

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11-30 am. on Friday, the 25th May, 1900.

The following Councillors attended:—

Councillor — E. P. O'Kelly, — Chairman.

Councillors — M. Langton, E. C. Walsh, J. Shepherd, D. J. Cogan, M. Kelly, S. J. Doyle, J. Byrne, W. Osborne, J. Dunne, J. Gahan, A. Metcalfe, R. R. Drought, E. J. Byrne, M. Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, J. McCarroll, J. H. Coleman, W. Costello, P. J. Carey.

Business:—

1. To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
2. " " report from the Finance Committee.
3. " " and sign orders for the past quarter's payments.
4. " " proposals from each of the five Rural Districts.
5. To seal such Contracts sent forward from the District Councils as have been approved.
6. " confirm and approve of the propriety of opposing in the present or next Session of Parliament the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill, 1900. (Extension Railways in Counties of Dublin and Wicklow) and also to consider, and, if approved, adopt a Resolution or Resolutions in reference to opposing and the expenses of opposing the said Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill, 1900. (Extension Railways in Counties of Dublin and Wicklow).
7. " appoint a Rate Collector in place of Mr. Driver in Shillelagh Rural District.
- 7a. " make and strike the Rates for the half-year ending 30th September, 1900; and sign and seal the several Collectors' Warrants for the collection of the same.
8. " fix the Quarterly Meetings for the Financial Year.

9. To consider Councillor Cogan's notice of motion:— "I hereby give notice that I will move at next Meeting of the Council that the resolution of February 27th, 1900, proposed by Councillor Norman Thompson, directing a petition to be lodged against the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill, in so far as it directs that a deposit of £3000 be deposited by the Company, be and is hereby rescinded, and that the Railway Company be called upon to deposit a sum of £1,000 in the National Bank to the credit of the County Council to make good all the requirements of the Council, as set forth in the clause submitted and agreed upon between the Company and the County Council, such sum to be lodged before commencing work on either railway or tramways outside Bray Urban District."
10. " receive County Surveyor's and Secretary's Reports.
11. " consider official correspondence.
12. " " general correspondence.

The Proposals from the Proposal Committee, being considered, were adopted as amended.

A deputation representing the County Infirmary Committee of Management attended to urge the passing of £250 for the support of the Hospital for the half-year, instead of £200. The Council allowed the £250.

The Finance Committee's Report.

Your Committee met on Monday, the 7th May, 1900, when the following Councillors attended:—

Councillor — D. J. Cogan — Presiding.

Councillors — E. C. Walsh, Wm. Burke, R. R. Drought, M. Byrne, J. J. Troy, E. J. Byrne, E. P. O'Kelly.

The Committee, before considering the distribution of the £60 paid by the War Office for the injury to the

roads at Inaal Range, directed the County Surveyor to report on the matter.

On considering Mr. McCarroll's request for Counsel's Fees in respect of expenses incurred in the opposition to the Bray and Enniskerry Railway, The Committee recommend that a Cheque be drawn in favour of Mr. John O'Mahony, B.L. to cover expenses in connection with the opposition to the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Company's Bill by the County Council, this Cheque to be retained by the Secretary until the sanction of the Local Government Board is given to its payment.

Having adjourned to Monday, the 14th May, when the following Councillors were present:—

Councillor - D. J. Cogan - Presiding.
Councillors - E. C. Walsh, R. K. Drought, M. Byrne, E. J. Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, W. G. Murphy, J. J. Troy.

The lists of Rate Collectors' arrears returned as irrecoverable were considered, and the following recommended for payment:—

	<u>Arrears.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1. Joseph Doyle.	£6-18-0	Amount claimed allowed, with the exception of Nos. 120 and 693 which are to be sent back for a valid reason, and verification by the Local Representative how the names are returned.
2. Richard Geoghegan.	£8-5-3	Allowed.
3. Thomas Tutty.	£3-10-2	Nos. 1987 and 2013 to be checked.
4. Nicholas Byrne.	£7-13-3	Passed, with the exception of the items returned on the ground of occupier being in receipt of out-door relief; and Secretary

ArrearsRemarks.

to ascertain from the Auditor if he will in future pass allowances made on these grounds. The Committee are of opinion that they ought to be passed and allowed.

5. Michael Kelly.	£0-4-5	Allowed.
6. George Meyler.	£0-18-1	Allowed
7. Charles Sutton.	15-9	} Allowed.
	£18-12-11	
8. John Tallons.	£3-15-0	Allowed.
9. Joseph Keane.	£10-0-7	Allowed.
10. John Murphy.	£5-6-10	Allowed, except No. 1354.
11. Thos. Dowling.	£3-8-11	Allowed. Also arrears held over last collection.
12. John F. Evans.	£2-14-11	Items struck out in blue pencil to be disallowed.
13. George Evans.	£1-2-9	Allowed.
14. Jas. McAnanama.	£9-2-3	Allowed, except Nos. 4662 and 4663.
15. John Brennan.	£16-9-3	Allowed; with the exception of No. 5721.
16. William Smith.	£5-5-3	Allowed.
17. Philip Doyle.	£1-17-5	Allowed; except No. 481.
18. Thomas Ebbs.		No arrears.
19. Philip Doyle.	£1-1-4	Allowed.

We recommend the following Fees to be paid to Collectors who have lodged the full amounts of their Warrants:—

	<u>Fees.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1. Joseph Doyle.	£25-0-0	We recommend the Local Government Board to allow this to be paid, as the amount uncollected is only £4-8-8 (Note by Secretary—The Collector has a balance to credit from previous Collection of £4-8-8).
2. Rich ^d . Geoghegan.	£15-12-5	
3. Thomas Tutty.	£12-10-0	
4. Nicholas Byrne.	£12-10-0	
5. Michael Kelly.	£15-0-0	

- | | <u>Fees.</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
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| 6. George Meyler. | | Cannot allow payment. The Secretary to inform Mr. Meyler and his Securities that proceedings will be taken to recover the amount due by him, unless the amount is lodged before the 25 th instant. |
| 7. Charles Sutton. | £37-10-0 | |
| 8. John Tallon. | £14-12-9 | |
| 9. Joseph Keane. | £45-0-0 | |
| 10. John Murphy. | £17-9-6 | |
| 11. Thos. Dowling. | £30-0-0 | |
| 12. John F. Evans. | £30-0-0 | |
| 13. George Evans | £12-10-0 | |
| 14. Jas. McAnanama. | £42-10-0 | |
| 15. John Brennan. | £22-10-0 | |
| 16. Wm. Smith. | £35-0-0 | Recommended for payment, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, as the amount remaining to be lodged is small. £26-3-1. |
| 17. Philip Doyle. | £37-10-0 | In view of this Collector being asked to collect another District with his own, we recommend he be paid his Fees, subject to the decision of the Local Government Board. |
| 18. Thomas Ebbs. | £27-10-0 | |
| 19. Philip Doyle. | £17-10-0 | Like order as in No. 17. |

We recommend a transfer of £21-16-10 to the Subsidiary Account. The Secretary to produce Bank Account Pass Book at every Meeting of the Committee for examination.

W. H. H. Kennedy, Wicklow, applied for £7 per annum Compensation for loss of emoluments under the Explosives Act. The Committee recommend that

an annuity be paid him according to the amount he is legally entitled to, viz: - £2-2-0.

A similar application from Patrick Martin, Arklow for £100, was laid before the Committee. The Committee recommend an annuity of £1-6-8 to be paid for his loss of occupation of office in Avoca, but as his appointment for Arklow was made after the appointed day, his claim for compensation here cannot be entertained.

The Clerk of Shillelagh Union applied for Compensation for loss of emoluments consequent upon the Local Government (Ireland) Act coming into force.

Having considered this claim, the Committee recommend the correct amount, as ascertained by the Secretary: - viz: - £1-10-3, to be paid annually. The Committee further recommend that the Clerks of Rathdrum and Baltinglass Unions be paid an annuity, as ascertained by the Secretary to be correct, based on their claims, which have already been considered and passed by the Committee as gross sums for compensation.

Having considered Mr. Patrick Healy's application for increase of salary, we recommend that Mr. Healy's salary be increased to £1-5-0 per week.

Further consideration into the working of the Secretary's office adjourned to next Meeting; meantime Mr. Doyle is to be present with the Accountant when working at the Books.

The Secretary laid the following Report before us: -
Secretary's Report.

I beg to report that I sent the Bonds of the several Rate Collectors, and of the Secretary, as directed, to Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, to have them registered and returned. The Collectors' Bonds have been returned, but those entered into with the Patriotic Assurance Company have not been registered. I have drawn Mr. McCarroll's attention to this,

and enquired whether they should not be registered, but have received no reply. I have also applied for the return of the Secretary's Bond, but have not received it. I would suggest that the Chairman send for it now.

None of your Staff have given security, though required to do so by the Council, and by the Local Government Board. I have frequently requested them to do so, but so far without result.

E. P. Wynne, Secretary."

We directed the Secretary to take steps to have the Bonds carried out. Further consideration of Report referred from the Council was adjourned.

On further considering Mr. McCavell's application for Cheque for £100 as Fees for Parliamentary proceedings -

Proposed by - Councillor R. Norman Thompson.
Seconded by - " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved - That a Cheque for £105 be drawn in favour of Mr. John O'Mahony, B.S., as a fee for his appearance on behalf of the County Council before the Parliamentary Committee in the case of the Bray and Ennisberry Railway Company.
Carried unanimously.

The Committee then adjourned to Friday, the 25th May, 1900, at 10 am.

Signed: - E. J. Cogan, Chairman.
14th May, 1900.

Adopted.

The adjourned Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on the 25th May, 1900, at 10 am, when the following Councillors attended: -

Councillors - E. P. O'Keely - Presiding.
Councillors - W. R. Broughton, E. J. Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, P. J. Casey.

The Committee, having gone into the question of how it happened that the second Cheque for the same amount was sent to Hill, find that it was due simply to the amount not having been marked off in the first instance on the Pay Sheet as having been paid through an oversight, but they are of opinion the mistake could not have occurred had a Pay Book been kept, and each item properly checked, which does not appear to have been done.

The Secretary says this is now done. The Committee recommend that a proper system of doing the accountant work of the Office be at once established by placing Mr. Simon J. Doyle in charge of the accounts, to be assisted so far as possible by the Secretary. That no figures or accounts go out of the Office without first having been properly and regularly checked.

That the services of Messrs. Minchin and Abraham be dispensed with with one week's notice to 2nd June. That one of the Clerks attend in the Council Chamber when necessary, and that he write up the Minutes of the Council and Committee, under the supervision of the Secretary. Messrs. Langton and Whelan to perform general Office work.

The Committee recommend also that the District Councils should be requested to send in their Estimates at least three weeks before the Quarterly Meetings, so as to enable the Secretary to place his Estimate for Expenditure before the Finance Committee for examination before submitting it to the Committee for adoption; and that the Secretary's County Estimate, together with the Demands of the District Councils be in future submitted to the Finance Committee at least ten days before the Council meets to strike the Rate for the half-year; the Committee to report to the Council thereon, and report to be circulated

amongst the Members prior to the Meeting of the Council.

The Committee are of opinion that the Office can in the future be worked much more economically than it has been in the past, if the Secretary will have it organized as suggested, and supervise his Staff, and give them what reasonable assistance is necessary to them in the due and efficient discharge of their duties.

The Committee recognize that the work was new to everybody, from the Secretary down, and it was not unreasonable to expect that some confusion should have arisen in the past, but as the Secretary and Staff have now a year's experience in their new duties, the Committee expect that the work will be done more efficiently, and everything will run more smoothly in the future.

All which your Committee have to report this
25th May, 1900.

Signed: - D. J. Cogan. Chairman.

Adopted.

Mr. W. H. H. Kennedy appeared and asked to have an allowance of seven years added to his length of service in calculating his pension, but the application was disallowed.

The Secretary said they had heard his statements from time to time with regard to the Clerical Staff they had appointed, and he would not now repeat them. Mr. Doyle he had found a capable, willing, and intelligent assistant, but with the others he could not do the work of the Office. He would give them every assistance but most distinctly declined to take any responsibility for their work. He would be putting himself in a false position if he did.

Report of the Proposal Committee.

8th May, 1900.

The following Members of the Committee met, and having considered the several Notices of Motion, and the Secretary's Schedule of applications for payment for County at Large matters, hereby propose that the County Council do order that the sums, as initialled by the Chairman, in said Schedule be paid, subject in the case of No. 81, to Mr. Dollard's account (which has been sent him for correction) being produced before the County Council at the Quarterly Meeting.

Councillors A. Metcalfe
" A. Zeller
" R. Norman Thompson

Signed: - R. Norman Thompson - Chairman.
8th May, 1900.

Adopted.

Councillor Cogan having drawn attention to the fact that the Minutes were not placed in the hands of Members in sufficient time; it was ordered that in future the printed Minutes be in the hands of the Councillors at least three days before the subsequent Meeting.

The Proposals for the Quarters' payments were then submitted.

County at Large:-

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh.
Seconded by " W. Osborne.

Resolved - That the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £3594-11-0 (any alterations made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) be hereby approved and ordered to be paid.

Carried.

Baltinglass No. 1:-

Proposed by Councillor J. H. Coleman.
Seconded by " M. Kelly.

Resolved - That the foregoing proposals for payment,

amounting to £ 1123-12-11 (any alterations made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) be hereby approved and ordered to be paid.

Naas No. 2:-

Proposed by Councillor W. Osborne.

Seconded by " E. C. Walsh.

Resolved - That the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £ 396-18-8 (any alterations made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) be hereby approved and ordered to be paid.

Carried.

Rathdown No. 2:-

Proposed by - Councillor R. Norman Thompson.

Seconded by - " J. H. Coleman.

Resolved - That the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £ 433-7-5 (any alterations made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) be hereby approved and ordered to be paid.

Passed.

Rathdrum:-

Proposed by - Councillor O. J. Carey.

Seconded by - " W. Costelloe.

Resolved - That the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £ 2024-13-9 (any alterations made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) be hereby approved and ordered to be paid.

Carried.

Shillelagh:-

Proposed by - Councillor M. J. Byrne.

Seconded by - " J. Sheppard.

Resolved - That the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £ 567-5-6 (any alterations made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) be hereby approved and ordered to be paid.

Carried.

Payment Orders were then signed for the foregoing.

It was ordered that Cheques made payable to the Collectors who have not lodged the full amounts of their Warrants be held over until arrival of approval of the Local Government Board.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by - " L. J. Doyle.

Resolved - That the Solicitor, Mr. J. H. McCarroll, be instructed to write to Mr. George Meyler and his Sureties stating that unless the full amount of his collecting Warrants for the past two half years is lodged with the Treasurer not later than Friday, June 1st, the County Council will take steps to compel the lodgement of the amount in full, and that Mr. McCarroll take the necessary steps in order to have the payment made, and that the next collecting Books be not given to him without the consent of this Council.

Approved.

Proposed by - Councillor J. Sheppard.

Seconded by - " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved - That in accordance with the Local Government Board Adjustment Order, No. 383 M/99, of 7th February, 1900, we now sign a Paying Order to credit of the Suspense Account of the former Baltinglass No. 1 Guardians in the National Bank, Baltinglass, for £ 326-1-10; and a further Paying Order to credit of the Rural District Council of Baltinglass No. 1 in the same Bank for £ 57-13-8.

Passed.

Paying Orders from the Suspense Account of Rathdown No. 2 for £ 74-13-8 were then signed and sealed for lodgement to credit of the County account.

On the Proposals from the Five Rural Districts being considered:-

Baltinglass No. 1:-

A Resolution forwarded from this Rural District Council.

Proposed by - Councillor E. P. O'Kelly.
Seconded by - " Wm. Flinter.

Resolved - "That this District Council requests the permission of the County Council for the putting down of a Weighbridge in connection with the New Town Hall in Baltinglass by the Baltinglass Town Hall Company."

was referred back to the Rural District Council.

The proposals were then approved and passed.

Naas No. 2 :-

Proposed by - Councillor W. Osborne.
Seconded by - " M. Kelly.

Resolved - That proposal No. 72, Naas No. 2, to repair a gullet at Mr. Lawler's House on the road from Kilbride to Cloghlea - £4-0-0 - be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor to carry out.
Carried.

The remaining proposals were approved and passed.

Rathdown No. 2 :-

Approved & passed.

Rathdrum :-

Proposed by - Councillor J. McCarroll.
Seconded by - " D. J. Cogan.

Resolved - That Tenders be invited from Contractors at the next adjourned Quarterly Meeting, for Friar's Hill, Keatingstown and Rathnew Road, 524 perches in accordance with particulars of proposal from District Council.

Agreed.

The remaining proposals were approved and passed.

Shillelagh :-

Approved and passed.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.
Seconded by - " J. McCarroll.

Resolved - That the Contracts from the several Rural District Councils that have now been accepted, be signed and sealed by the Council.

Adopted.

The Council having considered the question of opposing the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill, 1900, and the expenses in connection with said opposition :-

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.
Seconded by - " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved - That we hereby approve and confirm the propriety of opposing in the present, or next Session of Parliament, the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill, 1900. (Extension Railways in Counties of Dublin and Wicklow) until the clauses as arranged between the Company and the Council shall have been inserted in the Bill; and that the costs and expenses to be incurred do not exceed the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds. (£250).

Passed.

W.C.
£250 cap. 1631.3.00

The Secretary read applications received from Messrs. Peter Byrne, Killabeg; Terence Byrne, Garryhoe, Ballinagh; and Christopher Murray, Cronlea, Shillelagh, in accordance with the advertisement for Rate Collector in Shillelagh Rural District, in place of Mr. William Driver, resigned.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

THE above-named Council will, at its Quarterly Meeting to be held in the Court-House, Wicklow, on the 25th of MAY, proceed to appoint a Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Aghowl, Rath, Cronlea, Killinure, and Money, in the Rural District of Shillelagh, at a remuneration of 5d. in the £ collected and lodged within the financial half-year.

No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year. Irrecoverable arrears will be refunded the Collector.

Written Applications to be lodged in my Office not later than 11 o'clock on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting, giving the name and address of the Applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent Sureties willing to enter into a joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £900, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a Bond for the same purpose in a sum of £450.

By order,
EDWARD N. WYNNE,
Secretary to the County Council, Wicklow.
10th May, 1900.

A vote being taken, there voted for :-

Peter Byrne: - Councillors - D. J. Cogan, J. Byrne, M. Kelly, and J. H. Coleman. (4)

Terence Byrne: - Councillors - M. Byrne, Wm Osborne, J. Dunne, E. J. Byrne, W. Costello, S. J. Doyle, P. J. Carey, and A. Metcalfe. (8)

Christopher Murray: - Councillors - E. P. O'Kelly, E. C. Walsh, M. Langton, R. Norman Thompson, J. Sheppard, J. McCarroll, R. R. Drought, and J. Gahan. (8)

Peter Byrne having dropped out, a second vote was taken.

For Terence Byrne: - Councillors - M. Byrne, W. Osborne, J. Dunne, D. J. Cogan, Wm Costello, A. Metcalfe, S. J. Doyle, J. Byrne, E. J. Byrne, J. H. Coleman, and P. J. Carey. (11)

For Christopher Murray: - Councillors - E. P. O'Kelly, E. C. Walsh, M. Langton, R. Norman Thompson, M. Kelly, J. Sheppard, J. McCarroll, R. R. Drought, and J. Gahan. (9)

The Chairman thereupon declared Terence Byrne duly elected.

The Secretary having produced the Rate Books for the current half-year :-

Proposed by - Councillor M. J. Byrne.
Seconded by - " P. J. Carey.

Resolved - That we do now sign and seal the Rates made for the half-year ending 30th September, 1900.
Passed.

The County Surveyor submitted a list he had drawn up for the dates of the Quarterly Meetings for the current year. The Secretary said that that the County Council Meetings should be held, if possible, not later than the middle of the Quarter. A number of Councillors stated that Thursday was the most

inconvenient day for the Proposal Committee, on account of their meetings.

Proposed by - Councillor E. J. Byrne.
Seconded by - " J. Sheppard.

Resolved - That the following dates be hereby fixed for holding the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, the Proposal Committee, and of the several Rural District Councils: -

	Hour of Meeting	1900		1901	
1. Rathdown No. 2 Court House, Inniskerry	11-30	Monday, July 2	Monday, Oct. 29	Monday, Jan. 7	Monday, April 8
3. Rathdrum Court House, Rathdrum	12	Friday, " 13	Friday, Nov. 9	Friday, " 18	Friday, " 19
2. Shillelagh Court House, Shillelagh	1-30	Friday, " 20	Friday, " 16	Friday, " 25	Friday, " 26
4. Naas No. 2 Court House, Blessington	1	Tuesday, " 17	Tuesday, " 13	Tuesday, " 15	Monday, " 22
5. Baltinglass No. 1 Court House, Baltinglass	11-30	Monday, " 23	Monday, " 19	Monday, " 28	Monday, " 29
6. Proposal Committee Court House, Wicklow	11-30	Tuesday, " 31	Saturday, Nov. 24	Thursday, Feb. 7	Tuesday, May 7
7. County Council, Court House, Wicklow	11-30	Monday, Aug. 20	Monday, Dec. 10	Monday, Feb. 25	Monday, " 27

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.
Seconded by - " S. J. Doyle.

Resolved - That the Resolution of February 27th, 1900, proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, directing - a Petition to be lodged against the Bray and Inniskerry Railway Bill, in so far as it directs that a deposit of £3,000 be deposited by the Company, be and is hereby rescinded, - and that the Railway Company be called upon to deposit a sum of £1,000 in the National Bank to the credit of the County Council to make good

all the requirements of the Council, as set forth in the clause submitted and agreed upon between the Company and the County Council; such sum to be lodged before commencing work on either Railway or Tramways outside Bray Urban District.

Carried unanimously.

- County Surveyor's Report. -

25th May, 1900.

The applications for public works approved of at the last Quarterly Meetings of the Rural Districts Councils, and which will now be submitted for your consideration, may be classified as follows:

- 107 renewals of road maintenance contracts.
 - 4 new gullets, and repairs of existing ones.
 - 1 river diversion to prevent damage to County road.
 - 6 protection walls and fences.
 - 3 repairing roads not hitherto on the County.
- 121 total.

All these roads and special works have been tendered for except four, and of these it will only be necessary to put one, viz: - the repair of the gullet at Mr. Lawler's house in Naas No. 2, into my charge to carry out.

I beg to call your especial attention to the applications Nos. 42 and 43 in Rathdrum District. No. 42 is to repair 304 perches of road between the Woodenbridge at Tigroney, and the road leading to Connary at the Green. This is a steep narrow lane, of little or no public utility, and the object of wishing to convert it into a County road is that an application may be made to rebuild the existing old timber bridge over the Droca River at one end of it at the expense of the County. This bridge is of little or no public benefit, having been built by the Mining Company a long time ago for the use of the Mines, but not for the public.

The existing County bridges above and below this bridge, viz: - the Lions and the Droca bridges, and the roads over them, are only about two miles apart, and are, in my opinion quite sufficient for the public needs.

This road has also in many places a less width than the statutory width of 16 feet provided for a new road (which it virtually is) by the 55 Section of the application of Irish Enactments Order, so that for this reason, as well as for the reasons above mentioned, it should not, in my opinion, be approved of by you.

No. 43 is a somewhat similar case. It is to put on the County a short piece of road leading from the County road between Ballintekin 3 roads, and Kilpoole 3 roads to Mr. P. J. Cullen's gate. This road is not in bad order, and the object is to put it on the County, so that application may be made to repair, at the expense of the County, a broken bridge on this road over the Three-Mile-Water River. This road is not required for public use, and should not, in my opinion be approved of by you.

I have attached a list of the dates which I propose for the Quarterly Meetings of the District Councils, Proposal Committee, and County Council for the ensuing year. These dates very nearly correspond to last year's dates, which worked out very well, and no hitch whatever occurred in the County business owing to them. I have fixed the days of the week for the different Meetings as far as possible to suit the convenience of the District Councils, so that I would ask you to adopt them without change.

The Autumn Meetings must be fixed late in order to allow time for the measurement of the metal supplies provided previous to the Quarterly Meetings.

Signed - Carter Draper.

24th May, 1900.

Upon the suggestion of the Secretary, it was

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by - " J. McCarroll.

Resolved - That upon the Wicklow Urban District Council paying the amount of the County Councils Demand now due for the year 1899-1900, and for the first two Quarters of the current Financial Year, not later than the 6th July, 1900; this County Council do refund said Urban Council the Sum of £9-17-8, being that Councils share of the cost of the temporary Clerks employed upon the Rural District Rates; and that a paying Order be now signed for the purpose, same not to issue till the foregoing be complied with.

An application for refund of half-Salaries paid under Diseases of Animals Act to 31st March, 1901, amounting to £100-12-5, was laid before the Council by the Secretary, and signed by the Chairman.

The following letters were read from the Local Government Board:-

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 1st March, 1900.

Relative to Collector Dowling (and which was ordered to be again brought forward at the May Quarterly Meeting of the Council).

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 26th April, 1900.

Extending the time for the completion of the Collection of the second half year's Rate to 30th April, 1900.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 30th April, 1900.

Stating that the Board are satisfied

with the Arrears allowed by the County Council as irrecoverable being refunded to the Collectors.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 5th May, 1900.

Sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Stephen Gerald Gallagher, Assistant Surveyor, at a Salary of £123 per annum.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 11th May, 1900.

Announcing that an examination - of Candidates for the post of Assistant Surveyor will be held on the 31st May, instant.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 12th May, 1900.

Directing that copies of the County Analysts Reports be forwarded to the Local Government Board.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 15th May, 1900.

Stating that two sums lodged with the Treasurer by a Rate Collector of the late Rathdrum Guardians had not been taken into account by the Adjustment Order.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 22nd May, 1900.

Regarding the incidence of certain County at Large Charges on Urban Districts.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 23rd May, 1900.

Stating that the late Rate Collector, Wm. Driver, on resignation does not appear to be entitled to any Gratuity.

L. 26,331: 1900.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 23rd May, 1900.

Relative to the great necessity of
Councils looking carefully into the Solvency of
Sureties in cases of Road Contractors' Tenders.

From County Inspector, R.I.C., asking Council
to appoint six new Food and Drugs Inspectors:—

Proposed by— Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by— " E. C. Walsh.

— Food and Drugs Inspectors —

Resolved— That we hereby approve of the appoint-
ment of the following members of the Royal Irish
Constabulary as Inspectors under the sale of Food and
Drugs Act, 1875, upon the recommendation of the
County Inspector, R.I.C.

	Sergeant Edward McManus,	Reg ^d No. 41030.	Sughrum.
	" Owen Hughes.	" 42602	Ennisterry.
	" John Ward.	" 43945	Delgany.
	" Wm McWhirter.	" 44181	Kilcool.
	" John Hennessy.	" 43963	Laragh.
Acting	" Bernard Farmer.	" 47083	Ashford.

Notice of application for compensation for Criminal
Injury from the following were read:—

Michael Nolan, Ballyhook. £6

" " £6

James Brady, Sktown £8

Peter Delaney, Ballyturney. £12

Ellen Jane Reves, & others. Sheeman. £50.

Proposed by— Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by— " M. Langton.

Resolved— That the attention of the County In-
spector be drawn to the large increase in the number
of claims for compensation for Malicious Injuries
that have been made and passed in this County
during the past year, and the prosecutions in

regard to which have not been commensurate with the
number of claims made. This Council is of opinion that
more vigilance on the part of the Police is called for
in this matter, and no effort spared by them in
bringing the offenders to justice.

Passed. nem con.

In reply to a question put by the Secretary, the
latter was directed not to bring forward any decree in
Criminal Injury cases for payment until a rate had
been struck for the collection of the payment of the
compensation required.

— General Correspondence. —

The following letters were read by the Secretary:—

The Secretary.

County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 25th April, with
resolution passed by the Wicklow County Council, for which
I am very much obliged. You will have no doubt
observed by the newspapers that we have changed the
date of our National Convention from the 12th to the 19th
of June.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Redmond.

Two letters dated 16th May and 24th May, 1900, from
Bray Urban District Council to the Chairman.

24th April. From Rathdrum Rural District Council
asking that Quarterly Meetings for Rathdrum District
be fixed for Fridays.

14th May.

From Solicitor to Richmond District Asylum

in reply to Resolution of County Council re Writ from Horsfall Destructor Company.

14th May. Further application re Robertson's claim for Witnesses' Expenses in Lawrenson's Malicious Burning case was read.

The Secretary stated that in accordance with the Council's instructions he had, on the 12th February last, directed Mr. McCarroll to pay these Witnesses' their just and reasonable Expenses without delay, and thought they had been paid till he received this letter.

Councillors Sheppard and Byrne spoke strongly on the subject of the Expenses not having been paid, or the letters answered, and finally Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, was sent for to give an explanation.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan

Seconded by - " M. Langton.

Resolved - That the County Surveyor be authorized to procure the large scale ordnance sheets (mounted) of Arklow and Greystones at a cost not exceeding £4-10-0.

Councillor A. Metcalfe served the following Notice of Motion: -

"I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting (13th June, 1900) of our Council, I will move that the Compulsory Education Act be put in force in Hollywood and Dunlavin County Electoral Divisions."

A. Metcalfe.

25th May, 1900.

Edward Phelly
20 August 1902

The Annual Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m. on Wednesday 13th June, 1900, when the following Councillors attended: -

Councillor - E. P. O'Kelly - Chairman.

Councillors - Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, E. C. Walsh, A. Metcalfe, W. Costello, J. McCarroll, D. J. Cogan, W. G. Murphy, J. J. Troy, M. Langton, E. J. Byrne

Business.

- No. 1. To appoint a Chairman for the ensuing year.
" 2. " " Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Proposed by - Councillor E. J. Byrne.

Seconded by - " D. J. Cogan.

Resolved - That Councillor Edward Peter O'Kelly, J.P. be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.
Carried unanimously.

Proposed by - Councillor J. McCarroll.

Seconded by - " M. Langton.

Resolved - That Councillor Michael Byrne, J.P. be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
Carried unanimously.

Edward Phelly
20 August 1900

An Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Wicklow, at 2 pm. on Wednesday, 13th June, 1900.

The following Councillors attended:—

Councillor - E. P. O'Kelly - Chairman.

Councillors - R. Norman Thompson, E. C. Walsh, A. Metcalfe, Michael Byrne, J. J. Troy, E. J. Byrne, D. J. Cogan, M. Langton, J. McCarroll.

Business.

1. To receive Finance Committee's Report.
2. " sign Paying Orders for certain payments recommended by the Finance Committee
3. " open Tenders for 524 perches of Road from Wicklow to Rathnew.
4. " consider Secretary's application for leave of absence.
5. " Reports from Council's officers.
6. " the following Notice of Motion:— "I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting, 13th June, 1900, of our Council, I will move that the Compulsory Education Act be put in force in Hollywood and Dunlavin County Electoral Divisions. — A. Metcalfe."
7. " consider official correspondence.
8. " " ordinary correspondence.

Finance Committee's Report.

Adjourned Meeting. 25th May, 1900.

With regard to what alterations, if any, should be made in present Polling Districts, we recommend that each Polling District Unit be the same as each Rural Electoral Division.

With regard to the distribution of the £60 paid by the War Office for the injury to the roads at Innaal Range, we adopt the County Surveyor's Report.

County Surveyor's Report.

Baltinglass No. 1.

Allowances out of the Grant of £60 from War Office suggested to be made to those Contractors over whose roads extra military traffic has passed for year ended 31st March, 1900.

No. in Statement 30 th Sep. 99.	Contractor.	Length traversed (about) in perches.	Suggested allowance.			Observations.
			£	s	d	
54	Patrick Benson.	60 sometimes 290	0	10	0	No extra material supplied.
13	Simon Elliott.	116	0	10	0	" "
93	Pat ^r Mooney	956	3	0	0	" "
87	Geo. Reilly.	300	1	0	0	
57	Anthony O'Dwyer.	372	1	0	0	
88	John Jones.	1088	6	0	0	Some extra coarse stones supplied for bottoming injured hills, but about 13 c. y. metal still unspread.
79	Wm Flynn.	330	1	0	0	No extra material supplied.
78	Daniel O'Brien.	960	6	0	0	This Contractor has not kept his road properly, and has not put out more metal than he should have if there were no extra traffic.
27	Thos. Jones.	190	1	0	0	
66	Thos. Jones.	164	1	0	0	
94	John White.	672	1	0	0	
92	Joseph Whittle.	700	1	0	0	
28	Thos. Haydon.	640	1	0	0	
			£24	0	0	

From above it would appear that less than half the War Office Grant should at present be distributed among the Contractors concerned. The balance, or most of it, should be expended in providing a measured supply of limestone metalling

for the repair and improvement of Daniel O'Brien's road, part of which is greatly worn by the extra traffic:

Signed: - Carter Draper.
23rd May, 1900.

Adopted: - E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman.
13/6/00.

Finance Committee's Report.
13th June, 1900.

Your Committee met this day, and, having considered letter No. 29,875: 1900 from the Local Government Board, dated 1st June, 1900, returning the Rate Collectors lists of arrears which they stated were irrecoverable. Recommend the following net payments as refund of said arrears, in accordance with the Board's letter: -

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Joseph Doyle. 6-18-0	John Murphy. 4-18-9
Rich ^d Geoghegan. 8-5-3	Thos. Dowling. 2-16-0
Thomas Lutty. 3-10-5	John F. Evans. 2-13-11
Nicholas Byrne. 7-2-6	George Evans. 1-2-9
Michael Kelly. 1-2	Jas. McAnanama. 8-8-7
George Meyler. 18-1	John Brennan. 13-10-2
Charles S. Sutton. 18-1-11	William Smith. 4-11-10
John Tallon. 2-17-0	Philip Doyle. 1-14-5
Joseph Keane. 1-12-7	Philip Doyle. 19-0

We have also checked the following applications, and recommend them for payment: -

The Secretary to County Council, Quarters Salary under Diseases of Animals Act to 31 st March, 1900.	£ s. d. 25-0-0
W. H. H. Kennedy. Late Inspector of Explosives. One year's annuity to same date.	2-2-0
Patrick Martin. For same.	1-6-8

John Hopkins. Annuity for one year to 31st March, 1900. for loss of Emoluments. £1-10-4

Signed: - D. J. Cogan - Chairman.
13/6/00.

Adopted: - E. P. O'Kelly - Chairman.
13/6/00.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by - " J. J. Troy.

Resolved - That we hereby cancel the provisional orders No 583, to Clerk of Baltinglass Union for £75-18-0; and No. 584, to Clerk of Rathdrum Union for £75, both passed at the Winter Quarterly Meeting, 1900, they having been referred back to said Clerks for correction, and the grounds upon which they base their claims for compensations as Returning Officers.

Proposed by - Councillor M. J. Byrne.

Seconded by - " R. Norman Thompson.

Resolved - That Paying Orders Nos. 189-191-193-195-197-557-561-563-566-568-570-572-574-576-578-580-589 and 592, disallowed by the Local Government Board's letter No. 29,875: 1900 of 1st June, 1900, be hereby cancelled.

Two Tenders were received in reply to the advertisement for the contract of 524 perches of road from Wicklow to Rathnew. That of Garrett Byrne, Ballylusk, Ashford, at 9½ per perch, being the lowest, was accepted.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by - " J. McCarroll.

Resolved - That the Surety Bonds of Messrs. S. J. Doyle, Langton, and Wolohan, be hereby sealed. Also the Bond for the contract for the repairs to Rathnew road.
Carried.

The Chairman said that before going to the next

item on the Agenda he should mention he had received a letter from the Local Government Inspector, Mr. Saunderson, stating that their Secretary had been working hard for some months past, and had got the Rates, and other business of the Council in a very forward state compared with other Counties, and that this would be a suitable time to grant him leave of absence which he required.

The Secretary's Report.

Wicklow.

12th June, 1900.

Gentlemen,

I have to apply to you under my Doctor's advice for a lengthened leave of absence on account of my health.

I have been working for many months from 45 to 60 hours weekly, and my health is now broken down, and I cannot continue it longer without a complete rest. The work thrown on the Office by the new Act is very heavy indeed, and it is quite impossible, as I have frequently told you, to transact it properly without experienced and efficient assistants; those you have in the Office are not sufficient for the work required. I have nothing personally against the junior members of your Staff. I have, as I have before said, found them civil, willing, and obliging, but that is not all that is required for the work of such an Office as that of the County Council. They are in an unfair position for themselves, for, as I have said, you want able and experienced men as Clerks, and these young men have no experience whatever. In order to keep your work from getting into hopeless arrear, I have, since the 1st January alone, worked 339½ hours overtime in my Office, or just ten weeks overtime, and this entirely gratuitously because your work would not have been done if I had not.

I now apply for the leave required, and ask you to arrange for the work of the Office during my absence. I will do my best to start any one you name at the work, and give what assistance I can till he is up in it. There are also a couple of works in hand that I will have to help your staff on before they are finished, but I cannot attend anything like the hours I have done, and I would ask you to make arrangements to let me leave as soon as convenient.

Yours faithfully,
E. W. Wynne.

The Secretary then handed in the following medical certificate:—

36 Merrion Square,
Dublin.

This is to certify that Mr. Edward W. Wynne is suffering from Nervous Prostration and Insomnia, and in my opinion he requires complete rest from all official duties and business for two months, with change of air.

No medical treatment will take the place of what I have recommended, and which I consider to be essential to his health.

Signed:— J. Magee Finny,
Past Pres^t R. College Phys. Irl.

May 30th, 1900.

Proposed by— Councillor R. Norman Thompson.
Seconded by— J. J. Troy.

Resolved— That our Secretary be allowed two months leave of absence; Mr. Doyle to act as Secretary during his absence, and if he (Mr. Doyle) require additional assistance, to apply to the Chairman for authority to procure same. That the Abstract be proceeded with immediately.

County Surveyor's Report.

To the County Council of the County of Wicklow.
Gentlemen,

I beg to report that Andrew Nolan, contractor for No. 278, Rathdrum, to build a Protection Wall for £29-10-0 has not even commenced the work which was specified to be completed by 1st June, 1900. I wrote to him and his Sureties about the matter, and had replies from the latter; but the contractor paid no attention to my communication. I beg to recommend that you instruct your Solicitor to take legal proceedings in the case for the recovery of the penalty on the bond.

I have been requested to ask your permission to allow the erection of notice boards warning cyclists of dangerous hills. I can recommend you to allow this, provided that these notices are placed to my satisfaction, and that those erecting them remove them if called on by me to do so at any time.

Your obedient Servant,
Carter Draper.
County Surveyor.

13th June, 1900.

Having considered that part of the Report referring to the Contract to build a Protection Wall it was ordered that J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, proceed against the interested parties unless the work be completed within two months. Permission to erect notice boards warning cyclists of dangerous hills was granted.

Proposed by - Councillor E. C. Walsh.

Seconded by - " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved - That the County Council Statement for half-year ending 31st March be prepared, printed,

and issued, on or before the 15th July.

In pursuance of Notice of Motion, it was :-

Proposed by - Councillor A. Metcalfe.

Seconded by - " E. C. Walsh.

Resolved - That the Compulsory Education Act be put M.C. in force in Hollywood and Dunlavin County Electoral Divisions.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor A. Metcalfe.

Seconded by - " M. Byrne.

Resolved - That Collector Meyer be given his Collecting Warrant on his giving the Chairman and Councillors of the Naas No. 2 Rural District the names of two Sureties that they approve of.

Carried.

Councillor J. J. Troy served the following Notice of Motion :-
"I beg to give notice that at the next Meeting of this Council I will propose that Assistant Surveyor Gdalaher be permitted to reside permanently in Arklow."

J. J. Troy, 13th June, 1900.

Correspondence.

The following letters were read :-

No. 31,178 : 1900
County Wicklow.

Local Government Board,
Dublin. 6th June, 1900.

Enclosing form of queries to be filled in respecting newly appointed Rate Collector.

No. 34,099 : 1900.
Wicklow County.

Local Government Board,
Dublin. 7th June, 1900.

Acknowledging Resolution to oppose Bray

and Enniskerry Railway Bill, and requesting to be furnished with Statutory Declaration proving compliance with the requirements of Borough Funds Act, also a statement of the grounds of the opposition.

Ordered that Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, prepare the Statutory Declaration. No. 3833/60 L. G. B. 3rd July 1900
 Letter approving of opposition on terms stated
 No. 29,875: 1900. Local Government Board,
 Wicklow County. Dublin. 1st June, 1900.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return to you the lists of rate proposed to be declared irrecoverable by the County Council of Wicklow; and with reference thereto I am to state that the Board assent to rates being declared irrecoverable on the grounds that the premises have been pulled down, or are in ruins, or were vacant when the rate was struck, and during its currency, and on the grounds of errors in rating.

The poverty or insolvency of an occupier, or a refusal on his part to pay rates, is, however, not a sufficient reason for declaring rates irrecoverable, and cases of this nature, and also the following items, should be further investigated.

992. etc. - Enniskerry Railway - Idle. Further particulars respecting these arrears should be furnished.

2812. etc. - "School." If these premises are returned by the Commissioner of Valuation as liable to be rated, the County Council are bound to rate them and recover the amount assessed.

5185. etc. - "Derelict Land." The rates in these cases do not appear to be irrecoverable. The present occupiers appear to be liable, and if the lands are unoccupied, the subsequent occupiers are apparently liable.

5617 }
 5649 } No reason is given for declaring these items irrecoverable.

5629 - "Commons." If these are returned by the Commissioner of Valuation as liable to be rated, the County Council appear to be bound to rate them, and recover the amount assessed.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,
 H. M. Swaine.

Secretary.

Proposed by - Councillor M. Byrne.

Seconded by - " E. C. Walsh.

Resolved - This Committee wish to have a direction from the Local Government Board how the Rate Collectors are to, or can collect rates from people who have no means to pay. The Committee are still of opinion that any poor persons in receipt of out-door relief, who have no visible means, cannot be required to pay rates, especially as money is spent in administering out-door relief, and ought not be spent in re-collecting such relief, and if these people are obliged to pay their relief back again in the form of rates, they will inevitably be obliged to go into the Workhouses.

Passed.

Dublin Castle,

25th May, 1900.

Transmitting copy of the Regulations as to the keeping and use of Petroleum for the purpose of Light Locomotives.

Law Department,

Office of Public Works,

Dublin. 1st June, 1900.

Enclosing notice of a Loan of £400 to Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, on Mortgage.

No. 4748: 1900.

Board of Works,
Dublin. 2nd May, 1900.

Correspondence re Greystones Harbour.

The County Analysts' Report was read:—
To the County Council of the County of Wicklow.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen,

I beg to report that I have made the following analyses during the Quarter ended on the 31st day of March, 1900.

For the Sergeants of the Royal Irish Constabulary acting as Inspectors of Food, the following articles were analysed:—

January 1st For Sergeant J. Lane, Arklow, 4 specimens of Buttermilk, and a specimen of Whiskey were analysed. They were all free from adulteration.

On same date. Four specimens of Butter, 3 of Milk, and 1 of Whiskey were analysed for Sergeant J. O'Leary, Wicklow. The Whiskey was 28 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 4 per cent of added water.

January 10th A specimen of Buttermilk analysed for Sergeant J. Lane, Arklow, was adulterated with 41 per cent of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

January 23rd For Sergeant Carroll, Dunlavin, 3 specimens of Milk were analysed. One was under the average quality of pure milk.

January 25th For Sergeant J. O'Leary, Wicklow, 2 specimens of Whiskey, and 2 specimens of Butter were analysed. They were all of good quality.

January 30th Three specimens of Milk and 1 of Whiskey were analysed for Acting-Sergeant Thomas Flaherty, Ovoca. One of the Milks was of very poor and doubtful quality, but not sufficiently so to warrant a certificate of adulteration.

February 1st For Sergeant D. Connor, Bray, 3

specimens of Butter, 2 of Milk, and 1 of Margarine were analysed. The Margarine was composed almost entirely of fats foreign to Butter.

February 7th On this date for the same Sergeant 3 specimens of Butter, 1 of "Mixture", and 1 of Milk were analysed. The "Mixture" was composed almost entirely of fats foreign to Butter, prepared in imitation of Butter, i.e. was Margarine.

February 20th Three specimens of Whiskey analysed for Sergeant J. Sullivan, Baltinglass, were of good quality.

February 21st For Sergeant E. Barry, Rathdrum, 2 specimens of Whiskey were analysed. One was 27 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 2.67 per cent of added water.

March 14th A specimen of Whiskey analysed for Sergeant J. Conroy, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, was pure.

March 20th For Sergeant E. Barry, Rathdrum, a specimen each of Butter and Milk were analysed. They were free from adulteration.

March 23rd A specimen of Whiskey analysed for Sergeant J. Conroy, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, was of good quality.

January 2nd For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union 5 Drugs were analysed. One of them, namely, Solution of Morphine Hydrochloride, was slightly deficient in extract.

January 19th Six Drugs analysed for the Guardians of Rathdrum Union were correct.

January 29th On this date three Drugs analysed for the same Union were pure.

February 2nd For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union 2 Drugs were analysed. One of them, namely:—Pepsine, only digested about half the albumen of egg which the Pharmacopoeia states it should digest.

January 5th A specimen of Water analysed for Mrs. Heighington, Donard, had the following composition.
One Imperial gallon contained in grains:—

Total solid matters.	24.500
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia.	0.014
Saline Ammonia.	0.005
Nitric Acid.	2.180
Chlorine.	0.994
Sulphuric Acid.	2.880
Equal to Calcium Sulphate.	4.000
A moderately good water.	

January 10th A specimen of water analysed for Sir Rowland F. Fanning, Rosshyn, Bray, had the following composition.

One Imperial gallon contained in grains:-

Total solid matters	11.900
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia.	0.009
Saline Ammonia.	0.0025
Nitric Acid.	Trace.
Chlorine.	0.994
Sulphuric Acid.	Trace.
Equal to Calcium Sulphate.	Trace.

A fairly good water

February 1st A specimen of Milk analysed for Mr. P. Barrington, Ballyman, was of rich quality.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, 32 Drugs, 3 specimens of Water, and 2 of Milk, were analysed. One of the Drugs, namely:- Pepsin; only digested about three quarters of egg albumen which the Pharmacopoeia states it should digest. The specimens of Milk were free from adulteration. The specimens of Water had the following compositions.

One Imperial gallon contained in grains:-

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3
Total solid matters.	36.400	40.600	30.800

Including.	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3
Albuminoid Ammonia.	0.006	0.007	0.009
Saline Ammonia.	0.0035	0.003	0.004
Nitric Acid.	0.930	5.280	3.750
Chlorine.	2.286	4.373	3.578
Sulphuric Acid.	Trace.	None.	None.
Equal to Calcium Sulphate.	Trace.	None.	None.
All fairly good.			

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
Charles A. Cameron.
Public Analyst.

City Laboratory,
17 Castle Street,
Dublin.

16th May, 1900.

25th April, 1900.

From Clerk of Crown and Peace.

Announcing change of date from fortnightly to monthly sittings in Rathdrum Petty Sessions District. First Sessions to be held on the second Thursday in May.

Withdrawal of Notice of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury from
Peter Delaney. Ballytunney.

8th June, 1900. From Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, notifying the appointment of J. H. Coleman, J.P., Griffinstown, Grange Con, Athy, as Chairman of the District Council for the ensuing year.

9th June, 1900. From Naas No. 2 Rural District Council notifying the appointment of Captain Alfred Zeller, Lacken, Blessington, as Chairman of the District Council for the ensuing year.

8th June, 1900. From Shillelough Rural District Council, notifying the re-election of E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullins, Finahely, as Chairman of the District Council for the ensuing year.

10th April, 1900. From Baltinglass Rural District Council, applying to have Compulsory Education Act put in force in Dunlavin, Donard, and Davidstown.

10th April, 1900. From Baltinglass Rural District Council. Resolution to have County Council Forms printed by District Council Printer.

It was ordered that for sake of uniformity, Forms be used as heretofore.

24th May, 1900. From Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, enclosing letter from Local Government Board.

28th May, 1900. From Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, submitting Resolution stating that that Council consider the appointment of an Auditor to Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company unnecessary.

The County Council think otherwise. E. P. O'R.

28th May, 1900. From Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, inquiring if their School Attendance Committee is yet fully constituted, and if so, asking for list of names and addresses of the members.

The County Council is of opinion it is not fully constituted

19th May, 1900. From Messrs. Browne + McCann, Solicitors, asking for copy of Minutes re M^r. Ballard's claim. "Read".

Correspondence from Bray Urban District Council re particulars of County Council Demand.

Particulars already furnished through Solicitor.

10th May, 1900. From Frank Browne, Esq., Solicitor, re application to return papers of former Grand Jury.

15th May, 1900. From J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, in reference to M^r. Browne's letter.

21st May, 1900. From Frank Browne, Esq., Solicitor. Further letter on same subject.

14th May, 1900. From Solicitor to Richmond District Asylum, in reply to Resolution of County Council — re Writ from Horsfall Destructor Company.

22nd May, 1900. From Town Clerk, Wicklow.

7th June, 1900. Further letter from Town Clerk, Wicklow. — re County Council Demand.

13th June, 1900. Collector Thomas Dowling's application for permission to substitute the Patriotic Assurance Company's Bond for his present personal Security was allowed.

Application from Patrick Brennan for refund of his expenses in Waydock — V — Brennan.

Treasurer's authority for payment, to be signed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, having been overlooked when signing the Quarters Orders.

Dr. Thompson, by direction of the Council, signed the order.

10th June, 1900. From County Inspector, R.I.C. — acknowledging receipt of six appointments of Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts.

Applications from each of the Rate Collectors in

Baltinglass Rural District for increase of remuneration for collection of rates.

It was ordered that the Rate Collectors be informed that unless they wish to act at the remuneration fixed they can resign.

Summons to the Irish National Convention - dated 10th May, 1900.

Proposed by - Councillor J. McCarroll.

Seconded by - " M. Langton.

Resolved - That Councillors D. J. Cogan, W. G. Murphy, James Byrne, J. J. Troy, E. C. Walsh, and A. Metcalfe be delegated by the Wicklow County Council to represent the County Council at the National Convention on the 19th instant.

An application signed by several of the Rate Collectors, asking the Council to allow each a reasonable share of official letter paper, and explaining that it would facilitate the collection of Rates. "Read."

Resolutions from various Bodies.

From Irish County Councils' General Council protesting against arbitrary conduct of Irish Local Government Board, and enclosing pamphlet on Industrial Schools.

From County Dublin County Council - re Heating Schools by State Aided Grant.

From same - re use of the Irish Language in National Schools.

From Linsaskea Rural District Council - re Heating of Schools by State Aided Grant.

From Donegal County Council - re working of the Local Government Board Act.

From Larne Rural District Council - re Law as to Locomotives on public roads.

From Irish Cattle Traders' and Stockowners' Association - re Tolls for Cattle at Fairs, - and provision of Fair Greens.

From the Alliance Francaise - re Technical Instruction Holiday Courses.

From the Sunlight Gas Company - re lighting County Towns.

Edward Healy Cllr.
20th August 1900

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11-30 am. on Monday, 20th August, 1900.

The following Councillors attended:—

Councillor— E. P. O'Kelly— Chairman.

Councillors:— M. Langton, J. Gahan, J. Lawless, W. Costello, J. McCarroll, A. Metcalfe, A. Zeller, J. H. Coleman, J. Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, W. Harrington, W. Burke, E. C. Walsh, R. R. Drought, M. Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, W. G. Murphy, D. J. Logan, J. J. Troy.

Agenda.

1. To consider proposals for payment, and proposals re printing Contracts, formulated by the Proposals Committee.
2. " " recommendations for payment from Finance Committee
3. " " proposals for payment submitted to the County Council from each of the five Rural District Councils.
4. " sign payment orders for the above payments.
5. " " transfer orders to credit of the Treasurer of each of the Rural District Councils.
6. " " transfer orders to credit of the Treasurer of each Board of Guardians.
7. " receive the Finance Committee's Report.
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9. " consider application from Acting Secretary for the assistance of an experienced Accountant.
10. " consider County Surveyor's and Acting Secretary's Reports.
11. " claims from Mr. William Gilbert re Compensation.

12. To pass Resolution authorising Acting Secretary to sign Paying Orders, Transfer Orders, etc. during Secretary's absence.
13. " -consider Councillor J. J. Troy's Notice of Motion:— "I beg to give notice that at the next Meeting of this Council I will propose that Assistant Surveyor Gallaher be permitted to reside permanently in Arklow.
14. " consider Official and General Correspondence.

The proposals for County Payments, and proposals re Printing Contracts, formulated by the Proposals Committee, were postponed for consideration to Adjourned Quarterly Meeting on 25th August, 1900.

On the recommendations for payment from Finance Committee being considered, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor D. J. Logan, Seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne:— "To suspend Standing Orders, inasmuch as the Report was not printed and circulated, and that recommendations of Committee be proceeded with."

The Proposals for payment in respect of each of the five Rural Districts were then submitted and adopted.

Baltinglass No 1.

Proposed by— Councillor A. Metcalfe.

Seconded by— " A. Zeller.

Resolved— That we approve the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £ 2036-10-2, as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Naas No. 2.

Proposed by— Councillor A. Zeller.

Seconded by— " A. Metcalfe.

Resolved— That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £ 766-1-10, as altered

W. J. Wynn

WICKLOW

COUNTY COUNCIL.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS,

20th and 25th August 1900.



MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,
20TH AND 25TH AUGUST, 1900.

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- 10.—To consider County Surveyor's and Acting Secretary's Reports.
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- 12.—To pass resolution authorising Acting Secretary to sign paying orders, transfer orders, &c., during Secretary's absence.
- 13.—To consider Councillor T. J. Troy's notice of motion:—"I beg to give notice that at the next meeting of this Council I will propose that Assistant Surveyor Gallaher be permitted to reside permanently in Arklow."
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The proposals for payment in respect of each of the five Rural Districts were then submitted and adopted.

Baltinglass No. 1.—Proposed by Councillor A. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor A. Zeller. Resolved—"That we approve the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £2,036 10s. 2d., as altered and initialled by the chairman, and order the same to be paid."

Naas No. 2.—Proposed by Councillor A. Zeller, seconded by Councillor A. Metcalfe. Resolved—"That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £766 1s. 10d., as altered and initialled by the chairman, and order the same to be paid."

Rathdown No. 2.—Proposed by Councillor T. Lawless, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £1,411 15s. 10d., as altered and initialled by the chairman, and order the same to be paid."

Rathdrum.—Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor T. J. Troy. Resolved—"That we approve the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £5,918 9s. 3d., as altered and initialled by the chairman, and order the same to be paid."

Shillelagh.—Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. M'Carroll. Resolved—"That we approve the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £2,041 17s. 6d., as altered and initialled by the chairman, and order same to be paid."

Wicklow Urban.—Proposed by Councillor J. M'Carroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—"That we approve the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £56 5s. 5d., as altered and initialled by the chairman, and order same to be paid."

Payment orders for the foregoing were then signed.

Transfer orders to credit of the Treasurers of each of the Rural District Councils and each Board of Guardians, as recommended in Finance Committee Report, were then signed.

Finance Committee's Report.

The Finance Committee met on Friday, 17th August, 1900, in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, when the following councillors attended:—Councillor D J Cogan, chairman; Councillors R Norman Thompson, R R Drought, and W G Murphy.

The following payments were ordered through the Subsidiary Account:—
County Surveyor's Certificate—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
John Flynn, repairs to Wicklow Courthouse	4	17	3	Sergeant John Sullivan, do	3	9	0
G E Draper, supplying Ordnance Sheets	4	10	0	„ James Knox, do	1	0	0
Laurence Toole, maintaining 484 perches of road	10	0	0	„ John O'Leary, do	12	3	9
John Hughes, D I, R I C, conveyance of prisoners	3	13	10	„ John M'Donagh, food and drugs	0	6	8
W De R Soveller, D I, R I C, do	1	6	0	„ John Lane, do	0	3	6
K L Supple, D I, R I C, do	1	17	4	„ Patrick Carroll, do	0	12	9
G C Royse, D I, R I C, do	1	19	10	„ John Sullivan, do	0	12	3
Acting-sergt Thos. M'Keown, weights and measures	7	11	8	„ John O'Leary, do	1	3	10
Sergeant David Connor, do	1	13	6	Act.-sergt. Thos. Flaherty, do	0	13	3
„ Patrick Carroll, do	0	11	0	Sergeant Edward Barry, do	1	2	7
				W G Moore, CPS, prosecutors' and witnesses' expenses	0	1	0
				Receiver of Wrecks, Custom House, Dublin	0	2	6

The Committee further recommended the Council to make the following payments:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Irish Daily Independent, advertising	1	4	0	Rathdrum R D Council, do	356	17	4
Local Government Board, expenditure on audit	60	0	0	Shillelagh Union, do	900	3	6
Michael Byrne, Ballybrack, Hacketstown, in lieu of Paying Order No 140, issued 3rd March, 1900, and lost	5	11	3	„ R D Council, do	67	8	9
Baltinglass Union, money on demand	875	9	9	Wicklow Harbour, payments in respect of loans	1017	13	10
Baltinglass R D Council, do	224	0	0	Arklow Harbour, do.	364	7	6
Naas Union, do.	225	5	0	Greystones Pier, do.	34	6	9
„ R D Council, do	80	5	0	E N Wynne, Secretary, money in hand—			
Rathdown Union, do	984	18	0	Permanent Staff	160	0	0
„ R D Council, do	—	—	—	Temporary Staff	150	0	0
Rathdrum Union, do	2,316	16	0	A G Wailes, Solicitor, "Bill of Costs,"	68	15	10
				Total	£7,893	2	6

Correspondence re Mr P Martin's claim for compensation for abolition of office as Inspector of Explosives submitted. The Committee recommend that an annuity of £1 6s 8d, as Inspector of Explosives for Arklow Petty Sessions District, be paid to Mr P Martin, he having proved to the satisfaction of the committee his title to same.

Correspondence submitted and considered re claims from Mr B Manning, Clerk of Rathdrum Union, and Mr J R Dagg, Clerk of Baltinglass Union, for compensation for abolition of offices. Order—Consideration deferred.

Correspondence submitted re Mr Gilbert's claim for compensation. Order—The committee, having gone carefully into the case, decline to re-open it.

An account for printing from Mr Frank McPhail was submitted. Order—Refer to Secretary to certify accuracy. The committee are surprised to find that no book of account is kept in the office in this and similar cases.

Local Government Board's circular re payment of solicitors' costs submitted. No order.

A letter submitted from Collector James M'Ananama, claiming that he was entitled to a larger allowance for irrecoverable rates than that allowed. Order—Refer Mr M'Ananama to the Local Government Board's letter.

Letter received from Mr Thomas Little, late an assistant county surveyor, claiming payment of an alleged balance of salary due. Order—Refer to County Surveyor.

Resolution received from Wicklow Urban Council, asking for additional particulars of demand note served on Urban District. Order—The books of the County Council to be open to the clerks of the Urban District Councils for inspection, and that they be at liberty to make any extracts from the books they deem necessary. The County Council Secretary to give every assistance.

Correspondence submitted re Paying Order No 140, issued 3rd March, 1900, to Michael Byrne, Ballybrack, Hacketstown, and lost after it reached him. Order—Duplicate cheque to be issued, provided the original has not been paid through the Bank.

Auditor's report and abstract of payments submitted. Order—"Read."

Letter received from Local Government Board, stating that they will raise no objection to the proposal of the County Council to raise Collector Tallon's poundage from 5d to 6d. Order—"Read and enter."

Letter submitted from Local Government Board re irrecoverable rates. Order—"Read and enter."

Map submitted from War Office showing area in the county scheduled under Military Manœuvres Bill now before Parliament. Order—Refer to County Surveyor.

Letter from ex-Sergeant Hannify re payment of compensation. Order—"Submitted."

Letter submitted from Mrs I Buckley, Lacken, re amount of her late husband's compensation. Order—Refer Mrs Buckley to her solicitor, with whom the council settled the account.

Letter submitted from Mr J Rochford, Dunlavin, re Compulsory Education. Order—Refer to the Council.

Messrs Stokes Bros. & Pim forwarded report on audit of Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway accounts. Order—Refer to the Council.

The Acting Secretary drew the committee's attention to a proposed payment to Road-contractor Moffat, Baltinglass Rural District. As this was one of the cases referred to in the Auditor's report, he was in doubt whether the payment was to be made or not. Order—Refer to County Surveyor for adjustment.

The Acting Secretary also mentioned that Road-contractor Patrick Cullen, Ballyduff, called at the office and complained that he received no paying orders for the past year. It appears from the Financial Statement Book of Expenditure, page 21, that he was paid £8 15s 6d by the Bank on the 5th June. (Paying Order No. 314). Order—Refer to Treasurer to produce paying order for inspection.

The Acting Secretary asked for directions as to starting work on the rate books for the coming half-year's rates. He understood from the Secretary that all the general rate (except in townlands of Rathdown Upper and Rathdown

Lower) would be the same as for the current half-year. That being the case, he desired a direction from the council to put the permanent staff to work transferring these rates. Order—The necessary work on the books to be proceeded with by the clerks.

Return submitted showing amount of rates collected and lodged to August 15th, 1900. Order—The Secretary to write to collectors who have not made any lodgments on account of current rate collection, requesting lodgments to be made forthwith.

The Acting Secretary mentioned that in his opinion some of the payments exceedings £5, made through the subsidiary account, were irregular. He thought it right to mention this matter, having regard to the published criticisms of the Local Government Board Auditor in another county. Order—The Assistant Secretary to schedule the items which ought to have been paid by an order of council, but were paid through the Subsidiary Account, and the committee recommend that any payments irregularly made out of the Subsidiary Account be transferred to the County Council Account.

The Acting Secretary drew attention to the backward condition of the account books and forms, and submitted same to the committee. Order—The committee, having made an exhaustive examination of the books and forms in the office, are of opinion that a qualified accountant should be appointed to assist Mr Doyle in checking the accounts and writing up the books to date, and preparing ledger and abstract for audit.

In pursuance of this decision, they had an interview with Mr Young, who undertakes to perform this work for the sum of £30 (Thirty Pounds), and they strongly recommend the council to sanction Mr Young's appointment on the above terms.

With reference to Greystones Harbour, the committee recommend the County Council to order a case to be made out and submitted to counsel for his opinion, also the position of the County Council respecting their liability for maintenance of the harbour, and generally as to their position as to liability.

The Committee then adjourned to 11 o'clock, a.m., on Monday, the 20th August, 1900.

D. J. COGAN, Chairman, Finance Committee.

Adopted, E. P. O'KELLY, Chairman of the County Council.

Half-year ended 31st March, 1900, and 30th September, 1899.

Schedule of Payments through Subsidiary Account over £5, being payments other than those authorized by County Council Order.

1900.		£	s	d
February	13	E N Wynne, postage	...	5 16 4
May	14	John O'Mahony, B.L., counsel's fee	...	105 0 0
		E N Wynne, postage and freight	...	10 13 7
		E N Wynne, petty cash	...	10 0 0
				£131 9 11

Similar Payments in Half-year ended 30th September, 1899,

passed by the Auditor.

1899.		£	s	d
August	3	Secretary, County Council—Typewriter	...	10 11 6
		William Warren—Printing County Schedules	...	7 10 0
		Harry K Shiel—Preparation of Jurors' Lists	...	6 1 0
				£24 2 6

S. J. DOYLE, Acting Secretary.

E. P. O'KELLY, Chairman of the County Council.

Report of the Adjourned Meeting of the Finance Committee,

Held 20th August, 1900.

Councillor D J Cogan, chairman ; Councillors R Norman Thompson, R R

Drought, E J Byrne, T J Troy, Michael Byrne, W G Murphy.

The subsidiary account book was submitted and examined, and as a credit balance of £590 13s 6d remains, the committee did not think it necessary to recommend any further transfer from the general account. The committee directed that minute books and letter books be properly indexed.

Collector Smith, whose fees the Local Government Board refused to sanction payment of, attended before the committee and stated he had been ill for a long period, and attended by a doctor, whose certificate he will produce. The committee, therefore, recommend that his case should again be brought under the notice of the Local Government Board, with a strong recommendation from the council that they reconsider his case, and sanction the payment of his fees.

Collector Philip Doyle, whose fees the Local Government Board refused to sanction payment of, also attended, and explained that he was appointed to collect No. 19 District five days prior to the day on which his accounts should be closed, and owing to pressure in attempting to collect both districts he was unable to close for either district in time. The committee consider the withdrawal of payment of fees in this case a very great hardship, as Doyle is a first-class collector, and under ordinary circumstances would have had his accounts closed in due time. They, therefore, strongly recommend the council to ask the Local Government Board to reconsider his case, and allow his fees to be paid.

All which your committee have to report this 20th day of August.

D. J. COGAN, Chairman, Finance Committee.

Adopted,

20/8/1900.

E. P. O'KELLY, Chairman of the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—"That the reports of the Finance Committee, dated August 17th and August 20th, be and are hereby adopted, and the acts of the committee confirmed." Carried unanimously.

County Surveyor's Report to the Finance Committee.

20th August, 1900. To the Finance Committee of the Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen—I beg to report that the account furnished by *Irish Times* for advertisement for County Surveyor's Assistant is correct. With regard to Mr. Thomas Little's letter of 30th July last, asking for the increased salary from the 1st April, 1899, to date of his resignation, I cannot say if he be entitled to it or not, as the order of the Local Government Board fixing the salaries was not issued until after his resignation. I think the matter should be referred to the Local Government Board. The amounts due to Road-contractor Moffat, in Baltinglass No. 1, as entered on Form 14, are correct, to the best of my knowledge.—Your obedient servant,
CARTER DRAPER.

The proposals for new works and for maintenance contracts from Baltinglass No. 1, Naas No. 2, and Rathdrum Rural District Councils, were submitted and adopted.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—"That the following works, for which no tenders were received at the Adjourned Quarterly Meetings of the District Councils, be placed in charge of parties to be employed by the County Surveyor:—Baltinglass No 1.—To repair three gullets on Lockstown Upper, on the road from Hollywood to Wicklow Gap, £10 Os. Od. Naas No. 2—To rebuild a gullet at Ballynultagh Gap, on the road from Lacken to Ballysmuttan, £8 Os. Od. Naas No. 2—To rebuild a gullet between Ballynultagh Gap and Balfe's house, and repair another gullet at Balfe's house, on the road from Lacken to Ballysmuttan, £20 Os. Od. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor W. Costello. Resolved—"That our County Surveyor be authorised to modify the specification for footpath to Arklow cemetery as he may think fit, in order to bring it within the amount granted by the Rathdrum District Council." The above resolution having been passed, Denis Kavanagh's tender for the work was adopted and sealed. Passed.

The Acting Secretary's application for the assistance of an experienced

accountant was considered and granted, the recommendation of the Finance Committee on this subject being adopted.

County Surveyor's Report.

To the County Council of County Wicklow. Gentlemen—I beg to recommend that for the future a schedule of the roads and works approved of at the Quarterly Meetings of the District Council's be printed and issued previous to the subsequent Quarterly Meetings of the County Council. Such a schedule was printed under the Grand Jury system, and is printed in other counties under the present system. It will be found to be of great use and importance. I also beg to suggest that any roads or works passed by the district councils, but not tendered for at the adjourned district meetings, be advertised, so that contractors may have an opportunity of tendering for such works at the subsequent County Council meetings. This was also done under the Grand Jury system. I beg to report that the wall at Lough Dan, for the completion of which two months was allowed by the County Council, at their meeting on 13th June last, before proceedings should be taken against the contractor and his sureties, has not been commenced. The County Council Statement for the half year ending 31st March last, which was ordered to be ready by 15th July last, has not yet been issued.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, CARTER DRAPER. 18th August, 1900.

The council, having considered the report, adopted the suggestions therein relative to schedule and advertising, and directed that they be complied with. They further ordered that the contractor for the wall at Lough Dan (Andrew Nolan) and his sureties be proceeded against forthwith. Referring to the last paragraph of the report re printing of statement, it was ordered that the printer be communicated with.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

County Surveyor's Report to the County Council of the County Wicklow.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

In compliance with the 35th Clause of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Order, 1887, I inspected that part of the line situated in the County Wicklow on 28th July last, and most of the engines, rolling stock, and plant on 30th July last. From the County Dublin bounds at Brittas to 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles has been cleared of weeds; but from Brittas bounds to Tinode gate they have again grown up; the rest of the line, including that part through the street of Blessington, is in a very bad state from grass and weeds. The cleaning of the line should be done further on the inside towards the fence, and where possible a water-table should be sunk between the sleepers and the fence. The cleanings should also be removed and not thrown as at present on the side as in places they form banks which cover the ends of the sleepers. The number of sleepers requiring renewal is of course increased since I drew attention to the matter last year, and I beg again to say that no time should be lost in carefully examining every sleeper in the line and renewing those found defective. One of the sets of points in the street of Blessington requires new boarding. A good many of the fish plate bolts are loose and some are missing. At my visit to the depot at Templeogue I found No. 7 engine having a patch put on fire box crown and No. 8 engine undergoing a general repair, also one wagon being rebuilt. All the other engines, cars and wagons are in working order. Since my last report 2 cars have been painted and one touched up, and one engine painted.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, CARTER DRAPER, M. Inst., C.E. 1st August, 1900.

Acting Secretary's Report.

The Acting Secretary's report was read and adopted:—Secretary's Office, Court-House, Wicklow, 20th August, 1900. Gentlemen—I regret to have to report the death of Mr. David Mahony, a member of the County Council. His death took place since your last meeting. I had intended to submit to the council a detailed report upon the backward state of the accounts, but as the Finance Committee went exhaustively into the question on the 17th instant, I now consider it unnecessary to do so. In order to remove misapprehension as to my position in relation to these accounts, I wish to say I had nothing whatever to do with them previous to your last Quarterly Meeting. I think it right so to state, as the following orders are on your records:—

“Meeting of Council, 8th February, 1900.—The Local Government Board's letter having been discussed at length, and Mr. Saunderson's (the Inspector's) advice on the subject heard, the Secretary stated that with an experienced accountant, if he were given two competent clerks, he would undertake that the council's business would be satisfactorily performed. Mr. Doyle or Mr. Healy could then pick up the book-keeping from the accountant. Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—“That the Secretary be empowered to employ an accountant, temporary, up to the Quarterly Meeting in May, 1900, and also to employ Mr. Abraham to same date.” Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Meeting, 7th May, 1900.—Further consideration into the working of the Secretary's office adjourned to next meeting, meantime Mr. Doyle is to be present with the accountant when working at the books.

Finance Committee, 25th May, 1900.—The committee recommend that a proper system of doing the accountant work of the office be at once established, by placing Mr. Simon J. Doyle in charge of the accounts, to be assisted as far as possible by the Secretary.”

I never worked in the same office with any of the accountants, except with one gentleman, who was here for a couple of days, and only saw the last accountant, Mr. Shearer, once. I would now respectfully ask the council to make an explicit order that I be enabled to watch progress of the work on the account forms—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, S. J. DOYLE, Acting Secretary. Adopted. E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman. 20/8/1900.

The County Analyst's Report was read and adopted:—

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF WICKLOW.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—I beg to report that I have made the following analyses during the quarter ended on the 30th day of June, 1900.

For the Sergeants of the Royal Irish Constabulary, acting as Inspectors of Food, the following articles were analysed:—

April 2nd—A specimen of whiskey, analysed for Sergt. Lane, Arklow, was of good quality.

April 10th—For Sergeant Carroll, Dunlavin, 4 specimens of butter and 3 of margarine were analysed. The specimens of margarine were composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter.

May 15th—Two specimens of whiskey and a specimen of butter, analysed for Sergeant E. Barry, Rathdrum, were pure.

May 25th—For Sergeant J. O'Leary, Wicklow, 7 specimens of butter and 3 of whiskey were analysed. They were all of good quality.

May 31st—Two specimens of whiskey, analysed for Sergeant E. Barry, Rathdrum, were pure.

June 2nd—A specimen of whiskey, analysed for Sergeant P. Carroll, Dunlavin, was of good quality.

June 9th—For Sergeant J. Sullivan, Baltinglass, a specimen of whiskey was analysed. It was 35.4 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 13.87 per cent. of added water.

June 16th—On this date a specimen of whiskey, analysed for the same sergeant, was pure.

June 22nd—For Sergeant Barry, Rathdrum, 2 specimens of milk were analysed.

One was of very poor and doubtful quality, but not sufficiently so to warrant a certificate of adulteration.

June 23rd—Four specimens of whiskey, analysed for Acting-sergeant T. Flaherty, Ovoca, were pure.

June 26th—A specimen of whiskey, analysed for Sergeant M'Donagh, Tinahely, was of good quality.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union, 15 drugs were analysed. Two of these were deficient—a specimen of tincture of ferric chloride deficient in iron; and solution of morphine hydrochloride, deficient in morphia.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union, 14 drugs were analysed. They were all correct.

Three drugs, analysed for the Guardians of Shillelagh Union, were correct.

Three specimens of water, analysed for Wicklow Urban District Council, had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3
Total solid matters	7.000	7.000	25.900
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0.014	0.014	0.009
Saline ammonia	0.009	0.005	0.015
Nitric acid	Trace.	Trace.	3.620
Chlorine	1.491	1.590	3.180
Sulphuric acid	None.	None.	None.
Equal to calcium sulphate	None.	None.	None.

None of these waters came up to the standard of the best waters; they were all inferior.

A specimen of milk, analysed for Mrs. Barker, Knockrobin, was of the average quality of pure milk. It was not analysed under provisions of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, 57 drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, glycerine, was impure, consisting almost entirely of simple syrup. A specimen of linseed meal was only ground linseed cake, from which nearly all the oil had been abstracted.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
CHARLES A. CAMERON, Public Analyst for the County Wicklow. 17 Castle Street, Dublin, 28th July, 1900.

No further evidence having been produced by Mr. William Gilbert, in support of his claim for compensation, it was not considered.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—“That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby authorise Mr. S. J. Doyle, our acting Secretary, to sign Treasurer's authority for payments, paying orders, transfer orders, and other necessary documents, on our behalf, during the absence of Mr. E. N. Wynne, our Secretary, who is at present absent on leave, and that the Council's seal be attached to this authorisation in duplicate, one copy to be retained in the office, and the other forwarded to the County Council's Treasurer, National Bank, Wicklow.” Carried.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—“That the members of this Council, having heard with sincere regret of the death of Mr. David Mahony, D.L., desire to express their sorrow at the loss of such a kindly and courteous member of their Body, and direct that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family.” Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor T. J. Troy. Resolved—“That all papers and documents having relation to Greystones Harbour be handed to Mr. McCarroll, and that he be instructed to prepare a case to lay before counsel, to ascertain the exact position of County Council with reference to the harbour.”

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—“That the Secretary, Mr. E. N. Wynne, be requested to attend at the offices here without delay, and produce all books and documents required by Mr. Young, to enable him to deal with the accounts properly; and the Secretary is hereby requested to hand to Mr. Doyle any keys of drawers or presses containing the documents relating to the business of this Council during his absence.” Carried.

In pursuance of Notice of Motion—Proposed by Councillor T. J. Troy, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—“That Assistant Surveyor Gallaher be permitted to reside in Arklow.” Passed.

Councillor E. C. Walsh handed in the following Notice of Motion:—“I beg to give notice that, at our next general meeting, I will move that we appoint a Technical Committee, and that we raise a rate for the purposes of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899.”

Councillor J. McCarroll also handed in a Notice of Motion:—“That, at the next meeting of the County Council, I will move the following resolution: ‘That, in order to make the Local Government Act valuable to the country, each County Council in Ireland should have, at least, one Representative on the Local Board.’”

Correspondence.

No. 19,508: 1900. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th April, 1900. Circular Letter *re* Solicitors' Costs. See Finance Committee's Report.

No. 38,332: 1900. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th June, 1900. *Re* Collector Tallon's Poundage Fees. See Finance Committee's Report.

No. 38,095: 1900. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th June, 1900. *Re* Irrecoverable Rates. See Finance Committee's Report.

No. 36,058: 1900. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th July, 1900. *Re* Stamp Duties payable by County and District Councils and Boards of Guardians in Ireland. See Finance Committee's Report.

No. 35,327: 1900. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 19th June, 1900. Approving of the Appointment of Rate Collector Terence Byrne, on the terms specified in replies to queries. Read.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Dublin, 6th August, 1900. *Re* Appointing a Technical Instruction Committee, and enclosing a return with reference thereto. Order—To be considered at next meeting.

No. 1,668: 1900. Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Dublin. Circular Letter in connection with the duties imposed upon Local Authorities under the Provisions of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1899. Order—The Secretary to ask information from Secretary of Department.

Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd August, 1900. Letter enclosing Sealed Order, showing the amount chargeable in respect of the Audit of Accounts during the Financial year ended 31st March, 1900 (£60). Proposed by Councillor T. J. Troy, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—“That when paying the sum of £60 to the Local Government Board, the Acting Secretary be instructed to say that this Council consider the amount excessive, and to ask for particulars, with a view to the future guidance of this Body in estimating Local Government Board charges.”

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 21st July, 1900. Enclosing copy of a resolution with regard to the enforcing of the Inebriates Act. Order—Consideration postponed.

No. 5,650: 1900. Office of National Education, Dublin, 20th July, 1900. On the subject of a School Attendance Committee for Naas No. 2 Rural District. Adopted.

25th June, 1900. Letter from the Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District, returning copy of the Regulations governing School Attendance Committees. Read.

18th and 19th July, 1900. Letters from the Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, regarding Collector George Meyler's Bond. Approved.

28th July, 1900. Letter from the Town Clerk, Wicklow, on the subject of “Opening up the Dunbur Road.” Order—Refer to Rural District of Rathdrum.

31st July, 1900. Letter from the Clerk of Shillelagh Rural District Council, enclosing copy of a resolution on the subject of Malicious Injuries. Adopted, Councillor R. Norman Thompson dissenting.

Provisional Proposals, Form 13, from the Rural Districts of Naas No. 2 and Rathdrum. Submitted.

Correspondence re Mr. P. Martin's Compensation. See Finance Committee's Report. Adopted.

Letter from Town Clerk, Wicklow, dated 26th June, 1900, enclosing resolution re Finance. See Finance Committee's Report. Adopted.

18th July, 1900. Letter from J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, on the subject of Wicklow County Council v. Bray Urban Council, and enclosing Rate Collector Terence Byrne's Bond, duly registered. Submitted.

23rd July, 1900. Letter from R. R. Drought, J.P., on the subject of improving the line of road from Glenealy to Coolbeg. Read.

24th July, 1900. Letter from J. K. Toomey & Co., re Criminal Injury Claims. Read.

Letter from Collector James McAnanama, re Irrecoverable Arrears. See Finance Committee's Report.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Little, Rathdrum, in reference to balance of Salary alleged to be due. See County Surveyor's Report.

Letter from Richard Kelly, Hacketstown, re Paying Order lost, value £5 11s. 3d. See Finance Committee's Report. Adopted.

Letter from ex-Sergeant Hannify, re Compensation. See Finance Committee's Report. Adopted.

Messrs. Stokes Bros' & Pim's Report on Audit of Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company's Accounts. Read and adopted.

Letter from Mrs. Isabella Buckley, Lacken, re her late husband's compensation allowance. See Finance Committee's Report. Adopted.

Complaint of Road Contractor Cullen, that his Paying Orders did not reach him. Read.

Letter from John Rochford, Dunlavin, re Compulsory Education Act. Order—Decision of Council to be communicated to Clerk of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council.

Resolutions from Various Bodies.

19th July, 1900. From Kildare County Council, re the valuation of the Great Southern and Western Railway. Order—Refer to Baltinglass Rural District Council.

23rd July, 1900. From Limerick County Council, with regard to the resuscitation of the Irish language. Resolved—"That the time has arrived in Ireland when, owing more especially to the recent action of the Commissioners of Education, it is imperatively necessary that every effort should be made by the representatives of the people in all of the many public departments in which they are concerned, in order to help in saving from extinction, and to resuscitate by every means in their power the language of our race—our mother tongue: This Council of the County of Limerick, to emphasise its opinion forcibly and practically on this highly important subject, hereby declare that on and after the expiration of twelve months, from this date, any and every vacancy which from time to time may arise in any institution which the council has any connection with, whether as committee or otherwise, must be preferentially given to such candidate as can read and write in the Irish language, holding a certificate as proof of same from some properly qualified and recognised authority, in addition to possessing the other necessary qualifications. That all advertisements for the fulfilment of positions from and after the specified time must be inserted in accordance with the terms of this resolution." Adopted.

14th June, 1900. From Tipperary (North Riding) County Council, on land-owning interests in Ireland. Resolved—"That, inasmuch as it is now acknowledged by all classes in Ireland—whether connected with the land-owning interests or the tenant farmers—that the system of dual ownership of land, with the periodical adjustment of rents under the existing land laws, has the effect of retarding the progress of their country, and discouraging the efforts of the tenants towards the improvement of their holdings, and the reclamation of waste lands, and further has the effect of keeping up a feeling of antagonism between the two

great classes of the community, which prevents their co-operating harmoniously for the general welfare of Ireland, we hereby call on the Government to take the earliest opportunity of bringing in and carrying through Parliament a Land Purchase Bill, which will be compulsory on the landlords to sell and to the tenants to buy their holdings on fair and equitable terms. In anticipation of the fact that such an Act will in due time be in force in Ireland, we respectfully suggest to the Government to so arrange its provisions that the sale and transfer of their interests will not be hampered with the cumbrous legal procedure which renders the existing Land Purchase Acts so expensive and tedious as to make them practically unoperative. We also desire that an equivalent grant to that called the Agricultural Grant be given, to enable the cost of the transfer of land to be lessened, and to assist the labour and cottier tenants to purchase their houses and allotments on the same terms as the tenant farmers. That copies of the Resolution be sent to the Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, with a request that the Party should do all in their power to bring pressure to bear on the Government, facilitate the passing of the Bill, and to give force to the general terms of the resolution; and to the Chairman of every County Council in Ireland, with the request that it should be adopted by them." Adopted.

21st June, 1900. From Queen's County County Council, re the fixing of County Surveyors' salaries. Read.

1st July, 1900. A special appeal for a grant towards the building fund of the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, 13 Molesworth-street, Dublin, forwarded by Lord Monck, Charleville, Enniskerry. Order—Consideration adjourned.

An appeal from the Hon. Secretaries of the Indian Famine Relief Fund, Mansion House, Dublin, for a donation towards that fund. Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—"That we deeply regret and sympathise with the unfortunate famine-stricken people of India, a million and a-half of whom have already died from the awful pangs of hunger; and while deploring our inability to contribute anything towards alleviation of their sufferings, we hereby request the Imperial Government to remit forthwith to the proper quarter in India a sum of one million pounds sterling, to be deducted from the many millions unjustly extracted from this unhappy country, in the shape of over-taxation." Passed. R. Councillor Norman Thompson dissenting.

No. 47,452; 1900: Dublin, &c., Counties. Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th August, 1900. Re accommodation of harmless lunatics in work-house buildings, and copy of letter from Resident Medical Superintendent of Richmond Lunatic Asylum. Order—The Local Government Board be informed that part of Shillelagh Union (and possibly the whole of it under an amalgamation scheme) would be available.

18th August, 1900. From Guinness Mahon & Co., enclosing authority from Matthew Brady for payment to them of £11 10s. 0d. Order—To be complied with.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 3rd July, 1900. Notice of intention to advance a loan of £2,100 to Rathdrum Rural District Council, under Labourers' (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896. Submitted.

The Adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, at 9.30 a.m., on Saturday, 25th August, 1900.

The following councillors attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, M. Byrne, R. R. Drought, W. G. Morris, E. C. Walsh, A. Zeller, M. Langton, W. G. Murphy, D. J. Cogan, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll.

Agenda:—

- 1.—To consider proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and proposals re County Printing and Advertising.
- 2.—To consider other matters on the agenda for the 20th instant, which were not disposed of.

The acting Secretary submitted the following:—

List of proposals made under the Local Government Procedure of Councils Order, 1899, by the Proposals Committee at their Quarterly Meeting on 6th August, 1900, to be submitted to the County Council at their meeting on the 20th August, 1900. The members present at the meeting were—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, E. J. Byrne, M. Byrne.

(A).—To formulate proposals on the Secretary's Schedule of Applications for County Payments.

(B).—To consider and formulate proposals upon the following Notices of Motion:—

	£	s.	d.	Approved.	£	s.	d.
1.—To Thomas Williams, Court-keeper at Wicklow, for providing sundry articles for the use of the County Court-house, and for sweeping chimneys, cleaning windows, scouring, &c., for the period ending 30th June, 1900, ...	10	4	6	10	4	6	
By Councillor Joseph McCarroll.							
2.—To Griffith Jones, Court-keeper at Baltin-glass, for like, same date ...	0	19	9½	0	19	9½	
By Councillor E. P. O'Kelly.							
3.—To Thomas Nicholson, Court-keeper at Arklow, for like, same date ...	1	18	1	1	18	1	
By Councillor T. J. Troy.							

To provide for the County Printing, as follows:—

A.—Printing and supplying all the necessary forms, books, circulars, &c., for the County Council and for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. Not to exceed £500 annually.

B.—Printing, binding, &c., the various Parliamentary and Local Government Registration Lists. Not to exceed 12s. per page annually.

C.—Executing the whole of the Advertising required by the County Council and by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. Not to exceed 3d. per line.

By Councillor Joseph McCarroll.

The Secretary's Schedule of Payments was submitted, approved, and ordered for payment, as initialled by the Chairman, the total amount being Three Thousand and Twenty-nine Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, and Nine Pence (£3,029 16s 9d). The committee, having authorised the acting Secretary to advertise for tenders for the County Printing and Advertising, as above, for a term of three years, adjourned until 20th August. I certify that the above is a true copy of the proposals made by the Proposals Committee at the above-mentioned meeting.

S. J. DOYLE, Acting Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—"That we approve the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting £3,029 16s 9d, as altered and initialled by Chairman, and order same to be paid."

The acting Secretary also submitted the following:—

List of proposals made under the Local Government Procedure of Councils Order, 1899, by the Proposals Committee at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, on 20th August, to be submitted to the County Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting on the 25th August, 1900. The members of the committee present were—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors M. Byrne, E. C. Walsh, R. Norman Thompson, D. J. Cogan, E. J. Byrne, A. Zeller, A. Metcalfe, T. Lawless.

Prior to the opening of tenders for proposed Printing and Advertising Contracts, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh:—Resolved—"That this committee will not recommend the acceptance of any contract for printing from any contractor who does not comply with the 'Fair Wages' Resolution of the House of Commons." Carried.

The Chairman then proceeded to open the tenders received for Printing and Advertising, and after consideration of them, the committee proposed the acceptance of the following, being the lowest:—

A.—Printing and supplying all necessary forms, books, circulars, &c., for the County Council and for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. Not to exceed £500 annually. Frank McPhail, Main-street, Wicklow, for a sum of One Hundred and Eighty-nine Pounds (£189). Guarantors—James McPhail, Glenview, Wicklow, and Christina McPhail, Roseville, Wicklow.

B.—Printing, binding, &c., the various Parliamentary and Local Government Registration Lists. Not to exceed 12s per page annually. Frank McPhail, Main-street, Wicklow, for the sum of Four Shillings and Six Pence (4s 6d) per page. Guarantors—James McPhail, Glenview, Wicklow, and Christina McPhail, Roseville, Wicklow.

C.—Executing the whole of the advertising required by the County Council and by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. Not to exceed 3d per line. Frank McPhail, Main-street, Wicklow, to be inserted in *Wicklow News-Letter and County Advertiser*, at 1d per line. Guarantors—James McPhail, Glenview, Wicklow, and Christina McPhail, Roseville, Wicklow.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the proposals made by the Proposals Committee at the above-mentioned adjourned meeting.

S. J. DOYLE, Acting Secretary.

The foregoing reports were confirmed.

As an addition to the above report, it was proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—"That the tenders of the following Paper Proprietors be accepted, namely—The *Wicklow News-Letter* at 1d per line, the *Wicklow People* at 2d per line, the *Wicklow Star* at 2d per line, and the *Leinster Leader* at 2d per line; and that the report of the Proposals Committee be so amended." Adopted.

To consider Form 11 from Rathdrum Rural District, *re* Arklow Proposal, and seal contract.

The acting Secretary having stated that Arklow Town Commissioners had lodged £55 to the credit of the County Council in respect of proposal to flag and curb 280 square yards of footpath in the town of Arklow, the proposal in question was adopted, and Mr. Denis Kavanagh's tender for the carrying out of the work was accepted, and sealed by order of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—"That tenders be invited for Proposal No. 6, item on Rathdrum Rural District Report, which are to be submitted to the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council." Carried.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—"That we approve of the Proposals for New Works (Form 11), submitted from the Rural Districts, and authorise the Council's seal to be affixed to the bonds of contract entered into in pursuance of such proposals." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—"That Mr. McCarroll, solicitor, be and is hereby instructed to draw up Bonds for the Printing Contracts, and submit them to Mr. McPhail for his signature at once." Passed.

An application from Mr. Carter Draper, County Surveyor, for leave of absence for the month of September, was considered and allowed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—"That the Secretary pay Mr. Young his fee, on the completion of his work, out of the funds in hand for payment of temporary clerks."

It was ordered by the Council that the Secretary, Mr. E. N. Wynne, be informed that his leave of absence expires on 9th September, 1900.

The acting Secretary laid the following correspondence before the Council :

"Court-house, Wicklow, 21st August, 1900. E. N. Wynne, Esq., J.P., C.E., Glendalough, Rathdrum. Dear Sir—The County Council, at their meeting yesterday, appointed an accountant, Mr. P. G. Young, who prepared the accounts in Mayo for the past two half-years. He started work this morning. The Council further directed me to start work on the rate books, and accordingly I put Mr. Wolohan to work this morning, transferring the general rate as struck and assessed for the past half-year. The Council also passed the following resolution :—Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—'That the Secretary, Mr. E. N. Wynne, be requested to attend at the offices here without delay, and produce all books and documents required by Mr. Young, to enable him to deal with the accounts properly; and the Secretary is hereby requested to hand to Mr. Doyle any keys of drawers or presses containing the documents relating to the business of this Council during his absence.' Carried. E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman. 20th August, 1900.

Amongst the subjects upon which Mr. Young requires information are the following :—1. Particulars of classification of Government Grants, &c. 2. Particulars of Sealed Orders transferring adjustment balance. 3. Particulars of Lunatic Asylum Balances last half-year for credit of county. 4. Particulars of Contribution from Great Southern and Western Railway. 5. Particulars of several Government Grants. 6. Particulars of Several Charges for the register of Separate Charges.—Yours obediently, S. J. DOYLE."

"Glendalough, Rathdrum, 22nd August, 1900. Mr. S. J. Doyle, Secretary's Office, Court-house, Wicklow. Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of yours of the 21st inst., and note its contents. I have no documents or books to produce; I placed them all in your charge when leaving. There are no drawers or presses under lock and key which contain any documents relating to the business of the Council, and never have been, excepting the safe, which contains nothing relating to the books or accounts, except the collectors' bonds, which are given in full in Table (L) of the Account. Subject 2. Adjustments are with the estimates of rates in the press, and all the others are in the press next window, but the accountant will have considerable work on books 34 and 35 before he can start at the accounts.—Yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE."

"Court-house, Wicklow, 25th August, 1900. Gentlemen,—I beg to report that I have been engaged during the past few days preparing the accounts of the County for the half-year ending 31st March last. In consequence of the necessary information to enable me to proceed with the work not being available, I find it very difficult to deal with various matters requiring explanation, in the absence of documentary evidence, some of the entries in the books being incomplete, particularly as regards the financial receipts book. I am unable to deal with them satisfactorily. There appears to be no particulars of the classification of the various Government Grants to be had, and the asylum balance, which should be here, in respect of last half-year (as per auditor's report) cannot be found. The Sealed Orders, transferring adjustment balances, are not to be had, nor the Treasurer's authority for making payments out of the subsidiary account for last half-year, which the Bank Manager says he has not got. I hope on Monday next to obtain in Dublin particulars of lodgments under the head of 'Government Grants'; also the balance in respect of Richmond Lunatic Asylum, and particulars of repayment of loans, but there are still other matters which should be to hand here.—Your obedient servant, P. G. YOUNG, Accountant."

"Court-house, Wicklow, 25th August, 1900. To the Chairman and Councillors, Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen,—In reply to Mr. Wynne's

letter of the 22nd inst., I desire to report that Mr. Wynne handed me none of the documents required by Mr. Young. I cannot find them in the office, and I would respectfully request a deputation of the Council to visit the office and satisfy themselves on this point.—Yours obediently, S. J. DOYLE."

It was ordered that the Secretary be written to, enclosing him the correspondence read to-day at this meeting, and he be requested to forward forthwith the keys of the presses and safe in the Secretary's office. That the acting Secretary schedule all documents in these compartments, and retain these keys. That a copy also be sent to the Local Government Board.

and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Rathdown No. 2

Proposed by - Councillor J. Lawless.

Seconded by - " M. Langton.

Resolved - That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £1411-15-10, as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Rathdrum

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by - " J. J. Tray.

Resolved - That we approve the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £5918-9-3, as altered and initialled by Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Shillelagh.

Proposed by - Councillor E. J. Byrne.

Seconded by - " J. McCarroll.

Resolved - That we approve the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £2041-17-6, as altered and initialled by Chairman, and order same to be paid.

Wicklow Urban.

Proposed by - Councillor J. McCarroll.

Seconded by - " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved - That we approve the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £56-5-5, as altered and initialled by Chairman, and order same to be paid.

Payment orders for the foregoing were then signed.

Transfer Orders to credit of the Treasurers of each of the Rural District Councils, and each Board of Guardians,

as recommended in Finance Committee's Report, were then signed.

Finance Committee's Reports.

The Finance Committee met on Friday, 17th August, 1900, in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, when the following Councillors attended: -

Councillor - D. J. Cogan - Chairman.

Councillors - R. Norman Thompson, R. P. Drought, and W. G. Murphy.

The following payments were ordered through the Subsidiary Account: -

County Surveyors Certificates.

		£	s.	d.
John Flynn.	Repairs to Wicklow Court House.	4	17	3
G. E. Draper.	Supplying Ordnance Sheets.	4	10	0
Laurence Toole.	Maintaining 484 p. of Road.	10	0	0
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John Hughes, D.I., R.I.C.	Conveyance of Prisoners.	3	13	10
W. De R. Shoveller,	"	1	6	0
K. L. Supple,	"	1	17	4
G. C. Royle,	"	1	19	10
Acting Serg ^t Thos. McKeown.	Weights & Measures.	7	11	8
Sergeant David Connor.	"	1	13	6
" Patrick Carroll.	"	11	0	
" John Sullivan.	"	3	9	0
" James Knox.	"	1	0	0
" John O'Leary.	"	12	3	9
" John McDonagh.	Food & Drugs.	6	8	
" John Lane.	"	3	6	
" Patrick Carroll.	"	12	9	
" John Sullivan.	"	12	3	
" John O'Leary.	"	1	3	10
Acting Serg ^t Thos. Flaherty	"	13	3	
Sergeant Edward Barry.	"	1	2	7
W. G. Moore, C.P.S.	Prosecutor & Witnesses Expenses.	1	0	
Receiver of Wrecks, Custom House, Dublin.		2	6	

The Committee further recommend the Council to make the following payments:—

		£	s	d.
"Irish Daily Independent."	Advertising.	1	4	0
Local Government Board.	Expenditure on Audit.	60	0	0
Michael Byrne, Ballybrack, Hacketstown.	In lieu of Paying Order No. 140, issued 3 rd March, 1900, and lost.	5	11	3
Baltinglass Union.	Money on Demand.	875	9	9
" R.D. Council.	"	224	0	0
Naas Union.	"	225	5	0
" R.D. Council.	"	80	5	0
Rathdown Union.	"	984	18	0
" R.D. Council.	"	—	—	—
Rathdrum Union.	"	2316	16	0
" R.D. Council.	"	356	17	4
Shillelagh Union.	"	900	3	6
" R.D. Council.	"	67	8	9
Wicklow Harbour.	Payments in respect of Loans.	1017	13	10
Arklow "	"	364	7	6
Greystones Pier.	"	34	6	9
E. N. Wynne, Secretary.	Money in hand.			
	Permanent Staff	160	0	0
	Temporary Staff	150	0	0
A. G. Wailes, Solicitor.	"Bill of Costs."	68	15	10
Total.		<u>£7,893-2-6</u>		

Correspondence re Mr. P. Martin's claim for compensation for abolition of Office as Inspector of Explosives submitted.

The Committee recommend that an annuity of £1-6-8 as Inspector of Explosives for Arklow Petty Sessions District be paid to Mr. P. Martin, he having proved to the satisfaction of the Committee his title to same.

Correspondence submitted and considered re claims from Mr. B. Manning, Clerk of Rathdrum Union; and Mr. J. R. Dagg, Clerk of Baltinglass Union, for Compensation for abolition of Offices.

Order—Consideration deferred.

Correspondence submitted re Mr. Gilbert's claim for compensation.

Order—The Committee having gone carefully into the case decline to re-open it.

An account for Printing from Mr. Frank Mc Phail was submitted.

Order—Refer to Secretary to certify accuracy. The Committee are surprised to find that no book of account is kept in the Office in this and similar cases.

Local Government Board's Circular re payment of Solicitors' Costs submitted.

No Order.

A letter submitted from Collector James Mc Ananama, claiming that he was entitled to a larger allowance for Irrecoverable Rates than that allowed.

Order—Refer Mr. Mc Ananama to the Local Government Board's letter.

Letter received from Mr. Thomas Little, late an Assistant County Surveyor, claiming payment of an alleged balance of Salary due.

Order—Refer to County Surveyor.

Resolution received from Wicklow Urban Council, asking for additional particulars of Demand Note served on Urban District.

Order—The Books of the County Council to be open to the Clerks of the Urban District Councils for inspection, and that they be at liberty to make any extracts from the Books they deem necessary. The County Council Secretary to give every assistance.

Correspondence submitted re Paying Order No. 140, issued 3rd March, 1900, to Michael Byrne, Ballybrack, Hacketstown, and lost after it reached him.

Letter received from Local Government Board stating that they will raise no objection to the proposal of the County Council to raise Collector Tallon's Poundage from 5 to 6. *W.C.*
 Order - Read and enter.

Order - Duplicate Cheque to be issued provided the original has not been paid through the Bank.

Auditor's Report and Abstract of Payments submitted.

Order - "Read."

Letter received from Local Government Board re Irrecoverable Rates.

Order - "Read and enter."

Map submitted from War Office, showing area in the County scheduled under Military Manoeuvres Bill now before Parliament.

Order - Refer to County Surveyor.

Letter from Ex-Sergeant Hanniffy re payment of Compensation.

Order - "Submitted."

Letter submitted from Mrs I. Buckley, Lacken, re amount of her late Husband's Compensation.

Order - Refer Mrs Buckley to her Solicitor, with whom the Council settled the account.

Letter submitted from Mr J. Rochford, Dumlavin, re Compulsory Education.

Order - Refer to the Council.

Messrs. Stokes, Bros. & Pim forwarded Report on Audit of Dublin & Blessington Steam Tramway Accounts.

Order - Refer to the Council.

The Acting Secretary drew the Committee's attention to a proposed payment to Road Contractor Moffat, Baltinglass Rural District. As this was one of the cases referred to in the Auditor's Report, he was in doubt whether the payment was to be made

or not.

Order - Refer to County Surveyor for adjustment.

The Acting Secretary also mentioned that Road Contractor Patrick Cullen, Ballyduff, called at the Office and complained that he received no Paying Orders for the past year. It appears from the Financial Statement Book of Expenditure, Page 21, that he was paid £8-15-6 by the Bank on 5th June. (Paying Order No. 314).

Order - Refer to Treasurer to produce Paying Order for inspection.

The Acting Secretary asked for directions as to starting work on the Rate Books for the coming Half-year's Rates. He understood from the Secretary that all the General Rate (except in Townlands of Rathdown Upper and Rathdown Lower) would be the same as for the current Half year. That being the case he desired a direction from the Council to put the Permanent Staff to work transferring these Rates.

Order - The necessary work on the Books to be proceeded with by the Clerks.

Return submitted showing amount of Rates collected and lodged to August, 15th, 1900.

Order - The Secretary to write to Collectors who have not made any Lodgments on account of current rate collection, requesting Lodgments to be made forthwith.

The Acting Secretary mentioned that in his opinion some of the payments exceeding £5 made through the Subsidiary Account were irregular. He thought it right to mention this matter, having regard to the published criticisms of the Local Government Board Auditor in another County.

Order - The Assistant Secretary to schedule the items which ought to have been paid by an order

of the Council, but were paid through the Subsidiary Account, and the Committee recommend that any payments irregularly made out of the Subsidiary Account be transferred to the County Council Account.

The Acting Secretary drew attention to the backward condition of the Account Books and Forms, and submitted same to the Committee.

Order - The Committee, having made an exhaustive examination of the Books and Forms in the Office, are of opinion that a qualified Accountant should be appointed to assist Mr. Doyle in checking the Accounts and writing up the Books to date, and preparing Ledger and Abstract for Audit.

In pursuance of this decision they had an interview with Mr. Young, who undertakes to perform this work for the sum of Thirty Pounds, (£30) and they strongly recommend the Council to sanction Mr. Young's appointment on the above terms.

With reference to Greystones Harbour the Committee recommend the County Council to order a case to be made out and submitted to Counsel for his opinion, also the position of the County Council respecting their liability for maintenance of the Harbour, and generally as to their position as to liability.

The Committee then adjourned to 11 o'clock am. on Monday, the 20th August, 1900.

D. J. Cogan, Chairman.
Finance Committee.

Adopted.
E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman
County Council.

Half-year ended 31st March, 1900, and 30th September, 1899.

Schedule of payments through Subsidiary Account over £5, being payments other than those authorised by County Council Order.

				£	s.	d.
1900.						
Feb.	13	E. N. Wynne.	Postage.	5	16	4
May.	14	John O'Mahony, B.L.	Counsel's Fee.	105	0	0
"	"	E. N. Wynne.	Postage & Freight.	10	13	7
"	"	E. N. Wynne.	Petty Cash.	10	0	0
				£	131	9 11
Similar payments in Half-year ended 30 th September, 1899, passed by the Auditor						
1899						
August	3	Secretary, County Council.	Typewriter.	10	11	6
"	"	William Warren.	Printing County Schedules.	7	10	0
"	"	Harry K. Shiel.	Preparation of Jurors Lists.	6	1	0
				£	24	2 6

S. J. Doyle. Acting Secretary.
E. P. O'Kelly. Chairman of the County Council.

Report of the Adjourned Meeting of the Finance Committee, held 20th August, 1900.

Councillor - D. J. Cogan - Chairman.
Councillors - R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, E. J. Byrne, J. J. Troy, M. Byrne, W. G. Murphy.

The Subsidiary Account Book was submitted and

examined, and as a Credit Balance of £ 590-13-6 remains, the Committee did not think it necessary to recommend any further transfer from the General Account.

The Committee directed that Minute Books, and Letter Books be properly indexed.

Collector Smith, whose Fees the Local Government Board refused to sanction payment of, attended before the Committee and stated he had been ill for a long period, and attended by a Doctor, whose Certificate he will produce. The Committee therefore recommend that his case should again be brought under the notice of the Local Government Board, with a strong recommendation from the Council that they reconsider his case, and sanction the payment of his Fees.

Collector Philip Doyle, whose Fees the Local Government Board refused to sanction payment of, also attended, and explained that he was appointed to collect No. 19 District five days prior to the day on which his accounts should be closed, and owing to pressure in attempting to collect both Districts he was unable to close for either District in time.

The Committee consider the withdrawal of payment of Fees in this case a very great hardship, as Doyle is a first-class Collector, and under ordinary circumstances would have had his accounts closed in due time. They therefore strongly recommend the Council to ask the Local Government Board to reconsider his case, and allow his Fees to be paid.

All which your Committee have to report this 20th day of August.

D. J. Cogan — Chairman,
Finance Committee

Adopted.

E. P. O'Kelly — Chairman of the
County Council.

20/8/1900.

Proposed by — Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by — " R. Norman Thompson.

Resolved — That the Reports of the Finance Committee, dated August 17th, and August 20th be, and are hereby adopted, and the acts of the Committee confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

County Surveyor's Report.

20th August, 1900.

To the Finance Committee of
the Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen,

I beg to report that the account furnished by "Irish Times" for advertisement for County Surveyor's Assistant is correct.

With regard to Mr. Thomas Little's letter of 30th July last asking for the increased Salary from the 1st April, 1899, to date of his resignation. I cannot say if he be entitled to it or not, as the Order of the Local Government Board fixing the Salaries was not issued until after his resignation. I think the matter should be referred to the Local Government Board.

The amounts due to Road Contractor Moffat in Baltinglass No 1, as entered on Form 14, are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Your obedient Servant,
Carter Draper.

The Proposals for New Works and for Maintenance Contracts from Baltinglass No 1, Naas No 2, and Rathdrum

Rural District Councils were submitted and adopted.

Proposed by - Councillor R. Norman Thompson.

Seconded by - " M. Byrne.

Resolved - That the following Works for which no Tenders were received at the Adjourned Quarterly Meetings of the District Councils be placed in charge of parties to be employed by the County Surveyor: -

Baltinglass No 1

To repair three Gullies on Lockstown Upper on the road from Hollywood to Wicklow Gap. £10-0-0

Naas No 2.

To rebuild a Gullet at Ballymultagh Gap on the road from Lacken to Ballysmuttan. £8-0-0

Naas No 2.

To rebuild a gullet between Ballymultagh Gap and Balfie's House, and repair another Gullet at Balfie's House, on the road from Lacken to Ballysmuttan. £20-0-0

Carried.

Proposed by - Councillor S. C. Walsh.

Seconded by - " W. Costello.

Resolved - That our County Surveyor be authorised to modify the Specification for Footpath to Arklow Cemetery as he may think fit, in order to bring it within the amount granted by the Rathdrum District Council.

Passed.

The above Resolution having been passed, Denis Kavanagh's Tender for the work was adopted and Sealed.

The Acting Secretary's application for the

assistance of an experienced Accountant was considered and granted, the recommendation of the Finance Committee on this subject being adopted.

County Surveyor's Report.

To the County Council
of County Wicklow.

Gentlemen,

I beg to recommend that for the future - a Schedule of the roads and works approved of at the Quarterly Meetings of the District Councils be printed and issued previous to the subsequent Quarterly Meetings of the County Council. Such a Schedule was printed under the Grand Jury system, and is printed in other Counties under the present system. It will be found to be of great use and importance.

I also beg to suggest that any Roads or works passed by the District Councils, but not tendered for at the adjourned District Meetings be advertised, so that Contractors may have an opportunity of tendering for such works at the subsequent County Council Meetings. This was also done under the Grand Jury system.

I beg to report that the Wall at Lough Dan, for the completion of which two months was allowed by the County Council at their Meeting on 13th June last before proceedings should be taken against the Contractor and his Sureties, has not been commenced.

The County Council Statement for the Half-year ending 31st March last, which was ordered to be ready by 15th July last, has not yet been issued.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,
Carter Draper.

18th August, 1900.

The Council, having considered the Report, adopted the suggestions therein relative to Schedule and advertising, and directed that they be complied with. They further ordered that the Contractor for the Wall at Lough Dan, Andrew Nolan, and his Sureties be proceeded against forthwith.

Referring to the last paragraph of the Report, re printing of Statement, it was ordered that the printer be communicated with.

Dublin & Blessington Steam Tramway.

County Surveyor's Report.

To the County Council
of the County Wicklow.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In compliance with the 35th Clause of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Order, 1887, I inspected that part of the line situated in the County Wicklow on 28th July last, and most of the engines, rolling stock, and plant on 30th July last. From the County Dublin bounds at Brittas to 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles has been cleared of weeds; but from Brittas bounds to Tinode gate they have again grown up; the rest of the line, including that part through the street of Blessington, is in a very bad state from grass and weeds.

The cleaning of the line should be done further on the inside towards the fence, and, where possible, a water-table should be sunk between the sleepers and the fence. The cleanings should also be removed, and not thrown as at present on the side, as in places they form banks which cover the ends of the sleepers. The number of sleepers requiring renewal is of course increased since I drew attention to the matter last year, and I beg again to say that no time should be lost

in carefully examining every sleeper in the line, and renewing those found defective.

One of the Sets of points in the street of Blessington requires new boarding.

A good many of the fish plate bolts are loose, and some are missing.

At my visit to the depot at Templeogue I found No. 7 engine having a patch put on fire box crown, and No. 8 engine undergoing a general repair, also one wagon being rebuilt.

All the other engines, cars, and wagons are in working order. Since my last report 2 cars have been painted, and one touched up, and one engine painted.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Carter Draper, M. Inst., C. E.

14th August, 1900.

The Acting Secretary's Report was read and adopted.

Acting Secretary's Report.

Secretary's Office,
Court House, Wicklow.

20th August, 1900.

Gentlemen,

I regret to have to report the death of Mr. David Mahony, a Member of the County Council. His death took place since your last Meeting.

I had intended to submit to the Council a detailed Report upon the backward state of the Accounts, but as the Finance Committee went exhaustively into the question on the 17th instant, I now consider it unnecessary to do so.

In order to remove misapprehension as to my position in relation to these Accounts, I

wish to say I had nothing whatever to do with them previous to your last Quarterly Meeting.

I think it right so to state, as the following orders are on your records:—

Meeting of Council, 8th February, 1900.

The Local Government Board's letter having been discussed at length, and Mr. Saunderson's (the Inspector's) advice on the subject heard, the Secretary stated that with an experienced Accountant, if he were given two competent Clerks, he would undertake that the Council's business would be satisfactorily performed. Mr. Doyle or Mr. Healy could then pick up the Book-keeping from the Accountant.

Proposed by— Councillor R. Norman Thompson.

Seconded by— " E. G. Walsh.

Resolved— That the Secretary be empowered to employ an Accountant, temporary, up to the Quarterly Meeting in May, 1900, and also to employ Mr. Abraham to same date.

Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Meeting, 7th May, 1900.

Further consideration into the working of the Secretary's Office adjourned ^{to next Meeting} meantime Mr. Doyle is to be present with the Accountant when working at the Books.

Finance Committee, 25th May, 1900

The Committee recommend that a proper system of doing the Accountant work of the Office be at once established by placing Mr. Simon J. Doyle in charge of the Accounts, to be assisted as far as possible by the Secretary.

I never worked in the same Office with any of the Accountants, except with one gentleman who was here for a couple of days, and only saw the last

Accountant, Mr. Shearer, once.

I would now respectfully ask the Council to make an explicit order that I be enabled to watch progress of the work on the Account Forms.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

S. J. Doyle.

Acting Secretary.

Adopted.

E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman.

20/8/1900.

The County Analysts Report was read and adopted.

County Analysts Report.

To the County Council of the County of Wicklow.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to report that I have made the following analyses during the quarter ended on the 30th day of June, 1900.

For the Sergeants of the Royal Irish Constabulary acting as Inspectors of Food, the following articles were analysed:—

April 2nd A specimen of Whiskey analysed for Sergeant Lane, Arklow, was of good quality.

April 10th For Sergeant Carroll, Dunlavin, 4 specimens of Butter, and 3 of Margarine were analysed. The specimens of Margarine were composed almost entirely of fats foreign to Butter.

May 15th Two specimens of Whiskey and a specimen of Butter analysed for Sergeant E. Barry, Rathdrum, were pure.

May 25th For Sergeant J. O'Leary, Wicklow, 7 specimens of Butter, and 3 of Whiskey were analysed. They were all of good quality.

May 31st Two specimens of Whiskey analysed for Sergeant E. Barry, Rathdrum, were pure.

June 2nd A specimen of Whiskey analysed for Sergeant P. Carroll, Dumlavin, was of good quality.

June 9th For Sergeant J. Sullivan, Baltinglass, a specimen of Whiskey was analysed. It was 35.4 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 13.87 per cent of added water.

June 16th On this date a specimen of Whiskey analysed for the same Sergeant was pure.

June 22nd For Sergeant Barry, Rathdrum, 2 specimens of Milk were analysed. One was of very poor and doubtful quality, but not sufficiently so to warrant a certificate of adulteration.

June 23rd Four specimens of Whiskey analysed for Acting-Sergeant J. Flaherty, Ovoca, were pure.

June 26th A specimen of Whiskey analysed for Sergeant Mc'Donagh, Tinahely, was of good quality.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union 15 Drugs were analysed. Two of these were deficient; a specimen of Tincture of Ferric Chloride deficient in Iron; and Solution of Morphine Hydrochloride deficient in Morphia.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union 14 Drugs were analysed. They were all correct.

Three Drugs analysed for the Guardians of Shillelagh Union were correct.

Three specimens of Water analysed for Wicklow Urban District Council had the following compositions.

One Imperial Gallon contained in grains :-

	No 1	No 2	No 3
Total solid matters	7.000	7.000	25.900
Including			

	No 1	No 2	No 3.
Albuminoid Ammonia.	0.014	0.014	0.009
Saline Ammonia.	0.009	0.005	0.015
Nitric Acid.	Trace	Trace	3.620
Chlorine.	1.491	1.590	3.180
Sulphuric Acid.	None	None	None
Equal to Calcium Sulphate.	None	None	None

None of these Waters came up to the standard of the best Waters; they were all inferior.

A specimen of Milk analysed for Mrs. Barker, Knockrobin, was of the average quality of pure milk. It was not analysed under Provisions of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, 57 Drugs were analysed. One of them, namely: - Glycerine, was impure, consisting almost entirely of simple syrup. A specimen of Linseed Meal was only ground Linseed Cake, from which nearly all the oil had been abstracted.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
Charles A. Cameron.

17 Castle Street,
Dublin.

Public Analyst for
the Co. Wicklow.

28th July, 1900.

No further evidence having been produced by Mr. William Gilbert in support of his claim for compensation, it was not considered.

Proposed by - Councillor J. McCarroll.
Seconded by - " M. Langton.

Resolved - That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby authorise Mr. S. J. Doyle, our Acting

Secretary, to sign Treasurer's Authority for payments, Paying Orders, Transfer Orders, and other necessary documents on our behalf, - during the absence of Mr. E. N. Wynne, our Secretary, who is at present absent on leave, and that the Council's Seal be attached to this authorization in duplicate, one copy to be retained in the Office, and the other forwarded to the County Council's Treasurer, National Bank, Wicklow.
Carried.

Proposed by - Councillor E. P. O'Kelly.
Secounded by - " R. R. Drought.

Resolved - That the Members of this Council, having heard with sincere regret of the death of Mr. David Mahony, D.L., desire to express their sorrow at the loss of such a kindly and courteous Member of their Body, and direct that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to his Family.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by - Councillor R. Norman Thompson.
Secounded by - " J. J. Troy.

Resolved - That all papers and documents having relation to Greystones Harbour be handed to Mr. McCarroll, and that he be instructed to prepare a case to lay before Counsel to ascertain the exact position of County Council with reference to the Harbour.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.
Secounded by - " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved - That the Secretary, Mr. E. N. Wynne, be requested to attend at the Offices here without delay, and produce all Books and documents required by Mr. Young to enable him to deal with the Accounts properly. And the Secretary is hereby requested to hand to Mr. Doyle any Keys of drawers or presses containing the documents relating to the business

of this Council during his absence.
Carried.

In pursuance of Notice of Motion: -

Proposed by - Councillor J. J. Troy
Secounded by - " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved - That Assistant Surveyor Gallaher be permitted to reside in Arklow.
Passed.

Councillor E. C. Walsh handed in the following Notice of Motion: - "I beg to give Notice that at our next general Meeting I will move that we appoint a Technical Committee, and that we raise a rate for the purposes of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899."

Councillor J. McCarroll also handed in a Notice of Motion: - "That at the next Meeting of the County Council I will move the following Resolution: 'That in order to make the Local Government Act valuable to the country, each County Council in Ireland should have at least one Representative on the Local Government Board.'"

Correspondence.

No. 19,508 : 1900
Miscellaneous.
Local Government Board,
Dublin. 18th April, 1900.
Circular letter re Solicitors' Costs.
See Finance Committee's Report.

No. 38,332 : 1900
Wicklow County.
Local Government Board,
Dublin. 30th June, 1900.
Re Collector Tallon's Poundage Fees.
See Finance Committee's Report.

No. 38,095 : 1900
Wicklow County.

Local Government Board,
Dublin. 29th June, 1900.

Re Irrecoverable Rates.

See Finance Committee's Report.

No. 36,058 : 1900.
Miscellaneous.

Local Government Board,
Dublin. 12th July, 1900.

Re Stamp Duties payable by County, and District Councils, and Boards of Guardians in Ireland.

See Finance Committee's Report.

No. 35,327 : 1900
Wicklow County.

Local Government Board,
Dublin. 19th June, 1900.

Approving of the appointment of Rate Collector Terence Byrne on the terms specified in replies to queries.

"Read."

Department of Agriculture & Tech. Inst.
Dublin. 6th August, 1900.

Re appointing a Technical Instruction Committee, and enclosing a Return with reference thereto.

Order - To be considered at next Meeting.

No. 1,668 : 1900

Department of Agriculture & Technical Inst.
Dublin.

Circular letter in connection with the duties imposed upon Local Authorities under the Provisions of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1899.

Order - The Secretary to ask information from Secretary of Department.

Local Government Board,
Dublin. 3rd August, 1900.

Letter enclosing Sealed Order showing the amount chargeable in respect of the Audit of

Accounts during the financial year ended 31st March, 1900. (£60).

Proposed by - Councillor J. J. Troy.

Seconded by - " J. McCarroll.

Resolved - That when paying the sum of £60-0-0 to the Local Government Board, the Acting Secretary be instructed to say that this Council consider the amount excessive, and to ask for particulars, with a view to the future guidance of this Body in estimating Local Government Board charges.

Richmond District Asylum,
Dublin. 21st July, 1900.

Enclosing copy of a Resolution with regard to the enforcing of the Inebriates Act.

Order - Consideration postponed.

No. 5,650 : 1900.

Office of National Education,
Dublin. 20th July, 1900.

On the subject of a School Attendance Committee for Naas No 2 Rural District.

"Adopted."

25th June, 1900. Letter from the Clerk of Naas No 2 Rural District, returning copy of the Regulations governing School Attendance Committees.

"Read."

18th and 19th July, 1900. Letters from the Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District Council regarding Collector George Meyler's Bond.

"Approved."

28th July, 1900. Letter from the Town Clerk, Wicklow on the subject of "opening up the Dumber Road."

Order - Refer to Rural District of Rathdrum.

31st July, 1900. Letter from the Clerk of Shillelagh Rural District Council, enclosing copy of a Resolution on the subject of Malicious Injuries.

"Adopted." — Councillor R. Norman Thompson dissenting.

Provisional Proposals, Form 13, from the Rural Districts of Naas No 2 and Rathdrum.

Submitted.

Correspondence re Mr. O. Martin's Compensation.

See Finance Committee's Report. Adopted.

Letter from Town Clerk, Wicklow, dated 26th June, 1900, enclosing Resolution re Finance.

See Finance Committee's Report. Adopted.

13th July, 1900. Letter from J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, on the subject of Wicklow County Council — V — Bray Urban Council; — and enclosing Rate Collector Terence Byrne's Bond, duly registered.

Submitted.

23rd July, 1900. Letter from R. R. Drought, J.P., on the subject of improving the line of road from Glenealy to Coolbeg.

"Read."

24th July, 1900. Letter from J. K. Toomey & Co. re Criminal Injury Claims.

"Read."

Letter from Collector James McAnanama re Irrecoverable arrears.

See Finance Committee's Report.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Little, Rathdrum, in reference to balance of Salary alleged to be due.

See County Surveyor's Report.

Letter from Richard Kelly, Hacketstown, re Paying Order lost — value £5-11-3.

See Finance Committee's Report. Adopted.

Letter from Ex-Sergeant Hannify re compensation.

See Finance Committee's Report. Adopted.

Messrs. Stokes, Bros. and Pim's Report on Audit of Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company's Accounts.

Read and — adopted.

Letter from Mrs. Isabella Buckley, Lackan, re her late Husband's compensation allowance.

See Finance Committee's Report. Adopted.

Complaint of Road Contractor Cullen that his Paying Orders did not reach him.

"Read."

Letter from John Rockford, Dunlavin, re Compulsory Education Act.

Order — Decision of Council to be communicated to Clerk of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council.

Resolutions from various Bodies.

19th July, 1900. From Kildare County Council re the Valuation of the Great Southern and Western Railway.

Order — Refer to Baltinglass Rural District Council.

23rd July, 1900. From Limerick County Council — with regard to the resuscitation of the Irish Language.

Adopted. * For Resolution see Page 293

14th June, 1900. From Tipperary (North Riding) County Council — on Land-owning interests in Ireland.

Adopted. * For Resolution see Page 307

21st June, 1900. From Queen's County County Council - re the fixing of County Surveyors' Salaries.
"Read."

1st July, 1900. A special appeal for a Grant towards the Building Fund of the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, 13 Molesworth Street, Dublin, forwarded by Lord Monck, Charleville, Enniskerry.
Order - Consideration adjourned.

An appeal from the Hon. Secretaries of the Indian Famine Relief Fund, Mansion House, Dublin, for a donation towards that Fund.

Proposed by - Councillor E. C. Walsh.

Seconded by - " D. J. Cogan.

Resolved - That we deeply regret and sympathise with the unfortunate famine stricken people of India, a million and a half of whom have already died from the awful pangs of hunger, and while deploring our inability to contribute anything towards alleviation of their sufferings, we hereby request the Imperial Government to remit forthwith to the proper quarter in India a sum of one Million Pounds Sterling, to be deducted from the many Millions unjustly extracted from this unhappy country in the shape of over-taxation.

Passed - Councillor R. Norman Thompson dissenting.

No. 47452: 1900.

Local Government Board.

Dublin, etc. Counties.

Dublin, 16th August, 1900.

Re accommodation of Harmless Lunatics in Workhouse Buildings, and copy of letter from Resident Medical Superintendent of Richmond Lunatic Asylum.

Order - The Local Government Board be informed that part of Shillelagh Union (and possibly the whole of it under an amalgamation scheme) would be available.

18th August, 1900. From Guinness, Mahon & Co. enclosing authority from Matthew Brady for payment to them of £11-10-0.

Order - To be complied with.

Office of Public Works,

Dublin. 3rd July, 1900.

Notice of intention to advance a Loan of £2100 to Rathdrum Rural District Council, under Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896.

Submitted.

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"Resolved - That the time has arrived in Ireland when owing more especially to the recent action of the Commissioners of Education, it is imperatively necessary that every effort should be made by the representatives of the people in all of the many public departments in which they are concerned, in order to help in saving from extinction, and to resuscitate by every means in their power, the language of our race - our mother tongue: -

This Council of the County of Limerick, to emphasise its opinion forcibly and practically on this highly important subject, hereby declare that on, and after, the expiration of twelve months from this date, any and every vacancy which from time to time may arise in any Institution which the Council has any connection with, whether as Committee or otherwise, must be preferentially given to such candidate as can read and write in the Irish language, holding a certificate as proof of same from some properly qualified and recognised authority, in addition to possessing the other necessary qualifications."

That all advertisements for the fulfilment of positions from, and after the specified time, must be inserted in accordance with the terms of this resolution."

Adopted.

Edward Sheehy

17 Nov 1900.

The Adjourned Summer Quarterly Meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 9-30 a.m. on Saturday, 25th August, 1900.

The following Councillors attended:-

- Councillor - E. P. O'Kelly - Chairman.
- Councillors - R. Norman Thompson, M. Byrne, R. R. Drought, W. G. Morris, E. C. Walsh, A. Zeller, M. Langton, W. G. Murphy, D. J. Cogan, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll.

Agenda.

- To consider proposals for payment from the Proposals Committee, and proposals re County Printing and Advertising.
- " consider other matters on the Agenda for the 20th instant which were not disposed of.

The Acting Secretary submitted the following:-

List of Proposals made under the Local Government Procedure of Councils Order, 1899, by the Proposals Committee at their Quarterly Meeting on the 6th August, 1900, to be submitted to the County Council at their Meeting on the 20th August, 1900.

The Members present at the Meeting were:-

- Councillor - E. P. O'Kelly - Chairman.
- Councillors - R. Norman Thompson, E. J. Byrne, and M. Byrne.

- (A)-To formulate proposals on the Secretary's Schedule of Applications for County Payments.
- (B)-To consider and formulate proposals upon the following Notices of Motion:-
 - To Thomas Williams, Court-keeper at Wicklow, for providing sundry articles for the use of the County Court-House, and for sweeping chimneys, cleaning windows, scouring, &c., for the period ending 30th June, 1900. £10 4 6
By Councillor Joseph M'Carroll.
 - To Griffith Jones, Court-keeper at Baltinglass, for like, same date, £0 19 9½
By Councillor E. P. O'Kelly.
 - To Thos. Nicholson, Court-keeper at Arklow, for like, same date, £1 18 1
By Councillor T. J. Troy.
- To provide for the County Printing, as follows:-
 - Printing and supplying all the necessary forms, books, circulars, &c., for the County Council and for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. Not to exceed £500 annually.
 - Printing, binding, &c., the various Parliamentary and Local Government Registration Lists. Not to exceed 12s per page annually.
 - Executing the whole of the advertising required by the County Council and by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. Not to exceed 3d per line.
By Councillor Joseph M'Carroll.

Approved.

£	s.	d.
10	4	6
0	19	9½
1	18	1

The Secretary's Schedule of Payments was submitted, approved, and ordered for payment, as initialled by the Chairman, the total amount being Three Thousand and Twenty Nine Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, and Nine Pence. (£3029-16-9)

The Committee, having authorised the Acting Secretary to advertise for Tenders for the County Printing and Advertising, as above, for a term of three years, adjourned until 20th August.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Proposals made by the Proposals Committee at the above mentioned Meeting.

S. J. Doyle,
Acting Secretary.

Proposed by - Councillor R. Norman Thompson.
Seconded by - " R. R. Drought.

Resolved - That we approve the foregoing Proposals for payment, amounting to £3029-16-9, as altered and initialled by Chairman, and order same to be paid.

The Acting Secretary also submitted the following:-

List of Proposals made, under the Local Government Procedure of Councils Order, 1899, by the Proposals Committee at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting on 20th August, to be submitted to the County Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting on the 25th August, 1900.

The Members of the Committee present were:-

- Councillor - E. P. O'Kelly - Chairman.
- Councillors - M. Byrne, E. C. Walsh, R. Norman Thompson, D. J. Cogan, E. J. Byrne, A. Zeller, A. Metcalfe, J. Lawless.

Prior to the opening of Tenders for proposed Printing and Advertising Contracts, the following Resolution was adopted on the Motion of Councillor - D. J. Cogan, Seconded by - Councillor E. C. Walsh. :-

Resolved - That this Committee will not recommend

the acceptance of any Contract for Printing from any Contractor who does not comply with the "Fair Wages" Resolution of the House of Commons.

Carried.

The Chairman then proceeded to open the Tenders received for Printing and Advertising, and after consideration of them the Committee proposed the acceptance of the following, being the lowest:—

A. Printing and supplying all necessary Forms, Books, Circulars, etc. for the County Council, and for the Clerk of the Crown & Peace. Not to exceed £500 annually.

Frank McPhail, Main Street, Wicklow, for a sum of One Hundred and Eighty Nine Pounds (£189)

Guarantors—James McPhail, Glenview, Wicklow; and Christina McPhail, Roseville, Wicklow.

B. Printing, Binding, etc. the various Parliamentary and Local Government Registration Lists. Not to exceed 12/- per page annually.

Frank McPhail, Main Street, Wicklow, for the sum of Four Shillings and Six Pence (4/6) per page.

Guarantors—James McPhail, Glenview, Wicklow; and Christina McPhail, Roseville, Wicklow.

C. Executing the whole of the Advertising required by the County Council, and by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. Not to exceed 3/- per line.

Frank McPhail, Main Street, Wicklow, to be inserted in "Wicklow News-Letter," and "County Advertiser" at 7/- per line.

Guarantors—James McPhail, Glenview, Wicklow; and Christina McPhail, Roseville, Wicklow.

I certify that the above is a true copy

of the Proposals made by the Proposals Committee at the above mentioned Adjourned Meeting.

S. J. Doyle.

Acting Secretary.

The foregoing Reports were confirmed.

As an addition to the above Report, it was:—

Proposed by—Councillor M. Langton.

Seconded by— " E. C. Walsh.

Resolved—That the Tenders of the following Paper Proprietors be accepted, namely:—The "Wicklow News-Letter" at 1/- per line; the "Wicklow People" at 2/- per line; the "Wicklow Star" at 2/- per line; and the "Leinster Leader" at 2/- per line, and that the Report of the Proposals Committee be so amended.

Adopted.

Consider Form 11 from Rathdrum Rural District—re Arklow Proposal, and Seal Contract.

The Acting Secretary having stated that Arklow Town Commissioners had lodged £55 to the credit of the County Council in respect of Proposal to Flag and curb 280 square yards of Footpath in the Town of Arklow, the Proposal in question was adopted, and Mr. Denis Kavanagh's Tender for the carrying out of the work was accepted and sealed by Order of the Council.

Proposed by—Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by— " R. R. Drought.

Resolved—That Tenders be invited for Proposal No 6, item on Rathdrum Rural District Report, which are to be submitted to the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council.

Carried.

Proposed by - Councillor E. J. Byrne.

Seconded by - " D. J. Cogan.

Resolved - That we approve of the Proposals for New Works (Form 11) submitted from the Rural Districts, and authorise the Council's Seal to be affixed to the Bonds of Contract entered into in pursuance of such Proposals.

Passed.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by - " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved - That Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, be, and is hereby instructed to draw up Bonds for the Printing Contracts, and submit them to Mr. McPhail for his signature at once.

Passed.

An application from Mr. Carter Draper, County Surveyor, for leave of absence for the month of September was considered and allowed.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by - " R. Norman Thompson.

Resolved - That the Secretary pay Mr. Young his Fee on the completion of his work out of the Funds in hand for payment of Temporary Clerks.

It was ordered by the Council that the Secretary, Mr. E. N. Wynne, be informed that his leave of absence expires on 9th September, 1900.

The Acting Secretary laid the following correspondence before the Council: -

Court House,
Wicklow, 21st August, 1900.

E. N. Wynne, Esq., J.P., C.E.,
Glendalough, Rathdrum.

Dear Sir,

The County Council at their Meeting yesterday appointed an Accountant, Mr. P. G. Young, who prepared the accounts in Mayo for the past two Half years. He started work this morning.

The Council further directed me to start work on the Rate Books, and accordingly I put Mr. Wolohan to work this morning transferring the general rate, as struck and assessed for the past half-year.

The Council also passed the following Resolution: -

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by " E. J. Byrne.

"Resolved - That the Secretary, Mr. E. N. Wynne, be requested to attend at the Office here without delay, and produce all books and documents required by Mr. Young to enable him to deal with the accounts properly. And the Secretary is hereby requested to hand to Mr. Doyle any keys of drawers or presses containing the documents relating to the business of this Council during his absence."

Carried.

E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman
20th August, 1900.

Amongst the subjects upon which Mr. Young requires information are the following: -

1. Particulars of Classification of Government Grants, etc.
2. " " Sealed Orders transferring Adjustment balances.
3. " " Lunatic Asylum balances last half-year for credit of County.
4. " " Contribution from Great Southern & Western Ry.
5. " " several Government Grants.
6. " " several charges for the Register of Separate Charges.

Yours obediently,
S. J. Doyle.

Glendalough,
Rathdrum.

Mr. S. J. Doyle,

Secretary's Office,
Court House, Wicklow.

22nd August, 1900.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st inst.,
and note its contents.

I have no documents or books to produce.
I placed them all in your charge when leaving.

There are no drawers or presses under lock
and key which contain any documents relating to
the business of the Council, and never have been, excepting
the Safe, which contains nothing relating to the books
or accounts except the Collectors' Bonds, which are
given in full in Table (L) of the account.

Subject 2. Adjustments are with the
Estimates of Rates in the press, and all the others
are in the press next window, but the Accountant will
have considerable work on Books 34 and 35 before
he can start at the Accounts.

Yours faithfully,
E. N. Wynne.

Court House,
Wicklow. 25th August, 1900.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report that I have been engaged
during the past few days preparing the Accounts of
the County for the half-year ending 31st March last.

In consequence of the necessary information
to enable me to proceed with the work not being
available, I find it very difficult to deal with
various matters requiring explanation, in the absence
of documentary evidence, some of the entries in the
Books being incomplete, particularly as regards the
Financial Receipts Book. I am unable to deal
with them satisfactorily.

There appears to be no particulars of the classi-
fication of the various Government Grants to be had, and
the Asylum balance, which should be here in respect of
last half-year (as per Auditor's Report) cannot be found.

The Sealed Orders transferring adjustment balances
are not to be had, nor the Treasurer's authority for
making payments out of the Subsidiary Account for
last half-year, which the Bank Manager says he has
not got.

I hope on Monday next to obtain in Dublin par-
ticulars of lodgments under the head of "Government
Grants," also the balance in respect of Richmond Lunatic
Asylum, and particulars of repayment of Loans, but
there are still other matters which should be to hand
here.

Your obedient Servant,
P. G. Young,
Accountant.

Court House,
Wicklow, 25th August, 1900.

To the Chairman & Councillors,
Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

In reply to Mr. Wynne's letter of the 22nd
inst., I desire to report that Mr. Wynne handed me
none of the documents required by Mr. Young. I cannot
find them in the Office, and I would respectfully re-
quest a deputation of the Council to visit the Office and
satisfy themselves on this point.

Yours obediently,
S. J. Doyle.

It was ordered that the Secretary be written to,
enclosing him the correspondence read to-day at this
Meeting, and he be requested to forward forthwith the
keys of the Presses and Safe in the Secretary's Office.
That the Acting Secretary schedule all docu-

ments in these compartments, and retain these keys.

That a copy also be sent to the Local Government Board.

* Resolution.

Resolved—That inasmuch as it is now acknowledged by all classes in Ireland, whether connected with the landowning interests, or the tenant farmers, that the system of dual ownership of land, with the periodical adjustment of rents under the existing land laws, has the effect of retarding the progress of the country, and discouraging the efforts of the tenants towards the improvement of their holdings and the reclamation of waste lands—and further has the effect of keeping up a feeling of antagonism between the two great classes of the community—which prevents their co-operating harmoniously for the general welfare of Ireland.

We hereby call on the Government to take the earliest opportunity of bringing in, and carrying through Parliament, a Land Purchase Bill, which will be compulsory on the Landlords to sell, and to the tenants to buy their holdings on fair and equitable terms.

In anticipation of the fact that such an Act will in due time be in force in Ireland, we respectfully suggest to the Government to so arrange its provisions that the sale and transfer of their interests will not be hampered with the cumbrous legal procedure which renders the existing Land Purchase Acts so expensive and tedious as to make them practically unoperative.

We also desire that an equivalent Grant to that called the Agricultural Grant be given to enable the cost of the transfer of land to be lessened, and to assist the labour and cottier tenants to purchase their houses and allotments on the same terms as the tenant farmers.

That copies of the resolution be sent to the

Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, with a request that the Party should do all in their power to bring pressure to bear on the Government, facilitate the passing of the Bill, and to give force to the general terms of the Resolution; and to the Chairman of every County Council in Ireland, with the request that it should be adopted by them."

"Adopted."

Edward P. Kelly.

17 Nov 1900.

Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 noon, on Saturday, the 6th October, 1900.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors— E. P. O'Kelly— Chairman
M. Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, W. G. Morris, E. J. Byrne, William Osborne, William Costello, M. Langton, J. Sheppard, D. J. Cogan.

Agenda.

1. To strike the Rates for the Half-year ending 31st March, 1901.
2. " arrange for making and writing out the Rates.
3. " authorise certain payments recommended by the Finance Committee.
4. " consider Finance Committee's Report.
5. " " Secretary's Report.
6. " " County Surveyor's Report.
7. " " Councillor McCarroll's Notice of Motion:— "That, at the next Meeting of the County Council, I will move the following Resolution—
'That in order to make the Local Government Act valuable to the country, each County Council in Ireland should have at least one Representative on the Local Government Board.'"
8. " consider Official Correspondence.
9. " " General Correspondence.

General Rate

Same apportionment as for Half-year ending 30th September, 1900.

Proposed by— Councillor J. Sheppard.

Seconded by— " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved— That we hereby approve and adopt as the Rates for General Charges for the service of the second half-year ending the 31st

March, 1901, the same estimate and apportionment of Rates as adopted by the Council on 7th April, 1900.

Adopted.

Apportionment for Separate Charges.

Sanitary Works.

Whole district of Baltinglass No 1	d	0.2
" " Naas No 2		1.
" " Rathdown No 2		Nil
" " Rathdrum		0.2
" " Shillelagh		0.8

Repayment of Loans.

Arklow Harbour.

On part of Baltinglass No 1, Rathdrum, Shillelagh, and Wicklow Urban

1.1

Wicklow Harbour.

On part of Baltinglass No 1, Rathdrum, Shillelagh, and Wicklow Urban.

1.

Compensation for Criminal Injuries.

Whole district of Baltinglass No 1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " Rathdrum.	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
" " Shillelagh	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
On part of Baltinglass No 1, excluding lands held by Thomas Hanbidge.	0 $\frac{3}{4}$

Blessington Tramway.

On part of Baltinglass No 1 and Naas No 2

0 $\frac{1}{2}$

Proposed by Councillor— M. Byrne.

Seconded by " R. Norman Thompson.

Resolved— That we approve and adopt for

the service of the current half-year to the 31st March, 1901, the apportionment of Rates for Separate Charges now laid before us by the Secretary.
Carried.

Proposed by - Councillor J. Sheppard.

Seconded by - " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved - That the Secretary be hereby authorised to employ the persons named upon the list, signed by our Chairman, in preparing and writing up the Rate Books and Demand Notes for the current half year, with power to replace any vacancies that may occur, to the approval of the Chairman.

Carried.

Finance Committee's Report.

The Finance Committee met on 22nd September, 1900.

Members attending were: -

Councillors - D. J. Cogan - Chairman,
P. R. Drought, E. J. Byrne, P. Norman Thompson,
and they beg to submit the following Report: -

Having considered the subjoined letter from the Clerk of the Bray Urban Council, your Committee adopted the following resolution: -

"Although the information requested in the letter of the 7th September, 1900, from the Town Clerk of Bray to the Chairman of the Finance Committee has already been furnished, this Committee recommend the Council to accept, without prejudice to the proceedings now pending, the terms of said letter, provided the sum of £3103-9-1 be paid to the Treasurer of the County Council by the Bray Urban Council, not later than the 10th day of October, together with the costs already incurred, which are to be paid to Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, direct. That the

Secretary be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Bray Urban Council."

Urban District of Bray.

Town Hall, Bray.

7th September, 1900.

Dear Sir,

In a recent report of the proceedings of Wicklow County Council, I observe you stated that your Council were willing to give the Urban Councils information in reference to items which go to make up the gross County at Large Charges, but added that the expenses ought not to be put upon the County Council.

I am quite sure that when you made this statement you were unaware of the fact that so far back as the 12th May the Bray Urban District Council, in asking for information as to County at Large charges, offered to pay for the clerical labour involved in making the return. The last paragraph in my letter of 12th May to Mr. Wynne stated - "I am requested to ask for a detailed statement showing all items which go to make up the gross County at Large charges for current and previous warrant. The Urban Council will be prepared to pay for the clerical labour involved in preparing the return." I may also mention that Sir Henry Cochrane, in writing to your Chairman on the same subject, stated "My Council are prepared, if necessary, to pay the cost of copying out the list of charges which are included in the gross County at Large estimates."

It seems strange that the County Council are unable to give us the information which the Grand Jury gave us every Half-year without having to be even asked for, and I think on consideration you will agree that what the Grand Jury were able to do with very little effort, the County Council ought to do much more easily.

As it is the interest of all parties that the new administrative bodies should work harmoniously

together, might I suggest even now that the list of items which go to make up the gross County at Large charges for year ended 31st March, 1900, and amounting to £14161-0-7, should be furnished to us, together with a list of the items included in the gross County at Large charges, but which were excluded before your officers proceeded to calculate the amount for which Bray was liable? The Urban Council will be prepared to pay for the clerical work involved in transcribing the list, and to pay the full amount of warrant into court, or to your Treasurer, at once, on an understanding being given that if we clearly show to your satisfaction that illegal charges have been levied upon us, an amount equivalent to our proportion of such charges will be refunded.

I think you will see that this is a perfectly fair offer, and that the entire subject is one in which popular boards ought to be able to settle themselves without the intervention of court or Local Government Board

I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

P. MacDonnell.

Clerk of the Council.

D. J. Hogan, Esq.

Chairman, Finance Committee,

Wicklow County Council,

Monster House, Thomas Street, Dublin.

Having considered the Secretary's Report as to whether Mr. Young, the Accountant appointed by the Council, had completed the work committed to him in a satisfactory manner or not, and examined the books, it was arranged that Mr. Young is to go through the Accounts with the Secretary, and make them correct; and the Secretary was instructed to order a new Ledger.

A new book (Form 34) was also ordered,

and Mr. Wynne authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £1-10 in having written up the half-year ending 31st March, and as much of the half-year ending 30th September as he can reach on.

It was arranged that Mr. Doyle shall have the keeping of the accounts of the County Council in future, and he shall be responsible for their being properly kept.

That the attention of the Collectors be drawn to the near approach of the end of the half-year, and impress upon them the necessity of having their Collections completed within their time.

Mr. Meyler to be informed that unless his Collection is lodged prior to the close of the half-year, that the Committee will take his case into serious consideration, with a view to recommending the Council to proceed against his Sureties.

We recommend payment of:—

Mr. McPhail's Account. £ s d

80-0-0

Dollard's Account. 9-3-4

note

and the issuing of new cheques for the following amounts, to replace those passed in error. (but not paid) on account of Wicklow Harbour Loan:—

Baltinglass £ s d

4-13-4

Rathdrum. 670-19-6

Shillelagh. 198-7-5

Wicklow Urban. 35-18-7

Total. £ 909-18-10

and that the previous Cheques amounting to £1017-13-10 be cancelled.

The County Treasurer was instructed to transfer the balance in the Grand Jury Account to the County Council's Account, as directed by the Auditor in his Report.

Wicklow Urban Council was requested to make a lodgment to credit within fourteen days of the amount then due, - or the matter would be placed in Mr. Wailes' hands to take the necessary steps for the collection of same.

Application from William Ruddock, Rathdrum, re Court House repairs was read.

The Committee would point out that no such expenses are paid by the County Council except for Quarter Sessions Courts.

Application was received from Mr. S. J. Doyle for vacation holidays, and remuneration for acting as Secretary during Mr. Wynne's absence.

Fourteen days leave was granted, and we recommend the Council to give him a gratuity of £10 for his services during the Secretary's absence, as a good deal of additional work, which was entirely new to him, was thrown upon his shoulders, and which he performed in a satisfactory manner.

We recommend that Cheque No. 140, paid to Michael Byrne, Ballybrack, Hacketstown, for £5-11-3 be cancelled.

Signed - D. J. Cogan, Chairman.
22nd September, 1900.

Approved - M. Byrne - Chairman,
County Council.

6/10/00.

Proposed by - Councillor J. Sheppard.
Seconded by - " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved - That, in accordance with the Report of the Finance Committee, we issue new Paying Orders for the instalment due for

Wicklow Harbour Loan, as follows: -

Baltinglass No. 1 R. D.	£. s. d.
	4-13-4
Rathdrum R. D.	670-19-6
Shillelagh R. D.	198-7-5
Wicklow U. D.	35-18-7
	<u>£ 909-18-10</u>

and we hereby cancel Paying Orders Nos. 50, August, 1900, to Bank of Ireland, and 140, March, 1900, to Michael Byrne, Hacketstown.

County at Large Payments.

Frank McPhail, Wicklow	Extra Printing	£. s. d.
		80-0-0
"	For Dollard's c/c	9-3-4
S. J. Doyle,	Extra remuneration	10-0-0
	Total.	<u>1009-2-2</u>

Proposed by - Councillor E. J. Byrne.

Seconded by - " R. Norman Thompson.

Resolved - That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £ 1009 2 2, according to any alterations initialed by the Chairman, and order same to be paid, and charged to the Districts named.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by - " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved - That Standing Orders be suspended, in order to receive the second Report of the Finance Committee, received this morning.
Passed.

Finance Committee

The above Committee met on the 6th October, and reported as follows: -

We approve of the estimate and apportionment of the Rates prepared by the Secretary for the service of the

half year ending 31st March, 1901, and recommend their adoption.

We recommend that the Solicitor representing the Council in all cases of claims for Malicious Injury be instructed to request the Judge, when he is making an order as to the contributory area, not to exempt any rateable holding in such area, as it causes an enormous amount of extra work in this Office, which is out of all proportion to the small difference it would make to the claimant.

The Committee, having considered the Secretary's application with reference to the lighting of the outer Office, and the Landing, etc. recommend that the County Surveyor get the necessary work done.

With reference to Collector Richard Geoghegan's Bond, the Committee ordered that it be returned for the insertion of the necessary clauses.

The Secretary was empowered to expend a further sum of 10/- to complete Form 34.

It was proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, that the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Committee, and Councillor D. Norman Thompson form a Committee to consult with and instruct Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, to have the resolution of the Council regarding the Register of Voters being compiled that the Electoral Division shall be the Parliamentary Unit in future, placed before the Revising Barrister with a view to giving it effect.

Signed - D. J. Cogan - Chairman.
Finance Committee.

Passed - M. Byrne - Chairman,
County Council.

Secretary's Report.

To the Chairman, & Councillors
of the Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen,

Having seen it reported in the local papers that a number of serious statements were made before the County Council at its last Meeting, I think it right to the Council to lay the following statement of facts before it:—

Upon the 22nd of August I received a letter from Mr. S. J. Doyle, informing me that (a) an Accountant had been appointed, and that (b) the Council requested me to attend to produce all books and documents required by him for the accounts, and (c) to hand Mr. Doyle any keys of drawers or presses containing documents referring to the business of the Council, and adding a list, numbered 1 to 6 of the particular documents so required.

Everything in that letter was distinct and definite. I replied at once the same morning, giving full information on every item mentioned, and stating exactly where each document referred to would be found; my letter is before you on the minutes.

I am satisfied Mr. Doyle did not attempt the slightest search for the documents in question, for, upon seeing the report of the Meeting in the paper, I drove down from Glendalough, and, in the presence of the Accountant, and of a Member of your Council, I pointed out to Mr. Doyle every one of the papers in the very places I had named. Mr. Doyle, thereupon, said there were other papers wanted which could not be found (I need not go through the list, but can do so if required); all but two of these were vouchers for payments made, and every one of these was in its place, with the vouchers for the quarterly meeting at which the payment was ordered, marked clearly on the outside with the name of the respective meeting, and of this Mr. Doyle and Mr. Healy were perfectly aware, and in any case he had only to open the press door to

see them without touching a paper.

The other two items were the treasurer's authorities for payments from the Subsidiary Account, and the schedule giving the division of the bounty in lieu of rates. The former I pointed out at once in the pigeon-hole, where every paper connected with the Subsidiary account has always been kept, and as these authorities are printed upon paper of a bright and peculiar colour, well known to Mr. Doyle, they could have been seen at once had they been looked for.

Of the bounty in lieu of rates I said I had received no schedule beyond the letter announcing the amount forwarded by the Treasury, which was in the letter-file under the letter "I," and I was proceeding to look it up when the Accountant said he had obtained the details from the Treasury direct. This, I said was what I had myself done for the first account. I had had a copy made for my own use of the data I had sent the Treasury on the subject, but I could not lay my hand on it then.

Mr. Doyle is reported to have stated "the Secretary did not let him know when he was going away," and, "in reply to Mr. Wynne's letter I desire to report that Mr. Wynne handed me none of the documents required by Mr. Young." Both these statements are contrary to fact. On Thursday, the 5th July, after giving Mr. Doyle every information I could think of in connection with the work before him during my absence, I informed him that I would leave for England the following Saturday morning, and gave him the key of the office, handing him over charge of it and of every book and document in it; that key he still has in his possession.

As I have already done on several occasions, I have again to inform the Council that the clerks appointed are unsuited for efficiently performing the work of the office. In accordance with the wish

of your Finance Committee I have given them a further exhaustive trial at the simplest work I could think of, allowing them the amplest time to do it in, and assisting them as well; the result shows that the youngest clerk is perfectly useless to me in consequence of his being selected, through no fault of his, for a post far too advanced for him. Mr. Langton has improved both in his writing and in the care he bestows on the work I have given him to do. I am satisfied with him as a junior clerk if he gives the same attention to improving in his work.

Your senior clerk has failed to carry out my instructions, or to obey my directions, for a considerable time past, and I need not point out that under such circumstances it would be impossible for a Secretary to conduct the business of an office properly. In the end of May I gave him full instructions how to prepare a list of the uncollected rates on separate charges, and in the early part of June I went through the list so prepared for the first set of irrecoverable arrears with him, and then told him to do the same with the second collections' arrears sheets. On my return from leave in September I asked him for this list (which does away with the complicated segregation of the rates in Form 34), and was then required for the account. He handed me out of his desk the list I had checked last June, without one stroke of the pen having been put to it since.

Again before leaving in July I gave him the following four instructions:— (1) Having procured a new book Form 34 in a simplified form (doing away with all segregation), I directed him to copy in to it at once the fortnightly returns I had had posted up to the 31st March in the old book, comparing the entries as he went along with the bank book and with the fortnightly abstracts which he would get from Mr. Graham out of the room that Mr. Shearer had worked in; as the returns for the current rate would be coming in soon I told him to have the old book copied in without delay, and

then to enter up the current rate returns in like manner as they arrived.

(2) I told him to write in the Financial Minutes from the Financial Statement books which were written up to date, explaining and getting him to take a written note of the one figure which he would have to bear in mind when writing in the reconciliation, and to get the Council to sign them at the next meeting, as required by the Act.

(3) I reminded him that the County at Lodge payments should be written up for the Proposal Committee before the 20th July; he would get the payment book from the County Printer, and said I would be back before the Committee met, and would go through the schedule he had prepared, so as to see that everything was correct in it.

(4) I also gave him a number of printed forms of acknowledgment for letters, and told him to acknowledge all letters received, and in reply to any he was unable to answer to say they would be attended to when the Secretary returned from leave, but if urgent to send them down to my house and I would answer them, as they would be forwarded to me.

Not one of these directions has been obeyed or attended to. When I went to the Office, according to promise, on the Sunday before the Proposal Committee meeting to check over his schedule of payments I could not, after nearly three weeks absence, find a single entry in any of the Office books, except the Diseases of Animals' returns in the Register. Although the Committee was to meet on the following Tuesday no summons had been sent out or even prepared, no notices had been published, as required, either in the paper or on the Police Barracks, and the schedule, which should have been open for inspection a week before, had not been thought of, as the payment book procured. I at once ordered the latter from the printer myself, got Mr. Doyle to put the notices, though late, in that

week's paper, and the summons sent out, but in the end the meeting fell through, though I attended to give any assistance required.

When I came to the Office with Dr. Thompson, on the 3rd Sept, I found nothing had been done to the financial minutes; they, therefore, have not been signed by the Council, nor sent up to the Local Government Board as required. The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure for the last Quarterly Meeting had not been written up. The Act requires it to be done before a single cheque can be issued; nothing but the numbers and amounts of the orders have been entered after the names of the payees. Form 34 had not been copied into the new book, as directed, and though the fortnightly returns for the greater part of the current collection had come in, not one of them had been entered up; in fact, till the Finance Committee was summoned, none of the books which should have been kept had been posted at all; then the entries were brushed into the new Form 34, but at variance with my directions, and even the entries made were incorrect, so that the Finance Committee has had to order a new book. The Financial Statement of Receipts was also hastily posted up at the same time, without informing me.

As Mr. Doyle was the Clerk who showed the most intelligence of those the Council appointed, I have tried in every way to show myself friendly to him, and to get him to work in harmony with me. In every report I wrote upon the clerical staff I made the most of any thing he did. I got the Council at the very outset to reward him for looking after the appletting, hoping all through to win his co-operation, but as the above shows, without avail. His reticent statement that I prevented his access to the books and to the Accountants is entirely without foundation. When Mr. O'Reilly was Accountant Mr. Doyle spent the greater part of his time, when not with the appletting clerks, with him. The Council then authorised me to employ a man in Mr. O'Reilly's place, and directed Mr. Doyle to attend on the Accountant

and pick up a knowledge of accounts from him. I stated that he or Mr. Healy could do so if I had clerks to do the other work. I employed Mr. Atkinson, and removed the two junior clerks to another desk, and set him to work alongside Mr. Doyle. Mr. Atkinson was called away on service. I then employed Mr. Graham, who, on account of his engagement with Dr. Toomey, had to work on the same floor as the latter's office, as Mr. O'Reilly had done. I informed both him and Mr. Shearer, who closed the account, that the Council wished Mr. Doyle to see their work while it progressed, and each said he was welcome to attend, but Mr. Doyle never went near them, nor said one word to me about it. Finding that he did not so attend I called him into my office and asked him why he had not done so, and told him he was to remain with Mr. Shearer until he left. I believe he never went near him even after that direction. Afterwards, when the Auditor was here, went through nearly every entry in the ledger and in the abstracts of accounts with him, comparing them with the office books, as his own figures in those forms will prove, and worked out almost every calculation with him, and explained them, so that if he understands anything of accounts, he should have been in a position to give Mr. Young all the information he required regarding the manner our County dealt with different charges, but I understand he did not do so, but replied to every question that Mr. Wynne never allowed him access to the books, or any chance of knowing how the charges were dealt with.

To take one example — I am informed that he stated he could not tell whether the cess collectors' compensations were treated as County or district charges, and could not find anything about them in the books; yet you will be surprised to hear that he himself drew up the copy for the current "Statement of Resolutions" from the books, and correctly charged each individual compensation to its particular rural

district, even to the minutest sub-division in Mr. Symes' and Mr. Hopkins' cases, but refused this information to the Accountant.

I find letters unacknowledged, one party threatening legal proceedings against the Council because his repeated letters were unanswered.

Up to the present I have worked very late hours to get the business of the Office done, which the staff supplied me either could not or would not do; but I distinctly decline to do so any longer, and if your work gets into arrear I shall not hold myself responsible.

The Local Government Board, in its circular of the 20th April, 1899, to the very first Council Meeting, called special attention to the "imperative necessity" of selecting as clerks experienced and qualified Accountants — persons familiar with accounts. I informed the Council at the time that the clerks they were appointing possessed none of the qualifications required by the terms of their appointment. I have spared no pains to simplify every form and book employed, and thereby reduce and economise the work of the Office, but in this I have all through been handicapped by my time being taken up doing work which proper clerks with any experience ought to have done of their own accord. The Council will find that employing an inexperienced staff is an extravagant way of spending ratepayers' money, and the worst mode of obtaining value for the head official's salary.

As I understand the Council has given contracts for the county advertising to a number of different papers, I would suggest that some directions be given and entered on your "Minutes," or an extra and unnecessary cost of some two or three hundred pounds in the year may very easily be run on the County for this item alone.

I wish to add that Mr. Young has gone through the accounts in a most intelligent and pains-taking manner, and has now finished them to my complete satisfaction, and I consider him entitled to some consideration for the extra expense and trouble he has been put to through

no fault of his.

Pardon the length of this statement, but the matters dealt with are of too much importance to refer to them generally only.

Yours faithfully,
E. N. Wynne.

Wicklow.

5th October, 1900.

Proposed by - Councillor S. C. Walsh.

Seconded by - " W. Osborne.

Resolved - That the consideration of the Secretary's Report be adjourned to our next meeting, in order to hear Mr. Doyle's reply to the Secretary's charges against him and our junior officials, and that copies of the Secretary's report and Mr. Doyle's reply thereto be, in the meantime, circulated amongst the Members of the Council.

Passed.

Councillor McCarroll not being present, his Notice of Motion fell through.

No. 51073: 1900
County Wicklow.

Local Government Board,
Dublin. 31st August, 1900.

Re fee for Audit of Accounts.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Hogan.

Seconded by - " M. Langton.

Resolved - This Council desires to respectfully point out to the Local Government Board that the biennial Audit of County Council accounts is a heavy charge upon the rates of the County, and would, therefore, request that the Local Government Board would take the matter into its serious consideration, with a view to having an annual Audit of the accounts after this financial year, instead of half-yearly, as at present. This Council thinks that, as the rates may in future be annually struck, there would be no difficulty in

adopting this course
Passed.

No. 132 - M/1900.
Miscellaneous

Local Government Board,
Dublin. 20th August, 1900.

Pointing out that Rural District Councils should not, at their quarterly meetings, formulate proposals in respect of roads which would bring the expenditure in any financial year beyond the statutory limit.

No. 25618: 1900.
Miscellaneous.

Local Government Board,
Dublin. 12th September, 1900.

Giving date of next examination of candidates for Assistant Surveyorships.

No. 57521: 1900
Wicklow County.

Local Government Board,
Dublin. 14th October, 1900.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, on the subject, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they will offer no objection to the arrangement proposed in your communication in connection with the preparation of Form 34, in respect of the Accounts of the County Council of Wicklow.

By Order of the Board.

A. R. Barlas.

To the Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Local Government Board,
Dublin. 30th August, 1900.

Circular letter, enclosing copy of Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1900.

The Secretary was directed to report to the Council the effect of this Act upon the business of the Council.

No. 15164: 1900

Treasury Chambers,
6th September, 1900.Acknowledging receipt of resolution re
Grant to India.Department of Agriculture +
Technical Instruction.Return of Agricultural Statistics (Ireland)
1900, from Department.Department of Agriculture +
Technical Instruction.10th September, 1900.

Re Registration of Margarine Manufactories.

Richmond District Asylum,
Dublin. 29th September, 1900.

Re repayment of Loans.

51 Ferrybank,
Arklow. 20th September, 1900.E. P. O'Kelly, Esq.,
Chairman, Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

It is with very great regret I beg to tender you my resignation as a Member of the County Council, owing to the fact that, having resumed going to sea, and being necessarily absent in consequence, it would be utterly impossible for me to attend the Meetings of the Council in future, and to look after the interests of the ratepayers who honoured me by electing me, as I have hitherto endeavoured to do.

There is one favour I would ask my colleagues on the Council, with whom my relations have been of the most friendly nature, and for whom I have learned to entertain the very deepest respect. In the usual order the vacancy made by my resignation will, I believe, be filled by co-option. I would respectfully

ask the Members of the Council, not alone as a personal favour, for which I will feel most deeply grateful, but from the more important standpoint of the material interests and advancement of the rising, important, and progressive town of Arklow, to co-opt in my place a gentleman in whom the Arklow people of all shades of politics have implicit confidence — the Right Hon. the Earl of Wicklow.

During my second tenure of Office as Chairman of the Arklow Town Commissioners, I had the honour and pleasure of assisting in the presentation of a congratulatory address from the Commissioners on his attaining his majority. On that occasion his Lordship was good enough to promise to take a part in the public matters connected with Arklow, and the districts around, and to assist in every way in his power in the improvement and advancement of the town and its people. Temporary and unavoidable absence in Africa prevented him from carrying out his intention at that time. Since his return I took the liberty of reminding him of his promise, and the invaluable assistance he could be, and the opportunities for the public good which lie in his power. In return I received his Lordship's assurance that he is not alone willing, but wishful and anxious to assist in every way possible in any and every effort which can be made to improve Arklow, elevate the status of its people, and advance it to the prominent position as a thriving — probably the most thriving — Irish town which the industry, business capacity, and energy of its inhabitants give reason to believe should be its standing in the near future.

If such a thing as a small Nationalist majority only obtained at the Wicklow County Council, I would not for a moment think of suggesting the co-option of even such a thoroughly liberal and broad-minded Unionist as I honestly believe Lord Wicklow to be. But with the great majority of the Council being purely Nationalist, I look upon it that, not politics, but the well-being and improvement of our district, become the

only consideration for all of us. In Lord Wicklow's hands I feel that the interests of Arklow will be perfectly safe, and that I am not asking the Council to disturb, in the slightest, the most desirable Nationalist majority which is held at present.

My connection with, and experience of, Wicklow County Council has given me but one regret, and that has been, and is, to see such able, energetic, conscientious, and painstaking gentlemen, as I know the Wicklow County Councillors to be, to be more or less wasting their valuable time and energies in a futile endeavour to extract good from an English Government measure in which there is in reality so little.

In concluding this letter, Mr Chairman, may I express to you my sincere thanks for, and appreciation of the unvarying courtesy which, during my attendance at the County Council, I have experienced at your hands.

I am,

Sir,

Faithfully yours,

Thomas J. Troy.

The Secretary to write to Councillor Troy asking him to reconsider his decision, and drawing his attention to Standing Order No 4.

34 Fitzwilliam Place,
Dublin. 25th August, 1900.

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your letter of the 24th instant, forwarding me the resolution of the Wicklow County Council, passed on the 20th inst, and to ask you, on my own behalf, and that of the other members of my family, to be so good as to convey to the Chairman and Members of the Council our sincere thanks for the very kind expressions of regret

and sympathy contained in that resolution.

It is, I need scarcely say, most gratifying to us to feel that the long-continued interest which my Uncle, the late Mr. David Mahony, took in the affairs of the County has been appreciated with so much kind feeling.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

George Guinness Mahony.

To S. J. Doyle, Esq.

Acting Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

Notice of a Vacancy in Wicklow County Council.

We, the Members of the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the office of Councillor, held by the late David Mahony, Esq., Esq., of 34 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin, to be vacant, in consequence of his death, and direct that this vacancy shall be duly notified by a circular issued to each Member of this Council, and to the Clerk of each Rural District Council. A copy of said circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the County Court House, Wicklow.

Signed: — Michael Byrne
R. Norman Thompson
Martin Langton } Three Councillors of
Wicklow County
Council.

Signed: — E. D. Wynne. — Secretary to said Council.

Proposed by — Councillor E. C. Walsh.

Seconded by — " M. Byrne.

Resolved — That it be a direction to the Secretary to place the co-optation of one gentleman, to fill the vacancy in the County Council of this County, upon the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

Letters from Clerk of Rathdrum Rural District, re failure of Collector McAnanama to attend and have his accounts checked

The Secretary informed the Council that Collector McAnanama was confined to his bed, but had lodged his full collection.

19th September, 1900. Letter from Secretary of Wicklow Gas Company, re increase of 5^d per 1000 cubic feet in price of gas.

Public Health Committee,
Municipal Buildings, Dublin.
10th September, 1900.

Letters from Sir Charles A. Cameron, re Inebriates Act, 1898.

Proposed by - Councillor E. J. Byrne.

Seconded by - " M. Langton.

Resolved - That we decline to appoint a sub-committee with reference to the Inebriates Act.

26th September, 1900. Letter from Arklow Harbour Commissioners, re pier.

The matter was referred back to the Harbour Commissioners to deal direct with either of the Assistant Surveyors.

10th September, 1900. Application from William Ruddock, Rathdrum, re court-house expenses.

Order - Mr. Ruddock to be informed that no such expenses are paid by the Council, except for Quarter Sessions court-houses.

28th September, 1900. Letter from Town Clerk, Bray, acknowledging resolution re Demand.

Application from Mr. Young, Accountant. Referred to Finance Committee to deal with

3rd September, 1900. Letter from the Registrar, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, re appeal for Grant to Building Fund.

5th September, 1900. Letter from Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, giving School Attendance Committee for Dunlavin and Hollywood County Divisions Accepted.

4th September, 1900. Letter from same, re Valuation of Great Southern and Western Railway.

28th September, 1900. Applications from Collectors Geoghegan and Kelly, in connection with Parliamentary Voters and Jurors List, were referred to the Finance Committee.

5th September, 1900. Application from Mr. P. Martin for annuity for year ending 31st March, 1900.

29th August, 1900. Letter from Thomas Little, Rathdrum, late Assistant County Surveyor, re Salary alleged to be due.

The consideration of a number of resolutions received from various bodies, was postponed to a future Meeting.

* List of Clerks for the Rates, referred to in the Resolution upon page 311: -

1. Mr. Newman; 2. Mr. Murtagh; 3. Mr. Mullan; 4. Mr. Panton;
5. Mr. Fallon; 6. Mr. W. McPhail; 7. Mr. Behan; 8. Mr. C. McPhail;
9. Mr. Morris; 10. Mr. Delaney; 11. Mr. Giff; 12. Mr. Wolohan;
13. Miss Flynn; 14. Mrs. Naylor; 15. Miss White; 16. Mr. Bond;
17. Mr. Steadman; 18. Mr. O'Beirne.

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Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, the 17th November, 1900.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors — E. P. O'Kelly — Chairman.
 R. Norman Thompson, Michael Byrne, R. P. Drought,
 W. G. Morris, E. C. Walsh, William Osborne, A.
 Metcalfe, Joseph Dunne, A. Teller, James Byrne,
 William Costello, S. J. Doyle, J. McCarroll, P. J.
 Carey, W. G. Murphy, M. Langton, D. J. Cogan,
 E. J. Byrne, J. Sheppard.

Agenda.

1. To make, sign, and seal the Rates for the Half-year ending 31st March, 1901.
2. " sign and seal the Rate Collectors Warrants
3. " " Transfer Orders for Money on Demand to Guardians, and Rural District Councils.
4. " co-opt a Councillor to fill the vacancy on the Council.
5. " receive Secretary's Report upon effect of Local Government Act, 1900, on the Council's business, etc.
6. " consider Secretary's Report, and Mr. Doyle's reply.
7. " " County Surveyor's Report.
8. " " Official Correspondence.
9. " " General Correspondence.

Proposed by — Councillor J. Sheppard.

Seconded by — " E. J. Byrne.

Resolved — That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, do now make, seal,

and sign the Rates for the service of the Half-year ending 31st March, 1901.

— Carried.

Proposed by — Councillor R. Norman Thompson.

Seconded by — " R. P. Drought.

Resolved — That we sign and seal the Rate Collectors Warrants for the several Collecting Districts, excepting District No. 14.

— Carried.

The Financial Minutes, and various Account Books for the Quarter ended 31st March were signed.

Applications for refund of half expenses under Diseases of Animals Acts were also signed.

Recommendation of Finance Committee.

We, the Finance Committee of the Wicklow County Council, hereby recommend the following Transfers being made to the several Boards of Guardians, and Rural District Councils named:—

<u>Boards of Guardians.</u>		L. s. d.
Baltinglass No 1.		875-10-0
Naas No 2.		225-5-0
Rathdown No 2.		984-18-0
Rathdrum.		2316-16-3
Shillelagh.		900-3-6

<u>Rural District Councils.</u>		
	<u>General.</u>	<u>Separate.</u>
Baltinglass No 1.	204-0-0	20-0-0
Naas No 2.	51-5-0	29-0-0
Rathdown No 2.	Nil	Nil
Rathdrum.	311-5-5	45-12-1
Shillelagh.	9-17-6	57-11-3

Signed:— D. J. Cogan — Chairman
 Finance Committee.

17th November, 1900.

Proposed by - Councillor - W. G. Morris.

Seconded by - " E. C. Walsh.

Resolved - That we sign the Transfer Orders for the money to be supplied upon Demand to the Five Boards of Guardians, and to the Five Rural District Councils, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Carried.

The Secretary having read the notice of a vacancy on the Council, which was issued and posted as directed at the previous meeting.

Proposed by - Councillor E. C. Walsh.

Seconded by - " R. Norman Thompson.

Resolved - That the Right Hon. The Earl of Wicklow be co-opted a member of this Council.

Carried.

The Secretary's Report.

on the

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1900.

63 & 64 Vic. Cap. 63.

How the same affects the business of County Councils.

In the first instance it is to be observed that the provisions of this Act do not come into operation until the 1st day of April, 1901.

Section (1) simplifies the procedure in constituting a Town (exceeding 1500 in Population) an Urban Sanitary District, in the case where a petition against the Order of the Local Government Board constituting such Sanitary District has been received, but is afterwards withdrawn before the date fixed in the Order.

Section (2) enables County Councils to make one rate for the whole Financial Year, and collect

the same in two moities, a very important improvement upon Section (51)-(5) of the principal Act.

Sections (3), (4), and (5) do not affect the County Council's business.

Section (6), Sub-section (1) enables a County Council, if it thinks fit, to award an officer entitled to compensation under Sub-section (19) of Section (115) of the principal Act - if he applies for it - a gratuity calculated according to part one of the Seventh Schedule, instead of an annuity as at present.

Sub-section (2) enables a Council, in like manner, to commute an annual allowance already granted, by payment of a gratuity calculated on the basis of the table attached to the Act of 1900.

Sub-section (3) makes such a gratuity a purpose for which County Councils may borrow.

Section (7) makes the expenses under the Juries Acts a County at Large Charge.

Sections (8) and (9) do not affect County Councils.

Section (10) fixes seven as the Quorum for all Rural District Councils.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,
E. N. Wynne.

A short discussion followed upon the Secretary's Report, and Mr. Doyle's reply, Councillors McCarroll and Cogan stating that the books of the Office had not been kept beyond September, 1899, and that Mr. Young had to be employed to write them up to March, 1900.

Councillor Osborne called for the production of all Books not written up to March, as ordered. Mr. Doyle then produced the original Rate Abstract, Form 34 - This the Secretary showed was fully written up to 31st March in the handwriting of the Accountant who had left the Office last April.

Approved
E. N. Wynne

Proposed by - Councillor E. C. Walsh.

Seconded by - " W. G. Morris.

Resolved - That the consideration of this dispute between our Secretary and Mr. Doyle, our Chief Clerk, be postponed.

Carried.

The County Surveyor's Report was read and adopted, as follows: -

County Surveyor's Report.

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

I beg to report that several of the Road Contractors in different districts of the County have greatly neglected, or practically abandoned their roads, and recommend that proceedings be taken against them and their Sureties.

These proceedings, in cases of Grand Jury Contracts, should, I think, be taken by the Crown Solicitor, and in cases of County Council Contracts should be taken by your own Solicitor.

I suggest that you authorize your Secretary to give the necessary instructions to the two Solicitors on receiving the particulars of each case from me.

I am,

Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
Carter Draper.

Proposed by - Councillor M. Byrne.

Seconded by - " R. P. Drought.

Resolved - That the County Surveyor have laid down linoleum on floor of Barristers'

Room, and a carpet on floor of Judge's Room, Record side, - cost to be defrayed out of sum provided for repairs to Court Houses.

Adopted.

Proposed by - Councillor P. Norman Thompson.

Seconded by - " M. Byrne.

Resolved - That the expiring Printing Contract, entered into in Summer, 1897, be extended to cover the period from the termination of said Contract to the 30th of September, 1900, when the new Contract commences, on the same terms as for the last year. The County Printer, Mr. McPhail, agreeing to these terms.

Carried.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.

Seconded by - " E. C. Walsh.

Resolved - This Council strongly condemns the stupid action of the Irish Executive Government in proclaiming a Public Meeting of the people of this County, announced to have been held at Barndarrig on Sunday last, the 11th inst., thereby abrogating the constitutional right of freedom of speech, and exchange of opinion in public between the people and their representatives on matters of the highest public importance.

Furthermore, we regard such conduct on the part of the Government as that indulged in in this instance by wantonly attacking, and brutally bludgeoning, an assemblage of peaceful people, as highly criminal, and calculated to lead to breaches of the public peace in our hitherto peaceable and law-abiding County.

That the Secretary be, and is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Prime Minister, the Lord Lieutenant, and the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Carried. - Councillors D. Thompson, Drought, and Morris dissenting.

Official Correspondence.

No. 60,286 : 1900.

Wicklow County.

Local Government Board,

Dublin. 18th October, 1900.

Acknowledging resolution, and stating that the biennial audit of County Accounts is regulated by Statute, also that the Local Government Board have no power to make the audit annual.

No. 190 M : 1900.

Miscellaneous.

Local Government Board,

Dublin. 31st October, 1900.

Enclosing copy of the Local Government, Ireland, (No 2) Act, 1900. 63+64 Vict. Ch. 41.

Statement of Accounts from:-

Baltinglass Guardians.

" Rural District Council.

Rathdrum Guardians

" Rural District Council.

Richmond District Lunatic Asylum.

No 908 : 1900.

Department of Agriculture

+ Technical Instruction

Letter of 6th August re appointment of Technical Instruction Committees, and letter of 12th June enclosing suggestions for Technical Instruction.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Seconded by - " M. Langton.

Resolved - That the Secretary report to the next Meeting of the Council on the letter from the Department of Agriculture as to what the powers of this Council are under the Technical Instruction Act, and that a Committee be appointed at the next Meeting of the Council to inquire into how a scheme of Technical Instruction can be best put into operation for the whole County, or any particular portion of it, and report generally on

the whole question.

Adopted.

No. 10574 : 1900

County Wicklow.

Local Government Board,

Dublin. 8th November, 1900.

Re printing and sealing Scale of Election Expenses

Ordered that the Scale be sealed.

No. 3376 : 1900

Department of Agriculture

+ Technical Instruction

October, 1900.

Circular under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875 to 1899.

Order - Copies to be sent to the several Chairmen of the Diseases of Animals Committees.

No. 3133 : 1900.

Department of Agriculture

+ Technical Instruction

October, 1900.

Circular under Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1893, enclosing blank returns to be filled in by District Analyst.

Order - The Secretary to send copies to Analyst and desire him to have the directions in the Circular complied with.

General Correspondence.

From Arthur Jones + Son, Auctioneers, 135 Stephen's Green, Dublin. - Notice of intention to sell the Head Rent of Baltinglass Court House by public auction.

The Chairman informed the Council that he and Councillor Cogan had attended the Auction, and that the Head Rent went to a very high price.

Runcorn,
13th October, 1900.

Councillor J. J. Troy's reply to resolution
re resignation.

18 Clare Street,
Dublin. 14th November, 1900

County Council - V - U. D. Council.

Dear Sir,

I herewith enclose you Cheque for £235-0-2,
endorsed by me, and received from the Town Clerk,
of Wicklow this morning. He states that the
remaining quarter will be paid as soon as same
can be collected.

Please let me have your instructions.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. Wailes.

Proposed by - Councillor Dr. Byrne.

Seconded by - " R. Norman Thompson.

Resolved - That in reply to Mr. Wailes' letter he be directed to give the Urban District Council of Wicklow until the 31st December to lodge the third instalment due upon the County Council's Demand for the current Financial Year, and at the same time to inform said Council that the final instalment of the same becomes due and payable at its first Meeting in January.

Carried.

18th October, 1900. From P. Martin, C.P.S. Arklow, re additional accommodation for Magistrates in Arklow Court House.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor to report on.

13th November, 1900. Application from Collector John F. Evans, 1 Upper Main Street, Arklow.

re transfer to his former Collecting District was read, and the Secretary directed to advertise for a Rate Collector for the vacant District, No. 14, at 5d. in the £ collected. The election to take place on the 10th December.

6th November, 1900. Letter from Town Clerk, Urban District Council, Bray - re return of voucher for payment surcharged.

It was directed that the voucher be returned.

29th October, 1900. Letter from Daniel Flower, Assistant Clerk of Rathdown No 2 Rural District Council - re remuneration for bringing Act into force. Read.

2nd November, 1900. From Clerk, Naas No 2 Rural District Council - re School Attendance Committee Councillor Teller, at the request of the Council, filled in the blanks in the Skeleton "Regulations," which were then approved, and directed to be sent to the Board of Education.

17th November, 1900. From Collector Joseph Keane, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, asking the County Council to defray his costs in suing Major Lopping Kopenstall for arrears of Rate due.

Order - That this question be postponed till the final decision in the matter is given by the Judge at next Quarter Sessions.

15th November, 1900. From Collector George Meyler, enclosing Arrear Sheets, and notifying his intention to lodge remainder of his Warrant at end of next week.

Order - That the Secretary do not issue Collector Meyler's Warrants until all arrears of Rate due has been lodged by him.

10th October, 1900. Letter from Secretary, Cyclists' Touring Club, London - re damage done to cycles by thorns, etc. strewed on roads.

Read.

Resolutions from Various Bodies.

18th August, 1900. From Limerick No. 1 Rural District Council; and 20th August, 1900, from Irish Land and Labour Association - with reference to the question of "direct labour by County Councils."

Read.

18th August, 1900. From Tipperary (N.R.) County Council, as follows: -

"Resolved - That we are of opinion that the Irish Industrial Schools should get substantial Government endowment, for the reasons that they are the best institutions of their kind in the country, and fit out for a decent livelihood that section of the community whose parents are unhappily unable to prepare their children for the scramble of life.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary, the Members of Parliament for this County, and to each County Council in Ireland."

20th August, 1900. From Dublin Municipal Council - re Local Government of Ireland.

"Read."

8th September, 1900. From Baltinglass Board of Guardians, as follows: -

Resolved - In consequence of the occupiers having to pay the full amount of Poor Rate and County cess, now greatly increased by the working of the Local Government Act, and increase of Salaries of Officers, and as the crops are very much damaged,

and also the dearth of labour caused by the South African War, we hereby call on all Landlords to make a substantial reduction of the Rent in the coming Gale."

Carried.

28th September, 1900. From Kerry County Council, as follows: -

Resolved - That we, the County Council of Kerry, being fully conscious of the importance of preserving our National Tongue, call upon the Government to give the fullest recognition to the demands of the Gaelic League on the matter, viz: -

1st That in all places where Irish is the home Language pupils shall be taught to read and write Irish from their first entrance into the school, and that a knowledge of English and other useful subjects be imparted through the medium of Irish.

2nd. That in all places where Irish is not the home language it shall be lawful to teach Irish as a remunerated subject within school hours, and at the earliest stage at which pupils are capable of learning it.

That we request the Irish Parliamentary Party to use every effort to press this matter forward, and that we call upon every County, Urban, and Rural Council in Ireland to co-operate with us in the effort to safeguard our language, as we are convinced that no revision of the Educational System now, or hereafter, will be satisfactory unless these demands get the very fullest consideration.

3rd. That we represent to Her Majesty's Government the immediate necessity that exists for creating a Consultative Council to confer with the Education Board on all matters appertaining to Primary Education, and that every Council in Ireland shall have power of nominating a Member to represent it on this Body.

Adopted.

1st October, 1900. From Roscommon Rural District Council, as follows:—

Resolved— That we the Members of the Rural District Council of Roscommon, in Meeting assembled, do hereby place on record our opinion that the present system of administering the Local Government in Ireland by a Dublin Bureaucratic Board which is non-elective, and in no way responsible to the people governed, is entirely opposed to all ideas of Democratic Government.

That the continuance of such a system is detrimental to the interests and welfare of the Irish People, and has undoubtedly increased the taxation on the overwhelming majority of the inhabitants of this country.

That copies of this resolution be sent to Messrs. John P. Hayden, Esq.; James O'Kelly, Esq.; John Redmond, Esq.; and John Dillon, Esq., M.Ps.; and to the Chairman of each County Council in Ireland.

Adopted.

Ewan Atully Chairman
18/12/1900.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11-30 am, on Monday, the 10th December, 1900.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor— E. P. O'Kelly— Chairman.

Councillors— M. Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, Viscount Milton, E. C. Walsh, A. Metcalfe, M. Kelly, Joseph Dunne, William Costello, A. Zeller, S. J. Doyle, James Byrne, J. Lawless, William Burke, M. Langton, P. J. Carey, W. G. Murphy, D. J. Cogan, M.P., E. J. Byrne, and J. Sheppard.

Business.

1. To consider recommendations for payment from Finance Committee.
2. " consider proposals for payment submitted to the County Council from each of the five Rural District Councils.
3. " sign Treasurer's authorities for the above payments.
4. " receive the Finance Committee's Report.
5. " consider the proposals for New Works, and for Maintenance Contracts from each of the Five Rural District Councils.
6. " receive Tenders for Ballinaclesh Road.
7. " seal the several Contracts approved of.
8. " appoint a Rate collector for No 14 (Arkelow) Collecting District at 5d in the £ collected.
9. " receive the Secretary's Report.
10. " " " County Surveyor's Report.
11. " " " Local Government Board & official correspondence.
12. " receive General Correspondence.

On the "Minutes" of the Meeting of the 17th November being read, it was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan,

seconded by Councillor William Burke.

Resolved - That the words on page 101, commencing "Councillor McCarroll" and ending with the words "last April" be expunged.

Finance Committee's Report.

Your Committee met at 11-30 am. on Monday, the 3rd December, when the following Councillors attended:-

Councillor - D. J. Cojan, M.P., - Chairman.
Councillors - W. G. Murphy, M. Byrne, and P. R. Drought.

The Committee regret they are unable to pass the sums of £14-1-8 and £16-8-3 claimed by the Secretary as remuneration and expenses for preparation of Voters' and Jurors' Lists for Rathdown No 2 District, as they believe the Salary already fixed by the Council is intended to cover all fees to which he may be entitled for this or any other duty.

We recommend that all the other amounts upon the Secretary's Schedule be paid.

We also recommend for payment the following expenditure on Public Works from District Councils:-

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No 1	456	7	6
Naas No 2	258	15	4
Rathdown No 2	291	4	1
Rathdrum	1036	6	2
Shillelagh.	530	1	7

On a request by the Richmond District Asylum Committee of Management for payment of £861-1-1, being this County's proportion of a sum payable to the Commissioners of Public Works on part of repayment of Loans, the following order was made:-

The Council having made their estimate and

struck the rates before the receipt of this Demand, no provision is, therefore, made for the payment of this sum during the current financial year. The attention of the Asylum Committee is drawn to the fact that this Demand is not in proper form.

Having examined the Rate Collectors' lists of rates stated to be irrecoverable, we recommend the following sums to be refunded said Collectors, the corresponding poundage to be deducted from the payments for their collection:-

Collector	Amount of refund.	Poundage deducted.
1. Joseph Doyle.	6-19-7	3-6
2. Richard Geoghegan.	8-3-8	3-5
3. Thomas Tutty.	3-15-5	2-10
4. Nicholas Byrne.	15-9-8	7-10
5. Michael Kelly.	4-1	1
6. George Meyler	18-2	6
7. Charles Sutton.	8-10-4	4-3
8. John Fallon.	1-10-2	9
9. Joseph Keane.	10-18-8	5-6
10. John Murphy.	5-3-5	2-2
11. Thomas Dowling.	3-18-5	2-0
12. John F. Evans.	3-4-5	2-4
13. George Evans.	1-3-4	7
14. James McAnanama	6-13-10	3-4
15. John Brennan.	13-6-4	6-8
16. William Smith	4-2-6	2-1
17. Philip Doyle.	1-5-8	8
18. Thomas Ebbs.	Dil	Dil.
19. Terence Byrne.	6-2	2

The Committee recommend the Council to instruct solicitor to take the necessary steps to compel Mr. Meyler to lodge the balance due on foot of last collection; and in view of the unsatisfactory manner in which this Collector has performed his duties, the Committee recommend the Council to dispense with Mr. Meyler's service, and appoint another Collector in his place.

Collector John F. Evans to furnish full particulars of the grounds for claiming rate refund on ratings Nos. 54 and 57.

Applications for payment for the Valuation Lists received from :-

	£	s	d.
John F. Evans for	1	1	0
John Brennan "	1	0	0
William Smith "	1	0	0

The Committee regret they have no power to accede to this request. Meantime the Secretary should communicate with the Local Government Board, asking if any remuneration may be paid to the Collectors for this duty.

The Accounts and Auditor's Reports from the following bodies were submitted to the Committee :-

Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District
 " " Union
 Rathdrum Rural District
 " " Union
 Richmond Lunatic Asylum.

We recommend that the payment Orders, Nos 583 and 584, already passed, be issued to the Clerks of Baltinglass and Rathdrum for loss of emoluments.

Mr. J. H. McCarroll should be directed to communicate with Bray Council, and take the necessary steps to have the amount due by it lodged with our Treasurer without further delay, and to demand interest due on overdue accounts.

The Secretary to apply to Bray for their proportion of £ 746-16-4, which was due to the Grand Jury at the time the business was handed over to the County Council.

The Committee regret they cannot recommend

any further payment to Mr. Young for his work, beyond a sum of £ 3 for travelling expenses.

An application from Mr. P. Healy for an increase of Salary was postponed. His Salary to be paid monthly in future.

The Secretary mentioned the Bray charge for Voters' and Jurors' lists had been sent in subsequent to the meeting of the Proposal Committee.

The Committee recommend that the Council hold all its meetings in the Record Court in future, where every convenience for both the Council and the public is provided, the Court being better heated and ventilated than the Grand Jury Room.

Signed :- D. J. Cogan - Chairman.

3rd December, 1900.

Proposed by - Councillor D. J. Cogan

Seconded by - " J. Sheppard.

Resolved - That the Report of the Finance Committee, with the exception of the last paragraph recommending the Council to hold its future meetings in the Record Court, be adopted, and Mr. Meyler's services are hereby dispensed with.

Adopted.

Secretary's Certificate.
 Under the County (Poor Rate Collectors) No 2 Order, 1899.

I hereby certify that the following Collectors duly and properly lodged the entire amount of their Warrants with the Treasurer of the County Council prior to the 1st October, 1900 :-

1. Joseph Doyle

2. Richard Geoghegan

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| 3. Thomas Tutty. | 4. Nicholas Byrne. |
| 7. Charles Sutton. | 9. Joseph Keane. |
| 10. John Murphy. | 12. John F. Evans. |
| 13. George Evans. | 15. John Brennan. |
| 16. William Smith. | 17. Philip Doyle. |
| 19. Terence Byrne. | |

The following Collectors made their final lodgments on the 1st October, 1900, with the County Council Treasurer, thereby completing the amounts of their Warrants:—

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| 5. Michael Kelly. | 8. John Tallon. |
| 14. James McAnanama. | 18. Thomas Ebbs. |

Mr. Thomas Dowling (No. 11) did not close his lodgments until 6th October, and Mr. George Meyler (No. 6) has not yet closed his Collection.

16th November, 1900.

E. D. Wynne.

Proposals for payment submitted to the County Council from:—

Baltinglass No 1.

Proposed by—Councillor M. Kelly.

Seconded by— " J. Dunne.

Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £783-12-2, as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Naas No 2.

Proposed by—Councillor A. Zeller.

Seconded by— " J. Dunne.

Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £673-14-7, as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Rathdown No 2.

Proposed by—Councillor J. Lawless

Seconded by— " R. Norman Thompson.

Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £332-11-1, as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Order—That Proposal Sheet, Form 11, be returned to Clerk of District Council to have Proposal No. 81 corrected.

Rathdrum.

Proposed by—Councillor W. G. Murphy.

Seconded by— " E. C. Walsh.

Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £2668-12-1, as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Shillelagh.

Proposed by—Councillor E. J. Byrne.

Seconded by— " J. Sheppard.

Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £1577-5-7, as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

The Treasurer's Authorities for the foregoing payments were then signed.

The Certificate for Bounty in Lieu of Rates was signed by the Chairman.

Naas No 2 Rural District.

To the Secretary of the County Council,
County Wicklow.

Sir,

Will you please bring the following objection to a new Contract in the Naas No 2 Rural District before the County Council. At the Quarterly Meeting in July of the Naas No 2 R.D.C., on a notice of motion previously given by Councillor Alfred Teller, who is Chairman of that R.D.C., and by virtue thereof is a Member of the County Council, Councillor Teller made a proposal for a new Contract, — "To make into a road the pathway leading from Lackan Chapel to the Bog Road at Peter Lawler's — £ 75."

This proposal being for the execution of a public work, the probable expense of which, in the opinion of the County Surveyor, would exceed £ 50, could only be a Provisional Proposal, and the further consideration of it had to be adjourned to the following Quarterly Meeting. This proposal being then put to the R.D.C. at the first Meeting was only carried by the narrow majority of one, viz: — that of Mr. Alfred Teller.

At the next Quarterly Meeting, on the 13th November, Mr. Alfred Teller again moved the Provisional Proposal, but increasing the sum from £ 75 to £ 85, and also making an addition to the wording of the original proposal and notice of motion; this was then put to the Meeting and carried by the narrow majority, Mr. Alfred Teller again voting for it. I then protested against the matter as illegal.

I would ask the County Council now to consider my following objections to this proposal: — 1st.

That being a Provisional Proposal, having to be read and considered twice, it is not legal at the second Quarterly Meeting to increase the amount, or alter the original wording of the proposal; this having been done, the proposal must fall through.

2nd — Mr. Alfred Teller being the landlord of the place where the road is to be made, and it being for the benefit of himself and his tenants, he is so

interested in the question that he should not have voted, and that being so, the voting was equal, and the proposal necessarily fell through.

I have been told that I should have sent my objections to the Local Government Board in the first instance, but I prefer laying them before the County Council, trusting they will see the laws duly carried out.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Fletcher Moore.

Manor Kilbride,

Via Dublin.

8th December, 1900.

Proposed by — Councillor E. J. Byrne.

Seconded by — " E. C. Walsh.

Resolved — That the proposal to make a new road into a road, the pathway leading from Lackan Chapel to the Bog Road at Peter Lawler's at £ 85, be passed.

Carried.

Proposed by — Councillor E. J. Byrne.

Seconded by — " D. J. Cojan.

Resolved — That we do now seal the several Contracts sent forward from the District Councils which we have approved.

Proposed by — Councillor Mr. Langton.

Seconded by — " P. J. Carey.

Resolved — That the following works for which no Tenders were received by the District Councils be handed over to the County Surveyor for execution: —

No. in D.P.

Ballyglass No 1.

220 To rebuild a Gullet at Togher on road from

Naas No 2 Annacorney to Granahog. £ 6

77 To repair the four-ope gullet on the road from Ballyknocken to Blackditches. £ 12.