Duffy, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments—County-at-Large—formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 9th day of May, 1910, and amounting to £5,655 17s 6d, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

Letter from Mr Finigan, dated 26th inst, stating, in explanation of his absence from the Office on the two days mentioned in the Secretary's Report to the Finance Committee, 'Will you permit me to say that I did not feel strong enough to continue at work the entire week, which was the first after a prolonged illness. Since then I have attended the Office regularly every day, and will endeavour to do so in future. Thank-

ing you sincerely for your great kindness towards me, and assuring you of my resolve to give my duties every attention."

Proposed by Mr T Callan Macardle, J P,

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

Resolved—

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, held on Monday, the 18th and 25th April, 1910, be and are hereby adopted by this Council, and that the Minutes of Monday, the 9th day of May, 1910, be approved of, except the recommendation calling on Mr Finigan to resign.

That in consideration of Mr Finigan, our Assistant Secretary, complying with certain regulations laid down to-day, to the satisfaction of Mr Filgate, who, as our Executive Officer, has full control of our official staff, that in future, in order to give his full time and attention to the discharge of his duties for the County Council, that Mr Finigan undertakes to resign his extra positions as Secretary to the Education and Pension Committees, and that the Council allow him to retain his position as Assistant Secretary.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr T Callan Macardle, J P,

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

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee Meetings, held on Monday, the 18th and 25th April, 1910, be and are hereby approved of by this Council, and that the Minutes of the 9th May, 1910, be approved, except the recommendation calling on Mr Finigan to resign.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman,

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

Resolved—That we, the County Council of Louth, hereby declare that in our opinion the present unsatisfactory system of Irish Primary Education is mainly due to the parsimony of the British Treasury, which, while overtaxing this country to the extent of some millions yearly, has for a number of years in defiance of justice and constitutional rights, withheld from this country an average annual grant of nearly half a million sterling. (2) That as for the efficiency of Irish Primary Education, an essential element of National progress, it is absolutely necessary that adequate financial provision should be made for Schools, Pupils, and Teachers, we hold that as an instalment of justice to this country, which has hitherto been, in comparison with England and Scotland, educationally starved, the Treasury should immediately provide for Irish Education increased grants on as liberal a scale as are given for the education of the people of Scotland. (3) That the increased grants should be allocated for the following purposes:—(a) To improve the Teachers' Pension Scheme, which, to put it mildly, is a disgrace to the British Government. (b) To provide for the proper equipment, sanitation, heating, and staffing of the National Schools, and for supplies of books and requisites to Scholars. (c) To provide the small sum required to give security of tenure to Assistant Teachers, by allowing a margin between the averages which warrant their appointment, and those which compel their dismissal. (d) To abolish the Standard Numbers which debar from promotion to the higher grades hundreds of Teachers who are eminently entitled to it by long and efficient service. (e) To make provisions for the promotion

of all undergraded Teachers to the grade corresponding to their classification. (f) To provide for a generous system of Scholarships, which will enable pupils of industry and ability in Primary Schools to go forward to the Secondary Schools, and thence to the Universities, thus allotting to the children of the masses equality of opportunity, and placing at the disposal of the nation the best available talent.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr Luke J Elcock, and

Resolved—That we approve that part one of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, be put in force by the Drogheda Urban Sanitary Authority in the County of Louth.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dublin Castle, 10th December, 1909.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, on the subject of extra Police Expenses for the half year to the 30th September, 1909, I have to state for the information of your Council, that the County Free Force is maintained out of funds provided by Parliament, and that no portion of its cost falls on the county; no allowance can, therefore, be made to the county in respect of the absence, under orders of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, of men of the Free Force on detachment duty elsewhere.

N. CHAMBERLAIN,

Col., Inspector-General.

Sir,

30th April, 1910.

I am directed by the Lords Justices to transmit for the information of the Louth County Council, copy of an Order made by their Excellencies directing the deduction of £5 18s 4d from sums payable to the Council from the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account.

J. J. CULLINAN.

An application from St. Bridget's Home, Wexford, for Inebriate Women, requesting the Council to contribute 5s 6d per week towards the maintenance of each woman sent from the County, was marked "read."

Read letter from the Secretary Irish County Council's General Council to increase the amount of the affiliation fee from £5 to £10 per year was rejected.

Letter from the Catholic Defence Society pointing out the unfair treatment accorded to Catholic officials serving in the Veterinary Branch of the Irish Agricultural Department, was marked "read."

The following communication from the Poor Rate Collectors was read:—

26th May, 1910.

Gentlemen,

We, the undersigned Poor Rate Collectors, beg to bring under your notice these facts, viz., that we have not been paid the balance of our salaries due since 31st October last, although same were to be paid at the close of the financial year if we closed our accounts within the period, which we did, lodging both the irrecoverable and uncollected arrears and

lying out of our money for about six months. We need not point out to the Council the loss and inconvenience caused to us by this arrangement. We further wish to call attention to the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 17th August, 1903, and subsequently ratified by the Council and sanctioned by the Local Government Board. We also believe that if the amounts due us are not ordered at the present meeting they will be outside the statutory period, as per your notice of the 19th February, 1903. Trusting the above matters will have your earliest attention.—We remain, your obedient servants.

P. Moonan, J. Woods, P. Cluskey,

P. Hughes, P. M'Donnell, Patk. M'Cullough.

COLLECTORS' BALANCE OF REMUNERATION.

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Charles A. Duffy, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Rate Collectors having closed their collections and lodged the full amount of their yearly warrants, including their irrecoverable and uncollected arrears, on the 31st day of March, 1910, we hereby instruct our Secretary to issue Paying Orders forthwith for the balance of their yearly remuneration due said date:—

	£	s	d
1. Patrick Moonan	...	30	9 6
2. Patrick M'Donnell	...	41	7 8
3. Patrick M'Cullough	...	19	10 3
4. Charles E. M'Cann	...	8	15 10
5. Patrick Hughes	...	28	16 7
6. Patrick Cluskey	...	32	7 5
7. Peter M'Donnell	...	37	13 0
8. John Woods	...	22	8 6

SCHOLARSHIPS IN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

Proposed by Mr Peter Hughes, J P,
 Seconded by Mr. Thomas Kinahan, and

Resolved—That we, the County Council of Louth, would approve of a Rate to provide Scholarships in the National University if the Senate make Irish an essential subject for Matriculation from the year 1913.

Proposed by Mr. T. C. Macardle, J.P.,
 Seconded by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Louth County Council in meeting assembled respectfully tender to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen Mother and the Royal Family their heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement by the lamented death of the late King Edward VII, and they hope that the kindly and sympathetic feeling entertained by the late King towards the Irish people, and his desire to have the country governed according to Irish ideas, may be a distinctive feature of the reign now so auspiciously entered upon.

THE CORONATION OATH.

Proposed by Mr. T. C. Macardle, J.P.,
 Seconded by Mr. M. O'Meara, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Louth County Council respectfully call upon the House of Commons to take such steps at the opening of Parliament as may be necessary to promote a measure deleting from the Coronation Oath those passages which are so

hurtful to the Faith and most tender feelings of the Catholic subjects of his Majesty King George V, not only in Ireland, but scattered over the Empire, and thus relieve his Majesty from taking an oath which must obviously be repugnant to his wide and varied experience of the world, and against which the great majority of our Protestant fellow-countrymen join in protesting.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Annual Meeting held in the Courthouse, Drogheda, on Saturday, the 11th day of June, 1910.

Members present—

Messrs Peter Hughes, J P; T J Byrne, J P; Patrick Callan, Joseph Dolan, John Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J P; William A Doran, Charles A Duffy, J P; Luke J Elcock, Bernard Finnegan, Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P; Joseph M Johnson, Peter P Keeley, Thomas Maguire, T Callan Macardle, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, James M'Carthy, J P; James M'Court J P; Patrick M'Gee, Laurence M'Keown, Laurence Moore, Michael O'Meara, J P; Peter Woods, J P; Peter Woods, William Woods, and James Wynne, Esquires.

On the Motion of Mr C A Duffy, J P, seconded by Mr Joseph H M'Ardle, it was resolved—That Mr James M'Carthy, J P, do take the chair.

The Council then proceeded to the Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year, and it was proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, seconded by Mr Laurence Moore, and unanimously resolved—That Mr Peter Hughes, J P, of Castle-ring, Dundalk, be and is hereby elected Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing year.

At this juncture of the proceedings Mr M'Carthy vacated the chair, and Mr Peter Hughes was moved thereto.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Mr T C Macardle, J P,

Seconded by Mr James M'Court, J P,

That Mr Thomas J Byrne, J P, of Rossmakea, be and is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing year.

Amendment moved by Mr Patrick M'Gee, seconded by Mr Luke J Elcock—That Mr William A Doran, of Tullakeel, Ardee, be and is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing year.

The Chairman took a vote of the Council as between these two gentlemen, with the following result:—

For Mr Byrne there voted—Messrs Byrne, T J; Callan, Patk; Dolan, John; Hamill, B; Johnson, Joseph M; Keeley, Maguire, Macardle, T C; M'Court, J; M'Keown, L; Moore, L; and Woods, Peter—12.

For Mr Doran there voted—Messrs Dolan, Joseph; Donegan, Patrick; Doran Wm A; Duffy, C A; Elcock, L J; Finnegan, B; M'Arde, J H; M'Carthy, J; M'Gee, Patrick; O'Meara, M; Woods, Peter (Muchgrange); Woods, Wm; and Wynne, James—14.

The Chairman therefore declared Mr William A Doran, of Tullakeel, Ardee, elected Vice-Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing year by 14 votes to 12.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 23rd day of May, 1910, at One o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas J Byrne, J P; Edward Goodman, Michael O'Meara, J P; and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted the following payments, viz:—

	£	s	d
Secretary's Office	...	15	7 9
Works in charge of County Surveyor	...	24	16 9
		£40	4 6

which were examined and certified for payment and a Treasurer's Authority duly signed for same.

Letter from the Courtkeeper, County Courthouse, applying to have his kitchen floor tiled.

The Committee referred the matter to the County Surveyor, and not to exceed £6 10s, to apply for Tenders from Messrs Bennett, Duffy, M'Adorey, M'Donnell, M'Guinness and Parks.

Letter from the Board of Works dated the 31st March, 1910, asking that certain necessary repairs be executed at Clogherhead.

County Surveyor Report on same as under:—

CLOGHERHEAD PIER.

With reference to the letter No. 4032-10 of the 31st of March, 1910, from the Secretary, Office of Public Works, Dublin, on the 19th inst I inspected the Pier. Timber curbs, 6 inches

square and 370 feet total length, are fixed along the edge of the Quay to prevent carts being backed over the edge into the sea. During a recent storm these curbs were slightly damaged, but they are still amply strong for their purpose, as they could not be broken by several carts. To guard against further damage by the sea, I have arranged to have iron bars bolted over the damaged beams.

The cracks in the floor of the Pier may indicate weakness, but to take up the floor and re-lay it would be absurd. The cracks are one-tenth inch or less in width, and they do not cause inconvenience. I do not think that anything would be gained by cement grouting. Also these cracks act as flow-holes, and in rough weather the pressure under the floor would be very considerable.

P. J. LYNAM,
County Surveyor of Louth.

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne, J P,
Seconded by Mr E Goodman, and

Resolved—That a copy of the County Surveyor's Report be forwarded to the Board of Works.

Mr Dolan's Notice of Motion re Revision of Rate Books was adjourned.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 23rd day of May, 1910, at 1.15 o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas J Byrne, J P; Edward Goodman, Michael O'Meara, J P; and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Sub-Committee was convened to consider Mr Dolan's Notice of Motion re Steam Road Rolling and Altering Polling Districts, Mr King's Notice of Motion re Drainage, which were adjourned until Monday, the 6th day of June.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 30th day of May, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—B Hamill, J P; C A Duffy, J P; E Goodman, Joseph T Dolan, M A; and Peter Woods, J P.

The Secretary was directed to instruct Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, to take over the land required for Tully New Road.

Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, wrote:—

BERNARD M'KENNA v. THOMAS SANDS.

Dear Sir,

In this case, heard at Dundalk Petty Sessions on Friday last, the 27th inst. the Magistrates refused to grant an Order enabling the Contractor to go on the lands of defendant, situate in Clermont Demesne, for purpose of working a quarry for a supply of road material to enable him to carry out his contract.

I wish to have the Council's instructions if they desire me to move for certiorari in the King's Bench Division, as the matter is one affecting the Road Contractors of the Council generally.

The Committee decided to let the Contractor deal with the matter himself.

Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, wrote with reference to the case of Patrick Loy, of Castletown, re encroachment on public road.

The Committee decided to inform Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, that they are not going to take any action in the matter.

REGULATIONS RE COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICE.

The Committee ordered that a Time Book be kept and signed every day by Mr J F Finegan, and Time Book to be produced for examination at every Finance Committee meeting.

The Committee instructed Mr Lynam to bring the subject matter of Road Rolling before each Rural District Council in July next.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 6th day of June, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Bernard Hamill, J P; T J Byrne, J P; Joseph T Dolan, and Thomas Kinahan, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's Authority containing payments for Works in charge of the County Surveyor and Secretary's Office, amounting to £27 6s 0d, which, on examination, was passed by the Committee.

	£	s	d
County Surveyor's Office	...	3	3 0
Secretary's Office	...	23	18 0
Receiver of Wrecks, Drogheda	...	0	5 0
Total,	£27	6	0

The Committee directed the Secretary to write a letter to each Collector re delapidated houses and persons who have been for years dead, to have their names removed from the Rate Books.

The application of the caretaker—Christopher M'Garrity—for remuneration in respect of his services for cleaning Borough Court, etc, during the temporary employment of the extra clerical staff, was postponed for a fortnight.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 29th day of June, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Joseph T Dolan, Esq, M A.

Other Members—James M'Court, J P; Joseph M Johnson, Peter Hughes, J P, and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's Authority for Works in his own and the County Surveyor's Office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. The details were as under:—

	£	s	d
T Murray, Dundalk	...	0	14 0
T Byrne, Dundalk	...	0	9 6
P M'Guinness, Carlingford	...	0	5 0
Fisher and Sons, Newry	...	0	5 0
Peter M'Namee, Dundalk	...	2	0 0
Patrick J Clarke, Dundalk	...	3	15 0
Edward French, Dundalk	...	3	10 0
Joseph F Finegan, Dundalk	...	10	0 0
Total,	£20	18	6

SUB-COMMITTEE.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON ROAD ROLLING.

On the motion of Mr James Wynne, seconded by Mr James M'Court, J P, it was recommended—That the undermentioned Report of the County Surveyor on the subject of Road Rolling

be adopted, and that the said Report be submitted and read at the next meeting of the County Council: it reads as follows:—

COUNTY LOUTH.

Sub-Committee on Steam Rolling, 27th June, 1910.

Mr Chairman,

I beg to recommend—

(1). That a Steam Roller and Plant be purchased by the County Council at a price not exceeding £680, and that £320 be provided for repairs during a period of ten years, provided that the Rural District Councils adopt Steam Rolling.

(2). That if the Rural Councils adopt Steam Rolling £1,000 for the above purpose be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works at 3½ per cent—principal and interest to be paid off by ten annual payments of £116 12s 7d each, the payments to be levied off the County-at-large, Urban districts excepted.

(3). That the Rural Councils be asked to formulate proposals for the working expenses of a Roller. The working expenses include the wages of the engineer, driver, flagman and foreman spreader, coal and coke, oil, etc, and are estimated at 22s per day for 240 working days, or £264 per annum. A Roller could be kept at work if Ardee No 1 Rural District would pass £99 for 90 working days, Drogheda (Louth) £52 16s 0d for 48 days, and Dundalk £112 4s 0d for 102 days—total, £264, for 240 days' rolling. Unless the Rural District Councils agree to pay for working expenses, in proportion to the number of days rolling done in each district, rolling cannot be carried on, and the matter must be dropped.

(4). That, if Rolling be adopted by the Rural Councils, a Steam Rolling Account be opened to show the total working

expenses of the Roller for each year (including half wages for the three men during stoppages, due to accidents, repairs and frost), also the number of days' rolling done in each district, and the amount in proportion charged to each district. This account to be open to inspection by any ratepayer in the Rural Districts on payment of a small fee.

(5). That if Rolling be adopted and existing contracts expire, the County Surveyor be directed to include in each new contract on principal roads a specified number of days' rolling—about one day's rolling to each 40 or 50 cubic yards of broken stones. The Roller to be supplied to contractors free of charge, but each contractor to be bound to have sufficient men to spread the broken stones before the Roller quickly, provide six men to blind and sweep, and a driver and horse for one water cart, or, if necessary, for two water carts. Also the contractor should cart coal for the engine—about 4 cwts per day—and a contractor should be liable to penalties if he delays the Roller and keeps it idle.

(6). That contractors not now bound to employ a Roller be asked to volunteer to use it under the conditions as above (paragraph 5). About one-third of the length of a contract to be heavily sheeted with broken stones and rolled in each year, the remaining two-thirds to have ruts darned. If a sufficient number of contractors do not volunteer, then the purchase of a Roller to be postponed for a year or two, or the broken stones to be spread as usual and the Roller run over the patches.

(7). That in each district the most expensive roads, with the highest price per perch per annum, should be first dealt with.

(8). One hundred and one miles of important roads leading out of the towns of Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk are now maintained at an expense of £4,464 per annum, and there is no room for doubt that at least one-fourth of this amount, £1,116 per annum, is wasted. The quantity of broken stones supplied and spread in each year on these 101 miles of road amounts to 16,600 cubic yards, and at least one-fourth of these stones are ground into dust, to be afterwards swept off as mud, before the patches of stones are rolled smooth by the traffic. A Roller rolls the broken stones to a smooth and hard surface without any waste. The existing wastage of £1,116 per annum would be about sufficient to keep three Rollers at work. One Roller can only roll about twelve miles per annum, dealing in a proper manner with 36 miles in three years.

Six years ago I wrote to the other County Surveyors, and found that thirteen counties had adopted Steam Rolling. Since then several other counties have followed suit, including Monaghan and Meath. In 1903 Co Tyrone bought one Roller and cautiously watched for results. Now Tyrone has twelve Rollers at work, and two more Rollers have been ordered. The valuation of Tyrone is £450,000 nearly, and the valuation of Louth is £250,000. In this proportion, Tyrone having fourteen Rollers, Louth ought to have at least seven Rollers. It is a remarkable fact that in this respect Louth ranks with the most backward counties in all Ireland. There is not one single Road Roller employed in the Louth Rural Districts.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. LYNAM,
County Surveyor of Louth.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 11th day of July, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Joseph T Dolan, Esq,

Other Members—T J Byrne, J P; James Wynne, Michael O'Meara, J P, and Edward Goodman, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's Authority for the under-mentioned payments, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee:—

	£	s	d
James M'Adorey, Dundalk ...	0	9	3
Drogheda Iron Works, Drogheda	1	9	0
Receiver of Wrecks, Drogheda ...	0	2	6
Receiver of Wrecks, Newry ...	1	10	4
J A Carberry, Drogheda ...	3	16	2
H E Henderson, Dundalk ...	4	18	11
William Leonard, Ardee ...	3	4	0
Thomas M'Ardle, Dundalk ...	3	4	0

Total,	£18	14	2

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from the caretaker, C M'Garrity, as under:—

I beg to make the usual application for remuneration for extra labour and attendance on clerical staff in connection with copying, etc, of Rate Books in borough Court. As I had to come here every day during dinner hour to mind the books and papers and cleaning the court every day.

The Committee refused this application.

Letter from Mr Daniel O'Connell, solicitor to the Council,
as under:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
11th July, 1910.

BYE-LAWS WITH RESPECT TO LOCOMOTIVES.

42 and 43 Vic, Cap 57, Sec 6.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the procedure indicated in Section 221 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, I have caused Notice of Intention to Apply to the Local Government Board for Confirmation of the Bye-laws to be published in the issues of the "Dundalk Democrat" and "Drogheda Argus" of the 4th June. The full calendar month from that date, as prescribed, has now elapsed, and the Council should proceed to adopt the Bye-laws under their Common Seal. The Sealing should be properly attested, and the date of Sealing inserted in the attestation clause. Two copies of the Bye-laws, duly Sealed, should then be forwarded to the Board with a formal application for their confirmation.

I enclose copies of the newspapers containing the advertisement, which should be furnished at the same time.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

T. F. Filgate, Esq.,

Secretary Louth County Council,

Dundalk.

The following letter from Mr Ismay Walsh, Castlebellingham, dated 9th inst, was referred to the County Surveyor:—

As a large ratepayer, I would request the Road Authorities to have the hedges cut low at road crossings. They are now exceedingly dangerous in this district, where the roads are so

narrow and fast driving of motor cars and cycles. I was very near coming to a bad accident yesterday from this cause, otherwise I would not trouble you. Paying large taxes for roads and motors, I think some attention should be given to our common safety when the cost of removal of the danger falls on others, and not on your Council.

I call attention to the Bush road at Mullin's Cross, road at Carroll's, Stabannon, and many others.

Mr Lynam reported that the tiling of the caretaker's kitchen was not satisfactorily done, and the Committee decided to leave the matter in the County Surveyor's own hands.

Local Government (Ireland) Act,
1898.

Louth County Council.

MINUTES

OF

PROCEEDINGS

OF

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

At their Second Quarterly Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, Dundalk,

on THURSDAY, 28th JULY, 1910; and

At their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held in the Council
Chamber, Dundalk,

on THURSDAY, 18th August, 1910; and

At their Special Meeting held October 27th, 1910.

Finance Committee Meetings

Held 25th July; 8th August; 3rd October; 17th October;
31st October, 1910.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 28th day of July, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq J P.

Other Members—Messrs T J Byrne, J P; Joseph Dolan, C A Duffy, J P; Joseph T Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J P; Wm. A Doran, Bernard Finegan, Bernard Hamill, J P; Thomas Kinahan, N B King, J P; Thomas Maguire, T Callan Macardle, J P; James M'Court, J P; Patrick M'Gee, Michael O'Meara, J P; Peter Woods (Muchgrange), William Woods, J P; and James Wynne.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council having been printed, and a copy sent to each member, were taken as read, and were confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr N B King, J P,

Seconded by Mr Thomas Kinahan, and

Resolved that the recommendation contained in the minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee on the undermentioned date, viz—23rd May, 30th May, 6th June, and 11th July, 1910, be and are hereby adopted by this Council, save and except that we refer to Garrity's application to the Finance Committee.

Fixing Dates Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils and the Proposal Committee:—

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne, J P,

Seconded by Mr James M'Court, 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 District Councils, viz:—

Ardee No. 1—Tuesday, 4th October, 1910.

Drogheda—Thursday, 13th October, 1910.

Dundalk—Monday, 10th October, 1910.

The last day for lodging Notices and Applications for District Councils will be Tuesday, 13th September, 1910.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS, ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr William A Doran,

Seconded by Mr Joseph Dolan, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Ardee No 1 Rural District Council at their second Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, the 5th day of July, 1910, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to £823 6s 6d.

DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P,

Seconded by Mr Thomas Maguire, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their second Quarterly Meeting, held on Thursday, the 14th day of July, 1910, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to £459 16s 9d.

DUNDALK.

Proposed by Mr William Woods, J P,

Seconded by Mr Nicholas B King, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their second Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, the 11th day of July, 1910, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to £1,466 8s 8d.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,

Seconded by Mr James M'Court, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments—County-at-Large—which have been submitted to the Proposal and Finance Committees, and amounting to £3,683 2s 8d, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

CONFIRMATION OF BYE-LAWS.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Finegan,
Seconded by Mr Charles A Duffy, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Bye-Laws with respect to the use of Locomotives over Bridges, which said Bye-Laws are now made and approved of by us, and that same be forwarded to the Local Government Board for confirmation.

The next item on the Agenda Paper was the consideration of letter from Road Board Authorities, a copy of which was sent to each member of the Council.

The Chairman and the other members of the Council having discussed the subject matter of the foregoing letter, it was decided that Mr Lynam should have a Conference with the Borough Surveyors, and submit a further report at the next meeting of the Council. Meantime the Secretary was directed to apply for 50 copies of the Road Board Circular Letter for distribution among the Councillors, and summon a special meeting for its further consideration on Thursday, August 11th next.

Read letter from County Inspector, dated 19th inst, as under:—

I return herewith authorities under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts for the Petty Sessions Districts of Ardee, Dunleer, Castlebellingham, Collon, and Termonfeekin, and beg to recommend the following changes:—

Sergeant David Connor, for Castlebellingham Petty Sessions District.

Sergeant Mathew Sharpe, for Collon Petty Sessions District.

Acting-Sergeant Edmond M'Donagh for the Petty Sessions Districts of Ardee, Dunleer, and Termonfeekin.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr C A Duffy, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our Secretary to appoint members of the Royal Irish Constabulary Inspectors under the Food and Drugs Acts, as in previous years.

The Secretary called the Council's attention to the fact that he had received some three or four claims from Solicitors in respect of the payment of Criminal Injury Decrees, and asked for the Council's guidance on the matter.

Proposed by Mr T C Macardle, J P,
Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the Secretary to discharge all the Malicious Injury Claims, the amount of which has been levied and in course of collection, and when the funds with the Treasurer are sufficient to meet the decrees in question.

Letter and Order from the Department, dated the 21st ult., as under:—

Department of Agriculture,
And Technical Instruction for Ireland,
(Veterinary Branch),,
13, Upper Merrion St.,
21st June, 1910.

No. 2665/10

Animals (Notification of Disease) (Ireland) Order
of 1910.

Sir,

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland desire to forward herewith, for the infor-

mation of your Local Authority, some copies of the above-named Order, which has been made by the Department, requiring the notification by Veterinary Surgeons or Veterinary Practitioners of any cases of contagious or infectious disease of certain specified kinds which may come before them in private practice, and providing, among other things, for the payment by Local Authorities of a fee of two shillings and sixpence in respect of each such notification.

This Order, which comes into force on 1st proximo, will give effect in Ireland to the Act passed on the subject last year, entitled the "Diseases of Animals Act, 1909," a copy of which will also be found enclosed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1909.

Chapter 26.

An Act to provide for the Payment of Fees to Veterinary Surgeons and Practitioners for Notification of Diseases of Animals. (25th November, 1909).

Be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

2. This Act may be cited as the Diseases of Animals Act, Animals Acts, 1894 to 1903, shall pay to a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner, in respect of every notification of disease made by him to the local authority or any officer of the local authority in pursuance of an order under those Acts requiring such a notification, such fee not exceeding two shillings and sixpence as may be prescribed by the order.

2. This Act may be cited as the Diseases of Animals Acts, and shall be construed as one with the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1903, and those Acts and this Act may be cited together as the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1909.

Letter from the Town Clerk, Drogheda, dated 15th inst, stating—"That complaints having been made to the Waterworks Committee with regard to the water supply, the Corporation think that the great quantity of dust raised by motorists on the main road from Drogheda to Dundalk, which finds its way into the service reservoir at Rosehall, containing the filtered water, which is rather close to the road, they think it well to lay down a coating of tar upon the road for a couple or three hundred yards.

"The matter has been mentioned to the County Surveyor, and the work will be carried out in accordance with his wishes, and every precaution will be taken in the carrying out of the work."

The Council gave the necessary permission in accordance with the terms of the foregoing letter.

Letter from Bernard Boyle, Irish Grange, dated 20th inst, as under:—

"With regard to the pipes to be laid at Crosslaney, Bush, and Castlebelling ham, I beg to state that I cannot carry out the work according to the terms of my tender. I tendered to do the work for the sum of £11 18s 0d, taking it that no particular pipe was specified. I went to Mr Williamson and arranged to get from him pipes which would cost £4 15s 0d. When ready to work I approached Mr Lynam, who gave me the specification of the particular pipe required. When I went to Mr Gaskin I found that by getting the pipe I would incur an expenditure of over eleven pounds.

"Under the circumstances I respectfully beg that you will not insist upon my carrying out of the work.

Your obedient servant,

BERNARD BOYLE.

The Council decided to release Boyle of his contract, and left the work in the hands of the County Surveyor.

Letter from the Department, dated 25th inst, No. 3642/10,
as under:—

IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1910
FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Memorandum.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland desire to intimate to all whom it may concern, that owing to the reported occurrence of an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in Great Britain, all importation of Cattle, Sheep, Goats, or other ruminating animals, and Swine, into Ireland from that country are, for the time being, prohibited.

It is to be understood that equine animals do not come within the scope of this prohibition, and that, consequently, Horses, Asses, and Mules may still be imported from across the Channel, if accompanied on each occasion by the necessary permit from the Department.

The following communications from the Irish Brewers' Association were read:—

Irish Brewers' Association,
Secretary's Office,
Trinity Chambers, 40 and 41 Dame Street,
Dublin, 8th July, 1910.

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by my Committee to send you the enclosed resolution, and to ask you to kindly submit it to your Council, and if approved of and passed, to further ask you to be good enough to send it to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and your Parliamentary Representative.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly,

W. G. HILL.

IRISH BREWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Resolved:

That inasmuch as many of the smaller Irish Breweries in face of mammoth competition have to struggle to continue their business, the increased taxation of last year sought to be re-imposed by the Budget introduced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer for 1910-11 is a real hardship, and will undoubtedly be the means of breaking up some of these firms, and still further reducing the number of small Breweries in Ireland which give so much employment, encourage tillage, and are a distinct benefit to the district in which they are situated in many ways, as for instance, in providing food-stuffs such as grain and malt combings for cattle feeding, and in keeping alive a healthy competition in the purchase of Barley, Fodder, etc.

The increased Whiskey Tax has, unfortunately, seriously affected the Irish Distilleries, causing thereby a distinct loss to Farmers and Agriculture generally, as well as loss of employment, and if, in addition to this, Breweries are closed down, the future prospects of tillage in Ireland must be seriously injured.

In face of these circumstances, this Council urgently requests the Irish members of Parliament to insist that the smaller Irish Breweries be relieved of the extra and excessive burdens imposed by last year's Budget.

Proposed by Mr James Wynne,

Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,

That the foregoing resolution from the Irish Brewers' Association be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

Amendment moved by Mr Joseph T Dolan, seconded by Mr C A Duffy, J P—That the resolution be marked "read."

On a division there voted for the amendment:—Messrs Dolan, T J; Donegan, Duffy, C A; Finnegan, King, M'Gee, O'Meara, Woods, P; and Woods, Wm—10.

Against the amendment there voted:—Messrs Byrne, T J, Dolan, Joseph; Hamill, B; Macardle, T C; M'Court and Wynne—6.

The Chairman, therefore, declared the amendment carried by 10 votes to 6.

The following discussion took place respecting the introduction of Electric Light to the County Courthouse:—

LIGHT.

Mr M Comerford, Town Clerk, Dundalk, stated that he had been deputed by the Urban Council to wait on them for the purpose of getting an undertaking that they would take electric light into the building if it were as cheap as gas. He explained that the Urban Council were promoting an Electric Lighting scheme, and that he required the signature of the Chairman to such an undertaking, the entire list to be sent to the L & B.

Mr Hamill said that when the County Surveyor was about making application for new gas fittings in the building he asked him to postpone it, as they were promoting an Electric Lighting scheme.

Mr King—I don't object to it, but I would like to know if we adopt it would there be any extra cost with regard to putting in new fittings?

Mr Macardle—Certainly. The fittings are all rotten as they are, and you want new ones (laughter).

Mr M'Court said that if they continued with gas they would have to undergo an expenditure of at least £40 owing to the fittings. When the question came forward they could get an estimate of what electrical fittings would cost.

Mr Duffy—Mr Lynam estimated that the gas fittings would cost £40, and we postponed it on account of this Electric Lighting scheme.

The necessary undertaking was given, and Mr Comerford thanked the Council.

MARGARINE BILL.

The under-mentioned communication from Mr Denis Kilbride, M P, was read and approved of by the Council:—

House of Commons,
z June 20th, 1910.

Dear Sir,

I am again re-introducing the "Margarine Bill," which has for its object the prevention of Margarine being coloured as a colourable imitation of butter.

You will remember that the Bill was defeated in Committee last Session after passing its second reading without a division. This was due to the opposition of the Grocers' Association and the Margarine manufacturers combined, who do not relish the idea of selling margarine in its original colour, which is white, and thus end once and for all the possibility of palming it off as butter.

It may be pointed out that the English farmer is not hit by the substitution of margarine for butter, his great aim being the more profitable one of supplying the big cities with milk, which is being demanded in ever increasing quantities.

In the first five months of this year the increase in the import of margarine has been over 11,000 tons, and this does not take into account the vast quantities being manufactured in the United Kingdom from oil and animal fat. Ireland alone stands to lose, and if the present state of things is allowed to continue Irish butter must go to the wall.

Last Session I asked a question with regard to some samples of "Irish Butter" purchased by the Inspectors of the Department of Agriculture for Ireland, both in London and Liverpool, and what was the reply—that "out of 116 samples purchased as 'Irish Butter' only 16 were genuine," and this, be it remembered, in the two greatest cities in the Empire.

During the last few years thousands of acres of land have been divided among occupiers, uneconomic holding have been enlarged, while under the operations of the newly formed Congested Districts Board—particularly in the counties west

of the Shannon—vast tracts of land hitherto “held up” will now for the first time come under cultivation.

Instead of the “rigid and rotten communities” you will soon have hundreds of small well cultivated farms, ideal land for tillage so necessary to Winter dairying, where formerly you had only the shepherd and his dog.

Under such conditions you are bound to have a vast increase in the production of butter in the near future, and the question naturally forces itself—can a market be found for it under fair conditions? Will fraudulent substitution be allowed to continue? If the Bill now introduced for the second time can be passed into law the future of Irish butter is safe, and I trust I may have the support of your Council, and that you will strengthen my hands by passing a resolution in its favour and sending it to the Press.

I am, etc,

D. KILBRIDE.

PROPOSED PIER AT ANNAGASSAN.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY MR. T. J. DOLAN.

“I beg to give notice that at the next meeting of the County Council I shall move—That a Pier be constructed at Annagassan in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture, by raising a loan of £800 chargeable on the County—the Pier to be the property of the County Council.”

It may here be mentioned that a copy of the under-mentioned memorandum was furnished each member of the Council:—

PROPOSED HARBOUR WORKS AT ANNAGASSAN.

The Local Committee would feel very grateful for your support of above project, which will come before the Co Council for consideration on Thursday, the 28th inst.

They desire to state that no contribution whatever is required from the rates, the tonnage dues derivable from present imports being ample to cover interest, sinking fund, and Harbour Master's salary on the outlay necessary for the works, even without the free grant of £750 which the Department of Agriculture are giving. The return obtained from H M Customs, which will be produced at the Council meeting shows the tonnage as follows for the past five years:—1905, 5,434 tons; 1906, 5,255 tons; 1907, 5,570 tons; 1908, 4,829 tons; 1909, 4,561 tons, or an average of over 5,000 tons, which at 6d will produce £125, so that all that is required is the guarantee of the County Council to enable the work to be carried out.

The following are the Local Committee:—Sir Henry Belingham, Charles J Thornhill, the Rev P Fagan, P P; the Rev P Finegan, I P; the Rev J Woods, C C; J J Russell, Matthew Clinton, Joseph S Harmon.

The following gentlemen appeared before the Council, all of whom spoke in favour of the project in question:—viz, Rev P Fagan, P P; Rev J Woods, C C; and Messrs Matthew Clinton and Joseph S Harmon.

The question having been fully discussed by the Council, the following resolution on the subject was unanimously passed by the Council:—

Proposed by Mr T C Macardle, J P,

Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, and

Unanimously resolved—That it is the opinion of the Louth County Council that a Pier at Annagassan is desirable and necessary for the convenience of the district, and we instruct our Secretary to communicate with the Department, and ask them to submit Plans and Specification and Estimate of probable cost of the proposed Pier, and what contribution the Department were prepared to grant.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 18th Day of August, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—T Callan Macardle, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Joseph Dolan, Joseph T Dolan, Bernard Hamill, J P; Joseph M Johnson, Joseph H M'Arde, James M'Court, J P; Michael O'Meara, J P; Peter Woods, J P; and William Woods, J P, Esquires.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

18th August, 1910.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

There are only two important Proposals for Special Works, No. 1, Ardee, £70, to repair Dunany Pier; and No. 3, Dundalk, £180, to repair the Lane from Greenore to Ballagan as a 4th class road.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant,

P. J. LYNAM,

County Surveyor of Louth.

Proposed by Mr J M Johnson,

Seconded by Mr James M'Court, J P, and

Resolved—That the Report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on the Schedule of Proposals for the 18th August, 1910, and a copy of which is appended hereto, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON STEAM ROLLING, 27th JUNE, 1910.

Mr Chairman,

I beg to recommend—(1). That a Steam Roller and Plant be purchased by the County Council at a price not exceeding £630, and that £320 be provided for repairs during a period of ten years, provided that the Rural District Councils adopt Steam Rolling.

(2). That if the Rural Councils adopt Steam Rolling, £1,000 for the above purpose be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works at 3½ per cent—principal and interest to be paid off by ten annual payments of £116 12s 7d each, the payments to be levied off the County-at-Large, Urban districts excepted.

(3). That the Rural Councils be asked to formulate proposals for the working expenses of a Roller. The working expenses include the wages of the engine driver, flagman and foreman spreader, coal and coke, oil, etc, and are estimated at 22s per day for 240 working days, or £264 per annum. A Roller could be kept at work if Ardee No. 1 Rural District would pass £99 for 90 working days, Drogheda (Louth) £52 16s for 48 days, and Dundalk £112 4s for 102 days—total, £264 for 240 days' rolling. Unless the Rural District Councils agree to pay for working expenses, in proportion to the number of days rolling done in each district, rolling cannot be carried on, and the matter must be dropped.

(4). That, if Rolling be adopted by the Rural Councils, a Steam Rolling Account be opened to show the total working expenses of the Roller for each year (including half wages for the three men during stoppages, due to accidents, repairs and frost), also the number of days' rolling done in each district, and the amount in proportion charged to each district. This account to be open to inspection by any ratepayer in the Rural Districts on payment of a small fee.

(5). That, if Rolling be adopted and existing contracts expire, the County Surveyor be directed to include in each new contract on principal roads a specified number of days' rolling—about one day's rolling to each 40 or 50 cubic yards of broken

stones. The Roller to be supplied to contractors free of charge, but the contractor to be bound to have sufficient men to spread the broken stones before the Roller quickly, provide six men to blind and sweep, and a driver and horse for one water cart, or, if necessary, for two water carts. Also the contractor should cart coal for the engine—about 4 cwts per day—and a contractor should be liable to penalties if he delays the Roller and keeps it idle.

(6). That contractors not now bound to employ a Roller be asked to volunteer to use it under the conditions as above (paragraph 5). About one-third of the length of a contract to be heavily sheeted with broken stones and rolled in each year, the remaining two-thirds to have ruts darned. If a sufficient number of contractors do not volunteer, then the purchase of a Roller to be postponed for a year or two, or the broken stones to be spread as usual and the Roller run over the patches.

(7). That in each district the most expensive roads, with the highest price per perch per annum, should be first dealt with.

(8). One hundred and one miles of important roads leading out of the towns of Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk are now maintained at an expense of £4,464 per annum, and there is no room for doubt that at least one-fourth of this amount, £1,116 per annum, is wasted. The quantity of broken stones supplied and spread in each year on these 101 miles of road amounts to 16,600 cubic yards, and at least one-fourth of these stones are ground into dust, to be afterwards swept off as mud, before the patches of stones are rolled smooth by the traffic. A Roller rolls the broken stones to a smooth and hard surface without any waste. The existing wastage of £1,116 per annum would be about sufficient to keep three Rollers at work. One Roller can only roll about twelve miles per annum, dealing in a proper manner with 36 miles in three years.

Six years ago I wrote to the other County Surveyors, and found that thirteen counties had adopted Steam Rolling. Since then several other counties have followed suit, including Monaghan and Meath. In 1903 Co Tyrone bought one Roller and cautiously watched for results. Now Tyrone has twelve Rollers at work and two more Rollers have been ordered. The

valuation of Tyrone is £450,000 nearly, and the valuation of Louth is £250,000. In this proportion, Tyrone having fourteen Rollers, Louth ought to have at least seven Rollers. It is a remarkable fact that in this respect Louth ranks with the most backward counties in all Ireland. There is not one single Road Roller employed in the Louth Rural Districts.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant,

P. J. LYNAM,

County Surveyor of Louth.

PROPOSALS FOR WORKS.

ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr Joseph T Dolan,

Seconded by Mr Joseph H M'Ardele, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, the 5th day of July, 1910, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council; and we now authorise the Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into.

DROGHEDA.

Proposed by Mr Joseph M Johnson,

Seconded by Mr James M'Court, 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 Thursday, the 14th July, 1910, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and

are hereby approved of by this Council; and we now authorise the Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into.

DUNDALK.

Proposed by Mr Joseph M Johnson,
Seconded by Mr James M'Court, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 11th day of July, 1910, be and are hereby approved of by this Council; and we now authorise the Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 9th instant, No. 51,879:1910, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 30th ultimo, relative to the Bye-laws made by the Louth County Council with respect to the use of Locomotives in the county, and, in reply thereto, the Board request that they may be furnished with a copy of a formal resolution of the County Council.

OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT. ARDEE EAST SUB-COMMITTEE.

The following letter was read:—

Dunleer, 16th August, 1910.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that Mr John Clarke, Castlebellingham, who was a member of the above Sub-committee, has resigned, and also that the members of the Sub-committee recommend the appointment of Mr Michael Meade, Castlebellingham, to fill the vacancy.

Yours truly,

F. FAULKNER, Clerk.

The letter was duly initialled by the Chairman.

STEAM ROAD ROLLING IN COUNTY LOUTH.

Office of Public Works,
Dublin, 22nd March, 1910.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, and, in reply, to inform you that the Board do make loans for the purchase of Steam Road Rollers and the necessary appurtenances thereto. If it is desired to obtain a loan from public funds application should, in the first instance, be made to the Local Government Board, whose recommendation of a loan will be necessary before this Board can entertain the matter. The rates of interest at present applicable to loans charged on the security of local rates are as follows:— $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent when the period does not exceed 30 years; $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent when the period does not exceed 50 years.

I am, etc,

H. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Letter from Local Government Board on same subject as under:—

No. 26,526:1910. Louth County.

24th March, 1910.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, relative to the loan proposed to be obtained by the County Council of Louth for the purpose of purchasing Steam Rollers and equipment, and, in reference thereto, I am to state that the Board will be prepared to consider the question of sanction to a loan for the purpose in question on receipt of the application of the County Council therefor, and on the procedure as regards the application being carried out.

A form on which the Council may make application for a loan is enclosed.

I am, etc,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

Letters on the practical working of Road Rolling in the following counties were also read, viz, Armagh, Down, Dublin and Monaghan.

ARMAGH LETTER.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst making inquiries regarding the purchase and use of Steam Road Rollers in the county. In answer to your queries I beg to state that

(1). Steam Rolling was adopted here by the County Council on its own initiative. I have no recollection of the District Councils being consulted.

(2). I do not think the Rural District Councils were particularly favourable, but I do not remember any formal objections.

(3). The cost of the Rollers and the larger road machinery has always been a County (Rural) charge.

It is many years since this Council began purchasing Steam Rollers, but the above answers are, to the best of my belief, correct.

Yours faithfully,

F. A. REID,

Assistant Secretary.

COUNTY OF DOWN.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 15th instant with reference to the subject of Steam Rolling, the Rural District Councils in the first instance formulate proposals, which are sent forward to the County Council for consideration. The Rural District Councils were consulted before the adoption of Steam Rolling in this county.

When Steam Rolling was first adopted here, all the Rural Councils adopted it, with the exception of one. In the latter case the County Council took no action. However, Steam Rolling is now carried out in all the Rural Districts.

The cost of Steam Rolling is levied according to the chargeability of the road on which the work is performed, i.e., on a main road it is a half county and half district charge, and on a district road, wholly a district charge.

Yours faithfully,

J. L. YOUNG,

Deputy Sec. to the County Council.

COUNTY OF DUBLIN.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 15th inst to the Secretary of this Council has been referred to me. In reply I have to state—

(1). It was not at the request of the Rural District Councils Steam Rolling was adopted, but they were consulted before its adoption.

(2). One of the five Rural District Councils, after having some years ago adopted Steam Rolling for one year, rejected it for some years until the present year, when they have again adopted it, so that at present all five Rural Districts have adopted Steam Rolling.

(3). The purchase of the Rollers and rolling plant, and the larger repairs of same only, are made a County at Large (ex-Urban) charge. The cost of the working and maintenance of the Rollers is charged to the district in which the work is being done.

Yours faithfully,

W. COLLEN,

County Surveyor.

MONAGHAN COUNTY COUNCIL.

Sir,

In reply to yours of the 15th ultiuo, the Road Machinery was obtained for this county by the County Council to improve the roads. The Rural Districts were asked for their support to the scheme. Some objected, others did not. A proposal is now submitted by the County Surveyor to each District

Council at its quarterly meeting for a certain sum for Steam Rolling.

The expenses of the scheme are a County-at-Large (Rural) charge, and is charged on all the Rural Districts.

Yours truly,

DENIS CAROLAN RUSHE,
Secretary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 25th day of July, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—N B King, Esq, J P.

Other Members—C A Duffy, J P; E Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P; James M'Court, J P; and Thomas Kinahan, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large payments in respect of the quarter ended the 30th June last, and also Forms 22 from the Clerks of the respective Rural District Councils, which, on examination, were recommended for payment by the County Council.

County-at-Large payments	£3,683 2 8
Ardee Road payments	823 6 6
Drogheda Road payments	45 16 9
Dundalk Road payments	1,466 8 8
Total	£6,432 14 7

The undermentioned application from the Council's caretaker, C M'Garrity, was again rejected by the Committee:—

Dublin Street,

Dundalk, 25-7-'10.

Gentlemen,

I have been informed that my previous application re annual

remuneration for cleaning after extra clerks in Borough Court and minding books during the dinner hours of same every day. It has been stated that it is in my agreement with the Council as part of my duties. But for the information of you, gentlemen, I respectfully beg to herewith submit my agreement to you, by which you will see that it is not part of my duties. I would, therefore, respectfully ask you to give my application your favourable consideration.

I remain, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,
CHRISTOPHER M'GARRITY, Caretaker.

The payments submitted by the County Surveyor, amounting to £56 6s 3d, were, on examination, passed by the Committee.

The County Surveyor was directed to have a report ready on the subject of Steam Rolling for the next meeting of the County Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 8th day of August, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P.

Other Members—C A Duffy, J P; M O'Meara, J P; N B King, J P; and Wm Woods, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's Authority containing payments amounting to £11 4s 0d, which, on examination, was passed by the Committee.

The application of the caretaker, C M'Garrity, having been referred by the County Council to the Finance Committee, was again considered, and after some discussion on the matter, Mr C A Duffy proposed, and Mr B Hamill seconded, and it was agreed—That M'Garrity be allowed the sum of £1 for his

services in connection with the extra clerical staff, and that he be informed that the Committee will not entertain any further application for extra remuneration from him in respect of such services.

Letter from Automobile Association dated the 30th ultimo as under:—

30th June, 1910.

Dear Sirs,

As you are no doubt aware, this Association is erecting signs on all the main roads throughout Ireland, and we find that a direction arm is needed at Ardee. I am, therefore, writing to ask if you will kindly give us permission to erect this.

Yours faithfully,

A. ALLEN,

Irish Manager.

The Committee unanimously agreed to have the direction arm in question erected at Ardee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 3rd day of October, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—William A Doran, Esq.,

Other Members—M O'Meara, J P; James Wynne, T J Byrne, J P; Peter Hughes, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's Authority for works in charge of the County Surveyor, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

The Committee authorised the Petty Sessions Clerk at Carlingford to procure tables and chairs required during the Revision Sessions.

The Committee accepted Kearney's tender for carting waste paper to railway station for the sum of 15s.

The Committee directed the Secretary to send a copy of the Collectors' letter to L G Board, asking for extension of time to close current collection, and suggest that half years should end on the 30th April and 31st October in each year.

The Committee authorised Mr Lynam to employ 10 persons for two days counting vehicles and motor cars on the road at 5s per day.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 17th day of October, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Wm A Doran, Michael O'Meara, J P; and J M Johnson, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted payments for works in charge of the County Surveyor, and those of his own Office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

Arising out of these payments the Committee directed the Secretary to write Messrs Cooper and Nephews, and ask them what price they would be disposed to take for the Tanks in use in the county.

The Post Card re the use of Dunleer Petty Sessions Court by

the Committee of Agriculture, etc, was referred to the Council's Solicitor for his opinion thereon.

The Secretary was directed to ask the Urban Council whether they intend appealing in the case of Mrs Hughes, Roden Place, who obtained at Quarter Sessions a decree for £2 7s 0d for injury to her property.

The letter from the Local Government Board re the collection of rates, was ordered to appear on the minutes, and a copy to be sent to each collector.

The following important letter from the R I C Authorities was read:—

R. I. Constabulary, Omeath, 13th Oct, 1910.

Sir,

I beg to apply for authority to prosecute the following sheep owners for failing to send in the annual declaration that their sheep were dipped within the prescribed Summer Dipping Period Form C (i) Article 9, of Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1910:—

Hugh Connachy, Cornamucklagh.
Thomas Maguire, Cornamucklagh.
Owen Duffy, Tully, Omeath.
Bernard M'Guigan, Bavin.

These people were warned by the police when sending in the Notice to dip, so that they have no excuse.

The Petty Sessions are to be held in Carlingford on the 20th inst, so that I should feel thankful for an early reply from you.

Yours, etc,

J. ANKETELL, Sergt.

The Committee directed that a short paragraph be sent to the papers stating unless Sheep Owners in the county send the Constabulary Authorities the prescribed Form notifying that their sheep have been dipped, prosecutions are to be instituted.

The undermentioned letter from the L. G. Board was read, and a copy was ordered to be sent to each Collector:—

No. 64,127/1910. Louth County.

Local Government Board, Dublin,
14th October, 1910.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that they have had before them your letter of the 3rd instant, with enclosure, relative to the collection of the poor rate for the past half-year in the County of Louth; and, with reference thereto, I am to state that the Board much regret to observe that the collection is in an extremely unsatisfactory condition, there being a sum of no less than £6,357 out of a total of £14,893 outstanding at the close of the half-year.

This discreditable state of affairs must be entirely attributed to the failure of the Collectors to proceed with their collections in the earlier portion of the half-year. The Board would point out that, although the Collectors received their warrants so far back as the 3rd of June last, they had, notwithstanding the repeated warnings given to them, only lodged a sum of £453 by the 22nd July, while by the 10th of September, or three weeks before the close of the half-year, the large sum of £11,609 remained uncollected.

The Board further observe that the large proportion of the rates which the Collectors have lodged was collected during

the month of September, at a time when the Collectors state that they were continuously employed at the Revision Courts, and that it was absolutely impossible for them to attend to the duties of their collections. It is therefore quite evident that the Collectors must have made little or no effort to prosecute their collections during the months of June, July, and August.

As regards the request of the Finance Committee that exceptional treatment should be afforded to County Louth, I am to state that the Board have nothing to add to their letter of the 18th November last, in reply to a similar request then

made by the County Council. In other agricultural districts which are much less favourably circumstanced than County Louth, and where the difficulties of collection are greater, the Collectors have again this year been able to lodge the full amount of their warrants within the prescribed time, and the Board see no ground for making an exception in the case of County Louth to the rule that prevails elsewhere throughout Ireland as to the date of closing the rates.

I am to add that the law requires the Collectors to collect and lodge each moiety of the rate within the half-year, and if the Collectors in County Louth are not prepared to carry out the law in this respect, they should be called on to tender their resignation, so that proper arrangements may be made for the collection of the poor rate in the county.

The County Council should require the Collectors to lodge the outstanding amounts of the first moiety without any further delay.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to the
Louth County Council.

The following communication from the Chief Secretary's Office, was also read by the Secretary:—

Chief Secretary's Office,
Dublin Castle,

12th October, 1910.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you herewith an Order for payment of the sum of £638 2s 8d in respect of the cost of maintenance of pauper lunatics for

the year ended 31st March, 1910, in the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum.

I am to state that owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid under Section 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, to the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account in the current financial year, to meet the sums payable thereout in the same period under the Section, as amended by the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, His Excellency has deemed it necessary, in pursuance of the provisions of Sub-section (5) of Section 58, to direct a proportionate abatement of the sums so payable having regard to the said insufficiency.

The money available in the Account at the present date is insufficient to pay a larger proportion than 68 per cent. of the estimated charges falling to be met from the Account, and the amount included in the accompanying Order represents the proportion, calculated on this basis, of the amount certified by the Auditor to be payable to the Asylum, less the sum of £1,700 already advanced.

I am to add that with the payment into the Account early in 1911 of the sum of £79,000 mentioned in Sub-Section (1) (b) of Section 58, His Excellency expects to be in a position to make a further payment from the Account to local authorities, but the measure of the additional relief that may be thus afforded cannot be definitely stated until the precise amount of all the charges falling to be met under the Act of 1898 and the Amending Act of 1902 shall have been ascertained towards the close of the present financial year.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. J. CULLINAN.

The Secretary,
County Council of Louth.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council, at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 27th day of October, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—T J Byrne, Esq, J P.

Other members—Wm Woods, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; Joseph M Johnson, Patrick M'Gee, Joseph T Dolan, and Peter Woods, J P, Esquires.

The Council were summoned for the purpose of taking into consideration the County Surveyor's Plans re Road Board Circular, and the consideration of letter from the Department re Annagassan Pier.

On the motion of Mr Edward Goodman, seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, it was

Resolved—That the recommendations contained in the Reports of the County Surveyor, and the Surveyors of the Urban Districts of Drogheda and Dundalk, be and are hereby adopted by this Council, and that same be sent forward to the Road Board for confirmation.

It was also proposed by Mr T C Macardle, J P, seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, and

Resolved—That a memorandum embracing the Chairman's remarks, be embodied in a Report by the County Surveyor for consideration at next meeting of the Council, with the adendum suggested by Mr Goodman, added thereto.

On the motion of Mr Joseph T Dolan, seconded by Mr Joseph M Johnson, it was

Resolved—That a Committee of the whole Council be appointed to meet the Department's Engineers at Annagassan, on Thursday, the 10th November, for the purpose of a consultation respecting the erection of the proposed pier.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting, held on Monday, the 31st day of October, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—James Wynne, Joseph T Dolan, Michael O'Meara, J P; Wm A Doran, Bernard Hamill, J P; and Wm Woods, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large Payments in respect of the quarter ended 30th September last, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

The following letter from Collector Cluskey was read, and referred to the Council's Solicitor:—

“There are about 70 Ratings with the fishermen of Blackrock—plots they got in Clermont Park. None of them will pay the rates. They state that the District Council gave them a Statute acre for £1 6s 0d a year, free of everything, and there is nothing on plots to make a seizure, and I receive all kinds of insults over the matter.”

The following letter from Mr James Dromgoole, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Dunleer, was read:—

Dunleer, 22nd October, 1910.

Sir,

I am directed by my Magistrates to bring under the notice of your Council the necessity for a suitable arm-chair for the use of the Chairman at Dunleer Petty Sessions. The old chair has fallen to pieces through old age, and is now quite useless. Kindly bring the matter under the notice of your Council and oblige.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JAS. DROMGOOLE, C. P. S.

The Committee declined to supply the chair in question, until they see further about Mr Oldershaw's Post Card, in which he states that the Magistrates and Mr Dromgoole object to the representative of the County Committee holding his meetings there.

On the application of the County Surveyor the Committee unanimously granted him £20 for the purpose of paying his assistants and others for services rendered in connection with the Road Board Circular.

It was also agreed to by the Committee that the County Surveyor apply to the Automobile Association for money to erect danger signals throughout the county.

When the foregoing business had been transacted, the same gentlemen constituted the Executive Committee, and having considered the undermentioned correspondence, decided to make no order thereon.

The Secretary Louth County Council.

Dear Sir,

Would you bring before the chairman and members of the Council at their next meeting, a claim for compensation on account of the deterioration of 71 head of sheep driven to your dipping tank at Ardee, on Wednesday, 19th October, for the purpose of being dipped, a distance of eight Irish miles, out and back, remaining there from 10 o'clock, a.m., till 2.20 p.m., waiting for the man in charge of tank, but he did not come to discharge his duty, although he promised on the Saturday previous to do so. If this is the way the public are to be treated, it is somewhat high-handed, as this is a serious loss of time, and damage to stock, to be travelling for nothing. I must see further about this. I now formally claim for

	£	s	d
Deterioration	8	1	6
Men's time	0	10	0
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	£9	7	6

C. and P. CAROLAN,
Belpatrick, Collon.

Oct, 22nd, 1910.

Ardee, October 29, '10.

T. F. Filgate, Esq, Dundalk.

Sir,

In reply to yours re Carolan's Sheep. When he spoke to me about dipping the sheep on Monday or Tuesday, I told him I could not do so; but could manage it next day (Wednesday). He told me he thought he could not come on Wednesday, and I asked him if not to send me a post card to say if he would come on Wednesday, or when? This he did not do, but sent in the sheep on Wednesday morning un-awares. Trusting this explanation will be satisfactory,

I remain,

Yours obediently,

W. LEONARD.

Local Government (Ireland) Act,
1898.

Louth County Council.

MINUTES

OF

PROCEEDINGS

OF

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

At their Third Quarterly Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, Dundalk,

On THURSDAY, 17th November, 1910; and
at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held in the Council
Chamber, Dundalk,

On THURSDAY, 24th November, 1910.

Finance Committee Meetings

Held 14th November; 28th November; 12th December;
23rd December, 1910; 9th January, 1911.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 17th day of November, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Joseph Dolan, Joseph T Dolan, William A Doran, Bernard Finnegan, Bernard Hamill, J P; James M'Court, J P; Patrick M'Gee, Peter Woods, J P; James Wynne, Esquires.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr William A Doran,
Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P; and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee on the undermentioned dates be and are hereby approved of by this Council, viz—25th July, 1910; 8th August, 1910; 3rd October, 1910; 17th October, 1910; and the 31st October, 1910.

DATES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS AND
PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr Joseph T Dolan,
Seconded by Mr Peter Woods, 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, viz:—

Ardee, Tuesday, 3rd January, 1911.

Drogheda, Thursday, 12th January, 1911.

Dundalk, Monday, 9th January, 1911.

The last day for lodging Notices and Applications for District Councils will be Tuesday, the 13th December, 1910.

The Proposal Committee to meet on Monday, the 2nd January, 1911.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS.

ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr Patrick M'Gee,

Seconded by Mr Joseph T Dolan, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Ardee Rural District Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of November, 1910, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to £862 14s 3d.

DROGHEDA.

Proposed by Mr Joseph Dolan,

Seconded by Mr Joseph T Dolan, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments for-

mulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on Thursday, the 13th day of October, 1910, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

These payments amount to £638 1s 8d.

DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

On the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, seconded by Mr James Wynne, and Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 7th day of November, 1910, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to £1610 10s.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence from Mr D Leavy, Dundalk, was read:—

October 5th, 1910.

Dear Sir,—

I reported an accident that happened to my motor car and driver on Sunday night last in Grange, owing to a manhole being left open. I intend putting in my claim in due course when I know the cost of repairs, etc.

Yours truly,

DAN LEAVY.

Ordered—That the foregoing letter be referred to the Council's Solicitor.

St. Brigid's Inebriate Home,

Wexford,

5th November, 1910.

The Secretary read the following letter from the above Institution:—

Dear Sir,—

You will, I trust, pardon the liberty I am taking of writing to beg a favour. We have established a Home for Inebriate Catholic Women committed under the Inebriates' Act from any part of Ireland. We hope to be able to do a great deal of good for these poor victims of drink, by training them to habits of cleanliness, industry, and self respect.

The Government contributes towards the maintenance of Women committed and sent to the Home, but on conditions that the Local Authorities will also contribute. The local contribution is 5s 6d per week, per capita. We are now making application to the members of the Louth County Council, and I shall feel very grateful if you will be good enough to support the application, you will be doing a great act of charity, as sending these poor Women to a Prison merely hardens and degrades them.

With many apologies for trespassing on your valuable time, and thanking you in anticipation.

I remain,

Yours truly,

SISTER M. STANISLAUS DUNNE.

Ordered—That the further consideration of the foregoing letter be postponed until the next Meeting of the County Council.

The consideration of the undermentioned Notice of Motion from Mr Joseph T Dolan was postponed until the next Meeting of the County Council.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Re Polling Districts and Registration of Voters' (Ireland) Act, 1908.

I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of the County Council, I shall move:—

“That the County Council of Louth, by virtue of the Powers vested in them by the Polling Districts and Registration of Voters' (Ireland) Act, 1908, hereby decide to adopt Section 1 of said Act with reference to the alteration of Parliamentary Polling Districts, and that a Committee of this Council be appointed to prepare a scheme with reference thereto. And further, that the County Council adopt Section 3 of said Act, and arrange to have the Register of Voters prepared Alphabetically in Townlands, or, as regards Urban Districts in Streets, and that the Council pass such resolution as may be required,

arranging, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, that the Register of Voters be prepared accordingly.

(Signed),

JOSEPH T. DOLAN."

TOWNLEY F. FILGATE,

Secretary Louth County Council.

Dated this 12th day of November, 1910.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 24th day of November, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Patrick Callan, Joseph Dolan, Joseph T. Dolan, Wm A. Doran, Patrick Donegan, J P; Bernard Finnegan, Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P; T. Callan Macardle, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; James M'Court, J P; Patrick M'Gee, Denis J. Rath, Peter Woods, J P; William Woods, J P, Esquires.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following was read:—

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

There are only two important proposals for works—No. 1, Drogheda (provisional), £300 for a new road through Rathdaniel; and No. 4, Drogheda, £300, to repair the coast road where damaged by the sea near Cruicetown.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. LYNAM,

County Surveyor of Louth.

Proposed by Mr. James M'Court, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Bernard Finnegan, and

Resolved—That the Report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on the Schedule of Proposals for the 24th November, 1910, be entered on the Minutes.

It was then proposed by Mr Joseph Dolan, seconded by Mr Patrick M'Gee—That Work No. 120 on Schedule of Proposals be rejected by the Council.

The Chairman divided the Council on this Proposition, and the following was the result of the voting:—

For Mr Dolan's motion there voted—Messrs Joseph Dolan and Patrick M'Gee—2.

Against the motion there voted—Messrs. P. Callan,

Joseph T. Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Bernard Finnegan, Edward Goodman, T. C. Macardle, James M'Carthy, James M'Court, Denis J. Rath, Peter Woods, William Woods, and James Wynne—12.

The Chairman therefore declared Mr. Dolan's motion lost.

ARDEE WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. William A. Doran,
Seconded by Mr. Joseph T. Dolan, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their Meeting held on Tuesday, the 4th day of October, 1910, and set out in Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of; and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into.

DROGHEDA WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. D. Rath,
Seconded by Mr. P. Donegan, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Meeting held on Thursday, the 13th day of October, 1910, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of; and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into.

DUNDALK WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. M'Court,
Seconded by Mr. Wynne, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Meeting held on Monday, the 10th day of October, 1910, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was then read by the Secretary:—

Letter from the Clerk of the Dundalk Rural District Council as under—

16th November, 1910.

Dear Sir,—

At their Quarterly Meeting, held on the 10th October last, the Rural District Council of Dundalk passed the following resolution:—

Resolved—That we request the County Council to provide a Steam Roller for this District, and we hereby agree to pay the sum of £268 annually to meet the working expenses, etc., of same.

Yours faithfully,

P. R. FINIGAN,

Clerk of the Council.

Proposed by Mr. T. C. Macardle,
Seconded by Mr. B. Hamill, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the resolution of the Dundalk Rural District Council, passed on the 10th October last.

Ennis State Inebriate Reformatory,

22nd. November, 1910.

Dear Sir.—

With reference to your letter of 21st. inst., I regret I am unable to give you the information you require. You may, however, be able to obtain the information from the General Prisons' Board, Dublin Castle. I may add that Ennis Reformatory is a State Institution and all expenditure in connection with its upkeep is paid from Imperial Funds, except where an inmate has property available from which, under Sec. 12 of the Inebriates Act, the cost of maintenance may be recovered.

I am, dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. KING, Gov.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,
Dundalk.

Proposed by Mr. Joseph T. Dolan,
Seconded by Mr. William A. Doran, and

Resolved—That we authorise the Finance Committee to pay out of the Subsidiary Account the cost of summonses advanced by School Attendance Officers, in making prosecutions under directions of

School Attendance Committees of the County, when vouched by their respective Committees.

The undermentioned Notice of Motion was then before the Council:—

I hereby give Notice that, at the next Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 24th November, 1910, I shall move—"That a Committee be appointed to consider the Foundation of University Scholarships, and to submit a Scheme to the Council at its January Meeting in time to have provision made in the Rates, if approved."

(Signed) JOSEPH T. DOLAN.

On the motion of Mr. Joseph T. Dolan, seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill, it was

Resolved—That a Committee of the whole Council be appointed to discuss Mr J. T. Dolan's Notice of Motion, as appearing on the Agenda for the 24th November, 1910.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 14th day of November, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—C. A. Duffy, J.P.; Michael O'Meara, J.P.; William Woods, J.P.; Wm. A. Doran, Joseph T. Dolan, and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Accounts for Works in charge of the County Surveyor and those of his own Office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

The following Correspondence was then read by the Secretary:—

Letter from the Town Clerk, Drogheda, dated 9th November, 1910, as under:—

Dear Sir,—

The County Council hold from the Corporation a portion of the Weigh Crane on Wellington Quay at a rent of £2 per annum as an Office for the Inspector of Weights and Measures. I am directed to apply for the sanction of the County Council to the Corporation temporarily making use of this Office, upon the condition that suitable premises will be provided elsewhere for the Inspector.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. CONNOLLY.

The Committee decided to refer this letter to the County Council.

ANNAGASSAN PIER.

The following important letter from the Department was then read:—

8604/10. F.B.

9th November, 1910.

Sir,

Adverting to my letter to you of the

3rd ultimo, on the subject of the proposed improvement of the Harbour accommodation at Annagassan, I have to state, for the information of the Louth County Council, that the Department, on re-consideration, are willing to alter their offer to contribute one-third of the expenditure on the Scheme, which is estimated to cost £2,250, and are now prepared to offer, within a limit of £1,125, one-half the actual expenditure.

Ordered—That this letter be read at the next Meeting of the County Council.

The Secretary submitted Collectors' irrecoverable arrears in respect of the half-year ended 30th September last, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee and ordered to be sent to the Local Government Board for confirmation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 28th day of November, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—James Wynne, and Bernard Hamill, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's Authority for Works in charge of the County Surveyor, which, on examination, was passed by the Committee.

The following Correspondence was then read by the Secretary:—

Local Government Board,
23rd November, 1910.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 21st instant relative to the payment of remuneration to the Collectors of the Poor Rate in the County of Louth on the Collection for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1910, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that, before taking this application into consideration, they desire to know whether the Collectors would be prepared to guarantee that they will comply with the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, by lodging the full amount of the first moiety of next year's Rate by the 30th September, 1911.

I am, etc.,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

Ordered—That a copy of the above letter be sent to each Collector.

This having been done, the following letter was addressed by the Secretary to the Local Government Board, accompanied by the undermentioned guarantee from the Collectors:—

Secretary's Letter to L. G. Board:—

28th November, 1910.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd

instant, No. 72940/1910, I respectfully beg to enclose copy of guarantee received this day from the Collectors respecting the closing of the September half-year's Collection.

COPY OF GUARANTEE.

We, the undersigned Collectors of County Louth, hereby undertake to lodge the full amount of our respective Warrants by the 30th September in each year, provided the County Council consent, and the Local Government Board sanction, that each Collector gets a Bonus to compensate him for the amount he has to lodge in respect of irrecoverable rates.

(Signed) Patrick Moonan, Patrick M'Donnell,
Patrick M'Cullough, Peter M'Donnell,
Patrick Cluskey, and John Woods.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 12th day of December, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Joseph T. Dolan, Peter Woods (Muchgrange), and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's Authority for Work in charge of the County Surveyor's and the Secretary's Offices, which, on examination, was passed by the Committee. These payments amount to £15 0s 8d.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Friday, the 23rd day of December, 1910.

Present:—

In the Chair—Bernard Hamill, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Joseph M. Johnson, and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's Authority for Works in charge of the County Surveyor's and the Secretary's Offices, which, on examination, was passed by the Committee.

These payments amount to £82 18s 5d, and numbered from 48 to 63.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—T. C. Macardle, J.P.; Edward Goodman, James Wynne, and Michael O'Meara, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's Authority, numbered from 77 to 95 inclusive, and amounting to £62 19s 8d, which, on examination, was passed by the Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SHEEP DIPPING (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1910

Carlingford, 4/1/1911.

I beg to apply for permission to prosecute Patrick Maguire, South Commons, Carlingford, and Peter Ward, of Earlsquarter, for failing to comply with the Autumn Dipping of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order, 1910.

W. DELANY, R.I.C., Carlingford.

The Committee ordered that the above-named persons be prosecuted under the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order, 1910.

On the application of the County Surveyor, the Committee recommended an expenditure of £20 each for the upkeep of Carlingford, Clogherhead, and Giles' Quay Piers.

Local Government (Ireland) Act,
1898.

Louth County Council.

MINUTES

OF

PROCEEDINGS

OF

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

At their First Quarterly Meeting held in the Council
Chamber, Dundalk,

on THURSDAY, 19th January, 1911; and

At their Adjourned Meeting held on the 23rd Feb., 1911;

and at their Special Meeting held on the 27th day of
March, 1911.

Finance Committee Meetings

Held on 30th January; 13th February; 6th March, 1911.

P. MACCULLOUGH, PRINTER, DUNDALK.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

STEAM ROLLING COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 16th January, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Joseph Dolan, Michael O'Meara, J.P.; William Woods, J.P.; Joseph H. M'Ardle, Peter Woods, J.P.; and James M'Carthy, Esquires.

The Committee were summoned for the purpose of considering the subject of Steam Rolling for County Louth, and made the following recommendations to the County Council, with Mr. Joseph Dolan, Gaulestown, dissenting:—

(1st.)—They recommended the County Council to advertise for the hire of two Steam Rollers—one for Drogheda Rural District, and one for the Dundalk Rural District.

(2nd.)—Conditions of hiring these Rollers to be settled by our Solicitor. We also approve of the following addition to the typed specification for maintenance recommended by the County Surveyor for the County of Louth.

(3rd.)—If required by County Council, or by the County Surveyor, the roads shall be Steam Rolled, about one day's rolling to forty or fifty cubic yards of

broken stones specified. A short length of the Contract (Dundalk end) to be heavily sheeted with stones and Steam Rolled each year, the remainder of the Contract to have only sufficient stones to mend ruts. County Council will supply the Roller and pay for coal, oil, and driver's wages free of charge to the Contractor, the Contractor to supply sufficient men to spread the stones quickly ahead of the Roller, blind and sweep, also a flagman. The Contractor shall also cart coal, etc., for the Roller (about 5 cwt. per day), and provide a horse and driver for the water cart, or, if necessary, horses and drivers for two water carts. It may happen that the stones for rolling will be left on the roadside during the winter, to be spread and rolled the following summer season. If required, ruts shall be mended by picking up the surface, adding stones and mud, and then ramming the patch; also that the Co. Surveyor be directed to ask Contractors to volunteer to Steam Roll on existing Contracts.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 19th day of January, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Wm. A. Doran, Esq., V.C.

Other Members—Joseph Dolan, Joseph T. Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J.P.; Edward Goodman, Bernard

Hamill, J.P.; Nicholas B. King, J.P.; Joseph H. M'Ardle, James M'Court, Michael O'Meara, J.P.; Denis J. Rath, Peter Woods, J.P.; and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Minutes of the last Meetings of the Council, having been printed and a copy sent to each member, were taken as read and were confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Peter Woods, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee on the undermentioned dates be, and are hereby, approved of by this Council, viz:—

14th November, 1910; 28th November, 1910; 12th November, 1910; 23rd December, 1910; and the 5th January, 1911.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF STEAM ROLLING COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, it was

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Steam Road Rolling Committee at their Meeting, held on the 16th of January, 1911, be, and are hereby, adopted by this Council, Mr Joseph Dolan, Gaulstown, dissenting.

DATES FIXED FOR THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS AND PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr. Joseph T. Dolan,
Seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, 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 and Proposal Committee, viz:—

Ardee—Tuesday, 4th April, 1911.

Drogheda—Thursday, 13th April, 1911.

Dundalk—Monday, 10th April, 1911.

The Proposal Committee to meet on Monday, the 3rd April, 1911.

The last day for lodging Notices and Applications for District Councils will be Tuesday, the 14th March, 1911.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS,
DROGHEDA.

Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dolan,
Seconded by Mr. Michael O'Meara J.P., and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on the 12th January, 1911, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

These payments amount to £497 8s 1d.

DUNDALK PAYMENTS—ROAD CONTRACTORS.

Proposed by Mr. James Wynne,
Seconded by Mr. Peter Woods, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1911, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These Payments amount to £1,503 11s 10d.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter from Local Government Board was read:—

Dublin,
14th January, 1911.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform the Louth County Council that they have received a report from their Inspector—Mr. G. A. Saunderson—relative to the Collection of the Poor Rate in the County for the current half-year, from which it appears that only £1,376 has been lodged out of a total half-year's collection of £14,582. Mr. Saunderson further reports that the Council will require a sum of £13,000 on the 19th inst. to meet the Quarterly Payments and Demands of dependent bodies, and that unless the collecting proceeds with the utmost diligence, the Council will find themselves in the unsatisfactory position of being unable to promptly fulfil their statutory obligations. In con-

nection with the present unsatisfactory condition of the Collection, I am to point out that although the Board have on several occasions warned the Collectors that they are bound by the terms of their appointments to proceed diligently with their Collections from the very beginning of the half-year, these officers do not appear to have yet realised the necessity of carrying out their duties promptly.

The Board consider that the Council should administer a severe caution to the Collectors, and endeavour to impress on them that they will no longer be permitted to neglect their Collections during the earlier months of the half-year.

I am, etc.,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The following Correspondence from the Clerk of the Crown and Peace was then read, and the subject matter thereof referred to a special Committee of the County Council:—

Land Registry of Ireland,

Dublin,

4th January, 1911.

Land Registry—Local Office Records.

Dear Sir,

I understand that, for the purposes of the Land Registry Records, your accommodation consists of one safe, capable of holding 5 volumes, and that the remainder of the folios are kept on wooden shelves in an

ordinary room. The Registrar desires me to point out the importance of protecting the Records from risk of fire, loss or damage, and suggests that you should approach the County Council with a view to obtaining the provision of an adequate strong room. Practically every County Council in Ireland has now provided such accommodation, and we feel sure that when the County Council of the County of Louth appreciate the importance of safeguarding the titles of the tenant purchasers of the County, they will be willing to do all that is required. If the County Council desire any further information, or if we can be of assistance to you or to them in any way in the matter, kindly let us know.

Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND SMITH,

Chief Clerk.

Proposed by Mr Michael O'Meara, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Joseph T Dolan, and

Resolved—That Messrs the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, James M'Court, Bernard Hamill, James Wynne, J. T. Dolan and N. B. King be appointed a Committee to go into the matter of Mr Sheridan's application for a strong room.

Proposed by Mr. J. T. Dolan,

Seconded by Mr. N. B. King, and

Resolved—That the County Council do now adjourn until Monday, the 30th inst, for the purpose of taking into consideration Form 22 from the Clerk of the Ardee Rural District Council.

LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR
AS UNDER.

17th January, 1911.

Re Criminal Injury Applications.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to formally report on the result of hearing of above claims at Quarter Sessions at Dundalk last week:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Wm. B. Connolly	3	10	0	Decree	1	0	0
Same	1	0	0	"	0	10	0
Same	1	0	0	"	0	10	0
Margaret Mathews	1	0	0	"	1	0	0
Patk. Donnelly	1	13	4	"	1	4	0
Same	0	16	8	"	0	12	0
Joseph M. Johnson	8	0	0	"	6	4	5
Francis Short	8	0	0	"	6	0	0
Same	10	0	0	"	3	10	0
Bernard Finegan	7	10	0	"	5	13	6

The foregoing claims were for damage for breaking of windows in the Urban District, who are the parties to appeal, if such be advised.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Samuel Lockington	20	0	0	Decree	16	0	0
Owen Larkin	50	0	0	"	18	0	0
John Mackay	40	0	0	"	30	0	0
Daniel Leavy	8	5	0	"	6	0	0

In these four cases the two former were for alleged burning of hay and straw, and the latter two for injuries to motor cars.

I am appealing in the four cases.

Daniel Leavy brought an action against the Council for damages sustained by motor car at Irish Grange

He claimed £9 and was awarded £8. I am appealing.

The action of Joseph Meehan, of Cappoge, claiming £15 damages, was dismissed. He has appealed.

Yours, etc.,

DANIEL O'CONNELL,
Solicitor

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,
Seconded by Mr. Joseph T. Dolan,

That a Committee be appointed to consult with our Solicitor re appealing in certain Malicious Injury Decrees read this day.

It was then pointed out by several of the Councillors present that there was a resolution on the Minutes to the effect that our Solicitor appeal in all Malicious Injury Claims given against the Council at Quarter Sessions.

After some further discussion on the matter, the Chairman divided the Council, and the following was the result of the voting:—

For Mr. Hamill's motion there voted—Messrs Dolan Joseph, Dolan J T, Hamill B, King N B, Rath D J, and Woods Peter. J P.—6.

Against the motion there voted—Messrs Doran Wm A, Goodman E, M'Ardle J H, M'Court James, O'Meara, M, and Wynne James—6.

The voting being equal, the Chairman gave his

casting vote against Mr Hamill's Motion, which he duly declared lost.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 23rd February, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Messrs B Hamill, J P; N B King, J P; C A Duffy, J P; Patk Callan, Joseph Dolan, Joseph T Dolan, Thomas Maguire, Laurence M'Keon, L J Elcock, Thos Kinahan, Peter Woods, Patk M'Gee, Bernard Finnegan, Jas Wynne, Edward Goodman, William Woods, J P; James M'Court, J P; P P Keeley, J P; F C Macardle, J P; Joseph M Johnson, Joseph H M'Arde, Thos J Byrne, P Donegan, J P.

THE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Proposed by Mr C Duffy, J P,
Seconded by Mr E Goodman, and

Resolved—That the Report of the County Surveyor as appearing on the Schedule of Proposals for the 23rd February, 1911, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

The following resolutions were then passed by the Council:—

ARDEE WORKS.

Proposed by Mr P M'Gee,
Seconded by Mr B Hamill, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, 1911, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the Co. Council, be and are hereby approved of, save and except that we reject Works No. 129.

DROGHEDA WORKS.

Proposed by Mr P Donegan,
Seconded by Mr L M'Keown, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Thursday, the 12th day of January, 1911, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

DUNDALK WORKS.

Proposed by Mr Wm Woods,
Seconded by Mr B Hamill, J P; and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1911, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR THE ENSUING FINANCIAL YEAR.

The Secretary submitted the annual estimate of Rates in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1912, and after very considerable discussion.

the Council decided to reduce same by twopence in the £ all round.

APPOINTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEES.

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

Resolved—That the same gentlemen that constitute the present Education Committees be and are hereby appointed by this Council.

WEIGHBRIDGE AT DROMISKIN.

Proposed by Mr Patk M'Gee,
Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That in compliance with the application received from C Ginney, Dromiskin, we authorise the erection of a Weighbridge thereat under the following conditions, viz—That it be erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor; that guarantees and an indemnity against accidents be given to the County Council's Solicitor; and that the expense of the Deed be borne by the Applicant, and the Weighbridge to be removed on three months' notice from the County Council.

MR M'CANN'S RESIGNATION.

The following letter from Mr C M'Cann was read.—
13 North Quay, Drogheda,
February 15, 1911.

To the Chairman and Members of the Louth County Council.
Gentlemen,

I regret that I have to inform you that I am advised by my doctor that owing to my state of health I cannot continue active work such as is entailed by my present office.

I am compelled, therefore, to tender you my resignation, and I would request that you would be good enough to permit me to appoint a deputy (under Section 94 Public Bodies Order, 1904) for the purpose of closing my collection.

I can, if required, produce medical certificate concerning the state of my health.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES M'CANN.

The Secretary was authorised to issue an advertisement for a Collector for the St Peter East and West Electoral Divisions in room of Mr M'Cann, resigned.

After consideration of letters from Road Board, the Council appointed Messrs the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and the County Surveyor and the Borough Surveyors of Dundalk and Drogheda, to meet the Road Board representatives in Dublin on the 7th proximo.

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER.

In accordance with the Secretary's advertisement, the Council proceeded to elect a Returning Officer to conduct the forthcoming Local Government Elections. There were three applications for the appointment from Messrs C J M'Gahon, Daniel O'Connell, and James M'Court, and the following was the result of the voting:—

For M'Court—Messrs Byrne, T J; Callan, Patrick; Donegan Patrick; and M'Court, James (4).

For O'Connell—Messrs Dolan, John; Finegan, Bernard; Johnson, Joseph M; Woods, William; and Wynne, James (5).

For M'Gahon—Messrs Dolan, Joseph T; Duffy, C A; Elcock, L J; Goodman Edward; Keeley, Peter; Kinahan, Thomas; King, N B; M'Ardle, J H; M'Gee, Patrick; and Woods, Peter (11).

The Chairman therefore declared Mr Charles J M'Gahan, solicitor, duly elected Returning Officer to conduct the forthcoming Local Government Elections.

The undermentioned Notice of Motion was next considered by the Council, and after very considerable discussion, it was unanimously agreed to allocate the sum of £100 towards University Scholarships in County Louth.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1) I beg to give notice that I will move at the next Meeting of the Council that a Rate of One Halfpenny in the £ be levied, and the produce applied to providing three Scholarships of £50 a year each, for three years, tenable at the National University, to be awarded next Summer to the most qualified Count Louth Students on the terms of the General Council's Scholarship Scheme, and with such additional regulations as the County Council may determine at the February Meeting.

And, I will move, that a Committee be appointed to draw up these conditions and submit them to the February Meeting.

(Signed) JOSEPH T. DOLAN.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at a Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, 27th day of March, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—James M'Carthy, Esq. J P.

Other Members—James Wynne, Thomas Kinahan, Joseph H M'Arde, Stephen Segrave, Bernard Hamill, J P; C A Duffy, J P; and Joseph M Johnson, Esquires.

The Council were summoned for the purpose of taking into consideration the following correspondence from the Department re the proposed Pier at Annagassan.

The correspondence is as under:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction
For Ireland,
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,

13th March, 1911.

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FACILITIES FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING VESSELS AT ANNAGASSAN.

Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence, and to an arrangement come to at a conference which took place at Annagassan on the 10th November last between representatives of the Louth County Council and the Department, I have to transmit, herewith, for the information of the Council, plans of proposals for the improvement of the facilities for loading and unloading from vessels at Annagassan. At the conference referred to the general outline only, of a scheme for the purpose was agreed to, no definite decision having been come to as to the position of the Pier. Representations have been made in favour of the construction of a Pier on the south and north side, respectively, and also in favour of the provision of two small quays instead of one large one. The Department's Engineer, in consultation with the County Surveyor, came to the conclusion that it would be advisable to submit alternative plans to the Council; and this is now done. Annexed is the report of the Engineer on the subject.

In view of the fact that negotiations with land owners, the Board of Trade and others may be necessary, the Department suggest that the Council, if they approve of the proposals generally, should appoint a small Committee, vested with the necessary powers, which could act with the Department in arranging details.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,
Dundalk.

REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ENGINEER.

(a) The scheme outlined prior to the conference was that involving the construction of a pier on the south side of the river, and it was on this scheme that the approximate figures put forward were based when it was proposed that the Department and the County Council should each contribute £1,125 0s 0d. The approach road was not included in this, but the representatives of the Council considered that the road might be made by the Council independently.

I now submit an estimate for this scheme amounting to £2,240 0s 0d, towards which the Council should contribute £1,125 0s 0d.

It will be seen that I have been obliged in order to keep within the limit of legal expenditure, to reduce the length of quay from 150 to 125 feet. It will also be seen that the Department must themselves undertake responsibility for carrying out a certain part of the dredging, which I understand they are prepared to do.

(b) For about the same outlay on the north side only 100 feet of quay could be provided, the work being more expensive owing to the necessity of protecting the toe of the pier from scour on that side of the river. As the cost of the road approach would be saved, the Council would, as I understand, be expected to contribute half the total cost involved, and, therefore, as the Department would have to spend £146 on extra dredging as before, the Council would have to provide £1,197 10s towards the total estimate of £2,248 0s 0d, while the Department would provide £1,650 10s towards this estimate, and also the extra dredging. In my opinion, in which I think the County Surveyor concurs, this scheme is from an engineering point of view inferior to the other, as there will not be at all the same shelter at the pier for vessels, and there is possibility of trouble in maintenance owing to scour.

Local feeling, however, appears to be largely in favour of this scheme.

(c) To provide, instead of either of these schemes, two small quays of, say, 40 feet face each, would probably cost an additional £200, while the cost of the approach road would still be involved.

CHAS. D. OLIVER.

13/3/11.

ANNAGASSAN.

SPECIFICATION OF WORKS.

The works shall consist of the excavation of a channel across the strand, a swinging basin sheltered by a breakwater, and of a quay or quays, all in accordance with one or other of the alternative plans prepared by the Engineer to the Department of Agriculture in conference, and accompanying this specification or such modified plans as may be adopted.

The method of the excavation of the works shall in any case be as follows:—

The channel shall be dredged to a depth of 13ft 6in below the coping of Mr Hoey's quay, this being the depth estimated as necessary to give 11ft 6in of water in the channel at high water of neap tides, and shall have a width of not less than 50ft at bottom, with slopes not steeper than 4 to 1.

The basin shall be excavated to the area shown on one or other of the plans, and the slopes there indicated.

The breakwater shall be constructed of concrete to the specification given below, and to be of the dimensions shown, its toe being protected by an apron where indicated. Its extremity shall, further be protected by sheet piling if necessary. A portion of the spoil from the excavations shall be deposited at the back of the breakwater, so as to form a beach there to protect it, as indicated on the general plan.

The quays shall be constructed of concrete walls, with filling

of sand or shingle, the walls being of the section shown. If the South quay be constructed a portion of its surface shall be paved in stone work or concrete where liable to be splashed with spray coming over the breakwater, the rest of its surface being metalled. If the North quay be constructed its surface shall be metalled only. Its western face angle shall be protected by sheet piling of creosoted fir, or other suitable material, for a length of 30 feet, and to a depth of not less than 6 feet below the bottom, and its end shall be further protected by the deposit there of 100 tons of heavy rubble stone.

Concrete shall consist of 1 part of Portland cement, approved by the Engineers, to 4 of stone broken to 1½ in. gauge, and 2 of clean, sharp sand, or such other mixture as the Engineers may approve, and shall be deposited in bags or casings as may be provided in further detailed specification.

All work shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

CHAS. D. OLIVER,

Engineer to the Department of Agriculture, etc.

March, 13th, 1911.

The Council, after considerable discussion, unanimously selected the south side for the pier.

STEAM ROLLING COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 16th January, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Joseph Dolan, M.O.Meara, J.P.,

William Woods, J.P.; Joseph H. M'Archie, Peter Woods, J.P.; and James M'Carthy, J.P., Esquires.

The Committee were summoned for the purpose of considering the subject of Steam Rolling for County Louth, and made the following recommendations to the County Council, with Mr. Joseph Dolan, Gaulestown, dissenting:—

1st—They recommend the County Council to advertise for the hire of two Steam Rollers—one for Drogheda Rural District, and one for the Dundalk Rural District.

2nd—Conditions of hiring these Rollers to be settled by our Solicitor.

We also approve of the following addition to the typed specification for maintenance recommended by the County Surveyor for the County of Louth:—

3rd—If required by the County Council or by the County Surveyor the road should be steam-rolled, about one day's rolling to forty or fifty cubic yards of broken stones specified. A short length of the contract (Dundalk End) to be heavily sheeted with stones and steam-rolled each year, the remainder of the contract to have only sufficient stones to mend ruts. The County Council will supply the Roller and pay for coal, oil, and driver's wages free of charge to the contractor, the contractor to provide sufficient men to spread the stones quickly ahead of the Roller, blind, and sweep, also a flagman. The contractor should also cart coal, etc. for the Roller (about 5 cwt per day), and provide a horse and driver for the water cart, or, if necessary, horses and drivers for two water carts.

It may happen that the stones for rolling will be left on the roadside during the winter, to be spread and rolled in the following summer season. If required, ruts shall be mended by picking up the surface, adding stones and mud, and then ramming the patch; also that the County Surveyor be directed to ask contractors to volunteer to steam-roll on existing contracts.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 30th day of January, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—C A Duffy, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; Peter Woods, J P; Joseph M Johnson, James Wynne, P P Keeley, J P; T Kinahan, N B King, J P; and J H M'Ardle, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Form 22 in respect of payments to the Ardee Road Contractors, which the Committee, after examination, recommended the County Council to discharge. He also submitted county-at-large payments in respect of the quarter ended 31st December last, which the Committee also recommended for payment by the County Council.

On the application of the County Surveyor, the Committee authorised the purchase of new instruments for work under the Roads Board Circular, and they recommended that Mr Lynam be allowed £10 for same.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 13th February, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—James Wynne, Edward Goodman, N B King, J P; Patk M'Gee, Thos Kinahan, Bernard Hamill, J P; and James M'Court, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary brought under the notice of the Committee that the County Council would require at their next Meeting to appoint a Returning Officer to conduct the forthcoming Local Government Elections, and it was ordered—That the usual advertisement be issued inviting applications for the appointment, and that the matter come before the County Council at their next meeting.

WEIGHBRIDGE AT DROMISKIN.

The Secretary read the following letter from K Ginnety, Dromiskin:—

February, 13th, 1911.

Sir.—

Will you kindly put before the Finance Committee an application of mine to erect a public Weighbridge along side of the public road at my place in Dromiskin.

Yours respectfully,

KATE GINNETY.

The Committee recommended permission for the erection of the Weighbridge in question, subject to certain conditions to be laid down by the County Council.

The Committee left the appointment of the temporary clerical staff for the copying and applotting of the Rate Books for the ensuing financial year in the hands of the Secretary.

ESTIMATE OF RATES.

The Secretary submitted his Estimate of Rates in respect of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1912, over which there was considerable discussion. The Committee recommended that a $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ on the County-at-Large be added in respect of University Scholarships, and an additional grant of £200 for the Louth County Infirmary. Ultimately it was proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, seconded by Mr Edward Goodman, and recommended—that the Secretary's Estimate of Rates in receipt of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1912, be recommended for adoption by the County Council. To this Mr King dissented.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, 6th day of March, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J P.

Other Members—James Wynne, Ed Goodman, Wm

Woods, J P; Luke J Elcock, Patk M'Gee, T Callan Macardle, J P; and Joseph M Johnson, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Accounts for Works in charge of the County Surveyor, which on examination were passed by the Committee.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY.

Mr Lynam read a statement to the Committee, in which he pointed out that under the proposed Steam Rolling Scheme his duties would be greatly increased, in consequence of which he applied for an increase of salary.

After some discussion on the matter, the Committee decided to postpone the further consideration of Mr Lynam's application until a meeting to be held in the month of August next.

The following letter from the Clerk of the Rural District Council was read:—

Dundalk Union,

Clerk's Office,

18th February, 1911.

Dear Sir,

With the view of extending the main sewer at Carlingford, the Dundalk Rural District Council instruct me to apply to the County Council for their permission to open the road there, and at Red Barns, for the laying of a water main from the site of the existing fountain to the corner of Sea Fanks road.

The District Council will give the usual indemnity.

Yours faithfully,

P. R. FINIGAN,
Clerk of the Council

T. F. Filgate, Esq., Sec. County Council.

Ordered—That the Dundalk Rural District Council be given permission to open the roads in question on the distinct understanding that they will be responsible for any accidents or damage during the opening and closing of the roads referred to in the Clerx's letter.

The application of the Returning Officer—Mr C J M'Gahon—for £100 on account, was postponed until the April meeting of the Council.

Local Government (Ireland) Act,
1898.

Louth County Council.

MINUTES

OF

PROCEEDINGS

OF

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

At their First Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk,

On THURSDAY, 20th April, 1911; and

At their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk,

On THURSDAY, 25th May, 1911; and

Their Annual Meeting held in the Court House, Drogheda, on 13th June, 1911.

Finance Committee Meeting

Held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk, on Monday, 29th May, 1911.

P. MACCULLOUGH, PRINTER, DUNDALK

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council of the First Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 20th day of April, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Wm. A. Doran, Esq.

Other Members—Messrs P Woods, J P; P P Keeley, J P; B Finnegan, E Goodman, P M'Gee, D J Rath, B Hamill, J P; P Donegan, J P; Joseph Dolan, J H M'Ardle, T Maguire, John Dolan, Laurence M'Keown, Stephen Segrave, Patk Callan, James Wynne, Thomas Kinahan, Wm Woods, J P; Peter Woods, and Peter Hughes, J P.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council having been printed and a copy sent to each member, were taken as read, and were confirmed.

On the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, seconded by Mr P M'Gee, it was resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, on the under-mentioned dates, be and are hereby confirmed by this Council—viz., 9th January, 1911; 18th January, 1911; 30th January, 1911; 13th February, 1911; 6th March, 1911.

Proposed by Mr James Wynne,
Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That the County Council hereby determine that the following shall be the dates for the hold-

ing of the Second Quarterly Meeting of the Rural District Council and Proposal Committees:—

Ardee—Tuesday, 6th July, 1911.

Drogheda—Thursday, 13th July, 1911.

Dundalk—Monday, 10th July, 1911.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.
DUNDALK.

Proposed by Mr Wm Woods, J P,
Seconded by Mr B Hamill, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments for the Dundalk Rural District Council at the last Quarterly Meeting, and set out on Form 22, furnished the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr P M'Gee,
Seconded by Mr Joseph Dolan, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payment formulated by the Ardee Rural District Council at the last Quarterly Meeting, and set out in Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

DROGHEDA.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P,
Seconded by Mr Thomas Maguire, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Drogheda Rural District Council, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

MAKING OF RATES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman, 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 23rd February, 1911, we hereby make rates, to be levied off the County of Louth, for the financial year ending 31st March, 1912, as set out below.

The Rates in the £ for General and Separate Charges are:—

	Land.	Buildings
Ardee	... 2s 2d	... 3s 6d
Drogheda	... 2s 10d	... 4s 7d
Dundalk	... 3s 4d	... 5s 2d

This Rate includes 1d in the £ under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Acts; and it is also resolved—That the several Rates in respect of Separate Charges, as set out on Form 45, be also made by this Council, and that the Secretary be authorised in accordance with Articles 78 to publish Notice of said Rates for General and Separate Charges having been made.

On the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, seconded by Mr Peter Woods, J P, the following gentlemen were

deputed to sign the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants in respect of the ensuing Financial Year, viz:—

The Chairman,
Mr Bernard Finnegan,
Mr Bernard Hamill, J P.

THE ROAD BOARD.

The following Report was then read by the Secretary re the Deputation appointed to meet the Road Board:—

“We beg to report that, as directed, we waited on the Road Board in Dublin on the 7th and 10th inst. We were informed that the Road Board Grants in Ireland during the next two years, ending 31st March, 1913, will amount to £100,000 per annum, nearly. The share allotted to the Louth County Council is £1,200 per annum: and this allotment is based on relative population, qualified in some way not explained. A smaller sum depending on the income of the Board, will be granted in subsequent years. The Road Board will not deal with Urban Districts, or grant money to them directly. Messrs Burke and Sellars were allowed to explain their views, because they were members of your deputation, but no other Borough Surveyors have been heard. Out of £1,200 for next year allotted to County Louth, you may allot such shares as you think fair and reasonable to the two Urban Districts of Drogheda and Dundalk. The Road Board will not pay the whole cost of any work. Every grant for a work of improvement will be contingent on the Councils providing an equal or greater amount out of the poor rate. The whole of the £1,200 must be ex-

ended on two roads marked on the Road Board map—the North Road (through Drogheda, Dunleer, and Dundalk, to Flurry Bridge), and the Armagh Road (from Dundalk to Kileurry and Ballynactosha)—36½ miles in all. It is possible, however, that the road from Dundalk to Carrickmacoss may be included. In the Rural Districts the proposed works consist of exera stones, steamrolling, and improvement of sharp corners, and for a work which costs £200, £100 must be provided by the Councils, and £100 will be a free grant from the Road Board. Within the limit of £1,200 (less Urban Shares), for every £1 paid by the Councils in the Rural Districts, the Road Board will pay another £1. In the Urban Districts, for £1 voted by an Urban Council to be spent on tar treatment, the Board will contribute 10s to 15s (half to three-fourths); and for £1 to be spent on re-construction of roads, the Board will contribute 5s (one-fourth). The Road Board, at least for the present, will grant nothing for improving, repairing, or re-building any bridge, or for steamrolling in the Urban Districts—at least in Dundalk. £1,200 per annum in grants for Co. Louth would mean another £1,200, at least, from the rates a tax of 1¼d in the £. The Road Board intend to promote a Bill in Parliament to levy off every county in Ireland 1d in the £ to meet similar amounts to be granted by the Road Board on works of improvement. In this way, £65,000 per annum will be raised and, with a nearly equal amount from the Road Board, a sum of £1,000,000 might now be borrowed, to be repaid in ten years. In the next three years it is intended that this sum of £1,000,000 shall be spent on improvements over 2,000 miles of roads (at the average

rate of £500 per mile), while for the following seven years no works of improvement will be undertaken. The 2,000 miles of Irish roads on which this sum of £1,000,000 is to be expended, are the roads already shown on the Road Board map sent to you, with some additions. We understand that the County Councils will have only a limited control over the expenditure of the £1,000,000. The Road Board will, in a few weeks, send out printed forms of type specification. The Councils are requested to send in their applications as soon as possible, with proper plans, estimates, and specifications. But it is obvious that in Co. Louth nothing can be done in this respect until you decide as to what share the Urban Districts of Drogheda and Dundalk are to have out of your £1,200 for the year—P. J. Lynam, Co. Surveyor; John J. Burke, Borough Surveyor, Drogheda; Maurice Sellars, Town Surveyor, Dundalk.”

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr William Woods, J P, and

Resolved—That we accept the £1,200 allocated for County Louth, but would strongly urge upon the Road Board the claim of County Louth to a far larger grant.

The following resolution was also passed by the Council respecting the same subject.

Proposed by Mr T. Callan Macardle, J P,
Seconded by Mr P P Keeley, J P, and

Resolved—That the Louth County Council ask the members for North and South Louth to interview the Road Board and point out the absolute inadequacy of

the small sum credited to Louth on the distribution of Funds, considering the importance of the Trunk Roads, the amount of motor traffic, and the fact that tillage prevails so largely within the County, and that it is the main coast road between Dublin and Belfast; further, that, if necessary, the matter be brought before Parliament at the earliest moment, if a much larger grant is not given to Louth.

APPOINTMENT OF POOR RATE COLLECTOR.

In accordance with the Secretary's advertisement for the position of Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of St Peter's East and West, two applications were received from the following persons, viz—Patrick J Butterly and John Kelly.

The Chairman divided the Council as between these two candidates, and the following was the result of the voting:—

For Butterly—Messrs Patrick Callan, Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Thos K'nahán, Patk M'Gee, Stephen Segrave, Peter Woods (Piedmont), and Peter Woods (Muchgrange)—8.

For Kelly there voted—Messrs John Dolan, Wm A Dorn, Bernard Finnegan, Edward Goodman, Peter P Keeley, Thomas Maguire, T Callan Macardle, Laurence M'Keown, Denis J Rath, and James Wynne—12.

The Chairman therefore declared Mr Kelly duly elected Collector for the St. Peter's East and West Electoral Divisions of Drogheda.

The following letter from the Department was read:—

WEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL SEEDS
(IRELAND) ACT, 1909.

Sir,

I have to advert to the Department's circular letter of the 10th December, 1909 (No. 24888-03), copy herewith, on the above subject, and to draw the attention of your Council to the provisions of the Act in so far as they relate to the prevention of the spread of noxious weeds. In suggesting to your Council the desirability of consenting to an Order being made by the Department under Part I of the Act, I have to state that such Orders were in force in sixteen counties last year, and that the hearty co-operation of agriculturists in the counties concerned enabled the Orders to be administered without causing any friction.

Kindly inform the Department at an early date of the decision of your Council in the matter.

A suggested form of consent is enclosed.

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

DRAFT RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Mr T C Macardle, J P,
Seconded by Mr P Hughes, J P, and

Carried—That this Council hereby consent to an Order being made by the Department of Agriculture

and Technical Instruction for Ireland declaring that, throughout the County of Louth, all plants of the following species, viz—Thistle, Ragweed, Coltsfoot, and Docking—are noxious weeds for the purposes of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act, 1909.

On the motion of Mr Edward Goodman, seconded by Mr J H M'Ardle, the following Notice of Motion was put in the form of a resolution, and adopted by the Council, viz—That Mr James M'Court, Solicitor, be co-opted a member of the Council in room of Mr James M'Court, J P, resigned.

On the motion of Mr Patrick M'Gee, seconded by Mr Joseph Dolan (Gaulstown), the following Notice of Motion was put in the form of a resolution and adopted by the Council, viz—That Mr Bernard Halpenny be co-opted a member of the Council in room of Mr J T Dolan, resigned.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 25th day of May, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Patrick Donegan, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Messrs Bernard Finnegan, E Goodman, J H M'Ardle, James M'Court, jun; Patrick

M'Gee, James Wynne, Peter Woods, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; T Callan Macardle, J P, and T J Byrne, J P.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

At the First Adjourned Quarterly Meeting,
25th May, 1911.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

1. The Proposals formulated by the Rural District Councils include two short lengths of new road, Nos. 127 and 128, in Ardee Rural District; also five lanes to be repaired as 4th class roads—No. 128 Ardee, Nos. 1 and 2 Drogheda, and Nos. 2 and 3 in Dundalk Rural District.

2. At last Spring Assizes there were three actions for damages against the County Council owing to alleged neglect on the part of road contractors. All three cases were dismissed, but it might be well to insure against such cases in future.

3. There is, I understand, a considerable sum to the credit of the Carlingford Harbour Account (accumulated dues), which ought to be expended in cleaning the harbour of mud, if the Department of Agriculture, etc., would lend their dredger for the purpose.

4. Replies to circulars which I sent out early in April last show that a number of the contractors on the most important roads refuse to adopt steam-rolling, although the roller, with driver and coal, would be supplied free of charge to them. There must be some misunderstanding, and I feel sure that these contractors will adopt rolling when they see its advantages.

Anyhow, as existing contracts expire, steam-rolling is specified in the new contracts. The Councils have passed sufficient money to keep three steam-rollers at work for twelve months from 1st October next, but I believe there will be work only for two rollers, even if some 2nd-class and 3rd-class roads have the patches rolled during next winter. Such patches can be steam-rolled only if long and narrow, say 50 to 70 yards long and 2 yards wide, or less, three or four loads to a patch.

5. Out of £1,200 allotted to this county for this year by the Road Board, you have allotted £118 to Drogheda Urban District, and £159 to Dundalk Urban District, nearly, on the valuation. The Urban Districts ought now to formulate their Proposals with the least possible delay. As to £924 remaining to the three Rural Districts, I am unable to do anything, because I do not know whether the road from Dundalk to Carrickmacross, by Castlering and Essexford, is or is not to be included in the Road Board scheme.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant,
P. J. LYNAM, County Surveyor of Louth.

After consideration of the foregoing report, the Council decided that Paragraph No. 2 be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

PROPOSED PIER AT ANNAGASSAN.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The River at Annagassan is tidal for two miles in length, and the tidal scour, aided by the fresh water

flow of the rivers Glyde and Dee and the White River, keeps open the existing channel. The channel, however, is not of much use, because it is less than seven feet deep at high water of neap tides. It is proposed to dredge the channel four feet deeper than at present for about half a mile in length, so that vessels drawing ten feet of water can enter or leave at high water of lowest neap tides.

There is also to be provided a concrete quay wall 125 feet long, a basin in which vessels 170 feet long can swing round before leaving, and the quay to be sheltered from the sea by a concrete breakwater 500 feet long and 7 feet high.

The plans and estimates have been prepared by Mr Oliver, the Chief Engineer to the Department, with great care. There are very good reasons for placing the quay on the south side of the river, but it is very unfortunate that the money is not sufficient to pay for even a short length of timber quay in piles on the north bank of the river.

As the channel will be dredged through hard gravel, the tidal scour and fresh water scour will to a great extent keep the new channel clear of deposit, but some dredging may be required. Also, it is certain that the sea will do some damage, especially at the head and root of the breakwater; practically every artificial work in the sea requires repair occasionally.

There is now 5,000 tons of coal landed annually at Annagassan, and it is stated that the coal merchants are willing to pay sixpence per ton, giving an immediate revenue of £125 per annum, with a probable

increase, besides other dues. It is important that there should be an agreement on this subject which will satisfy your solicitor. Also, other persons who would not pay dues should not be allowed to use the harbour.

P. J. LYNAM

15th May, 1911.

The South side of the Pier was unanimously selected by the Council.

The Tender of Nicholas M'Keown, Nicholastown, at £124, for making 94 perches of road from Kearney's Cross to Braganstown, in Ardee District, and repairing 180 perches from M'Shaue's Cross to Stabannon Chapel, was accepted.

The tender of Joseph M'Kenna, at £15 for repairing two flooded hollows between Prospect Gate and Dunmahon Cross, was also accepted.

ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr Patrick M'Gee,
Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at the First Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, 4th day of April, 1911, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the common seal of the Council to the contracts entered into.

DROGHEDA.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P,
Seconded by Mr Bernard Finnegan, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth District of Drogheda Union at the First Quarterly Meeting, held on Thursday, 13th day of April, 1911, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the common seal of the Council to the contracts entered into.

DUNDALK.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr James M'Court, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at the First Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, 10th day of April, 1911, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the common seal of the Council to the contracts entered into.

The Secretary submitted Form 20, County at Large Payments in respect of the Quarter ended 31st day of March, 1911, which, on examination, was passed by the Committee.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Annual Meeting, held in the Courthouse, Drogheda, on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Patrick Donegan, Esq.; J.P.

Other Members—T J Byrne, J P; Patrick Byrne, J P; Patrick Callan, James Connolly, Joseph Dolan, William A Doran, Charles A Duffy, J P; Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P; Joseph P Kearney, Michael Meade, Thomas Maguire, John F Murphy, J P; James M'Court, jun; Patrick M'Gee, Patrick O'Connell, Denis J Rath, Peter Woods, J P; William Woods, J P, and James Wynne, Esquires.

On the suggestion of Mr Luke J Elcock, who appeared at the Meeting as a Ratepayer, it was stated that as the Council was about to elect a Chairman he considered it was unfair in the absence of the representatives of Drogheda Urban Electoral Division, when it was agreed that the Council should stand adjourned for one month; but before adjourning the Councillors present decided on hearing their Solicitor—Mr Daniel O'Connell—on the existing state of affairs

Mr O'Connell then made a statement to the Council expressing his views on the situation as it exists, and remarked that it was on his advice the Secretary of the

County Council did not summon to the meeting the five Councillors returned to him as being elected for the Urban District of Drogheda.

The Secretary was then instructed to communicate with the Local Government Board, and ask them if they would receive a deputation from the Council with the view of expediting the filling up of the vacancies now existing on this Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 29th day of May, 1911.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Woods, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Messrs T J Byrne and James M'Court, Jun, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Payments for Works in charge of the County Surveyor, &c, which, on examination, were duly passed by the Committee.

The following letter was read by the Secretary, and after due consideration, the Committee were unanimous in recommending a sum of £10 to Mr Murray in respect of the extra duties he has had to perform :—

THE COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,
1st May, 1911.

To the Gentlemen of the County Council.

I beg to apply for some remuneration for all the extra work which I have done in the Courthouse during the past year, and for which I received no remuneration whatever. There were two General Elections, and very long Revision—lasting over three weeks, with two night sittings—entailing a lot of extra work in cleaning, &c, of which I am sure a number of the members of your Council are well aware. During the present year there was also an Election, an Election Petition which lasted a fortnight, and entailed very heavy work; and following that the Special Petty Sessions held, which are not entirely over as yet. In addition to all this, I must prepare two Courts now on every Friday, instead of one as heretofore.

I am five years now in charge of the Courthouse, during which time I trust I have given entire satisfaction to all concerned. My salary is only £10 per year, which is admittedly very low. I am informed my predecessor had £10 a year for extra work, and I think the work of the Courts has increased since then instead of diminishing. Perhaps the County Council would see their way to grant me a similar sum, as I believe my salary cannot be increased. Trusting to your generosity in the matter,

Your Obedient Servant,

T. MURRAY, Courtkeeper.

The Secretary Louth Co. Council.

Louth County Council.

Supplemental Minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 24th day of July, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—William A Doran, Esq.

Other Members—Chas A Duffy, J P; James M'Court, jun; Michael Meade, James Wynne, Bernard Hamill, J P; and Joseph P Kearney, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted payments for Works in charge of the County Surveyor's and his own Office, which on examination were passed by the Committee.

He also submitted Forms 22 from the Clerks of the respective Rural Districts, which on examination were also recommended for payment by the County Council.

The undermentioned communication from Mr John M. C. Lyons was read, and on consideration of same the Committee declined to recommend him any remuneration in respect of the services stated in his letter, as they consider they are part of his duties which he is bound to perform for the County Council:—

15, Castle Road,
Dundalk, July 22, 1911.

To Proposals or Finance Committee,
Louth County Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to say that I have not been paid anything for my Maps or Plans, Sections, Reports, and attendance at Quarter Session and Assizes in defending four actions at law against the County Council (of recent date), and which I am glad to say have been dismissed, or withdrawn in each case.

The following are the cases referred to:—

- 1.—Michael M'Keown, Annes, alleged accident at Lisdoon.
- 2.—Daniel Leavy, Dundalk, alleged accident at Grange Well.
- 3.—Joseph Meehan, Cappoge, alleged defective drain.
- 4.—Bernard Wallace, Haggardstown, alleged sanitary nuisance.

The late Mr Rogers, Solicitor, allowed me the usual Court Fees in such cases, and I should feel obliged if you will allow me the same fee in these cases as that allowed in Malicious Injury Claims.

I may also mention that I had considerable trouble and expense in preparing Plans and Sections for the Road Board Scheme, in connection with Mounthamilton "Corners Improvements" and Ballymascanlon Bridge Improvements. But as this work appears to have been abortive, I fear I cannot expect any remuneration for such.

Trusting you will favourably consider my application,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN M. C. LYONS,

Assistant County Surveyor.

C/o T. F. Filgate, Esq.,
Secretary Co. Co.

The following letter was read by the Secretary:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
18th July, 1911.

Dear Sir,

Mr Eugene Gannon, of Dunleer, has instructed me to apply to the County Council for payment of the amount due him as Secretary of Ardee No. 1 School Attendance Committee. Unless the amount is paid before Friday next, and also 2s 6d, the costs of this letter, I must issue a Civil Bill.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT DICKIE.

The Committee declined to take any notice of this letter.

Letter from P. J. Kerley, Solicitor, dated 21st inst, in which he stated that—"I hold an affirmation herein against the County Council for £26 1s 10d. Your Council are not bound to pay Mr M'Geough the amount until it is levied and allotted; but as the amount is so small, I shall feel much obliged if your Council could see their way to have the amount paid at once."

The Committee decided not to depart from their usual course, i.e., not to pay any Malicious Injury Claims until the money has been levied and allotted.

Letter from Mr H E Henderson, District Inspector, Dundalk, as under:—

21st July, 1911.

Dear Sir,

On the 19th inst I wrote to the Manager of the Inebriate Reformatory at Waterford, asking if he would receive as an inmate a man who has already been convicted of drunkenness nine times within twelve months. He has replied that he cannot do so, as he has yet received no intimation that the County Louth County Council are going to contribute towards the expenses of the Reformatory. Will you kindly let me know whether the County Council propose to contribute or not.

I am, etc,

H. E. HENDERSON, D I.

The Committee, after due consideration of the foregoing letter, unanimously recommended that the County Council become contributory to the Waterford Inebriate Reformatory for men, and the Wexford Inebriate Reformatory for women, as, in their opinion, it will in the end prove a saving to the rates. The Committee also recommended payment of £3 3s 6d to the Wexford Inebriate Reformatory, in respect of the patient, Catherine Nugent, and also that the account from R I C Authorities in respect of extra Constabulary be discharged, and that same be levied off the County-at-Large.

Forms 22 from the Clerks of the respective Rural Districts, were submitted by the Secretary, and after examination were recommended for payment by the County Council.

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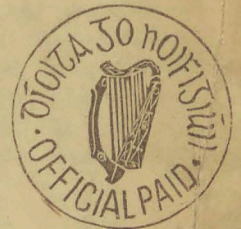
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PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

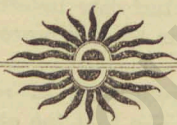
Minutes of proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 24th day of July, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—William A Doran, Esq.

Other Members—Chas A Duffy, J P; James M'Court, jun; Michael Meade, James Wynne, Bernard Hamill, J P; and Joseph P Kearney, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Form 20, which contained the following:—"To construct an approach road, 40 perches long, for the proposed new pier at Annagassan, not to exceed £80, to be levied of the County-at-Large." The County Surveyor submitted map of the proposed new road, and the Committee having discussed the matter for some time, approved of the proposal in question. The account from the R I C Authorities was also submitted to this Committee, and duly recommended for payment.



Local Government (Ireland) Act,
1898.

Louth County Council.

MINUTES

OF

PROCEEDINGS

OF

LOUTH CO. COUNCIL

At their Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber,
Dundalk.

on THURSDAY, 27th July, 1911; and

At their Adjourned Meeting held on the 17th August, 1911;
and at their Special Meeting held on the 4th day of
September, 1911; and at their Special Meeting held on
the 28th day of September, 1911.

Finance Committee Meetings

Held on the 24th July; 9th August; 21st August; 4th
September; 25th September; 23rd October; 6th Novem-
ber, 1911.

P. MACCULLOUGH, PRINTER, DUNDALK

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 27th day of July, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Wm A Doran, Esq.

Other Members—Joseph Dolan, J Connolly, Peter Woods, J P; Thomas Maguire, Patrick O'Connell, James M'Court, jun; T J Byrne, J P; Patrick Byrne, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of Proceedings of last Meetings of the County Council having been printed, and a copy sent to each member, were taken as read and were confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

On the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr Peter Woods, P, it was

Resolved that the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee held on the undermentioned dates be and are hereby approved of by this Council, viz, Monday, the 29th day of May, 1911, and Monday, the 24th day of July, 1911.

Fixing of dates for Quarterly Meetings of Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee:—

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne, J P,
Seconded by Mr James Connolly, 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, viz:—

Ardee No. 1—Tuesday, the 3rd October, 1911.
 Drogheda—Thursday, the 12th October, 1911.
 Dundalk—Monday, the 9th October, 1911.

The last day for lodging applications by Notice of Motion will be Tuesday, the 12th September, 1911.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS.

ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr Joseph Dolan,
 Seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne, 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 Tuesday, the 4th day of July, 1911, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr Thomas Maguire,
 Seconded by Mr Joseph Dolan, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their second Quarterly Meeting held on Thursday, the 13th day of July, 1911, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne, J P,
 Seconded by Mr Peter Woods, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by

the Dundalk Rural District Council at their second Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, the 10th day of July, 1911, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

ROAD BOARD'S GRANT.

On the motion of Mr T J Byrne, J P,
 Seconded by Mr William A Doran,

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the Council:—That we, the Louth County Council, call upon each of the Members of Parliament for this County to raise by question in the House of Commons, or otherwise as to them may seem best, the right of the Road Board to refuse any Grant whatever out of the funds at their disposal for the improvement of the roads they prescribe in this county, unless an equal sum be contributed proportionately from each Rural and Urban Council.

NOXIOUS WEEDS (IRELAND) ACT, 1909.

Respecting the communication from the Department re this Act, there was considerable discussion over the matter. Finally it was

Proposed by Mr Thomas Maguire,
 Seconded by Mr James M'Court, jun,

That this Council hereby consent to an Order being made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland declaring that throughout the County of Louth all Plants of the following species, viz—Thistles, Docking, Ragwort and Coltsfoot, are noxious weeds for the purposes of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act, 1909.

The Chairman divided the Council on this matter, with the following result:—

For the Resolution—Messrs T J Byrne, Patrick Byrne, Joseph Dolan, Wm A Doran, Thomas Maguire, James M'Court, jun; and Patrick O'Connell—7.

Against the Amendment—Messrs James Connolly, Bernard Hamill, and William T Skeffington—3.

The Chairman, therefore, declared the amendment lost by 7 votes to 3, and the original motion was put in the form of resolution and declared carried by the same majority.

Letter from Mr J T Dolan, M A, Ardee, on behalf of the County Louth Archaeological Society, asking the County Council to give them permission to put a small door on the Ardee Castle, and also to put a netting wire over the windows to keep the pigeons out.

The Council unanimously agreed to carry out these repairs, and the work was left in the hands of the County Surveyor.

The following correspondence from the Department respecting the Regulations as to the wearing of Collars by Dogs:—

No. 1—No dog shall be allowed to be in any highway or place of public resort in the Administrative County of Louth unless such dog is wearing, while in such highway or place of resort, a collar with the name and address of the Owner of such dog inscribed thereon, or a plate or badge attached thereto.

EXEMPTION FROM REGULATIONS

The foregoing Regulation does not apply to any pack of hounds, or to any dog while being used for sporting purposes, or for the capture or destruction of vermin, or for the driving or tending of cattle or sheep.

SEIZURE OF DOGS WHERE REGULATIONS ARE CONTRAVENED.

Any dog in respect of which an offence is being committed may be seized and treated as a stray dog under the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Dogs Act, 1906.

OFFENCES.

If any dog found in a highway or place of public resort is not wearing a collar as prescribed by these Regulations, the Owner of the dog, and the person for the time being in charge thereof, and the person allowing the same to be in the highway, or in the place of public resort, in contravention of such Regulations, shall, each according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 17th day of August, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Patrick O'Connell, Esq.

Other Members—T J Byrne, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; Patrick Donegan, J P; Patrick Byrne, J P; Edward Goodman,

James M Court, jun; Patrick Callan, Thomas Maguire, Charles A Duffy, J P; Joseph P Kearney, and James Wynne, Esquires.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report from the County Surveyor was read:—

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

1. At Oriel Demesne, and at Rokeby Hall, weak 3rd class roads have been damaged by heavy timber traffic, and sums of £20 and £25 have been passed to supply extra broken stones in addition to the specified quantity (see No 2, Ardee, and No 3, Drogheda). No. 1, Drogheda is a useful Lane, now to be repaired as a 4th class road.

2. Ardee and Dundalk Rural Districts have refused the Free Grants offered by the Road Board, applications for equivalent sums, to be raised by the Poor Rate, being rejected. I cannot help thinking that this decision was arrived at on insufficient information. Members of the Councils seem not to have read the report of your deputation which attended the Road Board Conference on 7th March last, or the verbatim report of the Chairman's speech, which was published in the Dublin papers on the 10th March. The Chairman of the Road Board, Sir George Gibb, stated that before two years a Bill would be promoted in Parliament to levy 1d in the £ off every county in Ireland, the money to be handed over to the Road Board, to be expended by them on about 2,000 miles of the principal roads in Ireland. This proposal is so objectionable and so universally disapproved that it will probably be dropped, if it has not been dropped already. Mr Nolan, M P, informed the Ardee Council that he could hear nothing of such a Bill, and that if introduced it would certainly be rejected.

3. This year and next year, however, there is a totally different state of things. In each year a free grant of £1,200 is offered to County Louth, provided that an equal amount be raised by the District Councils, to be spent on improvements, steam rolling and improved road metal, on 36 miles of the most important and most expensive roads in the county. This money could be expended to such advantage that it seems to me to be unwise to refuse it.

4. Good road metal is the first essential for good and cheap roads. Soft stones make bad and expensive roads, and the question of good quarries is most important. Braganstown quarry supplies over twenty miles of roads round Castlebellingham, and six road contractors are now at work in this quarry under, perhaps, the worst possible conditions. The clay and the soft top of the rock are flung anywhere. The quarry is not drained, and no one contractor will do any pumping, consequently the quarry is so shallow that the clay and rubbish dealt with are nearly equal in bulk to the stones quarried. When really good stone is met it is passed by as too hard to quarry and break. The approach road to the quarry is a clay track, impassible in bad weather. Dunleer quarry is in much the same state. If these or similar quarries were to be purchased and properly worked by direct labour, the sale of stones to road contractors at a fixed price would pay the working expenses when the first cost was paid off, and the free grants from the Road Board offer an opportunity which it would be a pity to miss. Direct labour scattered over hundreds of miles of roads cannot be properly supervised, but there is a very different state of things in a quarry which supplies a measured quantity of broken stones every year. Better stones in future would make better roads and also cheaper roads, because the quantity of broken stones to be supplied might be reduced by as much as 40 per cent, and there would not be as much mud to

sweep off. At Bellurgan, Ballymakellett, etc, there is a practically unlimited supply of excellent stone, perhaps the best in the British Isles, which ought to be much more widely used. English Councils find that it pays them to ship similar stones from Carlingford.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

P. J. LYNAM, County Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P, and

Resolved—That the Report of the County Surveyor as appearing on page 1 on Schedule of Proposals be and is hereby adopted by this Council; that application be made to the Road Board for corresponding amounts passed by the Drogheda and Dundalk Urban Districts and Drogheda (Louth) Rural District as soon as specifications are lodged.

PROPOSALS FOR WORKS.

ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Callan,
Seconded by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their second Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, the 4th day of July, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into.

DROGHEDA.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P,
Seconded by Mr Patrick Callan, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their second Quarterly Meeting, held on Thursday, the 13th day of July, 1911, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into.

DUNDALK.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Byrne, J P,
Seconded by Mr Joseph P Kearney, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their second Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 10th day of July, 1911, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into.

Confirmation of Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee of the 9th August, 1911.

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr James M'Court, jun, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, the 9th day of August, 1911, a copy of which has been forwarded to each member of the Council, be and are hereby approved of.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from the Parnell Monument Committee requesting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the meeting in the Town Hall, Dundalk, on Sunday evening, August 27th, to make arrangements for the organising of a demonstration in Dublin on October 1st, which had been fixed for the unveiling of the Parnell Monument.

The Council unanimously appointed Messrs James Wynne and Edward Goodman to represent the County Council at this meeting.

CARRAIG PUNCHIN.

The following letter was read and referred to the Council's solicitor:—

Union Workhouse, Dundalk,
8th August, 1911.

Dear Sir,

The Dundalk Rural District Council have had their attention directed to the very dangerous bathing place at Blackrock known as "Carraig Punchin" Hole, and as they appear to have no statutory power to deal with the matter, would strongly urge on the County Council the necessity of having the place in question made safe, and the further loss of human life prevented at it.

Yours faithfully,

P. R. FINIGAN,

Clerk of Council.

On the application of Mr Patrick Donegan, J P, the Council unanimously granted him permission to erect a weighbridge at Monasterboice.

Owing to the absence of the undermentioned gentlemen,

Messrs William A Doran and Patrick M'Gee, the following Notice of Motion fell through:—

I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the County Council I shall move—That a gentleman be co-opted a member of this Council in room of the late Mr Bernard Halpenny.

Signed, WILLIAM A. DORAN.

On the application of the County Surveyor, the following resolutions were passed by the Council:—

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J. P.,
Seconded by Mr Patrick Callan, and

Resolved—That permission be given to the Ardee Rural District Council to re-lay about sixty perches of paved channel in Collon from the Police Barrack towards the cross; also to make twenty lineal yards of side drain on the road from Collon to Starinagh.

Proposed by Mr C A Duffy, J P,
Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, and

Resolved—That Thomas Durnin, contractor for No. 148 (of May, 1911), Ardee Rural District, instead of making a footpath at Reaghstown Chapel, be allowed to make a gullet through his garden to drain the hollow—the gullet to be one foot square ope, and the amount to be paid to Durnin to be £9 instead of £10.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Byrne, J P,
Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, and

Resolved—That permission be given to alter the fence at Omeath Graveyard, provided a level width of three feet be left between the new fence and the Water Table of the road.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 4th day of September, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—T J Byrne, J P; Patrick Byrne, J P; Patrick Callan, James Connolly, Joseph Dolan, John Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J P; William A Doran, Charles A Duffy, J P; Luke J Elcock, Wm de Salis Filgate, D L; Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P; Joseph M Johnson, Joseph P Kearney, James S Kelly, Michael Meade, Thomas Maguire, Laurence Moore, John F Murphy, J P, Joseph H M'Ardle, James M'Court, jun; Patrick M'Gee, Laurence M'Keown, Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, J P; Denis J Rath, Peter Woods, J P, and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Council proceeded to consider Tenders for the supply on hire of three Steam Road Rollers in accordance with the undermentioned advertisement issued by the Secretary:—

COUNTY OF LOUTH.

STEAM ROAD ROLLERS.

The Louth County Council invite Tenders for the supply on hire of three Steam Road Rollers, with Drivers, Flagmen and Plant, for periods of six months to twelve months from 10th October, 1911.

Specifications and Forms of Tender may be seen on application to me. Tenders to be lodged on or before 4 o'clock on 2nd September, 1911, and will be considered at a Special

Meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday, 4th September, 1911.

T. F. FILGATE,

County Secretary

Courthouse, Dundalk,

August 9th, 1911.

Two Tenders were received by the Secretary in response to the above advertisement: they were as follows:—

First—From Mr R J Murray, Riverstown, Co Meath, at 23s per working day during six months, and 23s per day for a period of eleven months, and 3s per hour for extra scarifying. The Council to pay said amounts quarterly, provided a certificate was granted that the work was properly done. The Contractor would also indemnify the County Council against any actions or legal proceedings in connection with the work.

The Edison Steam Roller Company, Ltd, Manchester, offered to hire an 8, 10 or 12 ton Steam Roller, whichever weight the Council preferred, on the following terms:—60 days' hire, 29s per day; the Council to allow one day's charge each way for travelling. 200 days' hire, 23s per day; one day's charge each way for travelling; 3s per hour for scarifying to be allowed extra. All the men in the employment of the firm are insured, and the Council would therefore be indemnified against any actions should an accident occur during the course of the work.

On the suggestion of Mr T J Byrne, the Tenders were referred to the County Surveyor for his consideration and report.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

I beg to recommend that Mr R J Murray's tender for one Steam Roller be accepted at 23s per day for six months; also the Edison Company's tender for 200 days' rolling at 23s per

day, and another roller for 100 days at 25s per day. These tenders do not include flagman, while Murray's tender does.

P. J. LYNAM.
County Surveyor.

N.B.—All three Rollers to be taken from Mr Murray if available, and one from the Edison Company.

P. J. LYNAM.

After consideration of the foregoing report, it was

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne, J P,
Seconded by Mr James Wynne, and

Resolved—That the report of the County Surveyor just read on the subject of Steam Road Rolling be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

Messrs Joseph Dolan and Patrick M'Gee dissenting.

The Council next proceeded to the appointment of a Coroner for North Louth in accordance with the undermentioned advertisement issued by the Secretary:—

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

APPOINTMENT OF CORONER FOR NORTH LOUTH.

Notice is hereby given that the Louth County Council will at their Special Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk Courthouse, on Monday, the 4th day of September, 1911, proceed to elect a Coroner for North Louth in room of the late Dr John C Sellars, at a salary of £66 per annum.

Applications should be lodged in the Office of the Secretary, County Council (endorsed application for Coronership), on or before 4 o'clock on Saturday, the 2nd day of September, 1911.

T. F. FILGATE.
Secretary Louth County Council.

18th August, 1911.

Applications were received from Dr Peter O'Connell, Roden Place, Dundalk; Dr P J Finegan, Abbey View, Carlingford; and Dr P J O'Hagan, Castlebellingham, the latter gentleman having subsequently withdrawn his application.

The Chairman therefore took a vote of the Council as between Dr O'Connell and Dr Finegan, and the following was the result of the voting:—

For Dr Finegan there voted—Messrs Byrne, T J; Callen, Patrick; Connolly, James; Dolan, John; Donegan, Patrick; Doran, Willim A; Filgate, Wm de Salis; Hamill, Bernard; Johnson, Joseph M; Kearney, Joseph P; Kelly, James J; Maguire, Thomas; Moore, Laurence; Rath Denis J; and Woods, Peter—15.

For Dr O'Connell there voted—Messrs Byrne, Patrick; Dolan, Joseph; Duffy, Charles A; Elcock, Luke J; Goodman, Edward; Hughes, Peter; Meade, Michael; Murphy, John P; M'Ardle, Joseph H; M'Court, James, jun; M'Gee, Patrick; M'Keown, Laurence; O'Connell, Patrick; Woods, William; and Wynne, James—15.

Both candidates having received an equal number of votes, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Dr O'Connell, whom he declared duly elected by 16 votes to 15.

It was proposed by Mr Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr James Wynne, and

Resolved—That Dr Peter O'Connell, of Roden Place, Dundalk, be and is hereby appointed Coroner for North Louth at a salary of £66 per annum, as stated in the Secretary's advertisement.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was then read by the Secretary:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
21st August, 1911.

RE POLBROCK NEW ROAD.

Dear Sir.

With reference to this work for the Ardee Rural District Council No. 1, and for the purpose of having the necessary Deeds of Conveyance completed, I advanced cheques to the landlord, Mr George Henry Pentland, for the sum of £10 on 29th April last, and handed cheque for £15 to one of the two tenants, Mr Owen Pidgeon, on the execution of Deed on 4th May last. This was the understanding come to, as I was informed, by Mr Thomas B Dromgoole, Clerk to the Rural District Council.

I shall be glad to have Paying Order to cover the amount of the above advances at your convenience. The original Deeds, which I have already handed over to you, are in themselves receipts to the County Council for payment of the respective sums.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

The Council authorised the Secretary to refund Mr O'Connell these amounts.

Dublin County Council,
22nd August, 1911.

Sir,

I beg to forward you herewith copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by my Council at its meeting held on the 17th inst.

I am, etc,

R. T. BLACKBURNE,
Secretary.

Resolved—That as uniform time has now been adopted by France and other countries in Western Europe, largely in the interest of their export trade, and as, combined by the disadvantages of being some 25 minutes behind Greenwich time, we have an increasingly slow telegraphic service with the great trade centres in England and Scotland, the time has come, in the opinion of this Council, when, in the interest of the export and general trade of the country, Greenwich time should be adopted in Ireland, and we wish to convey to other Public Bodies and Chambers of Commerce who have taken up this and the question of telegraphic service with the Government, that they can count on our most earnest co-operation.

The Council ordered that this matter appear on the next agenda issued by the Secretary.

----- LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at a Special Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 28th day of September, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—T J Byrne, J P; Patrick Byrne, J P;
James Conolly, Joseph Dolan, Bernard Hamill, J P; Joseph

P Kearney, John F Murphy, J P; James M'Court, jun; Patrick O'Connell, Denis J Rath, William T Skeffington, Joseph Dolan, and Joseph M Johnson, Esquires.

The Council were summoned for the purpose of transacting the following business, viz:—

1st—To consider applications for two Scholarships at the College of the National University for the Session October, 1911, to June, 1912.

2nd—To take into consideration the obtaining of a Provisional Order for Annagassan Pier.

In accordance with his instructions, the Secretary issued the undermentioned advertisement for Scholarships to the National University:—

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

The County Council of Louth offer Two Scholarships of £50 each, providing a Year's Course at Dublin University College.

The Scholarships will be awarded to the two applicants who show highest merit in the Test Examination, and who Matriculate in September, 1911, or who have already Matriculated but have not gone through the first University Year's Course, and who fulfil the other conditions, viz:—

- (1) A Good Standard of Honours in the Examination.
- (2) A Knowledge of Irish.
- (3) Eligibility in Health, Character and Age.
- (4) Three Years' Residence of Parents or Guardians in County Louth.
- (5) Want of sufficient means to follow a University Course at their own expense.

The Intermediate Examination Results of 1911 and 1910 will be used as a Competitive Test, but Candidates may be required to submit to another Examination, of which due notice will be given them; and if any should not have taken Irish in the Intermediate they must undergo Special Examination in Irish, to be arranged by the County Council.

Applications must be sent to the Secretary of the County Council, Dundalk, on or before September 15th.

For further particulars, apply to

THE SECRETARY,

Louth County Council,
Dundalk.

Three applications from the following persons were received by the Secretary in response to the foregoing advertisement, viz—Henry Rogan, Dundalk; Miss MacParland, Dundalk; and Laurence Brannigan, Drogheda.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received the following letter from the Rev Andrew Murphy, St Munchin's, Limerick:—

“At the request of Mr Dolan, I beg to send you the award I would make between the two Scholarship candidates. I shall call the candidates boy and girl. Taking printed marks the boy gets 347, the girl 508. Comparing the courses, the boy read the honours course in three subjects; the girl in five. The boy passed with honours only in Irish, the girl in English and Domestic Economy and Hygiene. In languages the boy got honours in Irish, passed in the honours course in French, and reached mere pass level in Latin and English. The girl got honours in English, passed in honours course in Latin and French, and reached mere pass level in Irish. In mathematics the boy did not take the honours course in any subject, and

passed in two out of three. The girl took the honours course in two subjects, and passed in that course in one of them. Though she failed in two of the mathematic subjects, her taking the honours course would indicate a higher level of promise on her part than on that of the boy. In science the boy failed by a few marks to get honours: the girl got her honours. On every one of these points the girl seems to me to be the better candidate, and taking all the points together, the balance of advantage in her favour is very considerable.

After very considerable discussion on this matter, the Council were unanimous in passing the following resolution:—

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne, J P,
Seconded by Mr J M Johnson, and

Resolved—That Mr Henry Rogan get the first Scholarship, and that the other Scholarship be divided between Miss MacParland and Laurence Brannigan.

The second item on the agenda was: "To take into consideration the obtaining of a Provisional Order for Annagassan Pier."

There was considerable discussion over this matter, and it was eventually

Proposed by Mr Denis J Rath,
Seconded by Mr Joseph Dolan,

That we decline to give any guarantee to the promoters of the Pier at Annagassan respecting the cost of a Provisional Order, until the promoters give us a guarantee that the rate-payers will be at no loss.

Amendment moved by Mr Patrick O'Connell,
Seconded by Mr T J Byrne,

That we hereby agree to guarantee a sum of not more than £200 towards the expenses which may be incurred in obtaining a Provisional Order for the proposed Pier at Annagassan, provided the promoters submit a draft copy of the Provisional Order for the consideration of the Council for their approval or rejection, and that this resolution be submitted to the Department for their consideration.

On a division there voted for the amendment—Messrs Byrne, T J; Connolly, James; Kearney, Joseph P; Murphy, John F; M'Court, James; O'Connell, Patrick; and Skeffington, Wm T—7.

Against the amendment there voted—Messrs Byrne, Patrick; Dolan, Joseph; Hamill, Bernard; Rath, Denis J; and Woods, Peter—5.

The Chairman therefore declared the amendment carried by 7 votes to 5.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SUPPLEMENTAL MINUTES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 24th day of July, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—William A Doran, Esq.

Other Members—Chas A Duffy, J P; James M'Court, jun; Michael Meade, James Wyane, Bernard Hamill, J P, and Joseph P Kearney, Esquires

The Secretary submitted payments for works in charge of the County Surveyor and his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

He also submitted Form 22 from the Clerks of the respective Rural Districts, which, on examination, were also recommended for payment by the County Council.

The undermentioned communication from Mr John M C Lyons was read, and on consideration of same, the Committee declined to recommend him any remuneration in respect of the services stated in his letter, as they considered they are part of his duties, which he is bound to perform for the County Council:—

15, Castle Road,
Dundalk. July 22, 1911.

To Proposals of Finance Committee,
Louth County Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to say that I have not been paid anything for my maps or plans, sections, reports, and attendance at Quarter Sessions and Assizes in defending four actions at law against the County Council (of recent date), and which, I am glad to say, have been dismissed, or withdrawn in each case.

The following are the cases referred to:—

- (1). Michael M'Keown, Annes, alleged accident at Lisdoon.
- (2). Daniel Leavy, Dundalk, alleged accident at Grange Well.
- (3). Joseph Meehan, Cappoge, alleged defective drain.
- (4). Bernard Wallace, Haggardstown, alleged sanitary nuisance.

The late Mr Rogers, Solicitor, allowed me the usual Court Fees in such cases, and I should feel obliged if you will allow me the same fee in these cases as that allowed in malicious injury claims.

I may also mention that I had considerable trouble and expense in preparing plans and sections for the Road Board Scheme in connection with Mounthamilton "Corners" Improve-

ments' and Bailymascanlon Bridge Improvement. But as this work appears abortive, I fear I cannot expect any remuneration for such.

Trusting you will favourably consider my application,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN M. C. LYONS,

Assistant County Surveyor.

c/o T. F. Fiigate, Esq.,
Secretary County Council.

The following letter was read by the Secretary:—

Francis street, Dundalk,
18th July. 1911.

Dear Sir,

Mr Eugene Gannon, of Dunleer, has instructed me to apply to the County Council for payment of the amount due him as Secretary of Ardee No. 1 School Attendance Committee. Unless the amount is paid before Friday next, and also 2s 6d, the cost of this letter, I must issue a Civil Bill.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT DICKIE.

The Committee declined to take any notice of this letter.

Letter from P. J. Kerley, Solicitor, dated 21st inst., in which he stated that—"I hold an affirmance herein against the County Council for £23 1s 10d. Your Council are not bound to pay Mr M'Geough the amount until it is levied and allotted, but as the amount is so small, I shall feel much obliged if your Council could see their way to have the amount paid at once."

The Committee decided not to depart from their usual course, i.e., not to pay any malicious injury claims until the money has been levied and allotted.

Letter from Mr H E Henderson, District Inspector, Dundalk, as under:—

21st July, 1911.

Dear Sir,

On the 19th instant I wrote to the Manager of the Inebriate Reformatory, Waterford, asking if he would receive as an inmate a man who has been convicted of drunkenness nine times within twelve months. He has replied that he cannot do so, as he has received no intimation that the Louth County Council are going to contribute towards the expense of the Reformatory. Will you kindly let me know whether the County Council propose to contribute or not.

I am, etc.,

H. E. HENDERSON, D.I

The Committee, after due consideration of the foregoing letter, unanimously recommend that the County Council become contributory to the Waterford Inebriate Reformatory for men and the Wexford Inebriate Reformatory for women, as, in their opinion, it will in the end prove a saving to the rates.

The Committee also recommended payment of £3 3s 6d to the Wexford Inebriate Reformatory, in respect of the patient Catherine Nugent, and also that the account from R.I.C. Authorities in respect of extra Constabulary be discharged, and same to be levied off the County at large.

Form 22 from the Clerks of the respective Rural Districts were submitted by the Secretary, and, after examination, were recommended for payment by the County Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Wednesday, the 9th day of August, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—William A Doran, Esq

Other Members—James Wynne, Patrick Byrne, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; William Woods, J P; Patrick O'Connell, and Joseph M Johnson, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's Authority for works in charge of the County Surveyor and the Secretary's Office which, on examination, was passed by the Committee.

On the suggestion of Mr William Woods, J P, the Committee directed Mr Lynam to have the roof taken off the closet at Carlingford Harbour.

The Committee were unanimous in making the following recommendation to the County Council:—

That the gentlemen of this Council who went to Dublin to interview the Local Government Board re the recent Election Crux between the Returning Officer, Mr C J M'Gahan, B.A., and the Deputy Returning Officer, Mr J B Connolly, of Drogheda, be allowed their travelling expenses to and from Dublin. These gentlemen are—Messrs William A Doran, Patrick Donggan, J P; C A Duffy, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; T J Byrne, J P and the Secretary.

The County Surveyor read a report on the subject of the hire or purchase of Steam Road Rollers, and it was decided that he consult with the Council's Solicitor on the subject matter of same.

The following letters were also read by the Secretary:—

King street, Cork,

5/1/1911.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 27th inst., enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Louth County Council, I have put down a question to the Chief Secretary on the matter.

Yours truly,

AUGUSTINE ROCHE.

House of Commons,

4th August, 1911.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favour re assistance in the improvement of highways from the Road Board, I beg to say I discussed the matter with Mr Roche as suggested. Mr Roche put a question

on the subject, and is sending you an official copy of the answer. From the latter it would appear that it would rest with any Council which desired more than the 50 per cent. agreed upon to make out a special case for the increase.

I remain, yours faithfully,

JOSEPH NOLAN.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 21st day of August, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—C A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J F Murphy, J P; James M'Court, Wm. Woods, J P; Wm A Doran, M O'Meara, J P, and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge of the County Surveyor and his own Office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

Respecting the payment of £3 to Mr M'Carthy for temporary work in the Secretary's Office, it was

Proposed by Mr Wm Doran.

Seconded by Mr James M'Court, jun.,

That Mr M'Carthy be paid for this fortnight's work.

The Committee unanimously recommended payment of 3s 6d per day to persons counting traffic on principal roads under the Road Board Circular—Application was made by the County Surveyor, Mr P J Lynam.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 4th day of September, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J P.

Other Members—T J Byrne, J P; Edward Goodman, B Hamill, J P; James Wynne, P Byrne, J P, and J M Johnson, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Accounts for works in charge of the County Surveyor and his own Office, which, on examination by the Committee, were ordered for payment.

The Secretary read a circular on the subject of General Time, which was referred to the next meeting of the County Council, as was the account from St. Brigid's Inebriate Home.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 25th day of September, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J P.

Other Members—Edward Goodman, M O'Meara, J P; William A Doran, John F Murphy, J P, and Bernard Hamill, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge of the County Surveyor, etc., which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

The Chairman directed the Secretary to put the following questions to our Solicitor:—

1st.—Can the Borough Magistrate sit in the Crown Court by virtue of his office as Borough Magistrate?

2nd.—Inquire from the Solicitor has the Sheriff any right of office, with fire, etc., in the County Courthouse; and are we bound to supply him with fire and light?

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their

Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 23rd day of October, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—James Wynne, Esq.

Other Members—Peter Woods, J P; James Connolly, Patrick O'Connell, Peter Hughes, J P; John F Murphy, J P, and Edward Goodman, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge of the County Surveyor and the Secretary's Office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

The following correspondence was then read:—

Courthouse, Dundalk.

To the Gentlemen of County Council.

I beg to apply for remuneration for extra work done in Borough Court during past year. I had to prepare it for the Local and General Elections, and at the time I had the extra clerical staff from February until June, so that I had to get it thoroughly cleansed and washed. As Mr Filgate knows, it was in a filthy state.

Trusting to the generosity of the Council,

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. M'GAHERITY,

Caretaker.

After some discussion the Committee referred the subject matter of this letter to the next meeting of the County Council.

Letter from Mr H Rogan, a student awarded a Scholarship by the County Council as under:—

St. Mary's University Hall,
91, Lower Leeson street, Dublin,
22/10/11.

Dear Sir,

I am now attending lectures at the National University College, and I am residing at the above address. The fee at St Mary's Hostel is £1 1s per week. This fee is too high con-

sidering the value of the Scholarship. Besides, I have not a good opportunity of studying here, for the boys resident in this Hostel convert the study hall into a recreation room, and it is well nigh impossible to study in it. I, therefore, wish to change my present place of residence, and to take up my abode in a cheaper place of residence where I can study at will. Kindly let me know whether I am at liberty to do so, i.e., to change my present place of residence.

Under the existing circumstances it would be impossible to renew the Scholarship next year. I wished to bring this matter under your notice before my fees would be paid to the proprietor of this Hostel.

I hope this matter will receive your kind attention.

Truly yours,

H. ROGAN.

The Committee instructed the Secretary to address the following letter to Mr Rogan:—

23rd October, 1911.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 22nd inst. was laid before the Finance Committee this day, and they desire to know where you intend to reside, and when you intend to leave, and on hearing from you the Committee will give your letter full consideration.

Yours faithfully,

T. F. FILGATE,

Secretary.

To Mr H Rogan,
St. Mary's University Hall,
91, Lower Leeson street,
Dublin.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 6th day of November, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Joseph H M'Arde, Peter Woods, J P; James Wynne, James Connolly, Michael Meade, James M'Court, jun; Edward Goodman, and Joseph P Kcarney, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted payments for works in charge of the County Surveyor and those of his own Office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. These payments amounted to the sum of £43

He also submitted County-at-Large payments in respect of the quarter ended 30th September last, which the Committee also recommended for payment by the County Council.

Letter from Mr Charles J M'Gahon, Solicitor, as under:—
Francis street,
6th November, 1911.

Sir,

Re County Council Elections:

My bill of expenses has been vouched by the Clerk of the Peace, and shows a balance due to me of £160 12s 3d. The certificate cannot issue, however, until his Honor makes an order at Quarter Sessions, and as we have no Sessions till January, I would ask for an instalment of, say, £140 on account.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES J. M'GAHON.

After consideration of this letter the Committee recommended an instalment of £150, subject to the approval of the County Council.

The Committee declined to pass an account from Mr William Tempest for £1 1s, which was in respect of "Thom's Directory," supplied to the Office of the Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

The undermentioned letter was read by the Secretary, and ordered to be brought before the next meeting of the County Council. It is as follows:—

Drogheda Louth Rural District
School Attendance Committee,

November 4th, 1911.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of above Committee, held at Drogheda Court-house on Saturday, November 4th, 1911, it was proposed by Rev. Mr Bryn, seconded by Mr James Leech, and unanimously carried—That the salary of Mr T W Kearney be increased from £25 to £35 per year for the combined offices of School Attendance Officer and Secretary to the Committee; increase to start from November 4th.

(Signed) N. T. MURPHY, Chairman
THOMAS KEARNEY, Secretary.

N.B.

I am also directed by said Committee to know if I am insured by the County Council.

The Committee referred the consideration of this letter to the County Council.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 30th day of October, 1911.

Present:

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—John F. Murphy, J.P., Edward Goodman, James Wynne, Patrick O'Connell, and Felix Woods, J.P., Esquires,

On the application of the County Surveyor the Committee were unanimous in passing £20 for the undermentioned repairs to Ardee Courthouse, viz.: £8 Stove; £8 for Range, and £4 for two Grates and Hearth.

Form 22a was also submitted and duly Signed by the Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 13th day of November, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—William A Doran, Esq., V C.

Other Members—James Connolly, William Woods, J P; Michael O'Meara, J P; Patrick Byrne, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; John F Murphy, J P; Michael Meade, Patrick O'Connell, Joseph H M'Ardle, James Wynne, and Peter Woods, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Forms 22 from the Clerks of the respective Rural Districts, in respect of the quarter ended 30th September last, which were duly passed and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee next proceeded to consider the undermentioned application from Mr C E M'Cann, late Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of St Peter's East and West, Drogheda:—

18/9/1911.

Dear Sir,

Having had to resign my position of Rate Collector owing to my ill health, and my resignation having been accepted by your Council, I now make application for the pension to which I am entitled under the Copy of Doctor's Certificate. Will you kindly bring this matter before your Council at their next meeting, and oblige

Yours truly,

CHARLES E. M'CANN.

Copy of Doctor's Certificate.

9, Merrion Square, N.,

Dublin.

I hereby certify that Mr Charles M'Cann has been under my care for some time, and that the state of his health renders him incapable of performing any active work.

J. B. COLEMAN,

M. D., F. R. C. P. I.

13th February, 1911.

The Committee directed the Secretary to refer Mr M'Cann's application to the Council's Solicitor, and inquire whether the Council are or are not bound to give Mr M'Cann a superannuation allowance, Mr O'Connell to report to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Letter from Collector Cluskey as under:

13th November, 1911.

Dear Sir,

I will thank you to submit to the County Council my application for payment in extra work in connection with Clermont Park—about 120 extra labourers' houses. My work has been doubled with no increase in my income. I am the worst paid Collector in the county. I only want to be paid according to others. I would feel grateful to the Council for their favourable consideration of my application.

After some discussion on the subject matter of the foregoing letter, it was marked "read."

The following letter from the University College Authorities, Dublin, dated the 10th inst, was read:—

County Council Scholarships, 1911-12.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the President to inquire whether your Council propose to pay to this College the whole amount of the Scholarships allocated by the Council out of which the College shall pay the Fees and the Board and Lodging of the Scholars, or whether your Council intends to pay to the College only the College and Class Fees of the holders of the Scholarships.

As applications for money for Board and Lodging, etc, have already been received from holders of County Council Scholarships, I shall be glad to know your instructions as to the amount to be paid each month to those Scholars whose account for Board and Lodging, etc, are to be paid by the College. Kindly inform me also of the date and manner of the payment of the Scholarships by your Council.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. BACON,

Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the College Authorities be paid direct by the County Council, and to mention the fact that the Council are only responsible for two Scholarships of £25 each, and one for £50.

Respecting the £20 passed for the requirements at Ardee Courthouse, the Committee recommend that the County Surveyor confer with the Magistrates at Ardee, invite tenders from Contractors, examine same, and then report to the County Council.

The same gentlemen constituted the Proposal Committee, and examined and passed Forms 22, and recommended payment of the Constabulary Account, of £4 6s 11d.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Louth County Council.

MINUTES

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OF

Louth County Council

At their Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk,

on THURSDAY, 16th November, 1911; and

At their Adjourned Meeting held on the 30th November, 1911.

Finance Committee Meetings

Held on the 27th November, 1911, and 11th December, 1911.

P. MACCULLOUGH, PRINTER, DUNDALK.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 16th day of November, 1911.

Present. - -

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—T J Byrne, J P; James Wynne, Patk M'Geo, Wm Woods, J P; Patk Donegan, J P; Patrick Byrne, J P; James Connolly, John F Murphy, J P; Michael O'Meara, J P; Peter Woods, J P; Wm A Driscoll, V C; Joseph Dolan, Wm T Skeffington, J P; Denis J Rath, Thomas Maguire, Michael Meade, Jos M Johnson J P Kearney, Patrick O'Connell, and J H M'Adle, Esqrs.

On the motion of Mr J M Johnson, seconded by Mr John F Murphy, J P, it was

Resolved—That the minutes of the last meetings of the Council held on the 27th July and the 17th August, and special meeting held on the 4th and 28th days of September, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member, be taken as read and were confirmed.

Proposed by Mr Joseph M Johnson,
Seconded by Mr John F Murphy, J P. and

Resolved That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, held on the undermentioned dates, be and are hereby approved of by this Council, viz—24th July, 9th August, 21st August, 4th September, 25th September, 23rd October, 6th November, and 13th November, 1911.

DATES FIXED FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS
OF THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS
PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr Joseph M Johnson,
Seconded by Mr John F Murphy, J P; it was

Resolved—That we hereby determine that the following shall be the dates fixed for holding the Fourth Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee, viz—

Ardee—Tuesday, 2nd January, 1912.

Drogheda—Thursday, 11th January, 1912.

Dundalk—Monday, 8th January, 1912.

The last day for lodging Notices and Applications will be Tuesday, the 12th December, 1912.

The Proposal Committee meet on Monday, the 1st day of January, 1912.

The last day for lodging Notices will be Wednesday, 12th December, 1911.

ARDEE PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr William A Doran,
Seconded by Mr Patrick Callan, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of October, 1911, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to £1,112 12s 3d.

DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P,
Seconded by Mr Thomas Maguire, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on Thursday, the 9th day of November, 1911, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to £639 9s 1d.

DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr William Woods, J P,
Seconded by Mr Peter Woods, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 6th day of November, 1911, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to £1,664 14s 4d.

COUNTY AT LARGE PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr James Wynne,
Seconded by Mr John F Murphy, J P; and

Resolved—That the Proposals for payments formulated by the Proposal Committee, at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 13th day of November, 1911, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to £5,832 10s 8d.

CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL ORDER RE
ANNAGASSON PIER.

Proposed by Mr Wm T Skeffington, J P,
Seconded by Mr James Wynne, and

Resolved—That this Council approves of the draft Provisional Order re Annagasson Pier submitted to this Meeting to-day, subject to the approval of our Solicitor and the Local Government Board, with the alteration that Mr Clinton and Mr Harmon be set out as nominees of the County Council in addition to Mr Meade, and to remain in Office during the term of the County Council.

Respecting the same subject the following resolution was also passed.—

Proposed by Mr Wm A Doran,
Seconded by Mr Denis J Rath, and

Resolved—That this Council agree to refund any expenses incurred up to £200 to the promoters of the Annagasson Harbour Board Order in the event of the Scheme going through.

The application of Mr C E M'Cann, late Poor Rate Collector, for a superannuation allowance, was referred to the Council's Solicitor.

Letter from the Secretary Ardee School Attendance Committee dated the 14th inst, in which he states that owing to the resignation of Mr Joseph T Dolan on his Committee, it is suggested that Mr Richard Stokes be appointed in his stead.

On the motion of Mr Wm Woods, J P, seconded by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P, it was

Resolved—That the above named gentleman—Mr Richard Stokes—be appointed a member of the Ardee No. 1 Rural District School Attendance Committee in room of Mr J T Dolan, resigned.

Proposed by Mr W T Skeffington, J P,
Seconded by Mr T J Byrne, J P, and

Resolved—That this Council beg to express their deep regret at the demise of Mr Laurence Moore, and that the Secretary convey to the friends of Mr Moore their sympathy in their bereavement.

Shamrock House,
Drogheda,

27th November, 1911.

T F Filgate Esq.

Dear Sir,—Please convey to the members of the Louth County Council my sincere thanks for their very kind vote of sympathy to me and the members of my family on the death of my dear father, Mr Laurence Moore, which was passed at meeting held on the 16th inst.

The kind tribute paid to his memory by the members of your Council, of which he was a member from its inception, is highly appreciated by me.

Yours very sincerely,

PETER B MOORE.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 30th day of November, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Patrick Byrne, J P; Jas Connolly,

John Dolan, C A Duffy, J P; Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P; Joseph P Kearney, J S Kelly, Ml. Meade, Thos Maguire, John F Murphy, J P; J H M'Ardle, Laurence M'Keown, Patk O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, J P; D J Rath, W T Skeffington, J P; Wm Woods J P; and James Wynne, Esqrs.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

At the Third Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, November 30th 1911.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

£78 has been passed to repair a useful Lane through Tullyraine (Dundalk No. 1) as a 4th Class road. There is no other Proposal of importance.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. J. LYNAM,
County Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr C A Duffy, J P, seconded by Mr Patk Byrne, J P, it was

Resolved—That the Report of the County Surveyor as appearing on the Schedule of Proposals for the 30th November, 1911, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

On the motion of Mr Edward Goodman, seconded by Mr Michael O'Meara, J P, it was

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

PROPOSALS FOR WORKS.

ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr Michael Meade,
Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of; and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the seal of the Council to the contracts entered into.

DROGHEDA WORKS

Proposed by Mr Thomas Maguire.
Seconded by Mr Denis J Rath, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Leuth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their last Quarterly Meeting, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of; and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the seal of the Council to the contracts entered into.

DUNDALK WORKS.

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

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their last Quarterly Meeting, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of; and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the seal of the Council to the contracts entered into.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Mr Thos Maguire, seconded by Mr Michael Meade, it was

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Meeting, held on

Monday, the 30th day of October, 1911, and set out
of Form 20, be and are hereby approved of.

Co-option of two Members of the County Council in
room of Mr Laurence Moore, deceased; and Mr James
M'Court, jun, resigned.

Proposed by Mr Wm I Skeffington, J P,
Seconded by Mr Michael Meade, and

Resolved—That Mr James M'Carthy, Newfoundwell,
be and is hereby co-opted a member of this Council
in room of the late Mr Laurence Moore.

On the motion of Mr Edward Goodman, seconded by
Mr Michael O'Meara, J P, it was

Resolved—That Mr Patrick Kearney, of Rathduff,
be and is hereby co-opted a member of this Council in
room of Mr James M'Court, jun, resigned.

The Secretary then read the following correspond-
ence:—

Court House,
Drogheda, 27th Nov., 1911.

The Children Act, 1908.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that the following children
under 12, viz—John Wolfe, Bolton Street, Drogheda; James J
Murphy, Mill Row, Drogheda; Joseph Bradley, jr. Mell, Drogheda,
and Edward Cavanagh, Trinity Street, Drogheda, were
charged at Petty Sessions to-day with larceny, and the cases
were adjourned until next court day, 11th December, at 12
o'clock, noon, in order to have defendants committed to Indus-
trial Schools, under Sec. 58 (2).

A preliminary application was also made to-day to have Jas.
Gibney, Mary Gibney, and Francis Gibney, of Bachelor's Lane,
Drogheda, sent to Industrial Schools under Sec. 58 (1). The
application was adjourned until 11th December, at 12 noon.
Please acknowledge receipt.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN KEALY,

Clerk P. Sessions.

The Sec Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

Francis Street,
Dundalk, 27th November, 1911.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst, I would
feel obliged to you if you would convey to the County Council
my sincere thanks for their unanimous request that I should
re-consider my decision as to resignation, but regret that I do
not see my way to alter my decision, and I must also thank you
personally for joining with the Council in their request.

Yours sincerely,

JAS. M' COURT.

T. F. Fulgate, Esq, Secretary
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Local Government Board, Dublin,
28th November, 1911.

No. 61,787/1911.

Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to the lists of arrears of rate in the
County of Louth for the period ended the 30th of September,
1911, recently forwarded by you to this Department, I am di-
rected by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return
the lists, herewith, and to state that the Rulings of the Board
are duly stamped thereon.

The Board desire me to point out that no reasons appear in
Column 11 opposite many items which are proposed to be struck
off as irrecoverable. With regard to the lists of Collector P.
Hughes, I am to point out that the columns are not all totted,
and the amount proposed to be struck off in Column 12 in res-
pect of item 496, is 1d more than the amount in Column 10.
The final list of this Collector is not signed by the Chairman
of the County Council.

I am, at the same time, to point out that the Rulings of
the Board have been given on the assumption that the informa-
tion contained in the several lists is in all respects accurate,
and must not, therefore, be regarded as interfering with the
jurisdiction of the Auditor in case for any cause he should at
audit find it necessary to deal otherwise with any item or
items.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

Louth County Council, Dundalk.
The Secretary.

The following resolution was then adopted by the Council:—

The United Irish Women,
The Plunkett House,
84, Merrion Square, Dublin,
28th Nov., 1911.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by my Committee to forward you the following Resolution, which was unanimously passed at our Annual Meeting, held November 15th, 1911. I shall be much obliged therefor if you will kindly bring it forward at your next Council Meeting:—

RESOLUTION.

"That it be urged on the General Council of the County Councils, and on the County Councils throughout Ireland, the importance of appointing women to serve on technical committees of the County Councils, as with these committees lies the appointment and supervision of instructresses in domestic economy, poultry, and dairying, and other matters in which women are chiefly concerned."

Hoping that it may receive due consideration,

Yours faithfully,

CONSTANCE PIM,
Hon. Sec.

Passed.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to deal with matters arising under the Scholarship Scheme, viz.—William T Skeffington, J P, Drogheda; Patrick O'Connell, M C C, Dundalk; Michael O'Meara, J P; James Connolly, M C C; Joseph T Dolan, T J Byrne, J P—for County.

Proposed by Mr B Hamill,
Seconded by Mr C A Duffy, and

Resolved—That Mr P A Spalding, A M I C E, etc, be instructed to draft a specification and prepare an estimate for an Electric Lighting Installation in the County Courthouse, Dundalk, and that he be paid the usual Engineering fee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 27th day of November, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—C A Duffy, J P; John F Murphy, J P; James Wynne James Connolly, Bernard Hamill, J P; Patk. O'Connell, and William Woods, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Accounts for works in charge of his own and the County Surveyor's Offices, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

STEAM ROAD ROLLING.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain quotations from third Party Insurances, and the County Council are requested to authorise the Finance Committee to complete the Insurances when entered into and approved of by them.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING IN THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

Mr Spalding the Electric Engineer for the Dundalk Urban Council, attended before the Committee with Mr M Comerford, Town Clerk, and made the following statement as to Electric Lighting—He mentioned that about £80 would be the cost of fittings for the County Courthouse, and that he would expect 2½ per cent for preparing specification for the building, and if the work be handed over to him for completion it will cost 5 per cent on the outlay.

These terms were accepted by the Committee.

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

MOTOR CAR LICENCE DUTIES.

FINANCE (1909-10) ACT, 1910.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 29th November, 1911.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that, in connection with the step to be taken for the collection of the duties of licences for motor cars under the provisions of the Motor Car Licence Duties (Ireland) Collection Order, 1910, the Councils of Counties and County Bor-

oughs have, in several instances, applied to the Board for advice on questions which have arisen in the levying of the duties.

The Board have thought it desirable to prepare a memorandum for the guidance of local authorities in Ireland as to their powers and duties with respect to the collection of Motor Car Licence Duties and they accordingly direct me to forward to you six copies of the memorandum which contains a summary of the statutory provisions and the procedure in relation to these duties.

The memorandum has been drawn up in consultation with His Majesty's Treasury, the Postmaster-General and the Board of Customs and Excise, and it is hoped that the information afforded, while not exhaustive, will cover most of the points with regard to which difficulties appear to have arisen up to the present.

The memorandum will be placed on sale and copies may be shortly obtained, either directly or through any bookseller, from Mr E Porsonby, Grafton Street, Dublin.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

The Secretary of each County Council.

The Town Clerk of each County Borough.

After some discussion on this letter, the Committee recommended—That the Secretary be appointed to carry out the duties under the Motor Car Act, 1909-10, and that he receive the sum of £12 this year (31st March, 1911) and that in future the 5 per cent or value of Licenses issued during the year, as allowed by the Treasury, be now allowed to our Secretary. The Committee instructed the Secretary to have the officers employed under the Education Act insured.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 11th day of December, 1911.

Present:—

In the Chair—William A. Doran, Esq.

Other Members—C A Duffy, J P; William Woods, J P; M Kearney, and James Wynne, Esquires.

The payment submitted by the County Surveyor and the Secretary were, after examination, passed by the Committee.

The following tenders for the supply of coal to Steam Rollers were accepted by the Committee:—

Ardara—James Casey, 24s 6d per ton.
Drogheda—M Butterly and Co., 19s per ton.
Dundalk—Connick and Co. 17s per ton.

The Committee recommend the sum of 15s per annum for the supply of coal to Collon Courthouse.

Louth County Council.

MINUTES

OF

PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Proposal Committee

At their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting
held in the Council Chamber, on

Monday, the 29th January, 1912.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1912.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Charles A Duffy, J P; John F Murphy, J P; Wm Woods, J P; James Connolly, J P; James Wynne, Joseph P Kearney, Patk Byrne, J P; Joseph M Johnson, Patrick O'Connell, and Bernard Hamill, J P, Esquires.

The Committee were summoned for the purpose of opening and considering Tenders for the Works as set out on the undermentioned agenda:—

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary's Office,
Courthouse, Dundalk,
January 25th, 1912.

Dear Sir,—

You are hereby requested to attend the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Proposals Com-

mittee to be held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1912, at one o'clock p m for the purpose of considering Tenders for the under-mentioned works in accordance with Advertisement issued by the Secretary, viz:—

APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No. 1—To repair Ardee Courthouse for one year, from 1st April, 1912, to 31st March, 1913, £10 0 0

No. 2—To Repair the County Courthouse, Dundalk, for One Year, from 1st April, 1912, to 31st March, 1913, £30 0 0

No. 3—To Supply and fix Wires, Lamps, etc, for an Electric Light Installation in the County Courthouse; not to exceed £100 0 0

No. 3a—To Supply on carts at Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk, Best Scotch Coal (screened), for One Year, from 1st April, 1912, as required for Road Rollers.

APPLICATIONS BY THE SECRETARY.

No. 4—To Supply Printing and Stationery for County Purposes for One Year, from 1st April, 1912, to 31st March, 1913, including the

Printing to be done for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, under Jurors' and Registration Acts. Note—The General Printing for Clerk of Crown and Peace other than Jurors and Registration not to exceed £6

No. 5—To Supply Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk Courthouses, for One Year, with Best Wigan Coal, at £— per ton, delivered. Contractor to supply Coke, Bogwood, Fire Lighting Materials, etc, at Market Prices, as required.

No. 6—To Prepare the Courts and Court Rooms for Assizes, Quarter Sessions and Revision Sessions, in County Courthouse, for One Year, from 1st April, 1912, to 31st March, 1913, not to exceed £15 0 0

No. 7—To Insert the County Advertisements, etc, in one Dundalk and Drogheda Paper, for One Year, from 1st April, 1912, to 31st March, 1913, not to exceed 3d per line.

Yours faithfully,

T. F. FILGATE,

Secretary.

To each Member of the Council.

Respecting items Nos. 1 and 2 on the Agenda, no Tenders were received by the Secretary, and they were placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

APPLICATION NO. 3.

With regard to this application the Secretary received the following Tenders, viz:—

- 1—J M Gowdy, Belfast—£77 8s.
- 2—P J Watters, Dundalk—£130.
- 3—James C Meldon, Dublin—£89.
- 4—E Gallacher, Dundalk—£90 12s.
- 5—Gaskin Bros, Dundalk—£90.

Tender No. 1—No Sureties named or present at the Meeting. Marked “informal” by Chairman with consent of Committee.

Tender No. 2—Rejected, being in excess of the amount named in the County Surveyor’s Application.

Tender No. 3—No Sureties present as stated in the Tender (Messrs Fottrell and Stokes, of Dublin), consequently marked “informal” by Chairman with the consent of Committee.

Tender No. 4—No Sureties mentioned or present at the Meeting. Marked “informal” by Chairman with the consent of the Committee.

Tender No. 5—Gaskin Bros, Dundalk. This was the only Tender found to be in conformity with the Advertisement issued by the Secretary, and after considerable discussion on the matter it was proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, seconded by Mr Charles A Duffy, J P, and unanimously resolved—That Messrs Gaskin Bros Tender for the sum of £90 be and is hereby accepted by this Committee.

No. 3a—There was no Tender received for the supply of Coal for the Steam Road Roller to be worked in Ardee Rural District.

DROGHEDA DISTRICT.

One Tender was received, viz—Messrs A Murdock and Sons at 21s per ton, which the Committee accepted.

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

Patrick Curtis, Dundalk, at 21s per ton.
F O’Neill and Coy., Dundalk, at 21s per ton.

Both Tenders being equal the Chairman and Committee decided to draw lots between these two Contractors, with the result that Curtis won and was accordingly declared the Contractor.

With respect to the Tenders received for the supply of Printing and Stationery for County purposes, the

Chairman and Committee went seriatem into each item, and in every instance the lowest Tender was accepted. The Contractors duly declared by the Chairman and Committee are as under:—

William Tempest, Dundalk.
 M'Dougall and Coy., Drogheda.
 Patrick M'Cullough, Dundalk, and
 Patrick Mathews, Dundalk.

ITEM NO. 5.

F O'Neill and Coy., Dundalk, 21s per ton and 6s extra to Ardee.

Patrick Curtis, Dundalk, 26s per ton, and 5s extra to Ardee.

The Tender of F O'Neill and Coy. was accepted by the Committee.

ITEM NO. 6.

Two Tenders were received for this work as under:—

Messrs Patteson and Coy., Dundalk—£12 12s.

H and J O'Hare Dundalk—£10.

The Committee accepted the Tender of Messrs H and J O'Hare at £10.

ITEM NO. 7—ADVERTISING.

The Committee were unanimous in accepting the Tenders of the "Dundalk Democrat" and the "Drogheda Argus" at 3d per line.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES

OF

PROCEEDINGS

OF

Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 18th January, 1912; and at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, on Thursday, the 29th day of February, 1912; and at their Special Meeting, held on Monday, the 25th March, 1912.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Held on 15th January, 29th January, 12th February, 19th February, 26th February, 11th March, 1st April, 1912.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

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OF THE

*Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly
Meeting, Special Meeting ;
and Finance Committee Meetings.*

DUNDALK :

WILLIAM TEMPEST, PRINTER AND STATIONER.

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Louth County Council.

*Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council
at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council
Chamber, on Thursday, the 18th January, 1912.*

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Patrick Byrne, James Connolly,
Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J.P. ; Luke J. Elcock,
Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J.P. ; Joseph M.
Johnson, Patrick Kearney, James S. Kelly, Thomas
Maguire, Michael Meade, Joseph H. McArdle, John F.
Murphy, J.P. ; Patrick O'Connell, Denis J. Rath ; and
William T. Skeffington, J.P., Esquires.

The minutes of the last Meetings of the Council,
having been printed, and a copy sent to each Member,
were taken as read, and were confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr. Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr. Thomas Maguire, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the
Finance Committee on the undermentioned dates be,
and are hereby confirmed by this Council, viz. :—27th
November, 1911, and 11th December, 1911.

*Dates fixed for Meetings of the Rural District Councils
and Proposal Committee.*

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. Thomas Maguire, 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 and Proposal Committee, viz. :—

Ardee, ... Tuesday, 2nd April, 1912.

Drogheda, ... Thursday, 11th April, 1912.

Dundalk, ... Monday, 8th April, 1912.

The last day for lodging Notices and Applications for Rural District Councils will be Tuesday, 12th March, 1912.

The Proposal Committee to meet on Monday, the 1st April, 1912.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS.

ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr. Michael Meade,

Seconded by Mr. Joseph Dolan, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Ardee Rural District Council at their fourth Quarterly Meeting, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to £878 6s. 9d.

DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. Denis J. Rath, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their fourth Quarterly Meeting, and set out on Form 22,

furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved.

These payments amount to £615 9s. 3d.

DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their fourth Quarterly Meeting, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

The payments amount to £1339 6s. 11d.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS ON THE
COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE.

In connection with the foregoing the Secretary read the following letter :—

Department of Agriculture and
Technical Instruction for Ireland,
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,
11th December, 1911.

COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE.

Sir—I have to acquaint you, for the information of your Council, that the term of office of the present Council of Agriculture will expire on the 31st March, 1912, and to enclose a copy of the regulations for the appointment of members of the new Council.

The regulations immediately concerning your Council are Nos. 2, 5, 6, 8, and 11, which provide for the appointment of two persons, who need not necessarily be members of your Council, to serve on the Council of Agriculture in accordance with Section 8 of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899.

It will be observed that under the regulations now issued the appointment of representatives by the County Council may take place at any meeting of the County

Council held between 1st January and 1st April, 1912. This arrangement has been made in order to obviate the inconvenience of a special meeting of the County Council for the purpose of the election. The new representatives will, of course, not assume office until 1st April, 1912.

By Section 27 (1) of the Act of 1899, the members of the Council of Agriculture hold office for terms of three years, and may be re-appointed.

A supply of copies of the regulations is sent under separate cover to enable you to comply with the provisions of Regulation No. 11. Further copies may be had on application.

I am to request that, in consultation with the Chairman, you will have the necessary formal notice given on the Agenda paper for the meeting at which the appointments in question will be made; and I am also to ask you to inform the Department in due course of the date of that meeting.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Secretary, Louth County Council.

Proposed by Mr. Thomas Maguire,

Seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That we, the Louth County Council, hereby appoint the undermentioned gentlemen to be members of the Council of Agriculture, in accordance with Section 24 of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, viz. :—

Mr. Jas. McCarthy, J.P., Newfoundwell, Drogheda; and
Mr. Joseph Dolan, Gaulstown, Dunleer.

Respecting the dates to be fixed for the holding of the Old Age Pensions' Committees in Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk, it was decided, after considerable discussion, to let the various Committees suggest such dates as

would be most suitable to them, and the Council on receiving same will give them their favourable consideration.

The next item on the Agenda was the application of Mr. C. E. McCann, late Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of St. Peter's East and West, Drogheda, for a superannuation allowance.

Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dolan,

Seconded by Mr. Luke J. Elcock, and

Resolved—That we hereby consent to allow Mr. C. E. McCann, late Poor Rate Collector for Drogheda Rural District, the sum of £28 a year as pension, based on the Civil Service scale, as from the 1st April, 1911. To be levied off Drogheda Rural District.

On the motion of the Chairman (Mr. Peter Hughes, J.P.), seconded by Mr. J. M. Johnson, the Council unanimously passed the following resolution :—

“ That we, the members of the Louth County Council, tender to Mr. John E. Redmond our sincere congratulations on his recovery from the injuries sustained by him in the recent regrettable accident, and that we rejoice to learn that his indispensable services shall, within the next few weeks, be once more available in the forwarding of the Home Rule cause.”

*Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council
at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council
Chamber, on Thursday, the 29th day of February, 1912.*

Present :—

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

Other Members—Thomas J. Byrne, J.P.; Patrick Byrne, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J.P.; Luke J. Elcock, Edward Goodman, James Halfpenny, Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick Kearney, Thomas Maguire, Joseph H. McArdle, Patrick McGee, John F. Murphy, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, J.P.; Peter Woods, J.P.; and Wm. Woods, J.P., Esquires.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following Report from the County Surveyor was read :

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your County Surveyor has made the usual applications to your Rural Councils for the renewal of expiring maintenance contracts, which have been approved by them.

Nearly all of these have been tendered for, and will come before you on Form 20.

Special works have been passed in Drogheda Rural to the amount of £460, and special works in Dundalk, £158 1s. od.

Some small damages have occurred along your coast during the high tides this month, two of which are under repair on Sudden Damage Orders. The other, at Blackrock, can, I consider, wait for ordinary proposal, at next District Council Meeting.

During the last year nine contractors, as follow, have failed to carry out their contracts, which have been taken up by the County Surveyor in accordance with

Clause No. 21 of the Specification. I beg to recommend that these contracts be cancelled, and new contracts are now applied for

DUNDALK RURAL DISTRICT.

- No. 278—Michael McCann, 440 perches—Redcow to Plaster Cross.
 „ 319—Michael McCann, 1,048 perches—Drumna-carra Cross to Carrickarnan.
 „ 330—Patrick Drum—838 perches— Commons to Mansfieldstown.
 „ 338—Michael McCann, 322 perches — Dundalk Urban Boundary to Redcow.
 „ 374—Michael McBride, 1,400 perches—Bellurgan to Corrakit.
 „ 382—Patrick Murphy, 432 perches — Bush to Castletowncooley.
 „ 386—Patrick McCann, 890 perches—Drumad to Narrow Water.
 „ 432—Thomas McGough, 1,265 perches—Dromiskin to Drumleck.
 „ 433—Thomas McGough, 989 perches—Dunmahon to Drumgeenagh.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant,

F. J. LYNAM,
Court House, Omagh.

Proposed by Mr William Woods, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Report of the Deputy County Surveyor as appearing on page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals for Works, and furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

The next item on the Agenda was the consideration of Tenders for the undermentioned work, not set by

Contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Council, and the Proposal Committee.

Tenders for the following Works will be considered by the Connty Council, as per advertisement :

COUNTY AT LARGE.

No. 1—To keep in repair, etc., Ardee Courthouse for one year, from 1st April, 1912. Approved. Not to exceed £10.

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

No. 3—Maintaining for 5 years, from 1st April, 1912, 513 perches of the road from Dundalk to Blackrock, between the Rifle Range Gate and Sandymount Gate. Not to exceed £81 4s. 6d

No. 22—Maintaining for 5 years, from 1st April, 1912, 1,334 perches of the road from Dundalk to Carlingford by Piedmont, between Giles' Quay and Mr. Kendall's in Loughanmore and the Castletowncooley new line, with branches to Riverstown and Maddox Garden. Not to exceed £33 7s.

No. 25—Maintaining for 5 years, from 1st April, 1912, 802 perches of the road from Dundalk to Newry, by Corrakit, between the Big Woman's Grave at Corrakit and the sea at Omeath, with branch to Ardagh Schoolhouse. Not to exceed £20 1s.

No. 40—Maintaining for 5 years, from 1st April, 1912, 890 perches of the road from Dundalk to Newry, by Jonesborough, between the Newry road at Drumad, and the sea at Narrow Water. Not to exceed £37 1s. 8d.

No. 48—Maintaining for 3 years, from 1st April, 104 perches of the road from Ballymakenny to Essexford, in Tullydrum Townland. Not to exceed £2 3s. 4d.

No. 57—To repair two bridges on the road from Hackballscross to Knockbridge, near Mr. M'Ardle's house in Cunnicar, and near Mr. Callan's house in Carrickrobin. Not to exceed £12.

Respecting the Work No. 1, the Council received no tender, and the work was placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. 3—With regard to this work the following tenders were received by the Council—

Bernard McBride, £73 15s.

Joseph McConnon, 73 19s.

Owen Mathews, 74 os.

Michael Belton, 75 os.

Lawrence Conlon, 75 os.

James Lennon, jun. 77 os.

Patrick Brennan, 77 os.

The Council accepted the lowest tender, that of Bernard McBride, at £73 15s.

No. 40—Two tenders were before the Council for this work, as under—

Patrick Hugh McCann, £37 1s. 8d.

John Carron, ... 29 19s. 0d.

The Council accepted the tender of Patrick Hugh McCann, at £73 1s. 8d.; Carron having stated to the Council that he did not tender for this work.

No. 48—There was only one tender before the Meeting, that of Thomas McMahan, for the sum of £2 3s., which the Council accepted.

No. 57—For this work the Council received three tenders, as follows—

Michael Hamill, £7 15s.

John McDonnell, 8 19s.

Thomas McKenna, 9 15s.

The Council accepted the lowest tender, that of Michael Hamill, for £7 15s.

It was then proposed by Mr. Joseph P. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P., and resolved—
“That all Maintenance Works not taken by Contract be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor.”

The following resolution was also passed by the Council. On the motion of Mr. Edward Goodman, seconded by Mr. Joseph Dolan, resolved—"That the Contracts (in dispute), Dundalk Rural District Council, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; Patrick Mulholland not to be included in this resolution."

Finally, it was proposed by Mr. Peter Woods, J.P., seconded by Mr. Joseph P. Kearney, and resolved—"That the Secretary be hereby authorized to place the Seal of the Council on all contracts ratified this day."

The Council next proceeded to consider the Secretary's Estimate of Rates in respect of the financial year, ending 31st March, 1913, and after very considerable discussion on the matter, it was proposed by Mr. Patrick Magee, seconded by Mr. James Halfpenny, and resolved—That the Secretary's Estimate of Rates, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council in respect of the ensuing year ending 31st March, 1913, be and is hereby adopted by this Council, save and except that we reduce the Rates in the Ardee Rural District by one penny in the £; and further, that the several rates in the £ as regards Separate Charges (Form 46), as now submitted by the Secretary, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

The Secretary next submitted the undermentioned minutes in respect of the Scholarship Committee, at a meeting held on the 5th February. They are as under:

Present—

In the chair—Patrick O'Connell, Esq. Other members—Joseph T. Dolan, M.A., and Jas. Connolly, Esqrs.

The Committee were summoned for the purpose of taking into consideration correspondence from University Authorities, Hostel Proprietors, and Students.

The first recommendation made by the Committee was that in future University and Hostel Fees be discharged monthly by the Finance Committee.

The Committee then went carefully into the Accounts

received by the Secretary, and finally recommended that the following Accounts be discharged:—

	£	s.	d.
John W. Bacon, balance Scholarship first term	3	10	0
Sister M. de Ricci, Hostel fees	6	3	4
Mrs. M. Murray, board and lodging—H. Rogan	3	12	0
Miss Gaffney, " —L. Brannigan	7	17	6
Mrs. Campbell, " " "	3	4	0
Total, ...	£24	6	10

Subsequently the Finance Committee, at a Meeting held on Monday, the 12th February, 1912, made a formal recommendation to the County Council that all Accounts in connection with the Scholarship Scheme be discharged monthly through the Finance Committee.

Proposed by Mr. Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr. Connolly, J.P., and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Scholarship Committee be and is hereby adopted by this Council, i.e., the minutes of the Committee on the 5th day of February, 1912—Two Scholarships of £50 each.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was read:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
24th February, 1912.

Re TULLY NEW ROAD.

Dear Sir,

With reference to letter of 18th ult. from the Dundalk Rural District Council, which I return herewith, to the effect that a resolution was unanimously passed recommending the County Council to release Patrick Connolly from his contract for the making of above road, I desire to state that I can find no express power of release given to the County Council in the contract and bond of the 24th April, 1911. I am of opinion that the County Council can compel the contractor to proceed with the work, subject to the grant of easement being

executed by the Rural District Council, which has not yet been done. The contract gives the County Surveyor authority to grant an extension of time for completion to the contractor in such circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

T. F. Filgate, Esq., Sec.

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Referred back to District Council.

Dundalk Rural District,
18th January, 1912.

Dear Sir,

At their Quarterly Meeting, held on the 8th instant, the Council of this District unanimously passed a resolution recommending the County Council to release Patrick Connolly of his contract for the making of a new road at Tully, in consequence of the long delay in permitting him to commence the work.

The District Council apply for permission to open portion of the road at Lordship, for the purpose of providing an improved water supply there.

Yours faithfully,

P. R. FINIGAN,
Clerk of the Council.

To T. F. Filgate, Esq.

Francis Street, Dundalk,
24th February, 1912.

Re CLERK OF THE PEACE'S REGISTRATION EXPENSES.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the application of the Clerk of the Peace in above, dated the 25th October, 1911, for the sum of £140 3s. 9d, payment of which amount I am informed has been made, it is quite clear that he has received remuneration for what is part of his duty by charging the full scale irrespective of actual expenditure. I have read the Privy Council Order of the 21st November, 1898, rescinding the previous Order of the 3rd

June, 1889, and on its construction there can be no doubt that only the actual expenses of the Clerk of the Peace when duly vouched, but necessarily within the scale, may be paid. The scale is set out in the Order, and same "shall be, and the same is hereby fixed, as the scale within which the actual expenses, when duly vouched, exclusive of the costs of necessary printing, to be incurred by and paid to a Clerk of the Peace for carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts relating to the Registration of Voters, or otherwise in respect of such Acts, shall be calculated."

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

T. F. Filgate, Esq., Sec.

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Clerk's Office, Union Workhouse,
Ardee, 27th day of February, 1912.

Dear Sir,

The Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council have to-day had under their consideration the question of the proposed increase of fourpence in the £ in the General Rate on this District for the ensuing year, and they desire to bring under the notice of the Finance Committee of the Louth County Council the following circumstances which have arisen since the Ardee estimates were sent in, showing, as they believe, how a reduction in the County estimate can be carried out justifiably, and the District Council would recommend to the Committee the expediency of giving effect to the reductions indicated—

1—A new Dietary Scale has, on the recommendation of the Local Government Board Inspector, been introduced into the Workhouse, and a couple of weeks' trial of it has resulted in a saving of £1 14s 6d per week, and as there is no reason to think that this saving cannot be maintained, it is calculated that the gain for the year will be £90.

2—It is expected that a number of the inmates of the

Workhouse will this year qualify for the Old Age Pension, with a possible saving to the Union of £80.

3—The Rural District Council's estimate includes a year's repayment of a new loan originally amounting to £1,800 to complete a scheme of labourers' cottages, but since the estimate was sent in the amount of the loan has been reduced to £1,600. This would relieve the ensuing year's repayment instalment of about £60.

Showing in all a reduction of £230 in the Ardee estimates, which might be allowed for in striking the rate, without disimproving the original financial position.

Would you kindly bring the matter under the notice of the Finance Committee or of the Council, which ever body has next to consider your estimate.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS B. DROMGOOLE,
Clerk R. D. Council.

T. F. Filgate, Esq.,
Sec. Co. Council, Dundalk.

Local Government Board, Dublin,
29th February, 1912.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., relative to the superannuation allowance proposed to be granted to Mr. C. E. McCann in respect of his services as Collector of Poor Rate in Louth County, and with reference thereto, I am to point out that Sec. 10 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, only qualifies the provisions of Section 1 of the Local Officers Superannuation Act (Ireland), 1869, and that the latter Act is confined in its operation to the officers of certain specified municipalities.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

Local Government Board, Dublin,
26th February, 1912.

Sir,

With reference to the preparation of your estimate to provide for the expenditure of the County during the next financial year in connection with liability for land purchase, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acquaint you that they have now received copies of certificates from the Irish Land Commission and the Commissioners of National Debt, showing the actual arrears in purchase annuities, &c., under the Land Purchase Acts, and the Board are, therefore; in a position to state definitely, for the information of the County Council, that the amount which will be deducted in respect of the above liability from the Estate Duty Grant, payable in the County in the course of the next month, is a sum of £127 11s 11d.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

In pursuance of Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Mr. Luke J. Elcock, seconded by Mr. John F. Murphy, J.P.—“That the Regulations made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction as to the wearing of collars by dogs, under the ‘Dogs’ Act of 1906, be put in force in the County of Louth.”

On a division there voted for Mr. Elcock's motion—Messrs. P. Byrne, Joseph Dolan, W. A. Doran, P. Donegan, L. J. Elcock, E. Goodman, J. P. Kearney, P. Kearney, T. Maguire, J. F. Murphy, P. O'Connell, M. O'Meara and William Woods—13.

Against the motion there voted—T. J. Byrne, J. Connolly, J. Halfpenny, and Peter Woods—4.

The Chairman therefore declared Mr. Elcock's motion duly carried by 13 votes to 4.

Meeting of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 25th day of March, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—T. J. Byrne, J.P.; Patrick Byrne, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; Charles A. Duffy, J.P.; Edward Goodman, Joseph M. Johnson, Patk. Kearney, Joseph H. McArdle, Patrick McGee, J. F. Murphy, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, William Woods, J.P.; and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Council was summoned for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject matter of the following Agenda :—

Secretary's Office,
Court House, Dundalk,
20th March, 1911.

DEAR SIR,

I have been authorized by Requisition, (signed by the Chairman) to summon a Special Meeting of the County Council for Monday next, the 25th day of March, 1912, at ONE o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the undermentioned business, viz. :—

(1) Consideration of the Provisional Order for the proposed Harbour at Annagassan, and supporting same before the Board of Trade.

(2) To consider the advisability of appointing Delegates to represent the County Council at any Conventions of the United Irish League for the Divisions of South and North Louth, which may be called within this year.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. F. FILGATE,
Secretary County Council.

* The terms of the Draft Order for the proposed Harbour at Annagassan having been explained to the Council by Messrs. O'Connell and Murphy, Solicitors,

and the Council having thoroughly discussed the matter, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to :—

Proposed by Mr. Edward Goodman ;

Seconded by Mr. James Wynne, and

Resolved—That the constitution of the Harbour Commissioners should be as follows, viz. :—Three members of the County Council ; three Rated Occupiers resident within a radius of five miles of the proposed works ; and two Rated Occupiers resident in the County of Louth ; and further, that we nominate the following as the first Commissioners, viz. :—Messrs. Patrick Byrne, J.P. ; Michael Meade, and Patrick McGee, members of the County Council ; and the following Rated Occupiers resident within five miles of the proposed works, viz. :—C. D. King, Joseph Hoey, Peter McGuinness ; and two Rated Occupiers resident in the County Louth, viz. :—Joseph S. Harmon, and Mathew Clinton, subject to the Board of Trades' sanction to this alteration.

The Council were unanimous in passing the following resolution, viz. :—

Proposed by Mr. T. J. Byrne, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. C. A. Duffy, J.P., and

Resolved—That in view of the fact that this Draft Order is unanimously agreed upon by the Louth County Council, the Dundalk Harbour Commissioners, and the promoters of the proposed Works—that we, the Louth County Council, earnestly request the Board of Trade to sanction the Draft Provisional Order in the terms as now agreed to.

(Signed) - T. F. FILGATE,
Secretary Louth County Council

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 15th January, 1912.

Present:—

In the Chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Patrick O'Connell, William Woods, J.P., Peter Woods, J.P., Patrick Byrne, J.P., James Connolly, J.P., Joseph M. Johnson, James Wynne, Joseph H. M'Ardle, and Michael Meade, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Payments for Works in charge of the County Surveyor, and his own office, which on examination was passed by the Committee.

The County Surveyor then submitted, and read the following letter—

GENTLEMEN—Doctor Lavery will certify that I have a fungoid growth in my throat, which must be cut out at once, and after the operation I shall be incapable of performing my duties for a month at least.

It is therefore desirable that a deputy should be appointed as soon as possible, under Sec. 85, Sub-sec. 2, of the L. G. Act, 1898. I beg to recommend for the appointment, my brother, Francis J. Lynam, County Surveyor of North Tyrone, who would act for me without pay. The appointment of course to be temporary, and revocable without notice, at any meeting of the County Council.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. LYNAM,

County Surveyor of Louth.

The Committee were unanimous in agreeing to the application of the County Surveyor, including the temporary appointment of his brother during his absence—Mr. Francis J. Lynam, County Surveyor for North Tyrone.

The Committee further recommended that all men employed at Steam Road Rolling, be ensured against accidents.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—C. A. Duffy, J.P., John F. Murphy, J.P., William Woods, J.P., James Connolly, J.P., James Wynne, Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick Byrne, J.P., Joseph M. Johnson, Bernard Hamill, J.P., and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Payments for Works, in charge of the County Surveyor, and his own office, which on examination, were passed by the Committee. These payments amount to £31 16s od.

The Committee recommended that all persons employed by the County Council at Steam Road Rolling, be insured by the Secretary, against the possibility of accident.

On the motion of Mr. Peter Hughes, J.P., seconded by Mr. C. A. Duffy, J.P., and recommended—“That the Secretary having reported that he had revised the revised Valuation Lists, he was instructed to appoint and take charge of the extra clerical staff same as last year.”

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 12th day of February, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—John F. Murphy, J.P., Patrick O'Connell, William Woods, J.P., James Wynne, James Connolly, J.P., Patrick Byrne, J.P., and Patrick Kearney, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted County Surveyor's Pay Sheets for Works in his charge, and accounts in connection with his own office, which on examination was passed by the Committee.

The Secretary was directed to address a letter to the Eddison Steam Rolling Company, and state that the Finance Committee are much disappointed that the remainder of the Steam Rollers have not arrived before now.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the County Council at their Meeting to be held on the 29th inst., pass a resolution authorising the Finance Committee to discharge monthly all Accounts in connection with the University Scholarships.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 19th February, 1912.

Present :—

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

Other Members—Luke A. Elcock, W. T. Skeffington, J.P., Michael Meade, Patrick M'Gee, John Dolan, Patrick O'Connell, and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted for the consideration of the Committee, his Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges, in respect of the ensuing financial year, ending 31st March, 1913. The Committee have

gone carefully into the various items of expenditure under the different heads shown in the Estimate and were satisfied that they were accurately set out, and recommended that the Estimate be adopted by the County Council. To this recommendation however, Mr. Patrick Magee, dissented.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting held on Monday, the 26th day of February 1912.

Present:—

In the chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Patrick Byrne, J.P., William Woods, J.P., Patrick O'Connell, and Peter Woods, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Accounts for Works in charge of the County Surveyor, and for those in connection with his own Office, and after examination of same, the Committee ordered payment.

On the application of Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P., the Committee were unanimous in recommending a sum of Two Pounds (£2), for fire, light and heating of Castlebellingham Petty Sessions House.

The Secretary then addressed a copy of the following letter to the Local Government Board on the subject.

26th February, 1911.

SIR—I beg to inform you that the Finance Committee of this Council, at a Meeting held this day, unanimously recommended that a sum of Two Pounds (£2), be allowed for fire, light, and heating of Castlebellingham Petty Sessions House, and I now respectfully ask the formal sanction of the Local Government Board to this proposal.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

T. F. FILGATE, Secretary.

To the Secretary Local Government Board.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 11th March, 1912.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—John Francis Murphy, J.P., Patrick O'Connell, James Connolly, J.P., and Michael O'Meara, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Accounts for Works in charge of the County Surveyor, and those of his own office, which, on examination were passed by the Committee. They amounted to the sum of £56 os 8d.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from James Reilly, Road Contractor, as under:—

HUNTERSTOWN ARDEE,
12/2/1912.

DEAR SIR—Please lay this letter before your Finance Committee at next Meeting. I, as Road Contractor for the streets in Ardee, had to get a wheel of the mud cart repaired, at a cost of One Pound (£1), as it was broken; as you are aware it is also used for drawing water to your dipping tank all the summer. I respectfully ask your Committee to consider the matter, and to forward me my outlay.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES REILLY.

The Committee ordered that a copy of this letter be sent to the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Dromgoole, for a report on the matter.

The following letter from Messrs. F. O'Neill, Esq., coal merchants, Dundalk, was next read—

March 9th, 1912.

DEAR SIR—We beg leave to inform your Council, that owing to National Coal Strike, we are unable to

obtain any coal, and since the 1st January, we have been supplying your Court-house at considerable advance in prices. We would therefore strive, if possible, to keep you going at current prices, and trust you will not see us at such a serious loss on this quarter's supply.

The Committee decided to postpone the further consideration of this letter for a fortnight, but meantime all coal to be ordered from Messrs. F. O'Neill and Co.

The undermentioned application from the Court-keeper, Mr. T. Murray, was next read—

THE COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,
11th March, 1911.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN—I respectfully beg to apply for some remuneration for the extra work imposed on me through the Revision, which lasted a fortnight last year, and for which work there was no extra pay; also the preparation of the two Courts for Petty Sessions every week now, instead of one as heretofore. The Courts have to be heated every Friday during the winter months, which work I do.

I understand you have no power to increase my salary, which is only £10 per annum, but my predecessor had £10 a year for extra work, and had not nearly as much work to do as I have, and now that matters have considerably changed since then, might I respectfully ask that you will grant me a similar sum to what my predecessor enjoyed. I am now nearly six years in the Courthouse, and trust I have carried out the duties of same to your entire satisfaction.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

T. MURRAY, Court-keeper.

The Committee referred the further consideration of this letter, to the next Meeting of the County Council.

Respecting the payment of Malicious Injury Decrees, which are now being levied, the Secretary was directed to address the undermentioned letter to the Treasurer.

11th March, 1912.

DEAR SIR—With reference to previous correspondence on the subject respecting the payment of Malicious Injury Decrees, I brought the matter before the Finance Committee this day, and they desire me to say that they have recommended the County Council to discharge all these payments after their Meeting, which will be held on the 18th April next.

Yours faithfully,

T. F. FILGATE, Secretary.

To J. J. Flynn, Esq., Hibernian Bank.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 1st day of April, 1912.

Present—

In the chair—James Wynne, Esq. Other members—Patrick O'Connell and James Connolly, Esqrs.

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge of the County Surveyor and those in connection with his own office which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. These accounts amount to £31 7s 8d.

THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT OF 1911.

Irish County Councils General Council,
28th March, 1912.

Re COUNTY INSURANCE SOCIETIES.

Dear Sir,

Referring to my circular letter of 23rd ult., I have much pleasure in forwarding for the information of your Council the enclosed scheme for a County Society under the National Health Insurance Act. The scheme has been prepared by the Dublin County Solicitor, and approved of by the Dublin County Council. The adoption of a more or less uniform scheme for County Societies would tend to greater convenience in working the Act.

I am pleased to inform you that in view of representations made to them, the National Health Commissioners for Ireland have altered the date fixed for priority of consideration of Schemes from the 30th March to the 15th April.

Yours faithfully,

A. KERAGH NOLAN, Secretary.

Irish County Councils General Council,
10 Leinster Street, Dublin,
February 23rd, 1912.

COUNTY INSURANCE SOCIETIES.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils General Council to draw the attention of your Council to the provisions contained in the National Insurance Act for the formation of County Health Insurance Societies by County Councils.

Under Section 81 (7) of the Act it is provided that if it appears to any County Council that having regard to the number of employed authorities resident in the County who are not members of any society approved of under the provisions of the Act, it is desirable that steps should be taken by the Council for the establishment of an approved society under the Council, they may at any time, before the expiration of one year from the commencement of the Act, submit to the Irish Insurance Commission a scheme for the establishment of a County Society. The Scheme may provide for—

- (a) The representation of the Council on the Committee of Management of the Society.
- (b) The appointment of Officers, subject to the approval of the County Council.
- (c) The delegation of powers to Committees.
- (d) The giving of security by means of a charge upon the general purposes rate or otherwise.
- (e) The restriction of membership to insured persons resident in the County, not being members of any other approved Society.
- (f) The reduction of benefits below the minimum rates fixed by this part of this Act; and
- (g) Such other matters as may appear necessary, and in particular such further modifications of the provisions of this part of this Act, with respect to approved Societies as may be required for the purpose of adapting those provisions to the case of a County Society.

County Councils are further authorised at any time after the passing of the Act, to take such steps as appear

necessary to ascertain what persons resident in the County are eligible and willing to become members of the proposed County Society, and generally for the formation of the Society.

I am further directed to inform you that the desirability of the formation of County Societies has been considered by the Executive Committee of the General Council, who have unanimously decided to recommend the affiliated Councils to take the necessary steps for the formation of Schemes for their establishment, in order that every "employed" insurable person in their area may be afforded an opportunity of participating in the superior advantages conferred by membership of an "Approved Society," over those enjoyed by "Deposit Contributors."

I may point out that membership of a County Society would be confined to residents in the county; its funds could not be made available to meet deficits elsewhere; and each claim for benefit would be dealt with by local committees having full knowledge of the facts, so that even the most remote districts of the county would be provided with an effective organization.

I have to forward, later, a draft skeleton scheme for the information of your Council.

Yours faithfully,

A. KEOGH NOLAN, Secretary.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing correspondence be sent to the Council's Solicitor with a request that he furnish the Finance Committee with an explanatory report and advise what action the Council should take in the matter.

The following letter from Mr. Oswald Hardy, C.P.S., Dundalk, dated 19th ult., was read by the Secretary:—
March 19th, 1912.

Sir,

Please take notice that on Friday next, the 22nd inst., an application will be made to the magistrates at Dundalk Petty Sessions for the committal to an Industrial School of two children, Josephine and Mary Hoey, of Park Street, Dundalk, on the grounds that they are without proper guardianship.

Letter from Mr. James Dromgoole as under—

Dunleer, 21st March, 1912.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your query *re* order mud cart, Reilly reports that Leonard took the cart last July to supply water to the Sheep Dipping tanks, and that one wheel fell to pieces, after being returned, necessitating the building of a new wheel which cost 20s.

The contractor for Ardee streets is responsible for ordinary repairs, but now that the cart is being used for other purposes than mud removal, I think the responsibility ought to be divided.

I was present when Mr. Lynam told Reilly to report the matter to Leonard so that he might bring the matter before the Committee.

The Committee agreed with the suggestion of Mr. Lynam which was that Reilly be allowed £1 by the Sheep Dipping Authority.

The Secretary reported that 7 of the 8 collectors had duly lodged the full amount of their warrants in respect of the half-year ended 31st March last, the exception being Mr. Patrick Hughes, Park Street, Dundalk.

Having been called upon for an explanation by the Committee as to his failure in not closing by the statutory time, Mr. Hughes addressed the following letter to the Committee:—

Park Street, Dundalk,

1st April, 1912.

To the Finance Committee,
Louth County Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to apply for an extension of about one month to enable me to close my collection. Owing to

illness during portion of period, I found it impossible to finish on 31st ult. Hoping my application will receive favourable consideration,

I remain, yours,

PATRICK HUGHES,
Collector of Poor Rate.

In the circumstances the Committee were unanimous in granting Mr. Hughes one month's time to close his current collection.

The correspondence received from Mr. Kearney, Secretary and School Attendance Officer, Drogheda, for an increase of salary was referred to the Co. Council.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at
their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday,
the 15th day of April, 1912.*

Present—

In the chair—James Connolly, Esq., J.P.

Other members—James Wynne, Edward Goodman,
Bernard Hamill, J.P., Patrick O'Connell, and Joseph
H. McArdle, Esqrs.

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge
of the County Surveyor and those of his own office
which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.
These accounts amount to £76 19s. od.

The following correspondence was then read:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
15th April, 1912.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of 1st inst., enclosing letters received from the Irish County Councils General Council with Draft Scheme of the County Dublin County Council for the establishment of a County of Dublin Society under the Act.

With reference to the establishment of a County Society under Section 81 (7) of the Act, I am of opinion that it is a matter that should receive the immediate attention of the Council. This Act is a new one, and does not come into operation until the 15th July next, save as otherwise expressly provided therein. It must be remembered that as yet the membership of friendly societies in Ireland is distinctly limited, in fact their operations have been chiefly confined to England. Probably 1,000,000 persons will be insured in Ireland. At the present time it is doubtful if there are 100,000 members of Benefit Societies. In order, therefore, to avoid any difficulty in the matter of Irish insured persons joining an approved Society, and lest, owing to any such difficulty, large numbers should be forced to become Post Office contributors, the Act provides that a County Council may at any time before one year from the 15th July, 1912, submit to the Irish Insurance Commissioners a scheme for the establishment of a County Society, where having regard to the number of employed contributors, who are not members of an approved society, it may appear desirable to adopt this

course. Such Scheme may provide for the objects detailed in the letter of the County Councils General Council.

It is eminently desirable that every "employed" insurable person within the County may be offered an opportunity of participating in the superior advantages conferred by membership of an "approved society" over those enjoyed by "Deposit Contributors."

I would suggest that a Committee be appointed to draft a Scheme to be approved by the Council, and afterwards submitted to the Insurance Commissioners.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

On hearing this communication read, the Committee were unanimous in recommending—That the County Council at their meeting, to be held on Thursday next, the 18th inst., appoint a Committee to draft a Scheme for the County of Louth.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES

OF

PROCEEDINGS

OF

Louth County Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 18th April, 1912; Special Meeting, 9th May, 1912; Adjourned Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, 30th May, 1912; Special Meeting, 6th June, 1912; Annual Meeting, 13th June, 1912; and Special Meeting, on Thursday, the 20th day of June, 1912.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Held on 15th April, 29th April, 13th May, 29th May, 10th June, 24th June, 1912.

TEMPEST, PRINTER, DUNDALK.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

*Louth County Council at their First Quarterly Meeting,
Special Meeting ; and Finance Committee Meetings.*

DUNDALK :

WILLIAM TEMPEST, PRINTER AND STATIONER.
1912.

Louth County Council.

*Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council
at their First Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber
on Thursday, the 18th day of April, 1912.*

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—James Connolly, J.P.; Patrick Donegan, J.P.; L. J. Elcock, Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Joseph M. Johnson, James S. Kelly, Michael Meade, Joseph H. M'Arde, James M'Carthy, J.P.; Laurence M'Keown, Patrick O'Connell, and James Wynne, Esquires.

The minutes of the last Meetings of Council having been printed, and a copy sent to each Member, were taken as read, and were confirmed, save and except that the Chairman called the Council's attention to the fact that on the printed minutes issued to the Members of the Council the names of the delegates appointed to attend the National Convention did not appear thereon.

Mr. Finnegan explained to the Council the cause of the omission.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee on the undermentioned dates be and are hereby approved by this Council—viz., 15th January, 1912, 29th January, 1912, 12th February, 1912, 19th February, 1912, 11th March, 1912, 1st April, 1912; and 15th April, 1912; that a Committee be formed consisting of the whole Council to draft a Scheme under the Insurance Act. Meeting to be held on next Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, May 30th at 11 a.m.

On the motion of Mr. James M'Carthy, J.P.; seconded by Mr. Joseph H. M'Ardle, it was 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 and the Proposal Committee, viz. :—

Ardee,	...	Tuesday, 2nd July, 1912.
Drogheda,	...	Thursday, 11th July, 1912.
Dundalk,	...	Monday, 8th July, 1912.

The last day for lodging Notices and Applications for District Councils will be Tuesday, 11th June, 1912.

The Proposal Committee to meet on Monday, 1st July, 1912.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS.

ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr. Michael Meade,
Seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 1912, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council be and are hereby approved of.

DROGHEDA.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.,
Seconded by Mr. Laurence M'Keown, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on Thursday the 11th day of April, 1912, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

DUNDALK.

On the motion of Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P.,
Seconded by Mr. Joseph H. M'Ardle, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 8th April, 1912, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

MAKING OF RATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDING 31st MARCH, 1913.

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,
Seconded by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P., and

Resolved—That in accordance with estimate of rates for General and Separate Charges adopted by the County Council at their Meeting, held on Thursday, the 29th day of February, 1912, we hereby make rates to be levied off the County of Louth for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1913, as set out below. The rates in the £ for General and Separate Charges are :—

		LAND.	BUILDINGS.
Ardee,	...	2/3	3/7
Drogheda,	...	2/7	4/4
Dundalk,	...	3/1	4/11

The rate includes one penny in the £ under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Acts; and it is also resolved:

That the General Rates in respect of Separate Charges, as set out on Form 43, be also made by this Council, and that the Secretary be authorised in accordance with Article 78 to publish Notice of said Rates for General and Separate Charges having been made.

The Secretary laid before the Council a considerable amount of correspondence received from the School Attendance Officer for Drogheda Rural District, Mr. Thomas Kearney, whose Committee recommended an increase in his salary from £25 to £35 per annum. After very considerable discussion on the matter, it was proposed by Mr. Jas. S. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Laurence M'Keown, and resolved—That Mr. Kearney's salary be increased from £25 to £35 per annum, to begin from 1st April, 1912.

The following letter from Mr. M. Comerford, Town Clerk, Dundalk, was read by the Secretary:

18th April, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to renew my Council's application for share of the Road Board Grant, which I understand your Council agreed to give the Urban District.

I enclose copy of our former application, together with an account of the work of surface tarring done last year.

My Council hope you will aid them in obtaining this £83 7s. 6d., which is only a share of what they expended in anticipation of the grant.

Messrs. T. F. M'Gahon, J.P., Chairman of the Dundalk Urban Council, Maurice Sellars, C.E., and M. Comerford appeared before the Council in respect of the foregoing application, and the County Council unanimously decided to render all the assistance in their power in obtaining the amount mentioned in the Town Clerk's letter.

The undermentioned letter was handed by the Secretary to the Chairman, which was marked "private."

AUGHAVANAGH, AUGRIM,
Co. WICKLOW,

January 24th, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

I am directed by Mr. Redmond to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., enclosing copy of resolution passed by your Council, the contents of which he has duly noted, and which he is pleased to receive.

Yours very truly,

T. J. HANNA.

To T. F. FILGATE, Esq.

UNITED IRISH LEAGUE,
39, UPPER O'CONNELL STREET,
DUBLIN,

4th April, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to inform you that a National Convention will be held in the Round Room, Mansion House, Dublin, on Tuesday, 23rd April, for the purpose of considering the Home Rule Bill, which will be introduced in the House of Commons on Thursday, 11th April.

Your Body is entitled to be represented at the Convention, and I will ask you to kindly have your delegates elected as soon as possible, after which their names and addresses should be sent in to this office on the enclosed slip, which should be signed by you. The Cards of Admission will then be posted to the delegates who have been appointed. You will see by the enclosed scale of representation the number of delegates your Body is entitled to.

Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH DEVLIN.

The names of the following gentlemen were duly forwarded to Mr. Devlin—viz. :—

Joseph H. M'Ardle, Rampark, Dundalk.
 James M'Carthy, J.P., Newfoundwell, Drogheda.
 Peter Hughes, J.P., Castlering, Channonrock, Louth.
 Wm. A. Doran, J.P., Harristown, Ardee.
 Wm. Woods, J.P., Carlingford.
 Patrick M'Gee, Charleville, Dunleer.

On the motion of Mr. Peter Hughes, J.P., seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Council :—

“ That we the members of the Louth County Council tender to Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., the Chairman of the Irish Nationalist Party, our congratulations on the position to which he has brought the Irish cause, and his able and capable leadership of the Independent Parliamentary Party.

NOTICE OF MOTION *re* DOGS' ACT.

Proposed by Mr. L. J. Elcock,

Seconded by Mr. E. Goodman, and

Resolved—“ That the notice of motion standing in the proposer's name be now put in the form of a resolution and adopted by this Council.”

There voted for the resolution—Messrs. James Connolly, Patrick Donegan, Luke J. Elcock, Edward Goodman, Michael Meade, J. H. M'Ardle, J. M'Carthy, P. O'Connell, James Wynne—9.

Against—Messrs. J. M. Johnson, L. M'Keown—2.

The resolution was passed by a majority of 7.

Mr. Elcock's Notice of Motion is as under :—

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF LOUTH.

THE DOGS' ACT, 1906.

Regulations for the Control of Dogs between Sunset and Sunrise.

Notice is hereby given that I shall move at the next Meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 18th day of April, 1912—That the following regulations come into operation when same shall have been submitted to and confirmed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland :

1. That no dog during any of the hours between sunset and sunrise shall be allowed outside the house or adjoining premises of the owner thereof unless such dog shall be under the effectual control of and in the company of its owner or some other responsible person, so as to prevent such dog from breaking away and worrying cattle or sheep.

2. Any dog in respect of which an offence is committed against any of these regulations may be seized and treated as a stray dog under the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Dogs' Act, 1906.

Offences.—If a dog between the hours of sunset and sunrise is allowed outside the house or adjoining premises of the owner and such dog shall not be in the charge of and in the company of the owner or some other person, and shall not be under such control that such dog cannot break away or worry cattle or sheep, the owner of the dog and the person (if any) for the time being in charge thereof, and any person causing, directing or permitting such dog to be outside such house or premises shall each be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

3. These Regulations shall apply to the entire Administrative County of Louth, and shall be in force during the whole year.

Signed,

LUKE J. ELCOCK.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 9th day of May, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Luke J. Elcock, Esq.

Other Members—James Connolly, J.P.; Patrick Kearney, Edward Goodman, Patrick Byrne, J.P.; James Wynne, Joseph H. McArdle, Michael Meade, William Woods, J.P.; Joseph M. Johnson, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

The Secretary summoned the Council for the purpose of taking into consideration the undermentioned Agenda :

Secretary's Office,
Court House,
Dundalk,
4th May, 1912.

Dear Sir,

You are hereby requested to attend a Special Meeting of the County Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday next, the 9th inst., at one o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration the undermentioned business, viz. :

- (1) The formation of County Insurance Committees.
- (2) Consideration of Control of Dogs' Order received from the Department.
- (3) Correspondence.

Yours faithfully,
T. F. FILGATE, Secretary.

The following letter from the Secretary National Health Insurance Commission, Dublin, dated, 14th April, 1912, was read :

Urgent.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION.

24th April, 1912.

The Secretary,

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Formation of County Insurance Committees.

Sir,

I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland), to inform you that they propose to appoint Insurance Committees under Section 59 sub-section (1) and Section 81 sub-section (8) of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

Under Clause (b) of the Section referred to, eight members (of whom one at least shall be a member of a local sanitary authority and at least two shall be women) shall be appointed by the County Council or County Borough.

Where the Council agrees to defray any part of the cost of sanatorium benefit, under sub-section (4) of Section 81, the Commissioners may increase the membership of the County Council or County Borough on the County Committee.

I am, therefore, to request that you will be good enough to submit this question to the next meeting of your Council and forward for the information of the Insurance Commissioners the names of the members appointed by the County Council or County Borough, to represent it on the Insurance Committee.

Should the Council decide to exercise its powers under part II of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Act, 1908, the fact should be stated on the Memorandum attached hereto and the names of two additional members should be forwarded for the consideration of the Commission.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN HOULIHAN, Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Edward Goodman, seconded by Mr. James Wynne, it was resolved: That we hereby decide to adopt part II of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

It was then proposed by Mr. Wm. Woods, J.P.; seconded by Mr. James Connolly, J.P., and Resolved: That the undermentioned ladies and gentlemen be the County Insurance Committee for County Louth, viz:

Mrs C. A. Duffy, Seatown Place, Dundalk.

Mrs. McKittrick, Drogheda.

and the following gentlemen members of the County Council, viz.: Peter Hughes, J.P.; Joseph H. McArdle, Luke J. Elcock, W. T. Skeffington, J.P.; Patrick McGee, William A. Doran, J.P.; James Wynne and Edward Goodman, Esquires.

The following communication from Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen was next read by the Secretary:

WOMEN'S NATIONAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND.

VICE REGAL LODGE,

DUBLIN,

May 4th, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Council of the Women's National Health Association a resolution was passed unanimously recommending conference between the workers of the Women's National Health Association and the Local Health Authorities in Ireland with reference to the National Scheme for the suppression of Tuberculosis about to be inaugurated in connection with the National Health Insurance Act.

A large proportion of the Branches of the W.N.H.A. have taken a deep and practical interest in the anti-Tuberculosis Campaign, encouraging their members to study the question of the best means of prevention and cure of the insidious disease which is so fatal to humanity. They have used the knowledge thus gained in various ways for the benefit of patients brought under their notice, and funds have been

raised to provide suitable Institutions, to maintain specially trained Nurses, to arrange for home treatment under adequate supervision, and to supply the necessary nourishment, clothes, separate beds, suitable lodgings, etc.

Your attention has doubtless been drawn to the very interesting and important interim report just issued by the Committee on Tuberculosis appointed to advise on the most efficacious system of treatment in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and probably you will shortly be considering a scheme under which you can take advantage of the assistance provided under the Act for the treatment and ultimate extermination of Tuberculosis.

The voluntary Workers of the Women's National Health Association desire to put themselves at the disposition of the Local Health Authorities in Ireland for the carrying out of such schemes, and also for the establishment and maintenance of properly trained Nurses and Midwives who will be required in order to make the provisions of the National Health Insurance Act effective.

We therefore beg to invite you to appoint a delegate or delegates to attend a Conference, to be held on Thursday and Friday, May 23rd and 24th, in the Lecture Hall of Leinster House, by kind permission of the Royal Dublin Society.

We hope that in any case the Medical Officer of Health may be one of the delegates appointed.

We are authorised to state that the Local Government Board will regard this Conference as a Central Conference within the meaning of the I.G.B. Order governing such Conferences. An excerpt of this Order is appended.

The Agenda will be sent to the delegates later, but the subjects proposed for discussion will include the different points raised by the report of the Special Tuberculosis Committee already mentioned, and will also include Infant Mortality; consideration of the Death-rate of Women in child-birth in Ireland; the provision of qualified Nurses and Midwives; the Health of Children; the question of Food; Milk; Water; Housing and Sanitation, as all these subjects will be affected by the operations of the Insurance Act and the appointment of the County Insurance Committees.

I remain, Yours very faithfully,

ISABEL ABERDEEN.

EXCERPT FROM ORDER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD OF
13th JULY, 1894.

We, the Local Government Board for Ireland do, by this Our Order, empower the Sanitary Authorities, for the time being, of the several Urban and Rural Sanitary Districts in Ireland, to pay the reasonable expenses incurred by any member or members or by the clerk in attending any such conference or meeting as is mentioned in the said section 2, and any reasonable expenses incurred in purchasing reports of the proceedings of any such conference or meeting, subject to the following regulations :—

- (1) The expenses incurred in attending a conference or meeting shall only be paid in respect of attendance at a central conference or meeting open to representatives of all Sanitary Authorities, or at a conference or meeting convened for an area including the Sanitary District from which the persons attending as representatives are sent and held at a place distant not more than one hundred miles from such Sanitary District.
- (2) The attendance at any conference or meeting of a member or members of, or of the clerk to, the Sanitary Authority of any such Sanitary District shall be *expressly authorised by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Sanitary Authority of such Sanitary District—a written or printed notice that the proposal is to be considered at that meeting having been sent, by post or otherwise, to each member of the Sanitary Authority concerned not less than four days prior to the date of such meeting ; and where the attendance of more than one member is authorised, the number of members authorised to attend shall be specified in the resolution.*
- (3) In the case of a *central conference or meeting open to the representatives of all Sanitary Authorities only one member shall be authorised to attend from a Sanitary District which is situated at a distance of more than fifty miles from the place at which such conference or meeting may be held.*

- (4) The number of copies which may be purchased by the Sanitary Authority of any Sanitary District of the report of a central conference or meeting, or of any conference or meeting for an area including the Sanitary District of such Sanitary Authority, shall be such as the Sanitary Authority of the Sanitary District may, by resolution, determine.

Proposed by Mr. Joseph M. Johnson,
Seconded by Mr. James Wynne, and

Resolved—That Messrs. Patrick Byrne, J.P., and Dr. Peter O'Connell, M.D., be appointed delegates from this Council to attend the conference, to be held on Thursday and Friday, May 23rd and 24th, in the Lecture Hall of Leinster House, Dublin, and further, that the necessary expenses incurred by the delegates now appointed to and from Dublin be defrayed by the County Council, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board.

The Council next proceeded to the next item on the Agenda paper—viz. :—Consideration of Control of Dogs' Order as received from the Department, and on the motion of Mr. Luke J. Elcock, seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, it was resolved :

“ That we hereby decide to put the Control of Dogs' Order in force in the County of Louth—i.e., Regulations for the Control of Dogs between Sunset and Sunrise, which was adopted by the County Council at their meeting, held on Thursday, 18th day of April, 1912, and that these Regulations come into force on the 1st July next.”

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council, at their (First) Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk Courthouse, on Thursday, the 30th day of May, 1912.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other members—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; Joseph Dolan, Wm. A. Doran, J.P.; Patrick Donegan, J.P.; Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Patrick Kearney, James S. Kelly, Michael Meade, James M'Carthy, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, J.P.; Denis J. Rath, Peter Woods, J.P., and James Wynne, Esquires.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

At the 2nd Quarterly Meeting, May, 1912.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

(I.) The Proposal No. 1, Drogheda, for the construction of 576 perches of new road through Castlelumley, was passed provisionally last quarter, and now comes up for final consideration. Practically half the road is made already, and the remaining half is to be metalled only twelve feet wide—still the sum allowed, £150, is very small.

(II.) As to No. 1, Dundalk, the footpath along the Newry Road, from Mr. Rice's stores, near Lisdoon, to the New Cemetery, is 204 perches in length nearly, of which about 52 perches are situated in the Urban District, and 152 perches in the Rural District of Dundalk. If this footpath is to be repaired, the usual and legal course is that each Council should repair its own portion of the footpath, quite independently of the other Council. In July next the Rural Council can formulate a Proposal, and set a Contract, to repair their 152 perches, and then there may possibly be a year or two to wait before the Urban Council find it convenient to repair their 52 perches. It seems that the Urban Council now intend to complete their own 52 perches, and 25 perches in the Rural District at an indefinite cost, with a contribution of £50 from the Rural District. But a Council cannot get rid of its legal

obligations to the public, by paying over a sum of money to another Council. Joint works are carried out by a Joint Board, armed with special legal powers, as in the case of the New Cemetery. I beg to recommend that this Proposal be rejected, and that, if required, a new Proposal be formulated in June and July next, for the Rural District only, to extend over two or three years if thought convenient.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P. J. LYNAM, Co. Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr. Edward Goodman, seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., it was resolved—"That the report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on the Schedule of Proposals, for the 30th of May, 1912, be and is hereby adopted by this Council, and that part No. 2 of this Report be referred to the Local Government Board, *re* the arrangement between the Urban and the Rural District Councils of Dundalk, respecting the footpath to St. Patrick's Cemetery."

In accordance with the advertisement issued by the Secretary, the Council next proceeded to consider Tenders for the undermentioned works, which were not set by contract at adjourned meeting of the Rural District Council. They are as under:—

WORKS.

Tenders for the following Works will be considered by the County Council, as per advertisement, &c.

COUNTY AT LARGE.

(1) To keep the County Court in repair to 31st March, 1912, not to exceed £30.

DROGHEDA DISTRICT.

(1) To make 576 perches of new road, Castlelumney and Rathdaniel, from Peter Mathew's house on Drogheda Road, to Richard Campbell's house on the Collon Road. Not to exceed £150.

(4) To repair the gullot at Slate Row Cross, on the road from Termonfeekin to Castlecoe, not to exceed £4.

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

(8) To make a new gullet on the road from Dundalk to Forkhill, between the turn to Roskeagh and Kilcurry Post Office. Not to exceed £4.

(10) To repair the sea wall at Blackrock, between Miss Ferguson's land and the men's bathing place. Not to exceed £35.

On consideration of Tenders for these Works, the Council duly accepted the lowest in each case, save and except that of a contractor named Roe, who informed the Chairman that the sureties named in his Tender were not present, and in consequence of this the next lowest Tender was accepted, that of Joseph McConnon, Newrath, for the sum of £33 10s. 0d. Roe's Tender was for £29 17s. 6d.

Confirmation of Works formulated by Rural District Council.

ARDEE WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. W. A. Doran, J.P.,
Seconded by Mr. Patrick Meade, and

Resolved—"That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of April, 1912, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of—and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into."

DROGHEDA WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. James M'Carthy, J.P.,
Seconded by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P., and

Resolved—"That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Quarterly Meeting held on Thursday, the 9th day of May, 1912, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into."

DUNDALK WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Kearney, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at the Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1912, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council be and are hereby approved of. And we now authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts entered into.

The Secretary then submitted Form 22, containing County at Large Payments, a printed copy of which had been furnished to each member of the Council, and after due consideration payment of same was duly authorised by the Council.

The following series of resolutions were then passed by the Council—viz. :—

On the motion of Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Joseph Dolan, it was resolved—

"That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, held on the 29th May last be and are hereby adopted by this Council."

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. James S. Kelly, J.P., and

Resolved—"That we hereby authorise our Secretary to discharge all Malicious Injury Claims against the County Council after our meeting held this day, and that the County Treasurer be notified to this effect."

The Secretary brought the undermentioned letter before the Council, which he explained was overlooked at last meeting of the Council, and after consideration the application was refused.

The undermentioned application from the Court Keeper, Mr. T. Murray, was next read :—

THE COURTHOUSE,
DUNDALK,
11th March, 1912.

Mr. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I respectfully beg to apply for some remuneration for the extra work imposed on me through the Revision, which lasted a fortnight last year, and for which work there was no extra pay ; also the preparation of the two Courts for Petty Sessions every week now, instead of one as heretofore. The Courts have to be heated every Friday during the winter months, which work I do.

I understand you have no power to increase my salary, which is only £10 per annum, but my predecessor had £10 a year for extra work, and had not nearly as much work to do as I have, and now that matters have considerably changed since then, might I respectfully ask that you will grant me a similar sum to what my predecessor enjoyed. I am now nearly six years in the Courthouse, and trust I have carried out the duties of same to your entire satisfaction.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. MURRAY, *Court-keeper.*

The Committee referred the further consideration of this letter to the next meeting of the County Council.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT.

On the motion of Mr. Wm. A Doran, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. James S. Kelly, it was resolved—

“ That we hereby appoint a Committee of the whole Council to draft a Scheme under the National Insurance Act, 1911.”

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, and resolved—

“ That we hereby resolve ourselves into a County Society, and that a Committee be formed to draft a Scheme, to be submitted to the Irish Insurance Commissioners, for the establishment of a County of Louth Society under the provisions of the National Insurance Act, 1911.”

The Secretary then read the following letter from Mr. M. Comerford, Town Clerk, Dundalk :

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,

TOWN HALL, DUNDALK,

29th day of May, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

I am directed to request that you will kindly lay before your Council at their meeting to-morrow my Council's application for a share of the Road Board Grant for the current year, as follows, viz. :—

£50 os. od. for surface tarring 12,000 square yards of the roads within the Road Board Scheme.

My Council desire to have the necessary resolution passed and recorded at the meeting, and since your Council is the Administration Body for this Grant, my Council wish to be informed of the necessary steps to be taken by them to obtain this Grant.

Yours truly,

M. COMERFORD, *Town Clerk.*

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Peter Woods, J.P., and

Resolved—“ That we hereby apply to the Road Board for the Grant to which Dundalk Urban District is justly entitled to.”

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 6th day of June, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Edward Goodman, M. O'Meara, J.P. ; James Wynne, Wm. A. Doran, J.P. ; J. F. Murphy, J.P. ; Bernard Hamill, J.P. ; James Halpenny, Patrick Kearney, Patrick M'Gee, and J. H. M'Ardle, Esquires.

The Council were summoned for the purpose of taking into consideration the following Agenda :—

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK.

1st June, 1912.

SIR,

I have been authorised to summon a Special Meeting of the County Council for Thursday next, the 6th day of June, 1912, at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of taking into consideration the undermentioned business :—

First—Application of Collector Patrick Hughes, to be relieved of the Electoral Division of Ballymascanlon and Faughart, and to retain the Electoral Division of Dundalk Rural.

Second—Correspondence, and any other business that may be brought forward.

When the foregoing business has been transacted, the County Committee are then requested to meet for the purpose of taking into consideration :

“The Drafting of a Scheme under the National Insurance Act, 1911.”

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. F. FILGATE, *Secretary.*

The undermentioned letter from Mr. Patrick Hughes, Poor Rate Collector, was taken into consideration :—

PARK STREET,
DUNDALK,
4/5/12.

GENTLEMEN,

I am in receipt of a copy of a letter of the Local Government Board dated 14th ultimo, relating to my non-closing collection on 31st March last.

In reply, I beg to state that ever since my appointment I have found it impossible to collect the total amount of recoverable rates in my warrant on the date fixed by the Local Government Board without resorting to extreme measures against many respectable ratepayers, who, if given a little extratime, would discharge their obligations honourably. However, subject to your approval, I shall relinquish the Electoral Divisions of Ballymascanlon and Faughart and retain Dundalk Rural, which with my duties as Collector Dundalk Urban I shall be able to discharge in a manner that will give no cause of complaint.

Trusting you will give my proposal your favourable consideration, and thanking you for past kindness,

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK HUGHES.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen Louth County Council.

The Council, having given due consideration to the foregoing letter, were unanimous in passing the following resolution :—

Proposed by Mr. B. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. P. Kearney, and

Resolved—That in compliance with the request contained in the letter of Mr. Patrick Hughes we hereby relieve him of

the Electoral Divisions of Ballymascanlon and Faughart, and allow him to retain Dundalk Rural Electoral Division, and that we advertise for a Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Ballymascanlon and Faughart, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

PETER HUGHES, *Chairman.*

T. F. FILGATE, *Secretary.*

6th day of June, 1912.

Having transacted the foregoing business the County Committee then met and discussed with the Council's Solicitor, Mr. D. O'Connell, the provisions of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Annual Meeting, held in the Court House, Drogheda, on Thursday, the 13th day of June, 1912, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Wm. A. Doran, J.P. ; T. J. Byrne, J.P. ; Patrick Byrne, J.P. ; Patrick Callan, Joseph Dolan, Luke J. Elcock, Edward Goodman, James Halpenny, Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick Kearney, James S. Kelly, Thomas Maguire, Michael Meade, James M'Carthy, J.P. ; Patrick M'Gee, Laurence M'Keown, J. F. Murphy, J.P. ; Patrick O'Connell, Denis J. Rath, Wm. T. Skeffington, J.P., and James Wynne, Esquires.

On the motion of Mr. Edward Goodman,

Seconded by Mr. T. J. Byrne, J.P., it was resolved—

“That Mr. James M'Carthy, J.P., do take the chair.

The Council next proceeded to the election of Chairman and Vice-chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year.

On the motion of Mr. T. J. Byrne, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Luke J. Elcock, it was unanimously resolved—

“That we hereby elect Mr. Peter Hughes, J.P., of Castlering, Dundalk, Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Kearney,

Seconded by Mr. Joseph Dolan, and unanimously resolved

“That we hereby elect Mr. William A. Doran, of Harristown, Ardee, Vice-chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing year.”

The following communication from the Local Government Board was then read by the Secretary :—

No. 30,420, 1912, LOUTH COUNTY.

11th June, 1912.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant relative to the proposal of the Louth County Council to re-arrange the Collection District of Collector Patrick Hughes, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they now agree to Mr. Hughes retaining the Dundalk Electoral Division as his Collection District.

The Board consider that it might have been more desirable to merge the remaining District Electoral Divisions in the adjacent Collection Districts ; but they will not object to their being treated as a separate Collection District for the current year, at the end of which period the arrangement will be reconsidered.

A list of queries (in duplicate) respecting the person who may be appointed as Collector for the new Collection District is enclosed herewith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS, *Secretary.*

The Secretary then submitted the following statement for the consideration of the Council :

Statement showing the remuneration to be paid to Mr. Patk. Hughes in future for the Collection of the Electoral Divisions of Dundalk Rural, and for the person who shall be appointed to collect the Electoral Divisions of Ballymascanlon and Faughart.

The present salary paid Mr. Hughes for the three Electoral Divisions is £86 2s. 6d.

Valuation of Electoral Divisions—

Ballymascanlon	..	£5705.
Faughart,	..	4410.
Dundalk Rural,	..	9990.

Total valuation, .. £20,105

DUNDALK RURAL,

As 20,105 : 9990 86 2 6. Result—£42 15s. 10d.

BALLYMASCANLON and FAUGHART.

As 20,105 : 10,115 86 2 6. Result—£43 6s. 8d.

After the consideration of the foregoing statement the Council were unanimous in passing the following resolution :

Proposed by Mr. Edward Goodman,

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

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our Secretary to advertise for a Poor Rate Collector in room of Mr. Patrick Hughes, resigned, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballymascanlon and Faughart, for the current financial year expiring on the 31st March, 1913, at the remuneration of £43 6s. 8d. together with the usual fees under the Franchise and Jurors' Acts.

PETER HUGHES, *Chairman.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, as under :

WEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL SEEDS (Ireland) ACT, 1909.

8th June, 1912.

SIR,

I have to acquaint you that the Department propose to commence the work of inspection under the above Act in your County at an early date. In this connection I have to express

the hope that your Council will assist the Department in this matter as far as possible, by taking steps to assure that all roads and lands in their control should be kept clear of harmful weeds.

The Department feel that the co-operation of your Council in this way will be appreciably reduce any difficulty which may be experienced in inducing farmers and other occupiers to keep their lands freed, and that the useful purposes for which the Act was passed will be thereby greatly promoted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL, *Secretary.*

Letter from Sister Clare Redman, Drogheda Industrial School, as follows :—

June 11th, 1912.

SIR,

We propose to transfer William Bolton (990) to the Kiltybegs Industrial Schools, as he is now of an age for transfer. Will you kindly send by return a note to show that you have consented to this arrangement.

Yours truly,

SISTER CLARE REDMAN, *Mgr.*

The Council unanimously complied with the request contained in the foregoing letter.

Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 11th June, 1912, as under :—

SIR,

With reference to you letter of the 13th ultimo relative to the proposal of the Louth County Council to refund rates paid by the County Louth Archaeological Society, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that in other cases they have expressed the view that rates when once paid cannot be refunded, and they cannot discover any reason which would justify the exemption of the present case from the operation of this rule.

I am, &c.,

A. R. BARIAS, *Secretary.*

Secretary, Louth County Council.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 20th day of June, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Patrick Byrne, J.P. ; James Connolly, J.P. ; Joseph Dolan, Edward Goodman, James Halpenny, Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick Kearney, Thomas Maguire, Michael M'Cabe, Joseph H. M'Ardle, James M'Carthy, J.P. ; Patrick M'Gee, Laurence M'Keown, John F. Murphy, J.P. ; Patrick O'Connell, and William Woods, J.P., Esquires.

In accordance with the advertisement issued by the Secretary, the Council proceeded to elect a Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Ballymascanlon and Faughart, in room of Mr. Patrick Hughes resigned.

Applications for the appointment from the following persons were then considered by the Council, viz. :—

James V. Johnston, Bellurgan ; Matthew Quinn, Castle-town Road, Dundalk ; Matthew M'Gahon, Coolcreedan, Louth ; James Murphy, Redcow ; Robert M'Loughlin, Scarlet Street, Drogheda.

The Chairman adopted the usual course in the appointment of one of the above candidates, by taking a vote of the Council as between them, and the following was the result of the voting :—

For Johnston—Messrs. P. Byrne, J.P. ; Jas. Connolly, J.P. ; Joseph Dolan, Edward Goodman, James Halpenny, Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick Kearney, Thomas Maguire, Joseph H. M'Ardle, James M'Carthy, J.P. ; Patrick M'Gee, Laurence M'Keown, and William Woods, J.P.—13.

For M'Gahon—Messrs. Peter Hughes, J.P. ; Michael Meade, and John Francis Murphy, J.P.—3.

For Quinn—Patrick O'Connell.—1.

No votes having been cast for the other candidates, the Chairman duly declared that Mr. James V. Johnston was elected Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Division of Ballymascanlon and Faughart.

The following resolution respecting Mr. Johnston's appointment was then passed by the Council —

Proposed by Mr. Edward Goodman,

Seconded by Mr. Joseph Dolan, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. James V. Johnston, Dundalk, Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Division of Ballymascanlon and Faughart on the same conditions and terms as contained in the advertisement issued by the Secretary.

Respecting the appointment, the Secretary read the following communication from the Local Government Board :—

11th June, 1912.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant relative to the proposal of the Louth County Council to re-arrange the Collection District of Collector Patrick Hughes, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they now agree to Mr. Hughes retaining the Dundalk Rural District Electoral Division as his Collection District. The Board consider that it might have been more desirable to merge the remaining District Electoral Divisions in the adjacent Collection Districts, but they will not object to their being treated as a separate Collection District for the current year, at the end of which period the arrangement will be re-considered.

A list of queries (in duplicate) respecting the person who may be appointed as Collector for the new Collection District is enclosed herewith.

I am, &c.,

A. R. BARLAS, *Secretary.*

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1912.

Subsequently the following resolution under the above Act was passed by the Council :—

Proposed by Mr. John F. Murphy,

Seconded by Mr. William Woods, and

Resolved—That the draft Scheme, settled by a Committee of the entire Council, for the establishment of a County of Louth Society under the National Insurance Act, 1911, be approved, and be forthwith submitted to the Irish Insurance Commissioners for their approval.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council, at their Special Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 1st day of July, 1912, at 1 o'clock p.m.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Edward Goodman, Patrick O'Connell, James Wynne, Patrick Byrne, J.P. ; James Connolly, J.P. ; Joseph H. M'Ardle, B. Hamill, J.P. ; and Peter Woods, J.P., Esquires.

The following communication from the Local Government Board was read by the Secretary :—

28th June, 1912.

SIR,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 20th instant, relative to the proposed appointment of Mr. J. V. Johnston as Collector of Poor Rate for the Collection District consisting of the District Electoral Divisions of Ballymascanlon and Faughart, and with reference thereto, they direct me to state that they observe the scale of remuneration of the Collector has not been inserted in the query forms (returned herewith). The Board are of opinion that in the case of this appointment the Collector should be paid by poundage, and not by an annual salary, and they would be glad to learn what rate of poundage the County Council would propose.

I am at the same time to point out that the remuneration of Collector Hughes in respect of the District which he has been allowed to retain has not been approved, and they consider that in his case also payment by poundage should be adopted, as long experience satisfies them that this method of payment provides an incentive to expeditions collection.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN, *Assistant Secretary.*

After due consideration of the foregoing letter the Council were unanimous in passing the undermentioned resolution :

Proposed by Mr. Peter Hughes, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That with reference to the letter of the Local Government Board, dated 28th June, 1912, we are of the opinion that the arrangement made by the County Council at the meeting held on the 13th ultimo respecting the annual salaries to be paid Messrs. Patrick Hughes and James V. Johnston are on the same basis as the other Collectors, and in our opinion fair and equitable.

On further consideration of the provisions of the National Insurance Act, 1911, and the following letter, the Council passed the undermentioned resolutions.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION (Ireland).

25th June, 1912.

SIR,

I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to state for the information of the Louth County Council that they have had under consideration the general question of the establishment of county societies for the purposes of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

The Commission have already decided that they could not allow more than one-fourth of the total number of members of the Committee of Management of such a society to be elected by a County Council. It has, however, been represented to the Commission by a deputation from the General Council of County Councils that County Councils generally did not regard this proportion as affording to them from their point of view adequate representation on the Committees of Management, and the Commission will in the circumstances be prepared to allow, subject to certain conditions, a larger proportion of the members of such committees to be elected by County Councils.

It will be observed that under Section 81 (7) (b) (vi.) of the Act, a scheme for the establishment of a County Society may provide for the reduction of benefits below the minimum rates fixed by Part I. The intention of the Legislature in granting this special privilege to county societies was that such societies might be enabled to admit to membership, without financial risk, persons who though not quite up to the normal standard of health could not be regarded as actually unhealthy lives, and who would otherwise have to become deposit contributors owing to the unwillingness which might be felt by ordinary approved societies, bound to pay the normal benefits prescribed by the Act, to admit such persons as members.

The Commission propose to have tables of reduced benefits to be paid in respect of such persons prepared by their Actuary, and if the County Council will agree to the principle of having such reduced benefits incorporated in their scheme, the Commission will allow the County Council to elect one-third of the members of the Committee of Management of the county society. It is to be borne in mind that the provision of reduced benefits of this nature will not preclude the county society from paying the ordinary benefits to those members whose state of health on admission shall be considered satisfactory.

As the preparation of the tables referred to will necessarily involve some delay, and as it is proposed to issue a further list of approved societies early next week, the Commission suggest that if the County Council decides to provide reduced benefits, the following rule should be inserted in the scheme and the necessary changes made therein with regard to the respective number of the members of the Committee of Management to be elected by the Council and by the members of the society :—

“The society will accept and comply with any scheme or schemes giving effect to Section 81 (7) (b) (vi. and vii.) of the Act which may be submitted by the County Council and approved by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland), and on such approval being given the aforesaid scheme or schemes shall be deemed to be incorporated in these rules, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish every member affected by such scheme or schemes with information regarding same.”

In the event of the Council adopting a scheme of reduced benefits it will be desirable to incorporate in the form of application for membership some further questions, details of which will be embodied in the scheme to be prepared by the Commission. It will be necessary for each county society to make its own arrangements with regard to the medical examination of applicants coming under the scheme of reduced benefits, but the acceptance of normal lives will be unaffected. The tables of benefits will be drawn up in such a manner as to ensure actuarially that any expenses falling upon the society in connection with the medical examinations referred to shall not entail any loss to the funds.

I am to add that if it is desired that the Louth County Society should be included in the next list of approved societies, it is essential that the Commission should be furnished by Saturday next at latest with the decision of the County Council and the scheme drafted in accordance with such decision, should also be received in this Department by that date.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN HOULIHAN, *Secretary.*

The Secretary County Council.

Proposed by Mr. B. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. E. Goodman, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint all the members of the County Council to constitute the Provisional County Society under the National Insurance Act, 1911, until the election of the Committee of Management under the Rules. Five members to form a quorum.

Proposed by Mr. P. O'Connell,

Seconded by Mr. William Woods, and

Resolved—That the reduction of benefits below the minimum rates fixed by Section 81 (7) (b) (vi.) of the National Insurance Act, 1911, be not adopted under the scheme for formation of a County Society.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 15th day of April, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—James Connolly, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—James Wynne, Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, and Joseph H. M'Ardle, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for Works in Charge of the County Surveyor and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

These accounts amount to £76 19s. od.

The following correspondence was then read :—

FRANCIS STREET,

DUNDALK,

15th April, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

I duly received your letter of 1st instant enclosing letters received from the Irish County Councils General Council with draft scheme of the County Dublin County Council for the establishment of a County of Louth Society under the Act.

With reference to the establishment of a County Society under Section 81 (7) of the Act, I am of opinion that it is a matter that should receive the immediate attention of the Council. The Act is a new one and does not come into operation until the 15th July next, save as otherwise expressly

provided therein. It must be remembered that as yet the membership of Friendly Societies in Ireland is distinctly limited; in fact, their operations have been chiefly confined to England. Probably 1,000,000 persons will be insured in Ireland. At the present time it is doubtful if there are 100,000 members of benefit societies. In order, therefore, to avoid any difficulty in the matter of Irish insured persons joining an approved society, and lest, owing to any such difficulty, large numbers should be forced to become Post Office Contributors, the Act provides that a County Council may at any time before one year from the 15th July, 1912, submit to the Irish Insurance Commissioners a scheme for the establishment of a County Society, where, having regard to the number of employed contributors who are not members of an approved society, it may appear desirable to adopt this course. Such Scheme may provide for the objects detailed in the letter of the County Councils General Council.

It is eminently desirable that every "employed" insurable person within the County may be afforded an opportunity of participating in the superior advantages conferred by membership of an approved society over those enjoyed by Deposit Contributors.

I would suggest that a Committee be appointed to draft a Scheme to be approved by the Council, and afterwards submitted to the Insurance Commissioners.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

On hearing this communication read the Committee were unanimous in recommending—"That the County Council at their meeting, to be held on Thursday next, the 18th inst., appoint a Committee to draft a Scheme for the County of Louth."

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 29th day of April, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Edward Goodman, C. A. Duffy, J.P.; Patrick Byrne, J.P.; Wm. Woods, J.P.; Bernard Hamill, J.P.; John F. Murphy, J.P.; Patrick Kearney, Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick O'Connell, Michael Meade, and Jas. Wynne, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for Works in Charge of the County Surveyor and those in respect of his own office, which, on examination, were duly passed by the Committee. The Committee also examined County-at-Large Payments in respect of the quarter ended 31st March, 1912, which were recommended for payment at the next meeting of the County Council. Among these latter payments was Taxed Bill of Costs from the Council's Solicitor, Mr. Daniel O'Connell, which the Committee recommended to be discharged at next meeting of the County Council.

The next item on the Agenda was the consideration of the undermentioned letter from the Local Government Board :

L.G. BOARD, DUBLIN,

16th April, 1912.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state for the information of the Louth County Council that the Board have had before them your letter of the 1st instant, in which you state that all the Collectors in the County had closed their collections on the 30th ultimo, with the exception of Collector Hughes, in whose district the large sum of £619 4s. 6d. was outstanding at the close of the half-year.

The County Council are doubtless aware that Collector Hughes is also Poor Rate Collector under the Dundalk Urban District Council and closed his collection in that town within the prescribed time.

It is therefore evident that Collector Hughes is unable to properly discharge his duties under the two Councils, as while he closed his collection in Dundalk Urban District, he has been negligent in the discharge of his duties as regards the County collection.

The County Council should, therefore, request him to forthwith close his collection, and at the same time to inform him that he must resign his position as a County Poor Rate Collector or cease to act in Dundalk Urban District, and that unless he undertakes to do this, measures will be taken to compel him to do so.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN, *Assistant Secretary.*

The Secretary then submitted the following statement, showing the state of Mr. Hughes' collection up to date:—

HALF-YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1912.

Amount of Warrant—£2056 3s. 7d.

Lodgments — No. 1.	£70	13	0
„ 2.	56	10	0
„ 3.	57	10	0
„ 4.	101	8	3
„ 5.	231	9	10
„ 6.	320	4	9
„ 7.	599	3	3
			£1436 19 1

Amount outstanding—£619 4s. 6d.

The Secretary then informed the Committee that Collector Hughes had this day lodged the sum of £261 6s. 8d., leaving a sum of £357 17s. 10d. to complete the amount of his Warrant.

Accordingly the Secretary addressed the following reply to the letter of the Local Government Board:—

29th April, 1912.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant (No. 17,557: 1912), which I duly submitted to a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day.

Respecting the last paragraph contained in your letter, the Committee decided to make no recommendation on the matter until Collector Hughes has closed his collection.

Mr. Hughes, who appeared before the Committee, gave a specific promise that the amount outstanding, viz.:—£357 17s. 10d. would be lodged by him on or before Saturday next, the 4th May, without fail. When this has been done by Mr. Hughes I shall address a further letter to the Board on the subject matter of your last communication.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. F. FILGATE, *Secretary.*

In connection with the foregoing matter the following was also read by the Secretary:—

WESTMORELAND STREET,

DUBLIN,

27th April, 1912.

Re F. G. BOND 1056—PATRICK HUGHES.

DEAR SIR,

We are in receipt of your favour of the 26th instant in the above connection, and are obliged for your advices.

We shall be glad to learn the amount now outstanding on foot of the Collector's Warrant for the half-year ended 31st ult., and also the entire amount of the Warrant for the year.

Yours faithfully,

SYDNEY L. FRY,

Local Manager.

The Secretary sent the following reply to this letter of the Insurance Company :—

29th April, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

I am in receipt of your favour of the 27th inst., which I duly submitted to a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day. For your information I herewith append a statement showing the state of Collector Hughes' Collection up to this day.

I submitted a similar statement to the Finance Committee this day, at which Mr. Hughes was present, and, in reply to questions put to him by the Chairman, he gave the Committee a specific undertaking that the amount outstanding, viz. :—£357 17s. 10d.—would be lodged to the credit of the Council on or before Saturday next, the 4th May, 1912.

Yours faithfully,

T. F. FILGATE, *Secretary.*

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1912.

In connection with the above the Secretary read the following correspondence :—

DUBLIN,

24th April, 1912.

FORMATION OF COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEES.

SIR,

I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to inform you that they propose to appoint Insurance Committees under Section 59 Sub-section (1), and Section 81 Sub-section (8) of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

Under Clause (b) of the Sub-section referred to, eight members (of whom at least one should be a member of a Local Sanitary Authority, and at least two should be women) shall be appointed by the County Council or County Borough.

Where the Council agrees to defray any part of the cost of Sanatorium benefit under Sub section (14) of Section 81,

the Commissioners may increase the Membership of the County Council or County Borough on the County Committee.

I am, therefore, to request that you will be good enough to submit this question to the next meeting of your Council, and forward for the information of the Insurance Commissioners the names of the members appointed by the County Council or County Borough to represent it on the Insurance Committee.

Should the Council decide to exercise its powers under Part II. of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Act, 1908, the fact should be stated on the Memorandum attached hereto, and the names of two additional members should be forwarded for the consideration of the Commission.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN HOULIHAN, *Secretary.*

The Committee authorised the Secretary to summon a Special Meeting of the County Council for Thursday the 9th May, for the purpose of taking into consideration the formation of County Insurance Committees, &c.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 13th May, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.. (Subsequently C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.)

Other Members—Edward Goodman, James Wynne, Patrick Byrne, J.P. ; William Woods, J.P. ; Patrick O'Connell, and William A. Doran, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for Works in charge of his own office and those of the County Surveyor, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. The Treasurer's authorities amounted to £40 11s. od. and £16 respectively.

CORRESPONDENCE :

The following letter from Mr. Harry G. Tempest, for the Hon. Sec. County Louth Archæological Society, was then read by the Secretary :—

DUNDALK,

April 23rd, 1912.

DEAR MR. FILGATE,

During the last year the Archæological Society here paid Rates to the County Council amounting in all to £5 13s. 9d. on "Dun Dealgan," which place has been all that time practically public property as a National Monument and Museum. We have spent as much money as we have been able to collect on it, and intend, if we are able, to lay out more in making it a worthy memorial of ancient Ireland and of the County Louth.

As you are aware, there has not been, and will not be any profit made out of it, and as the property has now been formally exempted from rates, the Society wish to petition for the refund to them of the amount already paid before steps could be taken to obtain exemption.

I should be obliged if you would kindly bring this matter before the Finance Committee at their next meeting, and I am sure that we may count on their acceding to our request.

Yours, &c.,

HARRY G. TEMPEST.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the sum of £5 13s. 9d. be refunded to the County Louth Archæological Society, provided the Local Government Board gave their sanction to this course.

The following letter from the Secretary, Irish Automobile Club, Dawson Street, Dublin, was then read :—

3rd May, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

The Committee of this Club has had under consideration the fact that certain Councils in this country has made no application to the Road Board for a Grant out of the monies contributed by Motorists for taxes in aid of the improvement of roads.

As it appears that no such application has been made from Co. Louth, I am instructed to ask you to be good enough to inform me whether any additional steam rolling is intended to be done in your County during the present year.

You are, of course, aware that it is optional that motorists should pay their annual license and also register their cars in any County, and it is felt that those Counties which are prepared to take steps to improve their roads should be supported. The Committee are, however, reluctant to give any advice to motorists on the subject, realizing that non-payment of their license duties in particular Counties in addition to registering their cars elsewhere would be a considerable loss to such Counties, while their abstention from visiting any particular Counties would be a loss to the Hotel-keepers in these districts.

Under the circumstances, I trust you will be good enough to let me hear from you all the information which I have asked.

Yours faithfully,

H. S. CHAYTOR, *Secretary.*

The Committee then directed the Secretary to send the following reply to the Secretary of the Automobile Club :—

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

13th May, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

I submitted your letter of the 3rd instant to a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, and, in reply thereto, the Committee direct me to state for the information of the Automobile Club, that the Dundalk Urban Council have expended a sum of £83 in respect of tarring and surface repairs on their roads, while in the Rural Districts of the County the County Council have two steam rollers at work for a considerable time past, and will continue to work all year.

Yours faithfully,

T. F. FILGATE, *Secretary.*

To The Secretary the Irish Automobile Club, Dublin.

Letter from Patrick Hodgins, Harbour Constable at Clogher Head, as under :

May 10, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to state that Mr. Geoghegan has not paid for the sheds for last quarter yet, also a man named Ferguson refuses to pay dues. Kindly tell me how I am to deal with him.

I am, &c.,

PATRICK HODGINS.

The Committee referred this letter to the Council's Solicitor.

The following letter from the Clerk of the Dundalk Rural District Council was next read by the Secretary :—

May 9th, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

By direction of the Dundalk Rural District Council I send you herewith to be laid before the County Council a letter received from Sir C. A. Cameron, M.D., County Analyst, in reply to an application of the District Council to examine and

report on samples of waters recently sent him from this District. Heretofore this work was discharged by the County Analyst free of charge ; now he claims £1 11s. 6d. per sample reported on.

Kindly inform me if the terms governing Sir C. Cameron's appointment cover the examination of water sent him from Public Health Authorities in this County.

Yours faithfully,

P. R. FINEGAN,

Clerk of the Council.

Sir C. A. Cameron's letter :

DUBLIN,

2nd April, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

Pathological and Bacteriological examination are no parts of my duty as Public Analyst. Under the provisions of the Tuberculosis Prevention Act (Ireland) County Councils are empowered to appoint Bacteriologists.

Faithfully yours,

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

The Committee also referred this letter to the Council's Solicitor.

The following letter from Collector Patrick Hughes was then submitted for the Committee's consideration :—

PARK-ST., DUNDALK.

4/5/12.

GENTLEMEN,

I am in receipt of copy of the Local Government Board, dated 14th ultimo, relating to my non-closing collection on the 31st March last.

In reply, I beg to say that ever since my appointment I have found it impossible to collect the total amount of recoverable rates in my Warrant on the dates fixed by the Local Government Board, without resorting to extreme measures against many respectable ratepayers, who, if given a little extra time, would discharge their obligations honourably. However, subject to your approval, I shall relinquish

the Electoral Divisions of Ballymascanlon and Faughart, and retain Dundalk Rural, which, with my duties as Collector Dundalk Urban, I shall be able to discharge in a manner that will give no cause of complaint.

Trusting you will give my proposal your favourable consideration and thanking you for past kindness,

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK HUGHES.

The Committee directed the Secretary to send the following reply to the letter of the Local Government Board :—

13th May, 1912.

SIR,

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject I herewith enclose copy of a letter received from Collector Hughes, which I duly submitted to a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, and they unanimously recommended that the Local Government Board accede to his request—i.e., to relieve him of the Electoral Divisions of Ballymascanlon and Faughart, and allow him to retain the Electoral Division of Dundalk Rural. The sum of £137 9s. 7d. still outstanding is of course represented by his irrecoverable and uncollectible arrear lists, which in course will be duly forwarded to the Local Government Board.

I am, &c.,

T. F. FILGATE,

Secretary County Council.

The Secretary was authorised to instruct the Council's Solicitor to institute legal proceedings against those persons who failed to pay the License Duties for Motor Cars.

Finally, the Committee were unanimous in recommending the appointment of the present four Dipping Superintendents (Sheep Dipping Order, 1906) as employed by the County Council in previous years.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Wednesday, 29th day of May, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Michael O'Meara, Esq., J.P.

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

The Secretary submitted accounts for Works in charge of the County Surveyor and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. These payments amounted in all to the sum of £44 8s. 9d.

The Secretary then submitted the Collectors' irrecoverable arrears in respect of the Half-year ended 31st March last, which the Committee also recommended payment, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter from the Local Government Board, dated 23rd May, 1912 (No. 25,714) was read by the Secretary :—

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 13th instant relative to the proposed re-arrangement of the Collection District of Mr. Hughes, Poor Rate Collector in County Louth, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that on learning that the Collector has lodged the balance of his Warrant for the past year, the Board will be prepared to entertain this proposal. Any sums found to be irrecoverable will be refunded to him in the ordinary course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN, *Assist. Secretary.*

The Committee were unanimous in recommending the County Council to comply with the request of Collector Hughes, who has now lodged the full amount of his Warrant—i.e., To relieve him from the Electoral Division of Ballymascanlon and Faughart, and to allow him to retain Dundalk Rural Electoral Division.

The undermentioned letter from Mr. T. B. Dromgoole, Clerk of the Ardee Rural District Council, was read :—

23rd day of May, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council have directed me to say that they agree to allow the County Council to use the field in High Street, Ardee, in which the sewerage is situated for the erection of their Sheep Dipping Tank at the same rate as that which the County Council have hitherto paid for other places in Ardee, which the District Council understand is £2 per annum.

The District Council made it a condition of the letting that the County Council would erect a suitable paling between the portion of the field which they will use and the portion in which the sewerage tanks are situated.

Yours faithfully,

T. B. DROMGOOLE,

Clerk Ardee Rural District Council.

The Committee, having duly considered the terms set forth in the foregoing letter, unanimously agreed to accept same, subject to the approval of the County Council.

The following minute of the proceedings of the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council was next read by the Secretary :—

ARDEE No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Rural District Council, at a Meeting, held at the Board Room, Union Workhouse, Ardee, on Tuesday, the 14th day of May, 1912, at 11.30 a.m.

Number of Members on Council, ..	28
Number present, ..	7

Members present :—

In the Chair—W. de S. Filgate, Esq.

Other Members—Richard Stokes, William A. Doran, Anthony Malone, Patrick M'Keever, James M'Keever, and John M'Ardle, Esquires.

GENERAL PROCEEDINGS.

The following letters from the Local Government Board for Ireland, and others, were read by the Clerk, and directions were given thereon, respectively, as hereunder stated :—

Read communication from Mr. J. A. Reddy, Local Government Auditor, dated 10th May, 1912, appointing the 22nd inst. for the audit of the accounts of the Council for the Half-year ending 31st March, 1912.

Read letters from the Clerk of the Ardee Town Commissioners, dated 14th May, 1912, requesting that the District Council would ask the County Council to supply a watering cart for use in watering the streets of the town of Ardee. The Commissioners would horse the cart themselves.

Resolved—That the District Council desire to bring this matter under the notice of the County Council, and request them to supply a watering cart for Ardee Council.

The Council believe that Mr. Lynam, County Surveyor, recommends that the cart be supplied.

After consideration of the foregoing minute, the Committee recommended that Mr. Dromgoole's minute be referred to the Council's Solicitor, Mr. D. O'Connell, for his opinion thereon.

The County Surveyor called the attention of the Committee to the several inaccuracies contained in the Quarterly Schedule for May, and after due consideration by the Committee they recommended that in the County Printing we notice inaccuracies in Mr. MacDougall's work, and if this occurs in future the County Council will take serious notice of it.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 10th day of June, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—John F. Murphy, J.P. ; M. O'Meara, J.P. ; James Wynne, James Connolly, J.P. ; Patrick Byrne, J.P. ; William Woods, J.P. ; and J. H. M'Ardle, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for Works in charge of the County Surveyor and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

Having transacted the business of the Finance Committee, the County Committee then met and discussed further with the County Solicitor the provisions of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

It was decided that the Committee of Management should consist of 26 Members in all—14 to be County Councillors and 12 Society Members.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, 24th day of June, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—C. A. Duffy, J.P. ; James Connolly, J.P. ; Patrick O'Connell, James Wynne, and Edward Goodman, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for Works in charge of his own office and those of the County Surveyor, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

The Secretary submitted a list of persons who had failed to pay or renew their Licenses under the Motor Car Act, and the Committee ordered that the list be handed to the Council's Solicitor, Mr. D. O'Connell, with instructions that he take immediate action in the matter.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

**Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, on Monday, 2nd day
of September, 1912.**

DUNDALK :

WILLIAM TEMPEST, PRINTER AND STATIONER.

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LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Other Members—James Wynne, Patrick O'Connell, and Joseph M. Johnson, Esquires. Mr. D. O'Connell, Solicitor, was also present at the Meeting.

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge of the County Surveyor and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. The Treasurer's authorities amounted respectively to £44 17s. 0d. and £191 12s. 6d.

The following correspondence was read by the Secretary:—
Letter from Mr. Joseph Moonan, dated 31st August, as under:

ARDEE,
31st August, 1912.

GENTLEMEN,
As you are no doubt aware the Rate Collectorship of Ardee Urban and Rural, Clonkeen, Mansfieldstown and Tallanstown has been rendered vacant owing to the recent death of my father, Mr. Patrick Moonan, who, I am sure your Council will grant, capably filled the position for a long number of years. Having been

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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assisting him in his business and in the Collection of the Rates, I possess an intimate knowledge of what is required to efficiently carry out the duties, and I beg to apply to your Council for the favour of a temporary appointment to the vacant position to enable me to complete the current years collection.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH MOONAN.

The Committee were unanimous in recommending that Mr. Joseph Moonan complete the current Collection in respect of the Electoral Divisions mentioned in his letter.

The undermentioned correspondence from the Council's Solicitor, Mr. Daniel O'Connell, was then read by the Secretary :

FRANCIS STREET, DUNDALK,

19th August, 1912.

Re holding Miss MARY TOAL, Commons, Dromiskin.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to letter of Poor Rate Collector Cluskey of to-day's date applying for refund of £3 13s. 4d. Poor Rates paid by him to 31st March last, I act for Miss Toal and am aware of my own knowledge that the lands were let in con-acre for the last time in May, 1910. They have been vacant from November, 1910, to the present time. Poor Rates were paid to 31st March, 1911, by Mr. Thomas J. Byrne, Auctioneer, who acts as agent for Miss Toal.

The holding had been let from year to year, and Miss Toal finally put up the farm for sale by public auction on the 19th November, 1909. The lands were knocked down to Mr. Lawlor for £380, but he refused to complete

the purchase by reason of the threats made to him and his wife by John Toal, the Vendor's brother. Similarly no person would further take the lands yearly by reason of the threats of John Toal. The holding is lying derelict, and Miss Toal is coming over from Washington D.C., U.S.A., at the end of the present month in an endeavour to effect a sale.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

FRANCIS STREET, DUNDALK.

29th August, 1912.

Re Dr. B. A. M'GINITY's claim.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to letter of Dr. B. A. M'Ginity enclosing his account of fees, amounting to £30, in connection with the case of M'Connell *v.* the Council, and which letter you referred to me for a report, I now beg to state as follows :—

The action was brought by the Plaintiff for damages for alleged injuries sustained at Carlingford Pier. Dr. M'Ginity was retained by the Council and professionally examined the Plaintiff at Newry, attending on the late Mr. W. R. Rogers, Solicitor, on several occasions reporting on the condition of the Plaintiff, &c., and attended on the hearing in Dublin two days, all in the month of February, 1907, so far as I am able to ascertain. It would appear that the Doctor was not called as a witness, though present in Court. A verdict was given by Mr. Justice Kenny and a jury in favour of Plaintiff. Your Council moved the Divisional Court of King's Bench, and were successful in having the verdict set aside. The Plaintiff appealed to the Court of Appeal, but was unsuccessful. On those two hearings no witnesses, of course, were required.

I find that in the Bill of Costs taxed as against the Plaintiff the item of £21 included therein as fees as

medical witness to Dr. M'Ginity was disallowed, as he had not been examined. I am informed the late Mr. Rogers, Solicitor, frequently wrote to Dr. M'Ginity subsequent to the termination of the action, and requesting him to furnish his bill with a view to payment by the Council, and that he neglected to do so. He now, after five years, furnishes his bill, and fixes the amount at £30.

I have given the matter close attention, and have ascertained in detail the work done by Dr. M'Ginity on behalf of the Council, and in all the circumstances would suggest that a fee of Fifteen Guineas is a fair and reasonable one to be paid him. He would be entitled to a fee of Three Guineas and expenses for his visit to Newry and for each day in Dublin at the trial and to smaller fees for the various attendances and reports made. His claim of £21 being disallowed by the Taxing Master as not being properly chargeable in a party and party Bill of Costs as against the unsuccessful Plaintiff in the action, it is for the Council to pay him what he is legally entitled to and a fee such as the Taxing Master would have allowed.

I return herewith the letter and account submitted.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

The Committee were unanimous in recommending the County Council to adopt their Solicitor's suggestion—that is, to allow Dr. M'Ginity a sum of £15 15s. od. for his services in connection with the M'Connell case.

Re SHEEP DIPPERS.

The following letter from the Department was read, but the Committee made no order respecting it:—

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL
INSTRUCTION FOR IRELAND.

(Veterinary Branch),

13, UPPER MERRION STREET,

DUBLIN,

23rd August, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to your letter of 21st instant, I have

to state, for the information of the County Louth Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Acts, that the restrictions on the movement of animals imposed by the Department's Orders in relation to Foot and Mouth Disease do not relieve sheep-owners from their obligation under the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order to dip their sheep within the autumn period, and there can be no objection to such dipping being carried out on the lands or premises of the respective owners. In these circumstances the Department consider it would be inadvisable for your Local Authority to dispense with the services of the Sheep Dipping Superintendents who could be very usefully employed in seeing that owners duly complied with the Sheep Dipping Regulations and in furnishing statistics as to the number of sheep dipped. In existing circumstances there is great necessity for neglecting no precautionary measure calculated to prevent the spread of animal disease, and the Department trust, therefore, that your Local Authority will reconsider their decision in this matter, and retain the services of the Sheep Dipping Superintendents for the better enforcement of the provisions of the Order.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL, *Secretary.*

Letter from Mr. Peter M'Donnell on behalf of the
Poor Rate Collectors, as under:—

DUNDALK,

22nd August, 1912.

DEAR MR. FILGATE,

Some time ago the Chairman, Mr. Hughes, wanted to know from me, would the Rate Collectors be satisfied if the County Council made an order that they be asked to lodge only 90 per cent. of their warrants, allowing 10 per cent. for Irrecoverable Rates on vacant houses, &c.

The Collectors unanimously agree that this would be a very fair arrangement, as under the present system some of them had to lodge as much as £60 in the half-year on such premises, and remain out of that amount for almost three months.

Please have this matter brought before your Council at their Meeting to-day, with the view of having the Chairman's suggestions carried out before the close of our present Collections.

Your obedient servant,

(Signed), P. M'DONNELL.

On behalf of Collectors.

On hearing this letter read, the Committee unanimously recommended the County Council to allow the Collectors one month's extension of time, i.e., to 31st October next.

ANNAGASSON PIER.

The Draft Agreement was tabled as approved by the Solicitor to the Council, and it was recommended that same be returned to the Department as so approved.

The accounts from the Eddison Steam Rolling Co. were submitted by the Secretary, and having been certified correct, payment was duly authorised.



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At their Meeting held on Monday, 21st October, 1912.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

*Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council
at their Special Meeting, held in the Council Chamber
on Thursday, the 15th day of August, 1912.*

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—James Connolly, J.P. ; Jos. Dolan,
Patrick Donegan, J.P. ; Edward Goodman, Bernard
Hamill, J.P. ; Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick Kearney,
Thomas Maguire, Joseph H. M'Ardle, Patrick M'Gee,
Laurence M'Keown, John F. Murphy, J.P. ; Patrick
O'Connell, and Peter Woods, J.P., Esquires.

The Council were summoned for the purpose of taking
into consideration the undermentioned Agenda :—

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK,

10th August, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—You are hereby requested to attend a
Meeting of the Finance Committee on Monday next,
the 12th inst., at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of
taking into consideration the present vacancy of County
Surveyor, owing to the lamented death of the late
Mr. Lynam.

You are also requested to attend a Meeting of the
County Council on Thursday, the 15th inst., at one

o'clock p.m., for the purpose of appointing an Acting County Surveyor, and to make arrangements for filling the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Lynam.

Yours faithfully,

T. F. FILGATE, *Secretary*.

The Secretary having circulated a printed copy of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held on Monday, the 12th August, 1912, a copy of which is herewith appended, it was

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Joseph Dolan, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held on Monday, the 12th day of August, 1912, and a copy furnished to each member of the Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

The Council next proceeded to fix a salary for the future County Surveyor for County Louth, over which there was considerable discussion.

The first resolution proposed was that by Mr. Edward Goodman, seconded by Mr. John F. Murphy, J.P.—

That we hereby decide, that the salary to be paid to the future County Surveyor for County Louth be £300 per annum, with £50 allowance for clerk and office.

Amendment, moved by Mr. Joseph Dolan, seconded by Mr. Patrick M'Gee—That we hereby decide to pay the future County Surveyor for County Louth the sum of £250 per annum, and £50 allowance for clerk and office.

On a division there voted for this amendment:—Messrs. Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Patk. Kearney, Thomas Maguire, J. H. M'Ardle, Patrick M'Gee, and Peter Woods (7).

Against the amendment there voted:—Messrs. James Connolly, Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, Jos. P.

Kearney, Laurence M'Keown, John F. Murphy, and Patrick O'Connell (7).

The voting being equal, the Chairman declared the amendment lost.

As an amendment to the amendment, Mr. Patrick M'Gee moved and Mr. Peter Woods seconded—That we hereby decide that the salary to be paid to the future County Surveyor for County Louth be £275 per annum, and an allowance of £50 for clerk and office.

For this amendment there voted—Messrs. Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Patrick Kearney, Thomas Maguire, Joseph H. M'Ardle, Patrick M'Gee, and Peter Woods (7).

Against the amendment there voted—Messrs. James Connolly, Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, Jos. P. Kearney, Laurence M'Keown, John F. Murphy, and Patrick O'Connell (7).

The Chairman again declared the voting equal, and gave his casting vote in favour of this second amendment, which he duly declared carried by 8 votes to 7.

The following letter from the Local Government Board on the subject was then read by the Secretary:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

13th August, 1912.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., respecting a vacancy in the office of County Surveyor for the County of Louth, and, in reply, I am to forward to you, as requested, the accompanying memorandum as to the appointment of County Surveyors in Ireland. A copy of a model form of advertisement is also enclosed for the information of the County Council; but before being issued it will

be necessary that the salary fixed by the Council for the office of County Surveyor shall be approved of by the Board.

I am to add that the Board see no objection to the Finance Committee's proposal for the discharge of the duties of County Surveyor pending a permanent appointment.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

In reply to the foregoing letter the Secretary was directed to make the following reply:—

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK,

15th August, 1912.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. (No. 43,341), and in reply I have to state that at a Special Meeting of the County Council held this day the undermentioned resolution was passed by 8 votes to 7—viz. :—

Proposed by Mr. Patrick M'Gee,

Seconded by Mr. Peter Woods, J.P., and

Resolved—That we hereby decide that the salary to be paid to the future County Surveyor for County Louth be £275 per annum, with an allowance of £50 for clerk and office.

By request of the Chairman, I have been directed to ask you is it absolutely necessary for the age limit mentioned in your copy of advertisement (Article 2 a) for the appointment of a County Surveyor for this County to appear in the Press, as the Senior Assistant Surveyor

of 28 years service wishes to compete for the vacant post, he being two years over the age limit mentioned.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. F. FILGATE, *Secretary.*

N.B.—Kindly send me a few copies of memorandum for "Appointment of County Surveyors in Ireland."

Finally, the Chairman having suitably referred to the death of the late County Surveyor (Mr. P. J. Lynam), proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman and unanimously passed by the Council. It is as under—

Proposed by Mr. Peter Hughes,

Seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That we, the Members of the Louth County Council, have heard with sincere regret the death of Mr. Lynam, and we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy with Miss Lynam, Mr. Frank Lynam, and all the members of his family in their sad bereavement, and also the irreparable loss the County has sustained by the death of an esteemed official, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all the members of his family, and that the Council now adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory.

15th Aug., 1912.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 5th day of September, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Thos. J. Byrne, J.P. ; Patrick Byrne, J.P. ; Jas. Connolly, J.P. ; Patk. Donegan, J.P. ; Chas. A. Duffy, J.P. ; Edward Goodman, B. Hamill, J.P. ; Joseph M. Johnson, Patrick J. Kearney, Patrick Kearney, Jos. H. M'Ardele, Patk. O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, J.P. ; Denis J. Rath, Wm. Woods, J.P., and James Wynne, Esquires.

Confirmation of Minutes of Proceedings of Finance Committee on Monday the 5th September, 1912.

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.;

Seconded by Mr. Joseph M. Johnson, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held on Monday, the 5th day of September, 1912, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

The following reports from the Acting County Surveyors were then submitted to the Council :—

ARDEE AND DROGHEDA DISTRICT.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

There were no Applications for Works by members of the Ardee and Drogheda District Councils at July Quarterly Meetings. The Ardee Council passed a sum of £187, and Drogheda a sum of £70, to pay expenses for Steam-rolling for a further period of about six months.

These sums, in addition to the balances remaining over from last year's Rolling will, I think, be ample to continue the work in South Louth to about the same extent as last year.

Steam-rolling commenced in Ardee District on 12th January, and finished up in Drogheda on 13th July, after working six months (about three months in each District). Practically the whole of the stone available has been rolled in, and the Roller is now lying idle.

Your contract with Messrs. Eddison & Co. was for a period of nine months or more, and as the Rolling has been completed in six months your contractor may claim 7s. per day for each working day the Roller is idle during the unexpired portion of contract.

I understand Messrs. Eddison & Co. have agreed to relinquish this claim, and allow the Roller to remain idle until 1st October next, provided you allow them to do next year's Rolling.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES DROMGOOLE.

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

1. Of the important special works passed by the Dundalk Rural District Council, and exhibited on Form 20 for your consideration, Proposal No. 6 is for necessary repairs to the road at Rathcor shore, damaged by sea erosion.

2. Nos. 7 and 10 are Provisional Proposals for New Works exceeding £50, and need not now be considered.

3. Proposal No. 12, Footpath improvements between Mr. Rice's house in Lisdoon and St. Patrick's Cemetery, at a cost of £50, has been again passed, but owing necessary details as to the extent and nature of the

repairs being omitted in the Application, a Specification could not be prepared, and it might be well to reject it in its present form.

4. £150 (No. 14) has been passed for Steam Rolling Roads in Dundalk Rural District for about six months.

5. The Eddison Co.'s Roller, No. 189, will have finished Rolling in the present supply of stone before the end of the month, and will stand idle until new stone has been measured—about October 1st next.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN M. C. LYONS.

ARDEE AND DROGHEDA DISTRICTS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Denis J. Rath, and

Resolved—That the report of the Acting County Surveyor for Ardee and Drogheda Districts—Mr. James Dromgoole—as appearing on the Schedule of Proposals for the 22nd August, 1912, be and is hereby approved of by this Council.

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

Proposed by Mr. P. Byrne,

Seconded by Mr. B. Hamill, and

Resolved—That the report of the Acting County Surveyor for Dundalk Rural District—Mr. John M. C. Lyons—as appearing on the Schedule of Proposals for the 22nd August, 1912, be and is hereby approved of by this Council, with the exception of paragraph 3, which we refer to our Solicitor.

Consideration of Proposals for Works formulated by Rural District Councils—viz. :

ARDEE WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. James Connolly, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on the 2nd July, 1912, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

DROGHEDA WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Denis J. Rath, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on the 11th day of July, 1912, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

DUNDALK WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. William Woods, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. P. Byrne, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on the 8th July, 1912, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,
14th August, 1912.

Collection of Rates.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have observed from the returns periodically furnished to this Department showing the progress of the collection of poor rate, that in the case of some Collectors only a very small percentage of the amount of their warrents is lodged during the early portion of each half-year. In some districts this failure on the part of the Collectors prevails to such an extent as to cause considerable embarrassment to the Council in meeting their liabilities and in honouring the demands made upon them by other public bodies.

The Collectors should be aware that the first moiety of the poor rate becomes payable once the rate is made and the demand note served, and the second moiety on the 1st October in each year, and there can therefore be no reason why, if the Collectors proceed in proper time with the work of collection, they should not be in a position to make substantial lodgments in the earlier months of each half-year.

The Board consider that it would be well for the Council to remind the Rate Collectors that it is their duty to collect with due diligence all moneys payable on account of the rate, and to take all lawful and proper steps for enforcing the payment of any rate not duly paid, and it should also be made clear that any Collector who by disregard of this regulation, fails to close his collection within the appointed period, forfeits his right to any remuneration.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

No order was made on the foregoing letter.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
19th August, 1912.

SIR,—The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 15th inst., respecting the vacancy in the office of the County Surveyor for Louth County, and the Board direct me to state that they concur in the salary proposed by the County Council, viz. : £275 a year, to be paid to the person to be appointed to the vacant office.

As regards the inquiry in the concluding portion of your letter, the Board desire me to add that the limits of age specified in the memorandum already sent to you should be set out in the advertisement to be issued by the County Council.

Further copies of the Memorandum in question are enclosed as requested.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,
31st August, 1912.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst., relative to a vacancy in the office of Collector of Poor Rate in Louth County; and in reply I am to state that the Board consider that the County Council should take the necessary steps to appoint a person to the vacant office. In the meantime the sureties of the late Collector should not be released until his accounts have been checked.

A form of queries (in duplicate) to be duly filled up in respect of the person appointed is enclosed.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

WESTMORELAND-ST. & D'OLIER-ST.,
DUBLIN,

2nd September, 1912.

Re F. G. Bond—Patrick Moonan, Rate Collector.

DEAR SIR,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 30th ult.

We note that the warrant for the half-year ending 30th September, 1912, is for £2,845 7s. 4d., and that of this amount only £250 has been collected.

Very little progress appears to have been made by the late Collector, as the amount outstanding is considerable, but it may be that he was indisposed for some time prior to his death.

We are afraid it will be necessary for Mr. Moonan's successor to be granted an extension of time, and we shall be glad if you will kindly advise us in due course of the arrangements made by the Council with regard to a new Collector.

Yours faithfully,

Local Manager.

THE COURT HOUSE,
DUNDALK,
5th September, 1912.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

May I respectfully request that you will kindly reconsider your decision on my application of 11th March last.

You granted me £10 remuneration last year for the same extra work.

Your obedient servant,

T. MURRAY, *Court-keeper.*

To be put on Agenda for next meeting of the County Council in November.

The following series of resolutions were then passed by the Council :—

Proposed by Mr. T. J. Byrne, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That inasmuch as the existing Stand Still Orders have proved quite ineffectual to stamp out the present outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease, we, the Louth County Council, call on the Department to relax same and allow the free transit of Cattle, Sheep and Pigs outside a reasonable area of where the suspected cases exist, and that we also call on the Department and all the Irish Members of Parliament to press upon the English Department of Agriculture the justice of our claim to similar treatment for this country as exists for England and Scotland.

Proposed by Mr. B. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. D. J. Rath, and

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the draft agreement between the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland and the Council, having reference to the proposed construction of Marine Works at Annagassan, as submitted by the Department and in the form as now approved of by the Council's Solicitor.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Denis J. Rath, and

Resolved—That we hereby convey to the widow and family of the late Patrick Moonan our expression of sincere sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

Special Meeting held on the 26th September, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—James M'Carthy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—M. O'Meara, J.P. ; J. Connolly, J.P. ; W. Woods, J.P. ; Chas. A. Duffy, J.P. ; James Wynne, J. P. Kearney, B. Hamill, J.P. ; P. Woods, J.P. ; W. T. Skeffington, J.P. ; P. O'Connell, J. F. Murphy, J.P. ; P. Donegan, J.P., J. Dolan, L. M'Keown, M. Meade, P. Callan, L. J. Elcock, J. H. M'Ardle, T. J. Byrne, J.P. ; and E. Goodman, Esquires.

COUNTY SURVEYORSHIP.

The following applications were received for the position of County Surveyor—Messrs. R. H. King, Stafford Gaffney, W. Stewart, Wilfred B. Hackett, D. J. O'Hara, R. W. Jones, Joseph S. Cairns, Gerald A. Adair, J. J. Murphy, John Caffrey, C. H. Watson, V. Smith, and John M. C. Lyons.

Proposed by Mr. Goodman,

Seconded by Mr. Skeffington, and

Resolved—That the Secretary forward the names of all the applicants to the Local Government Board for the purpose of arranging for the necessary Civil Service Examination.

COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Scholarship Committee had three applications for this year's Scholarships, from Miss Margt. Callan, a daughter of Mr. Joseph Callan, Corderry, Co. Louth ; Miss Eileen M'Loughlin, of Dublin, whose father was an Excise Officer, and lived nine years in this County ;

and Mr. Michael M'Dermott, Drogheda. The conditions in the advertisement were—

- (1.) Whose parents or guardians are and have been resident in County Louth for at least three years.
- (2.) Who satisfy the County Council that they are in need of assistance :—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 1909, 1910 and 1911—the order of merit being determined by the marks obtained by the applicants in Senior Grade Honours—or if there be not enough competitors in that Grade—in the Middle Grade Honours—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 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 1909, 1910, 1911, and attend regularly

the first year's course in some faculty of the University, and reside in a hostel or other residence approved by the County Council and the College authorities.

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

Proposed by Mr. E. Goodman,

Seconded by Mr. J. H. M'Ardle, and

Resolved—That the Scholarships should be confined to residents of County Louth, who contribute to the upkeep of the County—viz., Miss Callan, £50, and Mr. M'Donnell, £50.

Amendment—

Proposed by Mr. Skeffington,

Seconded by Mr. Connolly, and

Resolved—That Miss Callan get a Scholarship of £50, and that the remaining £50 be divided between Miss M'Loughlin and Mr. M'Dermott.

There voted for the amendment—Messrs. Connolly, Duffy, Skeffington, Hamill, Kearney, Murphy, O'Meara, Wynne.—(8)

Against—

Messrs. Dolan John, Donegan, Elcock, Goodman, Johnson, Meade, M'Ardle, M'Keown, O'Connell, Woods Peter, Woods W., and the Chairman—(12).

Further amendment—

Proposed by Mr. Byrne,

Seconded by Mr. O'Meara, and

Resolved—That the report of the Committee be adopted.

For—Messrs. Byrne, Connolly, Murphy, O'Connell, and O'Meara—(5).

Against—Messrs. Callan, Donegan, Dolan, Duffy, Elcock, Goodman, Johnson, Kearney, Meade, M'Ardle, M'Carthy, M'Keown, P. Woods, W. Woods, J. Wynne—(15).

Proposed by Mr. O'Connell,

Seconded by Mr. Connolly, and

Resolved—To divide this year's Scholarships as follows:—Miss Callan, £50; Mr. M'Dermott, £25; and Miss M'Parland an additional £25.

For—Messrs. Connolly, Duffy, Hamill, Johnson, Kearney, Murphy, O'Connell, O'Meara, P. Woods, and Wynne—(10).

Against—Messrs. Callan, Dolan, Donegan, Elcock, Goodman, Meade, M'Ardle, W. Woods, M'Keown, and the Chairman—(10).

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment, which was defeated.

The original motion being put to the Meeting, was carried without a division.

Proposed by Mr. Connolly,

Seconded by Mr. Duffy, and

Resolved—That Miss M'Parland's Scholarship be increased by £25 out of the amount remaining from last year.—Carried unanimously.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 4th day of November, 1912, at one o'clock—To consider a Permanent Scheme for the treatment of the Tuberculous population of County Louth.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Charles A. Duffy, J.P. ; Jas. Wynne, Patrick Kearney, Jos. H. M'Ardle, John F. Murphy, J.P., Michael Meade, Edward Goodman, Patrick O'Connell, James Connolly, J.P. ; John Dolan and Bernard Hamill, J.P., Esquires.

The following deputation from the Louth National Health Insurance Committee was also present :—
Rev. Archdeacon Segrave, Rev. Canon Lockett-Ford, Mrs. M'Kitterick and Miss Patteson.

There was also present—Doctors O'Brien, Irwin, Dickson, M'Quillan. Mr. D. O'Connell, Solicitor, and Mr. V. Warren, Secretary.

The Secretary read the following :—

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

15th October, 1912.

SIR,—The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 12th ultimo, relative to the proposals of the Louth County Council in regard to the treatment of persons in the County suffering from Tuberculosis ; and, in reference to your inquiry on the subject, I am to point out that the draft scheme submitted by the County Council appears to be one for providing treatment for tuberculous patients in the

County recommended by the County Insurance Committee. It is indefinite on many essential points, and there is no estimate of the annual expenditure to be incurred thereunder.

The Board would suggest the appointment of a small Committee of the County Council to elaborate a scheme on definite lines in consultation with their Tuberculosis Medical Officer, setting forth the proposed provision in regard to :—

- (a) Central Tuberculosis Dispensary and Branch Dispensaries.
- (b) Sanatorium Beds.
- (c) Observation Beds.
- (d) Beds for advanced cases.

The approximate number of the foregoing beds to be set apart for insured and non-insured persons respectively, should also be stated.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION,
DUBLIN,

23rd October, 1912.

SIR,—The National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) have under consideration at present the question of the arrangements which may be made by Insurance Committees in Ireland for the administration of sanatorium benefit in accordance with the provisions of the National Insurance Act, 1911 ; and, in connection with this matter, the Commission would be grateful if you would be so good as to inform them whether your County Council have prepared any scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis in pursuance of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

Should your Council have not as yet drawn up a scheme

for dealing with tuberculosis in the County, the Commission, on learning of the date of the next meeting of the Council, would be pleased to instruct one of their Medical Inspectors to attend the meeting and lay before the Council a model scheme on which a suitable permanent scheme for the treatment of the disease might be based. The Commission recognise, of course, that the preparation of such a scheme is a matter altogether outside their province, but they are most anxious to give every possible assistance to County Councils in this matter, and they trust that your Council will not regard their action in any other light.

The Commission desire to add that the attendance of their Medical Inspector would be with the concurrence of the Local Government Board.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

PIERCE KENT,

Assistant Secretary.

The Chairman explained that the Local Government Board did not sanction the scheme formulated by the County Council on 20th June last. The object of the meeting to-day was to consider the following draft scheme suggested by the National Health Insurance Commission furnished to each member of the Council—

PERMANENT SCHEME FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE
TUBERCULOUS POPULATION OF COUNTY LOUTH.

The local authorities throughout the country no doubt appreciate that the inducements which are being offered under the Finance Act (1911) and the Insurance Act (1911) do not free them from responsibility in dealing in a thorough manner with the grave economic problem of Tuberculosis, by the exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

They will realise that these inducements are rather to assist them in bringing into operation such measures as will ensure that no case of this disease may be permitted to go uncared for, as in this way only can adequate provision be made for attaining the object of all such schemes—namely the complete eradication of Tuberculosis.

In the carrying out of such measures a large proportion of County Councils have already undertaken to strike a penny rate, others a halfpenny rate. They have admitted that had they, as Councils, taken action four years ago when the power was first conferred upon them by Act of Parliament, the total charges both for building purposes and maintenance for the whole tuberculous population would, of necessity, have fallen on the rates; but now the Treasury Grant for building purposes provides for the capital expenditure, and in addition a large part of the cost of maintenance is now to be borne by the Insurance Committee and by the Treasury, and in this way:—

The population may now be divided into three classes (*a*) insured persons, (*b*) the dependants of insured persons, and (*c*) those who are neither insured persons nor the dependants of such.

The insured persons are provided for by means of the funds at the disposal of the Insurance Committee, (which in County Louth will ultimately amount to the sum of £814 per annum at the rate of 1s. 3d. per insured person), and if the County Council comes to an agreement with the Insurance Committee to provide treatment for insured persons and their dependants, the Committee may hand over their funds to the Council and in so far as the funds of the Committee are insufficient to meet the demands of dependants, the County Council may come to an agreement with the Treasury, each paying half of the resulting deficit. The County Council will provide also for the treatment of non-insured persons who are not dependants, and provision will shortly be made whereby the Council will be relieved of half this amount also.

The following data refer to the County of Louth :—

Population (1911),	63,665
Number of Insured persons ultimately	12,733
Deaths from Tuberculosis (1910)	130
Estimated number of cases of Tuberculosis existing in the County (all classes of the disease)	1,040
One-third of the existing cases may be calculated as representing tuberculous insured persons—that is	346
If each insured person is calculated as possessing on an average one dependant, there will be in addition a similar number representing tuberculous dependants	346

Finance :—

Treasury Grant for capital expenditure on buildings e.g., Sanatorium and Dispensaries—proportion of £120,000 distributed on basis of population	£1,783
Income of Insurance Committee for Sanatorium Benefit—1s. 3d. per insured person per annum	£814

Any scheme of a permanent and comprehensive character must take into account the particulars detailed above, and the problem reduces itself to the consideration of the most effective way by which such facts may be dealt with by means of the Treasury Grant, the income of the Insurance Committee and by a supplementary contribution from the rates.

The treatment to be provided by such a scheme falls naturally under four heads :—

- (1) Dispensary.
- (2) Sanatorium (Phthisis).
- (3) General Hospital (Surgical Tuberculosis).
- (4) Domiciliary or Home Treatment.

(1)—The Dispensary system should consist of two essential parts (a) The Tuberculosis Medical Officer—a whole-time Medical Officer, who will act as Superintendent of the dispensary system—with nurses, (b) The dispensary buildings, consisting of one central dispensary in some accessible position in the County and a number of branches, the location of which will depend on the local requirements.

One whole-time nurse at £100 and the services of four others as part time officials at £25 each would probably be adequate, and it is recommended that this money should be handed over to existing nursing societies who will agree to supply such nurses. A Caretaker and Clerk of the central Dispensary will be required, and may be obtained for £1 per week. The cost of medicine and appliances might be provisionally estimated at £100.

As regards (b) it is stated in the Intorim Report of the Tuberculosis Committee that existing houses should where possible be obtained, the necessary alterations being satisfactorily carried out for £250. With respect to the branch Dispensaries it is desirable that authorities should be approached with a view to obtaining the use of the existing dispensary buildings, say once a fortnight or once a week, in certain districts, on a day distinct from the ordinary dispensary days. These arrangements are being carried out in certain counties already.

Where provision of such Dispensaries involves building or alteration of existing buildings, the expense will be borne by the Capital Grant from the Treasury.

(2) The amount of the Capital Grant is £1,783, and if £700 be deducted tentatively for the provision of Dispensary buildings, there remains the sum of £1,083 for capital Sanatorium charge. If a Sanatorium were built with this money at the cost of £90 per bed, an institution of 12 beds could be provided, and this would provide adequate treatment for only 50 persons in any one year at the most. It is for the County Council to decide whether they will join with some neighbouring county in a Joint Scheme, or make permanent arrangements with existing Sanatoria (where this is legally

possible) or borrow a sum of money sufficient to bring the number of beds up to the requirements of the County.

(3) Arrangements will be made with general hospitals, such as County Infirmaries or Cottage Hospitals for the treatment of cases of Surgical Tuberculosis—such as gland, skin, bone and joint disease.

(4) This is a most important factor in combating the disease, both as regards active treatment in the first instance and in the after care of the patients when they leave institutions and in the discovery and rescue of contact cases in the home.

The services of the Medical Practitioners will here be available, and in addition the patients will have the advantage of the expert knowledge of the Tuberculosis Officer and the attention of the Nurses. In this connection, on account of the difficulty of otherwise obtaining adequate isolation in many of the houses, it is recommended that a number of movable shelters should be provided, as in this way the other members of the family may be protected.

The Chairman invited the Deputation from the Louth National Health Insurance Committee to express their views on the subject. The Rev. Canon Lockett-Ford explained the views of this Committee. The following members—Messrs. Goodman, Wynne, Hamill, and Doctors O'Brien and Irwin having addressed the meeting, it was decided that the further consideration of the scheme be adjourned until the next meeting of the County Council on 14th inst.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK,

29th October, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by the Louth County Insurance Committee to inform you that, at their meeting held on the 24th inst. they appointed as their Medical

Adviser Dr. M'Quillan or his *locum-tenens* until such time as the services of the Tuberculosis Officer appointed by the County Council are available.

It will be esteemed a favour if you bring this to the notice of the Council at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN, *Secretary.*

Proposed by Mr. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Murphy, J.P., and

Resolved—That Dr. M'Quillan be appointed provisional Medical Officer for Tuberculosis for County Louth, provided he supplies a qualified substitute until he (Dr. M'Quillan) completes his course, and that the Local Government Board approve of same.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND.

VICE-REGAL LODGE, DUBLIN,

November 2nd, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—The Women's National Health Association are very anxious to make arrangements for the appointment of Permanent Committees of Management of Peamount and Rosslare Sanatoriums on a basis which would secure full representation of those Councils who intend having permanent accommodation for Tuberculosis Patients at these Institutions, and at the same time to secure also some representation for Councils or County Insurance Committees sending patients there from time to time.

It has been suggested, that if a meeting of representatives of County Councils were convened for December 5th, the day before the meeting of the General Council of County Councils, on Friday, December 6th, that a good attendance might be expected, and I therefore write to ask if your County Council would be so good as to appoint a Representative to attend a meeting on Thursday, December 5th, at Ely House, Ely Place,

Dublin, with powers to give an opinion on your behalf as to basis of representation preferred.

A Special Council Meeting of the Women's National Health Association is to be called for Friday December 6th, for the purpose of appointing Committees of Management for Peamount and Rosslare amongst other items of business. The recommendations of the representatives of the County Councils would then be submitted, and I am sure these recommendations would be practically certain of adoption.

Yours faithfully,

ISABEL ABERDEEN.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND.

VICE-REGAL LODGE, DUBLIN,

November 5th, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to Her Excellency's letter of November 4th, I am desired to say that the proposed hour for the meeting of Representatives of County Councils on December 5th, at Ely House, Ely Place, Dublin, is 4 p.m.

I remain,

Yours very faithfully,

CHARLOTTE TONER.

Referred to the next meeting of the County Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 8th day of July, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—James Halfpenny, J.P. ; Bernard Hamill, J.P. ; James Wynne, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for Works in charge of the County Surveyor and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

The Committee instructed the Secretary to summon a Special Meeting of the County Council, for the purpose of considering the Draft Scheme to be submitted with reference to Sanatorium Benefits, and the appointment of six Members of the County Council to go on the Committee of Management of the County Society.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held on Monday, 22nd July, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—E. Goodman, M. O'Meara, J.P. and William Woods, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for Works in charge of the County Surveyor and those of his own

office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

He also submitted County-at-Large Payments and Forms 22 from the Clerks of the respective Rural District Councils, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Wednesday, 7th August, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Bernard Hamill, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Edward Goodman, Patk. O'Connell, James Wynne, and John F. Murphy, J.P., Esquires. Mr. F. J. Lynam was also present at the Meeting.

The Secretary submitted accounts for Works in charge of his office and those of the County Surveyor, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. These payments amounted to the sum of £159 16s. 11d.

The following letter was then read by the Secretary, and the Committee, on consideration of same, declined to take any responsibility in the matter :—

WATERUNDER,

July 30th, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—There is a gullet which opens up into my land at Waterunder, and this gullet is under the control of the County Council. On Saturday, 27th inst., I missed a one-and-a-half-year-old Bullock from my field, which adjoins the gullet. After making search for him on Saturday and Sunday, my man and myself found him dead in this gullet on Monday 29th. If the mouth of the gullet had been properly protected this could not have occurred, and of course I could not

interfere to protect it, as it is the Council's property. I must ask your Council for payment of £8, the value of the beast.

Yours sincerely,

D. J. DREW.

With respect to Mr. Lynam's illness, the Committee recommended that the two Assistant Surveyors, Messrs. Lyons and Dromgoole, continue to act during same.

Finally, the Committee recommended the continuance of Steam Rolling in the respective Rural Districts for the present, and that the account from the Eddison Steam Rolling Co. certified correct by Mr. F. J. Lynam, and amounting to £191 12s. 6d. be discharged by the Finance Committee.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK,

10th August, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of the Finance Committee on Monday next, the 12th instant, at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of taking into consideration the present vacancy of County Surveyor, owing to the lamented death of the late Mr. Lynam.

You are also requested to attend a Meeting of the County Council on Thursday, the 15th instant, at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of appointing an Acting County Surveyor, and to make arrangements for filling the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Lynam.

Yours faithfully,

T. F. FILGATE,

Secretary County Council.

To each Member of the Finance Committee, and to each Member of the Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 12th day of August, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—C. A. Duffy, J.P. ; B. Hamill, J.P. ; Joseph H. M'Arde, Wm. Woods, J.P. ; Edw. Goodman, Patk. O'Connell, Patk. Byrne, J.P. ; Michl. O'Meara, J.P. James Wynne, Joseph P. Kearney, Jos. M. Johnson, and John F. Murphy, J.P., Esquires.

The Committee was summoned (by authorisation of the Chairman) for the purpose of taking into consideration the undermentioned Agenda :

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Yours faithfully,

T. F. FILGATE.

Secretary County Council.

On the motion of Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, the Committee recommended

that the County Council appoint the two Assistant Surveyors to do the work of their respective districts pending the appointment of a County Surveyor.

The Committee further recommended that the two Assistant Surveyors—Messrs. Lyons and Dromgoole—be allowed a sum of £12 10s. each per month, in addition to their ordinary salary, whilst acting in the capacity of the late Mr. Lynam as Surveyor of County Louth, and that they pay jointly the present clerk in office the salary heretofore received by him from Mr. Lynam.

Respecting the salary to be paid to the future County Surveyor of County Louth, the Committee decided to refer the question for consideration to the Meeting of the County Council, to be held on Thursday next, the 15th instant.

The further recommendation was, that no appointment be made until Candidates are certified duly qualified by the Local Government Board. It was then decided that the Secretary ask the Local Government Board to arrange a day for the examination of Candidates nominated by the County Council.

Finally, Mr. D. O'Connell, Solicitor to the County Council, was instructed to draw up an advertisement, when all these preliminaries were gone through, for the appointment of a County Surveyor for County Louth. The following is a copy of a letter addressed by the Secretary to the Local Government Board on the subject ;

12th August, 1912.

SIR,—Herewith I enclose Agenda convening a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee for this day, the purport of which was to take into consideration the present vacancy of County Surveyor for this County, caused by the death of the late Mr. Lynam.

The Committee recommended the appointment of the two Assistant Surveyors in this County at a salary

of £12 10s. each per month pending the appointment of a permanent County Surveyor.

Further, the Committee specially directed me to respectfully request the Local Government Board to furnish them by return of post with a copy of the regulations governing the qualifications of a County Surveyor, and the appointment of same.

You will kindly note that the County Council will meet on Thursday next, the 15th instant, and that a reply by that date to this letter will be esteemed a special favour.

I am, &c.,

T. F. FILGATE,

Secretary County Council.

To The Secretary, Local Government Board.

N.B.—The County Council have two Assistant Surveyors in County Louth. Can they both act in their several districts?

TOWNLEY F. FILGATE,

Secretary Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 19th day of August, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—John F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Wm. Woods, J.P.; James Wynne, James Connolly, J.P.; Edward Goodman, Patrick Byrne, J.P., and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for Works in charge of the County Surveyor and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was then read by the Secretary :—

Letter from Dr. B. A. M'Ginity as under :

LOUTH, DUNDALK.

DEAR SIR,—As I never got paid (fees) for the case (M'Connell *v.* the Louth County Council) I beg to enclose account for settlement. The late Mr. Rogers, Solicitor, had charge of the matter, but I was left out in the cold. Please kindly see to it for me, and oblige

Yours faithfully,

B. A. M'GINITY.

THE LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

To Dr. M'Ginity, Louth, *Dr.*

Year 1907.

M'CONNELL *v.* CO. COUNCIL.

1st—Interview with Mr. W. R. Rogers, Solicitor, at Dundalk, Monday, February 4th, 1907.

2nd—Special journey to Newry to professionally examine Plaintiff (Mr. M'Connell) with Dr. Crosslie, Newry.

3rd—Special interview with Mr. Rogers (late) at Dundalk, and written report handed in and explained on February 11th, 1907.

4th—Wednesday, February 13th and Thursday, 14th February, 1907, journeyed to Dublin to give Medical and Surgical evidence at Court.

5th—Train expenses to Newry (1 journey), two days to Dublin (2 journeys), hired car to Dundalk on Feb. 4th, 7th, 11th, 13th, and 14th, same remaining until my return; also my expenses in Dublin on 13th and 14th February, 1907.

I beg to fix the amount of my account for all the above at Thirty Pounds (£30 os. od.)

After due consideration of the foregoing letter, the Committee were unanimous in referring the matter to the Council's Solicitor, Mr. D. O'Connell.

The following letter from Mr. Patrick Cluskey, Poor Rate Collector, was read and referred also to the Council's Solicitor.

MANSFIELDSTOWN,
CASTLEBELLINGHAM,
19th August, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to get a refund of £3 13s. 4d. Poor Rates paid by me 30th March, 1912, for John Toal, Commons. This farm is vacant and boycotted, and nothing on the lands to make a seizure.

Mr. T. J. Byrne, Auctioneer, knows the facts of the case.

Having heard the undermentioned letter read from Mr. Patrick Hughes, Poor Rate Collector, the Committee deferred its further consideration until the close of his present collection.

It is as under :

PARK STREET, DUNDAIK,
August 15th, 1912.

SIR,—With reference to our conversation on Monday last *re* remuneration, I beg to refer you to the terms of my appointment and subsequent Minutes, dated 28th May, 1903, 27th August, 1903, and 31st August, 1903. I am willing to accept poundage or salary as then arranged (*pro ratio*).

PATRICK HUGHES.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, 2nd day of September, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Bernard Hamill, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—James Wynne, Patk. O'Connell, and Joseph M. Johnson, Esquires. Mr. D. O'Connell, Solicitor, was also present at the Meeting.

The Secretary submitted accounts for Works in charge of the County Surveyors and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. The Treasurer's authorities amounted respectively to £44 17s. od. and £191 12s. 6d.

The following correspondence was read by the Secretary :

Letter from Mr. Joseph Moonan, dated 31st August, as under :—

ARDEE,

31st August, 1912.

GENTLEMEN,—As you are no doubt aware the Rate Collectorship of Ardee Urban and Rural—Clonkeen, Mansfieldstown, and Tallanstown, has been rendered vacant owing to the recent death of my father, Mr. Patk. Moonan, who, I am sure, your Council will grant, capably filled the position for a long number of years.

Having been assisting him in his business and in the Collection of the Rates, I possess an intimate knowledge of what is required to efficiently carry out the duties, and I beg to apply to your Council for the favour of a temporary appointment to the vacant position to enable me to complete the current year's collection.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH MOONAN.

The Committee were unanimous in recommending that Mr. Joseph Moonan complete the current collection in respect of the Electoral Divisions mentioned in his letter.

The undermentioned correspondence from the Council's Solicitor, Mr. Daniel O'Connell, was read by the Secretary :

FRANCIS STREET, DUNDALK,

19th August, 1912.

Re Holding, Miss Mary Toal, Commons, Dromiskin.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to letter of Poor Rate Collector Cluskey of to-day's date applying for refund of £3 13s. 4d. Poor Rates paid by him to 31st March last, I act for Miss Toal, and I am aware of my own knowledge, that the lands were let in Con-acre for the last time in May, 1910. They have been vacant from November, 1910, to the present time. Poor Rates were paid to 31st March, 1911, by Mr. Thomas J. Byrne, Auctioneer, who acts as Agent for Miss Toal.

The holding had been let from year to year, and Miss Toal finally put up the farm for sale by public auction on the 19th November, 1909. The lands were knocked down to Mr. Lawlor for £380, but he refused to complete the purchase by reason of the threats made to him and his wife by John Toal, the Vendor's brother. Similarly, no person would further take the lands yearly, by reason of the threats of John Toal.

The holding is lying derelict, and Miss Toal is coming over from Washington D.C., United States, America, at the end of the present month in an endeavour to effect a sale.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

FRANCIS STREET, DUNDALK,

29th August, 1912.

Re Dr. B. A. M'GINITY'S CLAIM.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to letter of Dr. B. A. M'Ginity enclosing his account of fees amounting to £30 in connection with the case of *M'Connell v. The Council*, and which letter was referred to me for a Report, I now beg to state as follows:—The action was brought by the Plaintiff for damages for alleged injuries sustained at Carlingford Pier. Dr. M'Ginity was retained by the Council, and professionally examined the Plaintiff at Newry, attending on the late Mr. W. R. Rogers, Solicitor, on several occasions, reporting on the condition of the Plaintiff, &c., and attended on the hearing in Dublin two days, all in the month of February, 1907, so far as I am able to ascertain. It would appear that the Doctor was not called as a witness, though present in Court. A verdict was given by Mr. Justice Kenny and a jury in favour of Plaintiff.

Your Council moved the Divisional Court of King's Bench, and were successful in having the verdict set aside. The Plaintiff appealed to the Court of Appeal, but was unsuccessful. On those two hearings no witnesses, of course, were required.

I find that on the Bill of Costs taxed as against the Plaintiff the item of £21 included therein as fees as Medical witness to Dr. M'Ginity was disallowed, as he had not been examined.

I am informed the late Mr. Rogers, Solicitor, frequently wrote to Dr. M'Ginity, subsequent to the termination of the action, and requesting him to furnish his bill with a view to payment by the Council, and that he neglected to do so. He now, after five years, furnishes his bill, and fixes the amount at £30.

I have given the matter close attention, and have ascertained in detail the work done by Dr. M'Ginity on behalf of the Council, and in all the circumstances would suggest that a fee of Fifteen Guineas (£15 15s. od.) is a fair and reasonable one to be paid him. He would

be entitled to a fee of Three Guineas (£3 3s. od.) and expenses for his visit to Newry, and for each day in Dublin at the Trial, and to smaller fees for the various attendances and reports made.

His claim of £21 being disallowed by the Taxing Master has not been properly chargeable in a Party and Party Bill of Costs as against the unsuccessful Plaintiff in the action, it is not for the Council to pay him what he is legally entitled to, and a fee such as the Taxing Master would have allowed. I return herewith the letter and account submitted.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

The Committee were unanimous in recommending the County Council to adopt their Solicitor's suggestion, that is, to allow Dr. M'Ginity a sum of £15 15s. od. for his services in connection with the M'Connell case.

Re SHEEP DIPPERS.

The following letter from the Department was read, but the Committee made no order respecting it:—

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL
INSTRUCTION FOR IRELAND.

(*Veterinary Branch.*)

13 UPPER MERRION STREET, DUBLIN,
23rd August, 1912.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of 21st instant, I have to state for the information of the County Louth Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Acts, that the restrictions on the Movement of Animals imposed by the Department's Orders in relation to Foot and Mouth Disease do not relieve Sheep Owners

from their obligation under the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order to dip their sheep within the autumn period, and there can be no objection to such dipping being carried out on the lands or premises of the respective owners.

In these circumstances, the Department consider it would be inadvisable for your Local Authority to dispense with the services of the Sheep Dipping Superintendents, who could be very usefully employed in seeing that owners duly comply with the Sheep Dipping Regulations, and in furnishing statistics as to the number of sheep dipped. In existing circumstances there is great necessity for neglecting no precautionary measure calculated to prevent the spread of animal disease, and the Department trust, therefore, that your Local Authority will reconsider their decision in the matter, and retain the services of the Sheep Dipping Superintendents for the better enforcement of the provisions of the Order.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL, *Secretary.*

Letter from Mr. Peter M'Donnell on behalf of the Poor Rate Collectors, as under :

DUNDALK,

22nd August, 1912.

DEAR MR. FILGATE,

Some time ago the Chairman, Mr. Hughes, wanted to know from me would the Rate Collectors be satisfied if the County Council made an order that they be asked to lodge only Ninety per cent. of their Warrants, allowing Ten per cent. for irrecoverable rates on vacant houses, &c. The Collectors unanimously agree that this would be a very fair arrangement, as under the present system some of them had to lodge as much as £60 in the half-year on such premises, and remain out of that amount for almost three months.

Please have this matter brought before your Council

at their Meeting to-day with the view of having the Chairman's suggestions carried out before the close of our present collections.

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) on behalf of the Collectors,

PETER M'DONNELL.

On hearing this letter read, the Committee unanimously recommended the County Council to allow the Collectors one month's extension of time—i.e., to 31st of October next.

ANNAGASSAN PIER.

The Draft Agreement was tabled as approved by the Solicitor to the Council, and it was recommended that same be returned to the Department as so approved.

The accounts from the Fiddison Steam Rolling Co. were submitted by the Secretary, and having been certified correct, payment was duly authorised.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 16th day of September, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Michael O'Meara, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Patrick Byrne, J.P., Patrick Kearney and Edward Goodman, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts from the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. J. M. C. Lyons, for Works in his charge, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

These accounts amounted to the sum of £31 16s. od.

Among these accounts was one from Mr. Matthew M'Gahon for £2 under the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order, which the Committee duly passed for payment.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, 30th September, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Messrs. J. M. Johnson, M. Meade, C. A. Duffy, J.P.; J. Wynne, J. Connolly, J.P.; P. O'Connell, and P. Woods, J.P.

The following accounts were ordered for payment—

Messrs. W. Fisher & Sons, for Carlingford Pier	£0 10 6
T. F. Filgate, Postage Stamp account for six months	14 2 0
P. Gaffney, Expns. Education Act—Ardee Dist.	5 3 6
T. J. Harmon do.	2 12 0
J. Faulkner do.	0 2 0
J. Malone do.	0 2 0
Browne & Nolan do.	0 18 6
D. O'Meara, Dundalk District	15 17 9
M. M'Gahon, Sheep Dip account	0 1 10
P. M'Namee, Bill posting	1 15 6
J. F. Finegan, Month's Salary	10 0 0

£51 13 9

Re REPAIRS TO DUNANY PIER.

The Committee recommended that the cost of repairing this Pier be a County-at-large charge.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 14th October, 1912, at one o'clock.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Messrs. James Connolly, J.P.; Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, and William Woods, J.P. Messrs. J. M. C. Lyons and Jas. Dromgoole, Acting County Surveyors, were also present.

Payments for the following amounts were considered and ordered for payment :—

Secretary's Office, Receiver of Wrecks	..	£0	8	10
D.I. R.I.C. Drogheda, Conveyance of Prisoners	4	2	1	
D.I. R.I.C. Dundalk	..	19	4	6
Thomas Kearney (Education Act) to 30/9/1912	9	14	6	
Cooper & Nephew, Rent of Tank	..	5	0	0

£38 9 11

County Surveyor's Office :—

J. Durnin, Road Rolling	..	£0	8	8
F. M'Dermott	..	0	9	9
P. Carroll, Road Repairs	..	7	0	0
F. Murphy, ..	..	7	0	0

£14 18 5

Total, £53 8 4

The Secretary submitted the following certificate from Dr. Clarke :—

DOUGLAS PLACE,
DUNDALK.

I hereby certify that Mr. Joseph Finegan, residing at Seatown, is under my care and unable to follow his employment, suffering from Bronchis Pneumonia.

(Signed), JAMES J. CLARKE.

6th Oct., 1912.

The Committee instructed the Secretary to employ Mr. Mathew McGahon temporarily during Mr. Finegan's illness, at five shillings per day.

DUNDALK RURAL DISTRICT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
COMMITTEE.

The following abstract of the Minutes of Proceedings of this Committee was read, viz. :—The advisability of appointing an Assistant School Attendance Officer. The subject matter of this item was very fully discussed

by the Committee, and having taken into consideration the large number of rural children who live in the immediate vicinity of Dundalk and who attend school within the Urban area, it was deemed advisable to recommend the appointment of an Assistant School Attendance Officer.

The Committee considered that the Urban School Attendance Officer would be the best suited for the position, and the Secretary was instructed to ascertain if he would accept the position if appointed, at a salary of Five Pounds per annum, the amount the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend.

Finally, it was proposed by J. H. M'Ardle, Esq.,

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

Recommended—That an Assistant School Attendance Officer to the Dundalk Rural District School Attendance Committee be appointed at a salary of Five Pounds per annum, and that we respectfully request the sanction of the County Council to this recommendation.

The Committee unanimously recommended the County Council to adopt the resolution to appoint the Urban School Attendance Officer as an Assistant School Attendance Officer to supervise the Rural District children who attend the Urban District Schools, at a salary of Five Pounds per annum.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN.

2nd October, 1912.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, submitting the bond of Mr. James V. Johnston, Poor Rate Collector in Louth County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return the bond herewith, and to state that it is in satisfactory form. I am to add that the ruling of the Board is duly stamped thereon.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. B. BARIAS.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

10th October, 1912.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 2nd inst. and enclosures relative to the collection of the Poor Rate in County Louth for the Half-year ended the 30th September, 1912, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw attention to the Board's letter of the 18th ultimo (No. 49,135/1912), and I am to state that the Board are not at present prepared to reconsider the question of an extension of time, and the Collectors should be called upon forthwith to lodge the outstanding balances of their warrants.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. B. BARLAS, *Secretary.*

The following letter was sent to each Collector :—

SIR,—Relative to the application of the Collectors for an extension of time to close the half-year collection ended 30th September last, the Local Government Board beg to draw attention to their letter of the 18th ultimo—a copy of which was sent you—and are not at present prepared to reconsider the question, and direct me to call upon the Collectors to lodge forthwith the outstanding balances of their warrants.

Please note and oblige,

Yours faithfully,

T. F. FILGATE,

Secretary Louth County Council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

10th October, 1912.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 27th ult., forwarding the applications, etc., received by the Louth County Council for the position of County Surveyor,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they are communicating with the applicants respecting their qualifications for the position.

By order of the Board,

EDWARD LEACH.

Proposed by William Woods, J.P.,

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, J.P., and

Resolved—That we wish to draw attention to the regulations referring to the feeding of troops in Ireland, by which it is compulsory to issue frozen meat on three days of the week, and to point out that at a time when the law forbids the normal exportation of cattle for consumption in England, such regulations restricting its consumption at home should be withdrawn, and that copies of this resolution be sent to our County representatives in Parliament and all the local public bodies.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 28th day of October, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—P. Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Messrs. Patk. O'Connell, J. Connolly, J.P. ; J. F. Murphy, J.P. ; P. Byrne, J.P., and James Wynne, Esquires. Mr. D. O'Connell, Solicitor, and Messrs. Lyons and Dromgoole, Acting County Surveyors, were also present.

The following payments were submitted and ordered for payment :—

Secretary's Office—

M. M'Gahon, Clerk, ..	£2 15 0
Mr. Campbell, Beard, &c., Scholarships, ..	1 12 0
Eliza Madden, " " " ..	1 12 0
T. F. Filgate (Insurance Stamps) ..	5 10 0
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	£11 9 0

County Surveyor's Office—

James Durnin, Road Rolling ..	£1 6 0
Patrick M'Dermott, " ..	1 6 0
J. Rice, Road Maintenance ..	12 0 0
Patrick Mathews, Road Maintenance, ..	6 0 0
Laurence Conlon, Road Maintenance ..	25 0 0
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	£45 12 0
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Total, ..	£57 1 0

CORRESPONDENCE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

24th October, 1912.

SIR,—With reference to the return showing the condition to the 19th inst. of the collection of the Poor Rate in Louth County in respect of the half-year ended the 30th ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the Collectors should be called upon to immediately close their collection. In the event of their failing to do so, their Sureties should be duly notified.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. B. BARLAS, *Secretary*.

The Committee ordered that a copy of this letter be sent to the Sureties of the Rate Collectors.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

24th October, 1912.

SIR,—With reference to the previous correspondence relative to the collection of the Poor Rate in County Louth for the half-year ended the 30th September last, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith for the information of the County Council the enclosed copy of a letter which the Board have addressed to the Dundalk Urban District Council relative to the manner in which Patrick Hughes has discharged his duties as Poor Rate Collector in that District, and I am to direct the attention of the Council to the second paragraph thereof.

Having regard to the failure of Mr. Hughes to carry out the terms of the guarantee given by him when his collection district in the County Louth was reduced, that he would discharge his duties in a manner that would give no cause for complaint, the Board consider that the County Council should, at their next meeting, call upon Mr. Hughes for an immediate resignation of his office of Poor Rate Collector in the County.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. B. BARLAS, *Secretary*.

The Committee ordered that a copy of this letter be sent to Mr. Hughes.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

25th October, 1912.

SIR,—The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the replies to their inquiries respecting Mr. Charles E. M'Cann, to whom the County Council of

Louth propose to grant a superannuation allowance in respect of his services as Collector of Poor Rate in the County; and with reference to the reply to query No. 10, in which the County Council state that Mr. M'Cann did not devote his whole time to the service of the County, the Board desire to call attention to the terms of the Union Officers (Ireland) Superannuation Act, 1865, as adopted by Section 83 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, which provides that the County Council may, with the consent of the Board, grant a pension to any officer whose whole time has been devoted to the services of the County.

It appears from the records of this Department, that Mr. M'Cann, prior to the passing of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, held the office of Poor Rate Collector under the Board of Guardians of Drogheda Union, and that he was by that Act transferred as an existing officer to the Louth County Council and other public bodies in his capacity of Poor Rate Collector.

In these circumstances the Board would be glad to be furnished with the further observations of the County Council, as to whether in their opinion Mr. M'Cann devoted his whole time to the duties of Poor Rate Collector. The form of queries is returned herewith for amendment, if necessary. With regard to the amount of his superannuation allowance, the Board desires to point out that on his actual services in the County Mr. M'Cann could be granted a pension of £16 15s. 9d. a year. With the addition of seven years he could be allowed £22 19s. 5d. And with ten years added £25 12s. 5d. a year. The Local Government Board are not prepared to consent to a greater addition of years than ten; but if the County Council so desire they will be prepared to consent to a superannuation allowance of £25 12s. 5d., provided that the reply to query No. 10 is satisfactory.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. B. BARLAS, *Secretary.*

The Committee ordered that a copy of this letter be sent to Mr. M'Cann, and that the matter be put on the Agenda for next meeting of the County Council.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Dolan, Ardee, with reference to the County Students in University College. The Secretary was instructed to find out the information Mr. Dolan required, and that the Scholarship Scheme for 1913 be put on the Agenda for January meeting next.

PIERS AND HARBOURS' COMMITTEE

Minutes of Proceedings of the Piers and Harbours' Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday 21st October, 1912, at one o'clock.

Present :—

In the Chair—James Wynne, Esq.

Other Members—Messrs. Patrick O'Connell, Richard Mathews, John F. Murphy, J.P., and Wm. Woods, J.P. Mr. Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Dromgoole, Acting Co. Surveyors, were also in attendance.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

7th October, 1912.

SIR,—Adverting to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I have to transmit herewith to be laid before the Louth County Council the plan, estimate and specification in duplicate of certain marine works at Annagassan. Should these be approved of by the County Council, perhaps you would be good enough to initial all the documents and have them signed by the County Surveyor and returned to me at your early convenience.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL, *Secretary.*

The Committee, having carefully examined the plans, estimates and specifications finally approved of same, and instructed the Secretary to initial all the documents and have them signed by the Acting County Surveyor and returned to the Department.

IRISH LIGHTS OFFICE,
CARLISLE BUILDINGS, DUBLIN,

18th October, 1912.

Carlingford Pier Head Light.

SIR,—Referring to your letter of the 14th inst., I shall feel obliged by your submitting an Admiralty Chart of Carlingford Lough or a 6in. Ordnance Sheet, showing the position of the light referred to, and with the area over which the proposed red light will be visible marked thereon. The area over which the light shows white should be also shown on the map, and should be accompanied by a sketch or description of the structure on which the light is mounted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

SECRETARY.

This letter was referred to Mr. Lyons, Acting County Surveyor, to supply all the necessary information required by the Irish Lights Commissioners.

ARDEE UNION,

16th October, 1912.

Dunany Pier.

DEAR SIR,—The Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council have directed me to say that they have had before them a copy of a letter addressed by the Department of Agriculture, etc., to the County Council, offering to give a sum not exceeding £250 towards the improvement of Dunany Pier, provided an equal sum is forthcoming from local sources. The Council consider that there is no pressing necessity for this improvement, and that as the rates are already so high and the condition of agriculture here so unfavourable this year, the public

could hardly bear such an addition to local taxation, and they think the matter could afford to lie over for consideration twelve months hence.

THOMAS B. DROMGOOLE.

The Committee, having regard to the number of large ratepayers in the district who signed the memorial requesting the Department to repair the Peir, and the Department's offer to give a grant of £250 towards the repair, are of opinion that the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council should take advantage of the Department's generous offer and have the Pier repaired forthwith.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

PROPOSALS AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

*Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 11th November,
1912, in the Council Chamber, at One o'clock p.m.*

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Messrs. T. F. Murphy, J.P. ;
R. Mathews, William Woods, J.P. ; B. Hamill, J.P. ;
J. Connolly, J.P. ; P. O'Connell, P. Kearney, and J. H.
M'Ardle.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

The Secretary submitted the County-at-Large Payments as set out on Form 22, amounting to £4,946 14s 6d which were examined and recommended for payment.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Secretary submitted Proposals for Payments to Road Contractors recommended by the Rural District Council of Ardee No. 1 amounting to £891 3s. 5d. ; Drogheda (Louth), amounting to £606 17s. 11d. ; and Dundalk Rural, amounting to £1739 19s. 0d. ; and the

County-at-Large Payments, amounting to £4,946 14s 6d, which were duly examined and recommended for payment.

The following amounts were examined and ordered for payment :

Secretary's Office—		
M. M'Gahon ..	£3	0 0
Mrs. E. Madden ..	1	12 0
Mrs. Short ..	14	0 0
		£6 6 0
County Surveyor's Office—		
P. Connor ..	1	1 0
T. J. Reilly ..	5	16 2
N. M'Keown ..	5	8 0
M. Halpin ..	4	14 0
P. Hodgins ..	0	10 0
J. Durnin ..	1	6 0
J. O'Hanlon ..	0	10 0
Gaskin Bros. ..	3	18 2
F. M'Dermott ..	1	6 0
C. Malone ..	0	9 6
P. Carroll ..	5	0 0
M. Ferguson ..	1	1 5
		31 10 3
Total, ..	£37	6 3

CORRESPONDENCE.

DOUGLAS PLACE, DUNDALK,
November 3rd, 1912.

This is to certify that Mr. Joseph Finegan, Seatown, is suffering from Debility after Pneumonia, and will be unfit for work for 14 days.

J. J. CLARKE, L.M.L., R.C.S. & P.I.

SEATOWN, DUNDALK,

November 7th, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—I much regret my husband is unable to do any work at present. The Doctor has given him

strict instructions not to do so. It will therefore be necessary to have the Minutes relating to the Scholarships prepared in the Office, or allowed to wait over for the adjourned meeting.

Yours faithfully,

MARIANNE FINIGAN.

J. Comiskey, the Harbour Constable for Gyles's Quay, reported that Mr. Mackay, Dundalk, had purchased the old Coastguard Station and claimed the Boat Slip at Gyles's Quay.

The matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor, Mr. D. O'Connell, to investigate.

The following correspondence was referred to the County Council :—

COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,

COUNTY HALL, TRALEE,

27th October, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—Kindly bring the subject matter of enclosed letter before your County Council and Members of Parliament and oblige.

Yours faithfully,

P. M. QUINLAN, County Secretary.

URGENT.

COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,

COUNTY HALL, TRALEE,

25th October, 1912.

(1) Deductions from County Council Grants (Local Taxation Account); and (2) Land Purchase Losses.

DEAR SIR,—I have again to respectfully direct attention to the fact that the "Imperial and Local Taxation Committee," which was appointed in April, 1911, has not yet submitted its report, and a letter to hand from the Secretary states that

"he regrets he is unable to give any information as to when his Committee is likely to report." As the Government, meantime, declines to make good the deductions from our grants, it is obvious that this Committee, which is sitting for such a considerable period, should be required to report *without further delay*. Immediate steps should then be taken to place the "Local Taxation Account" in a solvent position, and a refund at the same time secured of the deductions already made from our grants. These deductions in Kerry have amounted to £5,062, made up of Asylum, Railway and Harbour, Medical Charities, and other grants.

This amount, I should state, is independent of the Land Purchase Losses, which are now going on for several years, and have amounted in this county, after allowing for a trifling refund, to £5,671, and as to which, I previously stated, "that thousands of pounds were withheld, no particulars worth having supplied, no money, with a trifling exception, refunded, and no audit authorised on behalf of the Councils concerned." More time should also be given for the collection of these annuities, in the manner previously suggested, before any deductions are made from our grants.

The Home Rule Bill, which standardises the grants to be transferred to the Irish Government at the passing of the Act, at the amounts actually PAID at the time by the Treasury to the Irish Local Authorities, as distinct from the amounts due, makes the question of those grants a matter of additional importance, if the Irish Ratepayers are not to be required to meet liabilities morally and lawfully due by the British Treasury. In this respect I previously stated that "to repair the serious neglect of the past, which is so sadly apparent on the face and the intellect of Ireland, to rebuild this Nation, and, by meeting the new and growing demands of advancing civilization, to keep it anywhere placed in the race of progress, will need all the money at the disposal of the Irish Government without having, at the same time, to make good losses or deductions—and substantial and growing ones—which should be provided for out of the Imperial Treasury."

As the time is arriving for, I fear, further annual deductions, as well as for preparing our Rate Estimates for the coming year, may I again respectfully direct immediate attention to this important matter, and once more suggest that the "Imperial and Local Taxation Committee" be called on, in Parliament, to report, *without further delay*, and that the necessary steps be taken generally to protect the Irish Ratepayers interests while there is yet time.

Your obedient servant,

P. M. QUINLAN, *County Secretary*.

To each Irish Member of Parliament.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

SECRETARY and BURSAR'S OFFICE,
86 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN,
DUBLIN.

October 30th, 1912.

SIR,—Miss Ursula MacParland and Messrs. Rogan and Brannigan have resumed attendance in their Courses here. The fees payable in respect of these Students are as follows:—

Miss MacParland	£10 10 0
Mr. Brannigan	10 10 0
Mr. Rogan, 2 Engineering	15 10 0

	£36 10 0

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LUCAS, *Secretary*.

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

49 MERRION SQUARE, DUBLIN,

November 2nd, 1912.

SIR,—In reply to your letter, I beg to certify that Miss Margaret Callan passed the Matriculation Examination of this University in autumn, 1912; the subjects of examination being Latin, Irish, German, English, and Mathematics. No Candidate named M. K. M'Dermott passed the Matriculation Examination in 1912.

JOSEPH M'GRATH, *Registrar*.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN,

29th October, 1912.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith, to be laid before the Louth County Council, a copy of a letter which they have received from Mr. Peter M'Loughlin, Dublin,

relative to the award of University Scholarships by the Council, and I am to request that you will be so good as to furnish the Board with the Council's observation thereon.

By order of the Board,

E. W. LEACH.

3 ST. ANNE'S VILLAS,

SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD, DUBLIN,

23rd October, 1912.

SIR,—I desire to draw the attention of the Local Government Board to a decision of the Louth County Council, at their meeting, held on the 26th ultimo. This meeting was convened amongst other things to consider a report from a Sub-Committee on three applications that had been received from Candidates for two County Council University Scholarships. The Sub-Committee unanimously reported that two of the Candidates had fulfilled all the conditions governing a grant of a Scholarship, but that the third Candidate was below the required literary standard, and, therefore, not eligible for a Scholarship. The Sub-Committee further recommended that one of the qualified Candidates should get a £50 Scholarship, and the other should get a £25 Scholarship, the grounds for the reduction being that her parents were at present living in Dublin. The £50 recommendation was confirmed by the Council, but the £25 grant was after much wrangling and a number of divisions (see *Dundalk Democrat* of 28th ultimo.) issued, not to the qualified Candidate, but to the third Candidate, who was reported by the Sub-Committee as ineligible. As the qualified Candidate, who was in justice entitled to the £25 Scholarship, is my daughter, I feel that I have a grievance, and this has been accentuated by the knowledge that I have been penalised on the grounds that "I was an itinerant Government official." I may add for your information that I hold a position in the Excise Department, and, in my official capacity have resided in County Louth for over twelve years. My daughter, the applicant, was born at Drogheda, and lived there for four years—1894-8.

During the years 1904-9 we lived at Dundalk. We removed to Dublin in September, 1909.

My colleagues in the Excise in County Louth are justly indignant at the treatment meted out to my daughter by the Louth County Council. One of them, Mr. O'Loughlen, of Castlebellingham, has addressed a letter on the subject to the *Dundalk Democrat*, a copy of which I enclose. This letter has been heartily endorsed by other Civil Servants residing in County Louth.

I may add for your information, that the decision of the Louth County Council in this instance is not only at variance with the conditions governing their own scheme of County Council Scholarships, but is in marked contrast with the procedure of other County Councils. As an example I may state that the County Dublin County Council awarded a fixed number of Scholarships last year, but on investigation it was found that not one of the Candidates was up to the required literary standard. Some interested parties, however, endeavoured to have a Scholarship awarded to one of the Candidates. This was opposed with dignity and effect by the Chairman, who held that the County Council was bound by the conditions embodied in their scheme of Scholarships, and the result was that not a single Candidate received a Scholarship.

A somewhat similar case occurred this year in connection with the City of Dublin Scholarships. Twenty-four Scholarships were advertised, for which applications were received from seventeen Candidates. Fourteen of these, however, were only awarded Scholarships, the remaining three having been rejected, being below the required "honours" standard.

I respectfully appeal to the Local Government Board to review the decision of the Louth County Council, and to restore the Scholarship to my daughter, in accordance with the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee. There is a principle at stake in this matter far more reaching in its consequences to Irish Civil Servants than the monetary value of the Scholarship.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
Referred to County Council. PETER M'LAUGHLIN.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN,

7th November, 1912.

COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS.

SIR,—I shall be much obliged if you will kindly send me at your earliest convenience an official list of the persons to whom Scholarships or Bursaries tenable in this College have been granted by your County Council for the Session 1912-13. I shall also be glad to know whether it is the intention of your Council to pay the whole amount of the Scholarships to this College, or to pay to the College the Lecture Fees only of the Scholars.

If your Council has decided to pay the Scholarships to the College, I shall be obliged by you sending me an authorisation to advance money out of the Scholarships to the respective holders.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. BACON,

Secretary & Bursar.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

5th Nov., 1912.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 31st ult. and previous correspondence relative to the Collection of the Poor Rates in Louth County in respect of the half-year ended 30th September last, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that Collectors Patrick and Joseph Moonan have had their Warrants since the 5th June, and should be called upon to immediately close their collections. In the event of their failure, their sureties should be called upon to do so.

I am, &c.,

N. B. BARLAS, Secretary.

ARDEE,

9th November, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter requesting me to close the current half-year's rate collection with

my next lodgment. As you will quite understand the death of my father, the late Collector, caused something of a set back in the Collection and a considerable time elapsed after the death before I was provisionally appointed, and, in fact, the Bond was not executed by me until the 20th ultimo, being handed over to your Council on the 24th ultimo.

In face of these facts, I think your Council will grant that it would be utterly impossible for me to do so as requested, and I therefore ask the time to be extended until the 30th inst., on which date the Collection will be closed without fail.

I respectfully submit that the extension asked for is most reasonable under the circumstances.

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH MOONAN.

CORPORATION OF DROGHEDA,

7th November, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—At the Meeting of the Corporation held on yesterday, His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that he had been requested by His Honour Judge Green, K.C., to draw attention to the condition of the Drogheda Court House, with a view to have it improved.

I am to suggest that if the County Council so desire, the Borough Surveyor, Mr. T. J. Delahunty, B.E., will prepare a report and estimate, and to request that the County Council will have the goodness to take the matter into their consideration at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. CONNOLLY.

CASTLE STREET, ARDEE,

CO. LOUTH,

8th November, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—Will you please inform the Members of the County Council that I have appointed Dr. O'Connell

to act as my *locum tenens* as Tuberculosis Officer while I am taking out the necessary post graduate course.

And oblige, yours truly,

J. A. M'QUILLAN.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

8th November, 1912.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., transmitting copy of a Resolution passed by the Louth County Council respecting the appointment of Dr. M'Quillan, Ardee, as Medical Superintendent of the Central Tuberculous Dispensary to be established by the County Council, and in reply, I am to state that the Board will be prepared to approve, for a period of six months, of the arrangement set forth in the Resolution, on being furnished with the name of Dr. M'Quillan's substitute.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

IRISH COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL,

OFFICES: 10 LEINSTER STREET,

DUBLIN,

November, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—I shall be glad to receive particulars from you regarding any matters that your Council may desire to bring before the Annual Meeting of the General Council, to be held on Friday, 6th December.

In order that a question may appear on the agenda, it will be necessary to notify me, by the 21st inst.

I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils' General Council to forward you, for the information of your Council the accompanying Report of the Standing Committee on Legislation on

the conditions attached to the proposed Scheme for Scholarships tenable at Intermediate Schools for boys and girls from Primary Schools to be held in connection with Scholarships at Irish Universities.

The Report has been approved of by the Executive Committee, and will be laid before the Annual Meeting of the General Council on the 6th prox.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will be so good as to let me have a copy of your Council's University County Scholarship Scheme.

Yours faithfully,

A. KEOGH NOLAN, Secretary.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS.

FROM PRIMARY TO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Report of the Standing Committee on Legislation on the conditions attached to a draft Scheme for Scholarships tenable at Intermediate Schools by boys and girls from Primary Schools to be held in connection with Scholarships at Irish Universities.

Whilst we believe that Ireland owes a deep debt of gratitude to the Right Hon. Augustine Birrell, P.C., Chief Secretary, for his successful efforts to provide a system of higher education acceptable to the great majority of the Irish people, and whilst we suggest that the thanks of the Council are due to him for his further effort to meet the request of the Council by providing from Imperial funds a sum of £10,000 per annum for the purpose of founding a system of Scholarships from Primary to Intermediate Schools, the conditions attached to this proposed grant are such that having given to them our most earnest and careful

consideration, we are compelled very reluctantly but unhesitatingly to recommend the Councils to refuse to avail themselves of any grant associated with conditions of this nature, which in our opinion are highly objectionable from many points of view.

In the first place, the acceptance of the conditions sought to be imposed would utterly vitiate and render negatory an important agreement entered into between the Senate of the National University and a deputation from the General Council, whereby the Senate agreed to accede to the request of the deputation that Irish should be an essential subject for Matriculation in the University as from 1913, and the Councils represented agreed to strike a rate in aid of University Education and to found Scholarships tenable in the National University, the mandate of the deputation being contained in a resolution adopted with but one dissentient vote at an important meeting of the General Council, held on 2nd June, 1909, this resolution being founded upon numerous representations received from the individual Councils forming the association, twenty-four of which Councils had bound themselves by resolution to strike no rate save on the above terms.

This is clearly an agreement which should not be lightly disregarded or set aside, and it is equally clear that the Councils cannot look to the Senate for its fulfilment unless they on their part are prepared to adhere honourably to their side of the bargain, and to resist all inducements to violate it.

To open County Council Scholarships to any University which fails to comply with the vital condition as to essential Irish would manifestly be unfair treatment of the University which has agreed to accept it.

It has been alleged in some quarters that in confining their Scholarships to the National University the Irish County Councils whilst within their strict legal right have acted in a narrowminded and illiberal spirit. We deny that there is the smallest justification for this contention, and we invite reference to facts.

The Irish Universities Act, 1908, gives to the elected representatives of the ratepayers, whose money provides the County Scholarships, effective representation upon

the governing bodies of the Constituent College of the National University and of the National University only. In pursuance of the powers thus conferred, the Council will, before the close of the present year, proceed to elect nine members on the Governing body of University College, Dublin, five members of the Governing body of University College, Cork, and six members of the Governing body of University College, Galway.

The ratepayers possess no such safeguard with regard to the wise and prudent expenditure of their money in relation to any other University in Ireland, and in confining their support to the University over which they possess some degree of control, the Councils but follow the example set them by many Corporate and other authorities in Great Britain, who liberally subsidise Universities upon the Governing bodies of which they possess representation.

The Act manifestly contemplates assistance from the County Councils supplementary to its parsimonious financial provision for the Universities it creates, and it would be highly inequitable to expect the Guardians of the ratepayers interests to add to this burden by subsidies to already wealthy and highly endowed Institutions.

The constitution of the National University of Ireland has been framed by its authors with the most scrupulous care upon absolutely non-sectarian lines. All possibility of religious preference of any description has been wholly eliminated. The principle of proportional representation has been fully observed in the composition of the Senate and of the Professional Staff, and any objections by an Irish Student winning a County Council Scholarship to pursue his course of studies in this University would be based not upon reason, but upon prejudice.

In exercising the power of election conferred by the Charter, we strongly urge that the General Council should carefully select the best qualified members of the Council as their representative on the Governing Body of University College, Dublin, with a view to retaining in our own hands intimate association with the development and progress of the University.

We regard as educationally unsound the proposal to award to children of tender years upon the results of an examination based chiefly upon personal estimates of their natural intelligence Scholarships tenable at Intermediate Schools linked with the extraordinary condition that at the conclusion of a three years' course they are to possess, subject only to the veto of their own preceptors, an inalienable right to demand from the Council of their County the provision of £240 of the ratepayers money to defray the cost of an University Course, subject to no control by the Council in its award or expenditure, subject to no examination to determine whether the original estimate of the child's intelligence has been fully justified, or whether the youth's present intelligence and acquirements point to a material advantage to be derived by him from University Education and conditional only upon a mere pass matriculation.

Viewed from a financial standpoint the proposals are equally unsatisfactory. For each £10,000 of free grants, the Councils must covenant to provide £20,000 and to hand this sum over for expenditure upon Scholarships allocated upon a flat rate scale vastly more expensive than the County Councils own carefully prepared Scholarship Scheme, framed with a view to encourage study in scientific agriculture and other subjects of vital importance to Ireland. In fact, it is quite demonstrable that the County Councils could provide from the rate day school Scholarships in the Intermediate Schools and Co. Council Scholarships in National University at considerable less total cost to the ratepayers than the provision of University Scholarships alone under this Scheme would entail.

In its general aspect the effect of the acceptance of this Scheme would be a relinquishment by the County Councils of the measure of control over University Education placed in their hands by Parliament and its transfer to a body of an unrepresentative character.

We cannot regard with approval any proposal to take the retrograde step of transferring important duties in Ireland from the elected representatives of the people

to a nominated irresponsible authority, nor can we recommend the General Council to advise the acceptance of this offer.

(Signed) M. A. ENNIS, Chairman, on behalf of—

P. J. O'NEILL, Chairman Irish County Councils' General Council; Chairman, Dublin County Council.

J. P. DOWDALL, Chairman, Westmeath County Council.

J. T. DOLAN, M.A., Louth County Council.

JOSEPH MOONEY, Dublin County Council.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

DUNDALK.

November 9th, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to my application for the position of County Surveyor, and subsequent form of queries which I was obliged to forward to the L.G.B., setting out full particulars of my education, professional training, character, health and age in the form of a declaration.

Would you kindly bring under the notice of the County Council the fact that I have been informed by letter of to-day's date that the Local Government Board hold that I am ineligible for the appointment, owing to being over the prescribed age limit.

This inevitable disability in my case appears to be at variance with the conditions as to age limit set out in the Memorandum for Appointment of County Surveyors, which states that the age limit shall not apply where the candidates are existing County Surveyors, or have passed the prescribed examination. Although a Degree in Engineering appears to be recognized as having the same value as the Certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners of having passed the prescribed examination (page 1436-7 Van.) I was prepared to submit myself

for examination ; but I am denied this privilege and the chance of promotion after 28 years service.

Thanking you and the County Council for the invariable kindness always received,

I am, dear Sir,

Faithfully yours,

JOHN M. C. LYONS.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN,

8th November, 1912.

SIR,—With reference to your application to the Louth County Council for the position of County Surveyor, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that you are ineligible for such appointment, as you are over the prescribed maximum age limit of 45 years.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN, *Assistant Sec.*

J. M. C. LYONS, Esq.,

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Dundalk.

CO. LOUTH NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

DUNDALK,

8th November, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to inform you that Mr. Patk. M'Gee, Charleville, Dunleer, has resigned Membership of the Louth County Insurance Committee.

I am, sir,

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN, *Sec.*

