

WICKLOW

County Council Minutes.

1904-1905.

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Wicklow County Council Offices

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held at the County Courthouse, in the County of ... on the ... day of ... 1904.

The following members were present: ...

The following members were absent: ...

The following members were excused: ...

The following members were elected: ...

The following members were re-elected: ...

The following members were appointed: ...

The following members were discharged: ...

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 20TH JANUARY, 1904.

Special Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 20th January, 1904, at 12-30 p.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, and subsequently Councillor Michael Byrne, in the chair; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, James Byrne, William Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, and William Costelloe.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider Finance Committee's report.
- 2.—To pass Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3.—To arrange for the duties of Assistant County Surveyors—Mr. J. B. Boyd having resigned his appointment.
- 4.—To receive and consider reports from Committees.
- 5.—To receive and consider reports from County Officers.
- 7.—To receive and consider General Correspondence.
- 6.—To receive and consider Official Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we, the County Council of Wicklow, hereby tender to our fellow Councillor, Dr. R. Norman Thompson, our deep sympathy in his bereavement in having lost his brother, Captain Livingston Thompson, in the wreck of the mail steamer "Clallam," off Victoria, on the 8th inst. Carried nem. con.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 20th January, 1904:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, Chairman; Councillors R. R. Drought, E. P. O'Kelly, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee recommend the Quarterly Transfers to Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils, as follows:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

Baltinglass, £941 10s; Naas, £231 10s; Rathdown, £872 19s. 11d; Rathdrum, £2,482 1s. 2d; Shillelagh, £790; Total, £5,318 1s. 1d.

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	General.			Separate.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	119	0	0	31	0	0
Naas No. 2	52	5	0	6	15	0
Rathdown No. 2	90	10	0	300	5	0
Rathdrum	333	7	2	49	1	10
Shillelagh	57	10	0	25	0	0

We recommend that the sum of £660 6s. 1d. be transferred to credit of the Subsidiary Account. We have had the letters of the Prisons Board laid before us, and recommend that the following

answer be written to them:—"Referring to the application from the General Prisons Board, dated the 21st June, 1902, that extra accommodation be supplied for the use of prisoners awaiting trial, during the sitting of the Court, and the letter from the same Board of the 2nd inst, the County Council regrets that it is unable to provide the increased accommodation desired, as the Prisons Board now, after nineteen months' correspondence, states that it cannot give over any portion of the old gaol premises for the purpose, and the Town Commissioners of Wicklow will not permit the County Council to build upon the street, the only other direction in which the County Court-house could be enlarged. The County Council is surprised at the decision of the Prisons Board in the face of the notice from that Board to the Grand Jury many years ago, that it had closed the gaol premises as a prison, and that henceforth prisoners committed from County Wicklow Petty Sessions should be sent to Dublin prisons, and considering that the accommodation in those premises, even excluding the very small plot applied for, is vastly in excess of anything that could be required for the retention of prisoners at either Quarter Sessions or Assizes." Signed—R. Norman Thompson, Chairman. 20-1-04. Adopted and passed.

Treasurer's authorities for making transfers on foot of demands from Boards of Guardians, and Rural District Councils—and to credit of Subsidiary Account—were then signed.

Memorandum, dated 9th January, 1904, from S. G. Gallagher, County Surveyor, was read as follows:—I beg to inform you that I have received a letter from Mr. J. B. Boyd, Assistant County Surveyor, in which he informs me he resigns his appointment under the County Council. Mr. Boyd's letter is dated 8th January, 1904. 3 Sutton Villas, Bray, 8th January, 1904. Sir,—I do not think I can hold the position of Assistant County Surveyor any longer, as I am unable to do the two, i.e., District Council work and County work, and although a smaller salary, I prefer the District Council work, so please accept this as my resignation, and oblige.—Yours, etc., JAMES B. BOYD. S. G. Gallagher, Esq., County Surveyor, County Wicklow. Order—Resignation accepted.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. Joseph Boyd and Mr. John Pansing be appointed to do the duties, performed by Mr. J. B. Boyd (resigned) pending further arrangements by the County Council. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary reported that he had, in accordance with the direction contained in the Auditor's report, written a strongly worded circular to the several rate collectors, warning them that they must comply strictly with the requirements of the Rate Collectors' Order, and had also written to the Clerks of the Unions to report any collector failing to account. In one case he had to warn the collector's sureties. The collector had attended that morning before the Finance Committee and accounted for his collection. As the Patriotic Assurance Company had refused to renew the Council's Clerks' Bonds at the former premiums, personal bonds had been substituted, the sureties being persons approved of by the Councillors in their district, and these bonds have been submitted to the Auditor.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby approve and accept the bonds submitted by Messrs. Simon J. Doyle, Thomas Langton, and Laurence Wolohan, for the due and faithful performance of their respective duties in the Council's Office, and authorise our Chairman to sign and seal same on our behalf, as so accepted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That we authorise our Secretary to perform all duties required of the Council under the Motor Car Acts, and the Orders issued in connection with same, and we recommend that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, he be paid for same, a fee of 5s. for each Motor Car Registration, and 1s. for each Motor Cycle Registration and each license issued. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That, there being a vacancy on the Board of Governors of the Wicklow County Infirmery, caused by the death of the Rev. J. Roche, P.P., we hereby appoint the Rev. L. J. Farrelly, P.P., to fill the vacancy. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. Gallagher's application re furniture and fittings for his office, be hereby approved and granted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we, the County Council of Wicklow, heartily welcome the proposed new Factory to Wicklow, and promise to give it all the support in our power. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That to obtain a Catholic University for Ireland, so long denied by Government, we resolve that a public meeting of our county be convened in the County Town to further the question, and strengthen the hands of the Irish Party, the date of the meeting to be fixed by the Committee having the matter in hands. Passed.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor William Byrne:—That I will, at next meeting of the Council, move that Mr. Joseph Boyd be appointed Assistant County Surveyor, provided it can be arranged that the County work be performed by three Assistant Surveyors.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 152M/1903; miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd December, 1903. Transmitting copy of the Employment of Children Act, 1903, 3 Edw. 7, Ch. 45, under which (Section 16 (2)), the Council are a Local Authority for the purposes of the Act.

No. 153M/1903; miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd December, 1903. Transmitting, for the information of the Council, copy of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1903—which is to be construed as one with the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896.

No. 72668/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd December, 1903. Enclosing copy of the Auditor's report on the accounts of the County Council for the half-year ended 30th September, 1902, together with an attested abstract of same.

(Copy of Auditor's Report.)

No. 72,668/1903; County Wicklow. Maryborough, 17th December, 1903. Gentlemen,—I have the honour to report, that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Wicklow for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1902, and beg to forward abstracts of the same duly declared and certified. I ascertained that all sums received were properly brought to account, and that the several items of expenditure were supported by adequate vouchers. As regards the collection of the rate, it was closed within the prescribed time, except in the case of the district of Collector Dowling, who had become a defaulter, and whose successor did not enter on his duties, until after the close of the half-year. Some of the collectors continue (as stated by the late Auditor in his report dated 21st March 1903), to delay their collections, until the lapse of a considerable period after the receipt of their warrants. Instances also came under my notice, in which collectors failed to attend with their fortnightly Abstract and Advice Notes (Form 4), to have them checked. In one case, that of Mr. Michael Kelly, which I desire to bring specially and prominently under notice, I find that he did not attend even once, during the entire half-year. It is needless for me to point out, that such a deliberate and wilful violation of the orders and regulations, laid down for his guidance, should be most severely dealt with by the Council, who should bear in mind the absolute necessity of their insisting on none of the precautions, for the efficient discharge of these duties by their officers, being lost sight of, as otherwise the sureties to the bonds, would certainly have substantial grounds for contesting their liabilities, and thus a serious loss might very possibly result to the ratepayers. The question of obtaining a contribution, for the maintenance and repairs of roads on overline bridges, from the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company (also commented on by Mr. Calvert), has been somewhat delayed owing to the death of the County Surveyor. I had an interview with his successor on the subject, when I availed myself of the opportunity to point out that there should be but little difficulty in arriving at an amicable settlement, as the amount involved was comparatively trifling, and would be more than expended in the event of recourse being had to legal proceedings. With reference to the surcharges made at last audit, it appears that they have been all remitted (see letter No. 48,587/1903, of 27th October, 1903). During the present audit I have felt it incumbent on me to make certain disallowances in connection with very much the same class of expenditure as that which entailed the previous surcharges. They are numbered from 1 to 7, respectively, and have been recorded by me in the County Council's ledger. I beg to annex copies of the same, together with certified extracts from the late County Surveyor's reports, where they bear specially on many of them. The Bonds of the Accounting Officers were produced for my inspection, and were found to be correct and in order. The same remarks apply also to those of the several Road Contractors. I have only to add that the accounts were satisfactory.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your most obedient servant, W. GIBSON, Auditor. The Local Government Board, Custom House, Dublin.

No. 1M/1904; miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th January, 1904. Giving notice of an examination for candidates for Assistant Surveyorship, to be held in the Custom-house, Dublin, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 3rd and 4th February, 1904, at 10 a.m.

Copy of the Swine Fever (Movement from Ireland), Temporary Order of 1903.

General Prisons Board, Dublin Castle, 2nd January, 1904. Relative to handing over portion of the gaol premises for the use of the Council. Order—The Secretary to forward the reply recommended by the Finance Committee.

Poor Law Reform Commission, Dublin, 7th January, 1904. Relative to the approaching commission, and asking for the names of two witnesses to give evidence in detail as to the views of the Council. Order—To be placed on agenda for next quarterly meeting.

31st December, 1903. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—reporting as to the manner in which the Rate Collectors are performing their duties in his Rural District.

16th January, 1904. From same—on same subject.

5th January, 1904. From same—enclosing copy of resolution appointing Thomas Norton and Christopher Lawlor on the Dunlavin School Attendance Committee in room of two members—one deceased and one disqualified. Approved.

Amended Draft Lease of proposed new Wicklow Fever Hospital submitted for approval. Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That we, the County Council, approve of the Draft Lease for the Wicklow Fever Hospital, as amended in red ink, and authorise our Chairman, and Councillor McCarrroll, to sign and seal the Lease when engrossed in accordance with such Draft. Passed.

Correspondence, and Bonds for three Clerks in the Council's Office were submitted for approval.

4th December, 1903. From John Mackay, Solicitor, Tullow—enclosing copy of the decree for £22 10s., and £14 10s. costs, and witnesses' expenses, in the Criminal Injury Application of Catherine Toole. Ticknock v. County Councils of Carlow and Wicklow. Order—To be put forward for payment at next quarterly meeting.

25th November, 1903. From J. K. Toomey and Co., Solicitors, 4 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, writing on behalf of Mr. George Fenton relative to the proposed closing of the road leading through the townlands of Ballinlea and Brittas, up to Mr. Fenton's farm, by the Secretary of State, during the months of May, June, July, August, and September.

25th November, 1903. From Artane Industrial School—relative to a claim for payment in respect of a boy, John Murphy, for 183 days, £2 12s. 3d. Order—To be paid.

9th December, 1903. From Danesfort Industrial School—relative to a claim for payment in respect of a boy, J. Horan, for the period from 7th April to the 18th May, 1903, 11s. 8d. Order—To be paid.

9th January, 1904. Application from Our Lady of Succour Industrial School, Newtown Forbes, to be placed upon the County Council's list of schools. Application refused.

17th November, 1903. From George N. Jacob, Springville, Temple-road, Dunlavin—applying for a refund of £2 1s. in consequence of the reduction of the valuation upon appeal of his house, "The Moorlands." New Valuation £87. Order—Bring forward for payment at next quarterly meeting.

4th January, 1904. From Wm. Cooper and Nephews, Birkhampsted—relative to the recent Act passed by the Minister of Agriculture, which provides for Compulsory Sheep Dipping. "Read."

1st December, 1903. From Limerick County Council—enclosing resolution relative to the attitude of the majority of the Irish landlords in regard to the evicted tenants.

14th January, 1904. From same—enclosing resolution asking that the unappropriated portion of the Equivalent Grant assigned to Ireland by the Development Fund Act be applied exclusively for the improvement of Primary Education and the better equipment of Irish National Schools.

14th January, 1904. From same—resolution relative to the want in Ireland of a system of Higher Education, modern in character, and suited to the special conditions and needs of the Irish people.

4th December, 1903. From Galway County Council—relative to any restrictions put on the sale of sheep dip being a danger to the highly contagious disease of sheep scab spreading.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15TH FEBRUARY, 1904.

Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 15th February, 1904, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, and subsequently Councillor Michael Byrne, in the chair; Councillors R. R. Drought, R. Norman Thompson, Michael Tallon, Michael Kelly, Simon T. Doyle, William Osborne, P. J. Carey, Joseph McCarroll, W. Byrne, Daniel Condren, Wm. Boothman, B. McDonald, Joseph Dunne, Francis Buckley, M. Fleming, William Costelloe, E. J. Byrne, Thomas Sheppard, James Byrne.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider report from the Finance Committee.
- 2.—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 3.—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 4.—To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
- 5.—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 6.—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 7.—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8.—To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1905.
- 9.—To sign Certificate for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 10.—To appoint witnesses to give evidence before the forthcoming Poor Law Reform Commission.
- 11.—To co-opt a Member to fill the vacancy on the Council, in place of Captain Alfred Zeller, disqualified.
- 12.—To consider the following Notices of Motion:—By Councillor William Byrne. (1) "That I will, at next meeting of the Council, move that Mr. Joseph Boyd be appointed Assistant County Surveyor, provided it can be arranged that the County Work be performed by three Assistant Surveyors." (2) "I, Simon T. Doyle, of Delgany, a Councillor for the above County, hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of the said County Council, move a resolution—'That Mr. J. H. McCarroll be hereby appointed Solicitor to this Council.'"
- 13.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 14.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 15.—To consider official correspondence.
- 16.—To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended until the appointments be made. Carried nem. con.

A letter, dated 15th December, 1903, from Councillor William Osborne, stating that at a large meeting of the ratepayers in the district of Blessington, Mr. William Boothman of Milev Hall, Blessington, had been selected to be co-opted as a member to fill the vacancy on the County Council in place of Captain Alfred Zeller, disqualified was submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. Wm. Boothman, Milev Hall, be co-opted. Carried nem. con.

Tinahely, County Wicklow; 13th February, 1904. To the Chairman and Members of the County Council, Court-house, Wicklow. Gentlemen,—Having heard that you are desirous of effecting some changes in the Assistant County Surveyorship, and that a notice has been given to consider the appointment of my son, under these circumstances I would ask you kindly to accept my resignation. It is not without a feeling of regret that I have decided to sever my connection with the county which I have served so long, and with the officials of which I have always had relations so amicable.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, CAMPBELL BOYD. Order—Accepted on condition that his son be appointed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Costelloe. Resolved—That Mr. Joseph Boyd be appointed Assistant County Surveyor with the approval of the Local Government Board; the County Surveyor to allocate the salaries of the three Surveyors according to the Local Government Board scale. Carried nem. con.

Proposed by Councillors Simon T. Doyle, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming—That Mr. McCarroll be appointed a permanent solicitor to the Council of Wicklow. Order—Resolution not put—amendment to it carried. See amendment.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor F. Buckley. Resolved—That in consideration of the general expression of the members of this Council in favour of Mr. McCarroll, I propose the question of appointing him permanent solicitor be adjourned for twelve months to see how the feeling of this Council will be supported, and how the present arrangement will work. Carried nem. con.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—No. 1.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 26th January, 1904:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., Chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, and William Byrne. The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at Large				3,433	15	8
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	659	5	10			
Proposals Committees proposals	3	16	3—	663	2	1
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	321	15	4			
Proposals Committees proposals	—	—	—	321	15	4
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	403	1	4			
Proposals Committees proposals	33	7	9—	439	9	1
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,595	0	2			
Proposals Committees proposals	257	2	2—	1,882	2	4
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	438	11	9			
Proposals Committees proposals	57	8	1—	495	19	10
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committees proposals				16	1	0
To County Committee of Agriculture on account, included in county at large				300	0	0
Adopted.						

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on the 15th February, 1904, the following members being present:—Councillor R. R. Drought, in the chair; Councillors E. J. Byrne, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, E. P. O'Kelly, and Dr. R. Norman Thompson. Having carefully considered the estimates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1905, prepared and laid before us by your Secretary, and having examined the several items of income and expenditure upon which they are calculated, we find that credit has been given in them for every sum that could properly be so credited, and we recommend that the estimates for the rates, as now submitted, be approved and adopted by the County Council. We further recommend that the following payments be made by the Council in addition to those contained in our first report:—

	£	s.	d.
County at Large		4	17 5
Baltinglass No. 1—			
District proposals, subject to consent of L. G. B.	33	0	0
Proposals Committees proposals	48	11	8
		81	11 8
Naas No. 2—			
District proposals			
Proposals Committees proposals	189	4	2
Rathdown—			
District proposals			
Proposals Committees proposals	39	11	0
Adopted.			

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS.

County at Large—

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £3,435 9s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Baltinglass No. 1—

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Michael Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £744 13s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Payments to John Kearney, and Michael Curran, included in the foregoing, were passed subject to the Local Government Board extending the time necessary for payment.

Naas No. 2—

Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor B. McDonald. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £510 19s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdown No. 2—

Proposed by Councillor F. Buckley, seconded by Councillor . Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £476 19s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum—

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,882 2s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

A payment of £50 to John Harte, was again refused, on the same grounds as given at the previous quarterly meeting. Shillelagh—

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £495 19s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed. Wicklow Urban District—

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor William Costelloe. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 1s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authorities for the quarterly payments, which have been passed by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS.

Baltinglass No. 1—

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2—

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Rathdown No. 2—

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed. The Secretary directed to send Form 11 and Demand Form 22 for Chairman's signature and correction, to the Chairman of Rathdown Rural District Council.

Rathdrum—

Contract No. 341 was given to James Brien, junior, Tinnakilly, Aughrim, at £5 10s. Sureties—James Brien, senior, Tinnakilly, Aughrim; and Michael Byrne, Coolhullen, Aughrim.

Contract No. 373 was given to Joseph Ashford, Coolbeg, Wicklow, at 1s. 2d. per perch per annum. Sureties—Cornelius Brien, Balinamesdan; and Richard Codd, Roscagh, Wicklow.

Contract No. 377 was given to John C. Dunne, Glenteigue, Arklow, at 2s. per perch per annum. Sureties—Colclough Redmond, Ballycapple; and William Dunne, Glenteigue, Arklow.

Contract No. 379 was given to the same contractor at 9d. per perch per annum. Sureties—Same.

Contract No. 387 was given to James Brien, junior, Tinnakilly, Aughrim, at £18. Sureties—James Brien, senior, Tinnakilly, Aughrim; Michael Byrne, Coolahullen, do.

Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Shillelagh—

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Tallon, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That the Tender for any work ap-

plied for to this County Council of Wicklow, the amount of which exceeds £20, must be accompanied by a remittance of £1, and for a work of less value, by a remittance of 10s. These sums to be forwarded to the Secretary to the County Council with each such Tender, but in a separate envelope, bearing the same reference number as that upon the envelope containing the Tender. This deposit to be returned to each contractor attending the Quarterly Meeting, and upholding his Tender. No Tender to be submitted to the Council unless it complies with this requirement. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the Estimate of Rates laid before us for the year 1904-1905. Carried nem. con.

ESTIMATE OF RATES.

GENERAL CHARGES.

		Other	
		Land.	hereditaments.
		s. d.	s. d.
Baltinglass No. 1	...	2 0½	3 7½
Naas No. 2	...	2 0	3 6½
Rathdown No. 2	...	1 10½	2 11½
Rathdrum	...	1 10½	3 3
Shillelagh	...	2 4½	3 10½

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Baltinglass public health charge, 1d.; criminal injury, 0½d.; do., 0½d.; Naas public health charge, 0½d.; Rathdown do., 1½d.; Greystones water supply, 1½d.; criminal injury—Powerscourt E. D., 0½d.; Rathdrum public health charge, 0½d.; criminal injury, 0½d.; do., 0 1-12d.; Shillelagh public health charge, 0½d.; Arklow harbour, 2d.; Wicklow harbour, 3½d.; Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Guarantee, 1½d.; Greystones pier, 0½d.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costelloe. Resolved—That we now sign the estimates and demands on the Urban District Councils of Bray and Wicklow. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That we now sign the certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson and William Byrne be appointed as witnesses to attend before the forthcoming Poor Law Reform Commission (Ireland), on behalf of this Council. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Report to the County Council of the County Wicklow, assembled at the Winter Quarterly Meeting, 15th day of February, 1904. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—The contracts which will be laid before you, for your approval, are as follows:—58 for road maintenance, 2 for repairs to bridges, 3 for improvements to footpaths, 2 for retaining walls, 3 for repairs to gulleys, and 2 permissive contracts. None of these proposed works are unusual in character, or require particular mention. Some of the road maintenance contracts have been taken at very improvident prices. In Naas No. 2 Rural District, the probable expenditure on roads and works is estimated to exceed the maximum expenditure permitted by Section 27 of the Local Government Act, by £35 15s., owing to the necessity of repairing Humphreystown bridge. The Local Government Board have sanctioned the increased expenditure for the financial year 1904-5.

During the past quarter the road contractors have generally been attentive to their work, but in a few cases the contractors have neglected their roads. I now request you to authorise me to serve the usual notices, and further proceed by the legal means provided by the various Acts, to compel these contractors to fulfil their obligations under the contracts. Should you accede to these requests, it will be necessary to enable me to obtain the assistance of the County Solicitor to conduct the cases in the courts. It would be most useful to extend the authority, to enable me to at once proceed against defaulting contractors, if at any future time such necessity arose.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER, B.E., M.Inst.C.E.I., County Surveyor. 15th February, 1904.

Order—Authority granted.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costelloe, seconded by Councillor F. Buckley. Resolved—That we agree to accept an annual contribution of Twelve Pounds from the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway as their part of defraying the expenses of the upkeep of county roads over that railway line. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

15th February, 1904. Gentlemen,—As directed, I communicated with two of the contractors for the maintenance of roads, the payments for which are liable to surcharge, and have received replies from both consenting to cancel the two contracts upon payment of the work done up to the end of the current quarter. Pending this settlement, the Council refused to sanction the payments certified upon these roads since the auditor drew attention to them. I have therefore applied to the Local Government Board for an extension of time to enable you to issue the two payments upon each road thus deferred, should you decide to do so. My estimates for the rates for the service of the next year came before you for your approval to-day, having been first submitted to your Finance Committee. In most of the Rural Districts these rates show a decided increase over those of last year. This arises from three causes:—Firstly, the Union and Rural District demands in general are higher; but secondly, there is a marked falling off in the amount of Estate Duty received in reduction of the rates, this grant depending upon the amount of death duties paid from time to time; and thirdly, the amount of credit balance available on this occasion is very small in consequence of the amount credited to last year's rates having nearly wiped it all out. I pointed out last year that doing this had reduced the rates to an abnormal level, which must not be expected to be maintained this year. The County Council's Estimate for the County at large charges shows a reduction of three farthings under last year's rate. In spite of the wild statements on the subject which have been circulated, the reserve balance retained for the use of the entire county is only about £4,000.—Yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE.

CERTIFICATE UNDER THE COUNTY (POOR RATE COLLECTORS) No. 2, ORDER 1899.

I, Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby certify in accordance with Article 1 of the above named Order in the Council, that the following Poor Rate Collector for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District—Mr. Charles S. Sutton—has duly and properly lodged with your Treasurer, the entire amount named in his warrant for the current collection, within the time prescribed by the above named Order in Council, and that he is therefore now entitled to payment of the poundage upon his collection.—E. N. WYNNE, Secretary to the County Council. Wicklow, 13th February, 1904.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 13th February, 1904. Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended, 31st December, 1903.

Sixty-seven articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows: Article—Whiskey, number, 20; butter, 18; milk, 18; meal, 2; flour, 2; margarine, 2; cheese, 2; coffee, 1; tea, 1; rum, 1; total, 67. They were all free from adulteration.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union fifteen drugs and a specimen of water were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, tincture of squills, was high in alcohol. The specimen of water had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 56·000; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0·013; saline ammonia, 0·017; nitric acid, 5·550; chlorine, 9·343; sulphuric acid, 8·6472; equal to calcium sulphate, 12·0000. A bad water.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union six drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, compound tincture of benzoin, was low in solids.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union twelve drugs and three specimens of water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of water had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Total solid matters,	15·400	26·600	36·400
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0·008	0·014	0·005
Saline ammonia	0·008	0·020	0·001
Nitric acid	1·670	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	0·994	3·976	1·093
Sulphuric acid	2·8824	5·7648	None
Equal to calcium sulphate	4·0000	8·0000	None

No. 3 was a very pure water; No. 2 was a bad one; and No. 1 a tolerably good one.

For Bray Urban District Council two specimens of water were analysed. They had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains:

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters,	196·000	19·600
Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0·820	0·005
Saline ammonia	0·340	0·002
Nitric acid	Trace	1·440
Chlorine	7·455	4·274
Sulphuric acid	7·206	4·3236
Equal to calcium sulphate	10·000	6·0000

No. 2 was a very good water; No. 1 was little better than sewage.

A most careful analysis failed to trace poison in specimen of beans, the property of Thomas Acton, Esq., D.L., Kilmacurragh, Rathdrum.

For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, six specimens of manure were analysed.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, twenty-three drugs and three specimens of water were analysed.

They were correct. The specimens of water had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Total solid matters,	44·800	123·200	26·600
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0·017	0·420	0·007
Saline ammonia	0·003	2·800	0·0035
Nitric acid	2·870	Trace	1·330
Chlorine	3·578	12·425	1·491
Sulphuric acid	5·7648	21·618	None
Equal to calcium sulphate	8·0000	30·000	None

No. 2 was enormously polluted; No. 1 was very inferior; No. 3 was a good water.

Seven specimens of water analysed for Naas Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Total solid matters	35·000	51·800	46·200	51·800
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0·024	0·007	0·031	0·011
Saline ammonia	0·007	0·002	0·010	0·0035
Nitric acid	2·120	5·550	3·670	4·300
Chlorine	1·292	1·391	1·789	3·280
Sulphuric acid	10·0884	7·206	10·0884	11·5296
Equal to calcium sulphate	14·0000	10·0000	14·0000	16·0000

	No. 5.	No. 6.	No. 7.
Total solid matters	26·600	35·000	26·600
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0·008	0·009	0·006
Saline ammonia	0·003	0·003	0·003
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace	0·500
Chlorine	0·994	1·491	1·093
Sulphuric acid	1·4412	1·4412	1·4412
Equal to calcium sulphate	2·0000	2·0000	2·0000

Numbers 1 and 3 were polluted; the others were fit for use.

Total analyses—146.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That there being a vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital, caused by the death of the Rev. J. Roche, P.P., we hereby appoint the Rev. L. Farrelly, P.P., to fill the vacancy. Passed.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 5481/1904: Baltinglass No. 1 R. D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th January, 1904. Enclosing copy of a letter received from Road Contractor Michael Curran, in respect of his road contract in Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District.

No. 4602/1904; Naas No. 2 R. D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th January, 1904. Enclosing copy of a letter sent the Clerk of the Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, sanctioning the extension of the present limit of expenditure on roads in the Rural District for the year.

No. 4602/1904; Naas (2) Rural District. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th February, 1904. Enclosing copy of the Order which the Board have made assenting to the limit of expenditure on roads in the Rural District of Naas No. 2, being increased to £1,462 for the ensuing year.

No. 3314/1903; V.B. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, January, 1904. Memorandum to Local Authorities under the Diseases of Animals Acts in Ireland. The Diseases of Animals Act, 1903, Sheep Scab.

No. 3312/1904. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 5th February, 1904. Notifying number of samples of butter taken up in the county under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

Treasury Solicitors' Department (Law Courts Branch), London. 276 Royal Courts of Justice, 5th February, 1904: 11th February, 1904. Enclosing printed copy of the draft Regulations relative to the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, and to the proposed Inquiry as to Docks, Wharves and Quays.

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 29th January, 1904. Enclosing a Return of Patients admitted from the County Wicklow to this Asylum from 1st October to 31st December, 1903. Order—Same Order as before.

1st February, 1904. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District—enclosing copy of a letter received from the Local Government Board, assenting to the limit of Road Expenditure in the district being increased to £1,462 for the year ending 31st March, 1905.

8th February, 1904. From same—enclosing copy of resolution stating that the District Council should not be held responsible for any additional expense in case further damages arise through the repairing of the wing walls of Humphreystown Bridge not being taken in hands at once.

28th January, 1904. From Secretary, General Post Office, Dublin—asking the consent of the County Council to the placing of an underground telegraphic line across the public road between Leirim and Table Mountain, at the points shown on enclosed marked plan. Order—Granted subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

1st February, 1904. From John Kearney, Studfield, Donard—agreeing to join with the County Council in cancelling his contract for the road at Kilcoagh on the 31st March, 1904, provided all money earned and due on the contract to that date be paid him.

5th February, 1904. From Michael Curran, Kilcoagh, Donard—agreeing to join with the County Council in cancelling his contract for the road at Kilcoagh on the 31st March, 1904, provided all money earned and due on the contract to that date be paid him.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll (seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of and agree to the cancelling of the contract entered into by John Kearney, in December, 1901, for the repair of 423 perches of road at Kilcoagh, and of the contract entered into by Michael Curran, in May, 1902, for the repairs of 237 perches of road at Kilcoagh, on the terms mentioned in their letters of the 1st and 5th February, 1904, respectively, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. The payments to be retained until John Kearney and Michael Curran attend before the Rural District Council meeting in Baltinglass, and sign the undertakings to cancel said contracts before the Chairman of that Council; and we hereby authorise and direct our Chairman to sign and seal the said undertakings on our behalf. Passed.

6th February, 1904. From Cyclists' Touring Club, 47 Victoria-street, Westminster, London, S.W.—Circular letter relative to the Motor Cars Act, 1903, and the Cyclists' Touring Club's Danger and Caution Boards. Order—Offer to be accepted, and Notice Boards to be taken over by the County Council.

12th February, 1904. From Henry Williams, Ballybrew, Ennis-kerry—addressed to the Chairman—regarding the cutting of hedges on his lands, and alleged injury to his fences by the constant flow of water in the side drains, undermining same. Order—The matter referred to the County Surveyor to report on.

13th February, 1904. From Hastings D. Draper, 5 St. Andrew-street, Dublin—addressed to the Chairman—relative to the costs in

connection with the handing over of the Documents, Maps, etc., in hands of the late County Surveyor, Carter Draper. "Read."

10th February, 1904. From the Traffic Manager's Office, Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway, 50 Westland-row, Dublin—relative to the opening of New Ross and Waterford Extension Railway, on Monday, the 15th February, 1904.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

19th January, 1904. From General Secretary, Gaelic League, Dublin—resolution urging Irish Manufacturers and the citizens generally to take steps for the holding of an Irish National Exhibition in 1905, in place of the proposed International Exhibition. "Read."

5th February, 1904. From Honorary Secretaries, Catholic Graduates and Undergraduates' Association, Mansion House, Dublin—resolution demanding an immediate settlement of the University Question, in view of what is now universally admitted to be the utterly inadequate provision for University Education in Ireland. Approved.

6th February, 1904. From Strabane Urban District Council—resolution recording their most strenuous objection to the introduction of the "Cash on Delivery Post" by the Post Office Authorities. "Read."

12th February, 1904. From Secretary, Cavan County Council—resolution drawing attention to the very great necessity that exists for proper systems of Arterial Drainage. "Read."

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 2ND MAY, 1904.

Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 2nd May, 1904, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, and subsequently Michael Byrne, in the chair; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, E. C. Walsh, Michael Tallon, Peter Brennan, Joseph McCarroll, Thomas Sheppard, J. H. Coleman, William Costelloe, James Byrne, William Byrne.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider report of the Finance Committee.
- 2.—To pass Quarterly Transfers at foot of Demands from the Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3.—To appoint an Auditor for the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company to represent the County Council for the current year.
- 4.—To consider an application on behalf of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department for the consent of the County Council to certain proposed by-laws for the regulation of roads and lands in connection with the (Glen) Imaal Artillery Range.
- 5.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 6.—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
- 7.—To receive and consider Official correspondence.
- 8.—To receive and consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 14th March, 1904, when the following members attended:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, Chairman; Councillors R. R. Drought, Joseph McCarroll, and William Byrne. Letter No. 2314/1904, dated 27th February, 1904, from the Board of Public Works, suggesting the creation of a Special Reserve Fund of £3,000 for the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway to provide for purchase of rolling stock, and other special expenditure, the fund to be provided by an annual payment by the guaranteeing area of £400 per annum, was submitted and considered. The Committee cannot recommend the adoption of the suggestion, which latter should be laid before the representatives of Naas No. 2 and Baltinglass No. 1 Rural Districts. A letter, dated 2nd March, 1904, was submitted from the Clerk of Bray Urban Council, relative to an alleged irregularity in Rathdown Union estimate. Having gone into the figures obtained from the Clerk of Rathdown Union, the Demand of the Union was considered as correctly made and equitable. 2nd March, 1904. From South Dublin Rural District Council's offices—copy of resolution passed by Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Joint Committee, recommending the County Council of Dublin and Wicklow to appoint a Joint Committee to examine into and report on the working, and finances of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, with a view to providing a better system for the line. The County Council is recommended to refer this matter to the representatives of Baltinglass No. 1 and Naas No. 2 Rural Districts.—R. R. DROUGHT.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 25th April, when the following members attended:—Councillor R. R. Drought, Chairman; Councillors E. J. Byrne, Michael Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, and Edward P. O'Kelly. The Committee recommend the Quarterly Trans-

fers on foot of Demands from Unions and Rural District Councils, as follows:—

Transfers to Funds of Unions.

Baltinglass, £987 5s. ; Naas, £258 ; Rathdown, £880 15s. ; Rathdrum, £2,509 7s. 6d. ; Shillelagh, £836 5s. ; total, £5,471 12s. 6d.

Transfers to Funds of Rural District Councils.

	General.			Separate.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	155	0	0	45	0	0
Naas No. 2	77	10	0	4	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	23	5	0	85	0	0
Rathdrum	580	18	3	16	1	3
Shillelagh	145	10	0	26	0	0

B. R. DROUGHT.

Proposed by Councillor T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Reports of the Finance Committee, No. 1 and No. 2, be and are hereby adopted. Passed nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authority for the Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed. Passed nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the County Council hereby join with the contractors—John Kearney and Michael Curran, in cancelling their contracts upon which surcharges were threatened, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the two deeds cancelling said contracts. Passed.

The deeds were then sealed, and signed by the Chairman, E. P. O'Kelly, on behalf of the Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. H. Coleman, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby appoint Messrs. Stokes, Brothers and Pim, of College Green, Dublin, to be Auditor of the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, on behalf of the County Council of this County for the year ending 31st March, 1905. Passed nem. con.

Mr. John Wakely, K.C., instructed by Mr. R. G. Warren, Crown Solicitor, appeared before the Council to support an application on behalf of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, for the consent of the County Council to certain proposed by-laws for the regulation of roads and lands in connection with the Glen Imaal Artillery Range.

A resolution was read from Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, asking the Council to oppose the proposed by-laws.

After hearing the full particulars of the object of the application, and having had the district affected by it pointed out upon the map by Colonel Stewart, R.E., the following resolution, drafted by Mr. Wakely, was agreed to, and passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—We, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby consent to the Glen of Imaal By-laws made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, provided that the said Secretary of State agrees, and notifies the County Council of such agreement within one month from this date, to pay the sum of £400 as a contribution to the said County Council for the repair and maintenance of the roads in, and in the locality of the Glen of Imaal, but this sum of £400 is not to include extraordinary damage by the War Department, or their agents, to bridges and gulleys over and under such roads, or to public works connected with such roads, such sum of £400 to be paid to the County Council on or before the 30th day of September, 1904, and to be the contribution for the year 1904. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That the resolution approving of the Glen of Imaal By-laws be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Three copies of the resolution were then sealed, and signed by the Chairman, and by Councillor William Costelloe, as witness to the seal.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That this County Council hereby declares that the roads in the County of Wicklow are not constructed for abnormal or heavy traffic, and are unsuited for traffic of Traction Engines or heavy Military Ordnance, which is extraordinary traffic. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That our Solicitor be instructed to register the judgement as a mortgage in the case of the County Council against Dowling, and take the proper proceedings to sell the defendant's farm. Passed.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor William Costelloe:—I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor in my place, will move at our next meeting, that the late Assistant Surveyor Campbell Boyd, be granted a retiring allowance after, between fifty and sixty years' service in the County.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 5459/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th February, 1904. Remitting with accompanying Sealed Orders the seven surcharges made by the Local Government Auditor, Captain William Gibson, D.L., in his audit of the accounts of the County Council for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1902.

No. 9695/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th February, 1904. Stating that the Board had given instructions for the preparation of Orders extending the time within which payment of the two sums of £5 5s. 9d. to John Kearney, and £5 18s. 6d. and £2 19s. 3d. to Michael Curran, could be made; such extension of time not to be taken as any approval of said payments.

No. 9695/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th February, 1904. Stating that the Board have made Orders extending to the 31st proximo the time within which the County Council may pay a sum of £10 11s. 6d. to John Kearney, and a sum of £8 17s. 9d. to Michael Curran.

No. 10449/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th February, 1904. Enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. J. B. Boyd—late Assistant County Surveyor—relative to his claim for remuneration in respect of his services, stating that if the County Council desire to pay him, the Board will consider any certificate from the County Surveyor as to the sum which he considers would be a fair remuneration for the work performed by Mr. Boyd.

No. 15941/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd March, 1904. Enclosing copy of a letter which the Board had received from Mr. J. B. Boyd relative to his claim for remuneration for his services as Acting Assistant Surveyor, and a copy of the Board's reply to same.

27th March, 1904. From Mr. J. B. Boyd, Fassagh Lower, Armagh—re same, threatening legal proceedings. "Read."

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh.—That Mr. James B. Boyd be paid his salary from the date of his appointment to the date of his resignation, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

A noll being taken, there voted:—For—Councillors E. C. Walsh, James Byrne, R. R. Drought, and William Byrne—4. Against—

Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, Peter Brennan, T. Sheppard, J. H. Coleman, and Michael Tallon—7. The Chairman declared the resolution lost by seven votes to four.

No. 10161/1904; Dublin County, and Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th February, 1904. Enclosing copies of letters received from W. J. Shannon, Solicitor to the Dublin County Council, on the subject of the adjustments between the County Council of Dublin and the County Council of Wicklow, consequent on the alteration of the boundaries of these counties, and asking for the views of the Council thereon. Order—The portion relating to the Richmond Asylum charges to be submitted to the Finance Committee for its consideration and report.

No. 12398/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th March, 1904. Sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Joseph Boyd as Assistant County Surveyor on the terms set forth in the replies on the query form.

No. 12704/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th March, 1904. Acknowledging a return showing the condition to the 27th ultimo of the collection of the Poor Rate, and stating that the Council should call upon Collectors R. Geoghegan, Michael Kelly, Michael McGrath, James Byrne, John Brennan, Philip Doyle, Thomas Ebbs, and Terence Byrne, to furnish explanations as to the very backward state of their collections.

Replies thereto from the several Rate Collectors concerned.

No. 13474/1904; miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 9th March, 1904. Referring to their circular letter of 26th of January, 1900—re rates of interest on local loans—and enclosing copy of a further notice issued by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in pursuance of the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 and 61 Vict., C. 51).

No. 14321/1904; Naas No. 2 R.D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th March, 1904. Enclosing extract from minutes of Naas No. 2 Rural District Council on the 5th instant, respecting the co-option of Mr. William Boothman by the Wicklow County Council.

No. 16117/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd March, 1904. Relative to the disqualification of Captain Alfred Zeller as County Councillor. Order—To be communicated to Mr. William Boothman.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor Michael Byrne:—I hereby give notice of motion that I will, at the next meeting of this Council, move that the resolution co-opting Mr. William Boothman of Miley Hall, Blessington, be rescinded.

Annual Report of Local Government Board for Ireland, for the year ended March, 1903—submitted. Order—To be bound.

No. 12364/1904. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st March, 1904. Fixing Arklow Dispensary District as the area of charge for sewer at Arklow.

No. 13955/1904; Rathdown No. 2 R.D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th March, 1904. Enclosing copy of a Sealed Order the Board have made altering the Delgany and Powerscourt District Electoral Divisions, and adding the Townland of Kippure to the District Electoral Division of Powerscourt, and to Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

No. 20034/1904; Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, County Wicklow. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd April, 1904. Sealed Order directing that the District Council of Baltinglass No. 1 at their first meeting to be held after the 14th May, 1904, appoint a member of the Joint Committee, as prescribed by the Local Government Board Sealed Order of the 4th April, 1901, with reference to certain matters affecting the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

No. 17896/1904; County Dublin. Local Government Board,

Dublin, 30th March, 1904. re proposed adjustments between the counties of Dublin and Wicklow—and asking the Council to be so good as to furnish a reply to the Board's communication of the 27th ultimo, No. 10161/1904.

No. 20144/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th April, 1904. Approving of the terms of the resolution of the County Council authorising the Secretary of the County Council to perform the duties under the Motor Car Act, 1903.

No. 18058/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th April, 1904. Enclosing copy of letter addressed by the Board to the Clerk of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, directing him to send without delay to the Secretary of the County Council, one of the estimates containing the actual signatures of the Chairman and Clerk of the Rural District Council.

4 Edwd. 7. A Bill to explain and amend Section 48 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, with respect to the payment and application of the percentage provided by the said section.

Labourers' (Ireland) Bill. A Bill to amend the law relating to Labourers' Dwellings in Ireland.

No. 975/1904. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 9th March, 1904. Enclosing copies of an Order entitled the Animals' (Transit and General) (Ireland) Amendment Order of 1904, made by the Department on the 1st instant.

No. 542/1904; V. B. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 23rd February, 1904. Circular to local authorities under the Diseases of Animals Acts—Sheep Scab.

No. 6772/1904. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 28th March, 1904. Circular letter relative to the regulations under the Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Regulations, 1904, as amending the Act of 1893.

No. 8689/1904. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 31st March, 1904. Relative to a case of an article bought in the premises occupied by Mr. Andrew McFarland, in Greystones, as butter, but which was found to be composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter.

No. 9723/1904, and 10265/1904. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 15th and 18th April, 1904. Notifying that samples of butter had been taken in the County under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure, as Follows:—Greystones, two samples; Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, two; Glenealy, two; Rathnew, three; Wicklow, five.

No. 1583/1904; Vet Branch. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 16th April, 1904. Circular letter to local authorities in Ireland relative to outbreaks of Swine Fever from 1893 to 1903—the period administered under the Swine Fever Acts by the Central Authority in Ireland.

No. 33100/. General Valuation Offices, 6 Ely-place, Dublin, 29th February, 1904. Notifying that the final abstract of the Valuations of the County for 1904, together with statements showing changes affecting Valuations made in the lists for each Rural District—had been forwarded, and enclosing copy of instructions issued under the Valuation (Ireland) Acts.

Treasury Solicitor's Department, Law Courts Branch, 276 Royal Courts of Justice, London, 25th March 1904. Stating that a meeting of the inquiry to be held—re Docks, Wharves, and Quays—will take place at the Recorder's Court, Belfast, on the 11th April, 1904, at 11 a.m.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 27th February, 1904. Asking the Council to consider the desirability of suggesting the creation of a Special Reserve Fund of £3,000 for the purpose of meeting abnormal charges for improvements, the provision of additional rolling stock, etc., for the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company. (See Finance Committee's Report).

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 13th April, 1904. Notifying a loan of £3,150 to the Rathdrum Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 16th February, 1904. Asking for particulars on a form enclosed as to the persons appointed on the new Dunlavin School Attendance Committee from the 1st May, 1904.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 18th February, 1904. Form showing the members of the Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee, duly completed by the Board.

Royal Irish Constabulary Office, Dublin Castle, 15th March, 1904. Enclosing a certified account of expenses of a force of police which is extra to the establishment—to be a charge upon Arklow No. 1 Urban District, amounting to £12 13s. Order—The attention of the Proposals Committee to be drawn to the withdrawal of this charge in other Counties, with a view to opposing same.

19th April, 1904. From the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—enclosing two resolutions drawing the attention of the County Council to the damage caused to the roads in the district by the heavy traffic of Traction Engines and Military Ordnance.

7th March, 1904. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing resolution relative to disqualification of Councillor Alfred Zeller, and the co-opting of William Boothman, Miley Hall, Blessington.

1st March, 1904. From same—asking to have the Rev. Father Cahill appointed on the Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee instead of the Rev. B. Duffy, C.C., who has ceased to reside in the district. Order—Rev. Father Cahill appointed member of Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee in place of Rev. B. Duffy, C.C.

22nd April, 1904. From same—enclosing copy of a letter received from Lieut.-Colonel Haynes of the Royal Engineers, Royal Engineers Office, Dublin Castle—asking permission to make some small repairs to the road from Ballygolan Bridge to Kilbride Camp, as a temporary measure. Order—County Council will raise no objection to these repairs.

11th March, 1904. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a letter from the Local Government Board—together with a copy of a supplemental estimate and demand for £417 to meet fees due in connection with the Schemes for the Sewerage of Greystones and Delgany. Order—Too late for this year's rate.

11th March, 1904. From same—reply to order of the Council made at last meeting—re Forms 22 and 11.

29th February, 1904. From Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council—acknowledging receipt of letter enclosing Fever Hospital Lease, and Duplicate, duly signed and sealed by the County Council, also receipt of County Council Demand for year ending 31st March, 1904.

14th March, 1904. From Secretary, Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board, Town-hall, Wicklow—applying for permission to open the road at Merrymeeting for the purpose of making the necessary drains for the new burial ground, and stating that the Board would give the County Council an indemnity against all claims, etc., that might arise in consequence.

No. F. 658. Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company, Westland-row Station, Dublin, 29th February, 1904. Sanctioning the payment of a sum of £12 per annum from the Company to the County Council on foot of the expense maintaining the county roads upon the approaches to, and over-bridges on the Company's line within the county.

2nd March, 1904. From the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Joint Committee—resolution relative to the appointment of a Joint Committee by the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow to

examine into and report on the working and finances of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway. Order—Dealt with in the Finance Committee's Report.

2nd March, 1904. From Councillor William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow—regretting his being unable to attend the forthcoming Poor Law Reform Commission as a witness on behalf of the County Council.

22nd February, 1904. From Brown and McCann, Solicitors, Naas—enclosing memorandum of bills of costs in re the following cases:—John Jackson v. County Council, £2 0s. 4d.; Michael Doyle v. County Council, £2 0s. 4d.

25th March, 1904. From J. K. Toomey and Co., 4 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin—enclosing Wicklow Fever Hospital Original Lease, dated 24th February, 1904:—Urban District Council of Wicklow of the first part; Local Government Board for Ireland of the second part; County Council of the County of Wicklow of the third part.

Preliminary notice of application for compensation for Criminal Injury to Property, from Major William H. O. Kemmis, Ballinacor, Rathdrum—£120. Order—Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, to appear for the County Council.

7th March, 1904. From Secretary, Dublin County Council—in favour of the counties moving to have the accounts prepared and audited yearly, instead of half-yearly—as in Urban Districts. Approved.

7th March, 1904. From Hon. Secretary, Irish Technical Instruction Association, St. Vincent's, Cork—circular letter as to the importance of their having a representation on the Technical Board and Agricultural Board.

9th March, 1904. From Hon. Secretaries, County Wicklow Gaelic League—expressing deep disapproval of the recent rule of the Commissioners of National Education relative to the teaching of Irish in the National Schools.

24th February, 1904. From Wexford County Council—resolution re Irish Education Act, 1892, and suggested amendments to same—also resolution relative to the applying of the Equivalent Grant for Ireland exclusively for the improvement of Primary Education, and the better equipment of Irish National Schools.

29th February, 1904. From South Dublin Rural District Council—resolution relative to the working of the provisions of the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act 1891 and 1896; the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and the Irish Land Act, 1903.

1st March, 1904. From County Waterford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction—suggestions as to the removal of the grievance stock-raisers suffer by losses in cattle of all classes from contagious and other diseases. "Read."

1st March, 1904. From Provisional Committee, Irish National Exhibition, Mansion House, Dublin—circular letter asking for an expression of opinion in favour of the project, and asking for a delegation to attend a meeting to be held in support thereof at an early date. "Read."

1st March, 1904. From Tipperary (S.R.) County Council—relative to the re-introduction and application of the principle of inspection to every sale concluded under the last Land Act.

3rd March, 1904. From Rathkeale District Council—expressing surprise and regret at the issue of a circular to their Inspectors by the Board of National Education, disallowing fees for the teaching of Irish to pupils under the Fourth Standard in National Schools.

5th March, 1904. From Tipperary (N.R.) County Council—resolution asking the Government to amend the present state of the law as to the service of ten-days notices on defaulting contractors, whereby the County Surveyor is debarred from adopting this procedure until authorised by a general meeting of the County Council. Approved and adopted.

25th March, 1904. From General Secretary, United Irish League—asking that delegates to the forthcoming National Convention be appointed, and that enclosed tickets of admission be issued to same.

25th March, 1904, and 6th April, 1904. From the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., Westmoreland-street, Dublin—asking for an opportunity to put their terms before Council for the Rate Collectors' Fidelity Bonds. Order—Not required.

13th April, 1904. From Tipperary, No. 1 Rural District Council—resolution re so-called Labourers' Bill introduced by the Chief Secretary.

15th April, 1904. From Meath County Council—relative to the absence throughout Ireland of any provision regulating the width of the tires of the wheels of carts in proportion to the weight of the load. Approved.

26th March, 1904. From Count Plunkett, Hon. Secretary to the Irish Fiscal Reform League—enclosing a draft resolution asking the Government to put a tax on foreign manufactured goods and agricultural produce.

Irish Literary Society—Report of the Parliamentary Subcommittee.

9th April, 1904. Circular letter relative to the proposed Exhibition of Irish Arts, Industries, Manufactures, and Resources. "Read."

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 16TH MAY, 1904.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 16th May, 1904, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillors Michael Byrne, Chairman; Councillors R Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, William Osborne, Michael Tallon, Simon T Doyle, Joseph Dunne, P J Carey, E C Walsh, E J Byrne, Thomas Sheppard, D J Cogan, M.P.; William Costello, and Joseph M'Carroll.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1905, and sign and seal the Rate Books and Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- 2—To consider report from the Finance Committee.
- 3—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 7—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 8—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 9—To consider the following notices of motion:—
By Councillor Michael Byrne—"I hereby give notice of motion that I will, at the next Meeting of this Council, move that the resolution co-opting Mr. William Boothman, of Miley Hall, Blessington, be rescinded."
By Councillor William Costello—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor in my place, will move at our next Meeting that late Assistant-surveyor Campbell-Boyd be granted a retiring allowance after between fifty and sixty years' service in the county."
- 10—To receive and consider reports from Committees.
- 11—To consider reports from County Officers.
- 12—To consider official correspondence.
- 13—To consider general ditto.

Proposed by Councillor T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the rates made for the financial year ending 31st March, 1905. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the collection of the rates made for the year ending 31st March, 1905, be signed and sealed. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 16th May, 1904. Councillor R. R. Drought, Chairman; Councillors E. J. Byrne, Joseph M'Carroll, E. C. Walsh, Michael Byrne, and R. Norman Thompson.

Rate Collectors' lists of Irrecoverable Rates were examined, and the following amounts were recommended to be refunded the collectors as irrecoverable, the corresponding poundage to be deducted from their payments:—

Collecting District No.	Collector.	Amount of Refund.	Poundage to be Deducted.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Joseph Doyle	6 10 7	0 3 3
2	Richard Geoghegan	4 2 11	0 2 0
3	Thomas Tutty	1 13 4	0 0 10
4	Nicholas Byrne	4 16 7	0 2 4
5	Michael Kelly	3 4 3	0 1 7
6	Michael M'Grath	1 1 7	0 0 6
7	Charles S. Sutton	45 9 5	1 2 8
8	John Tallon	3 10 7	0 1 9
9	Joseph Keane	1 0 6	0 0 6
10	John Murphy	3 17 7	0 1 11
11	Patrick Behan	1 0 1	0 0 6
12	John F Evans	2 14 9	0 1 3
13	George Evans	10 4 11	0 5 1
14	James Byrne	9 0 1	0 4 6
15	John Brennan	11 19 8	0 5 11
16	William Smith	15 5 9	0 7 7
17	Philip Doyle	3 5 7	0 1 7
18	Thomas Ebbs	—	—
19	Terence Byrne	3 4 4	0 1 7

The Committee, having gone into the proposals for payment from the Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils, recommended them for payment as follows:—

County at Large	...	£3335 14 8
Baltinglass No. 1—		
Proposals Committee's Proposals	£128 13 4	
District Proposals	...	671 19 1
Naas No. 2—		
Proposals Committee's Proposals	89 4 11	
District Proposals	...	306 2 2
Rathdown No 2—		
Proposals Committee's Proposals	64 7 11	
District Proposals	...	359 17 1
Rathdrum—		
Proposals Committee's Proposals	1533 9 6	
District Proposals	...	1454 6 8
Shillelagh—		
Proposals Committee's Proposals	379 13 9	
District Proposals	...	485 8 11
Wicklow Urban—Proposals Committee's Proposals		54 4 5

Having considered the letters from the Local Government Board with regard to the adjustments between the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow, consequent on the alteration of the boundaries of those counties, as affecting the payment for patients in the Richmond District Asylum, and for children in certain Industrial Schools, the Committee consider that no adjustment is requisite, or payment due, in regard to patients Nos. 1, 2, and 3, admitted to the Asylum according to the schedule laid before them, as the patients referred to were resident, prior to their admission to the Asylum, in the County Dublin. The change of boundary did not take place till many years after these three patients were so admitted. The fourth patient, Thomas Long, having been admitted on the 19th June, 1899, the Committee consider that his payment should legally be charged to the County Wicklow. The amount to be charged should be checked by your Accountant.

With regard to the children in Industrial Schools. This having been a matter of correspondence between the County Councils of Wicklow and Dublin, when an agreement was come to that in future each Council should pay for its own children, the Committee consider that it is re-opening the question to go back on payments previously incurred, and therefore consider that the correspondence in this case closed the matter, the agreement then come to having since been acted upon.—R. R. DROUGHT.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's report be adopted. Passed.

Proposals for payment from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural Districts.

COUNTY AT LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £3,335 14s 8d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £800 12s 5d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

NAAS No. 2.

Proposed by Councillor Wm Osborne, seconded by Councillor Wm Costello. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £345 7s 1d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Tallon. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £424 5s 0d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDRUM.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,987 16s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £865

2s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

WICKLOW URBAN.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costelloe. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £54 4s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costelloe. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authorities for the quarterly payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS.

BALTINGLASS No. 1.

Contracts No. 3 and 4 in the District Register were given in charge of County Surveyor at £3 10s., and £6 respectively. Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2.

Contracts Nos. 132 and 133 in the District Register were given in charge of County Surveyor at £85, and £15 respectively. The remaining contract was approved and confirmed.

RATHDOWN No. 2.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

RATHDRUM.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed. Two provisional proposals were submitted on Forms 13, No. 388 and No. 390 in the District Register, respectively.

SHILLELAGH.

Contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Tallon, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed. Passed.

CERTIFICATE UNDER THE COUNTY (POOR RATE COLLECTORS') No. 2 ORDER, 1899.

I, Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby certify in accordance with Article 1 of the above-named Order in Council, that the following Collectors of Poor Rate in this County have duly and properly lodged with your Treasurer—the National Bank, Wicklow—the entire amount named in their respective warrants within the time prescribed by the above-named Order, and by a Sealed Order of the Local Government Board, dated the Eighteenth day of May, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three, and are, therefore, entitled to payment of their poundage fees upon their collections:—

1, Joseph Doyle; 2, Richard Geoghegan; 3, Thomas Tutty; 4, Nicholas Byrne; 5, Michael Kelly; 6, Michael McGrath; 8, John Tallon; 9, Joseph Keane; 10, John Murphy; 11, Patrick Behan; 12, John F. Evans; 13, George Evans; 14, James Byrne; 15, John Brennan; 16, William Smith; 17, Philip Doyle; 18, Thomas Ebbs; 19, Terence Byrne.

14th May, 1904.

E. N. WYNNE.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL, Assembled at their Quarterly Meeting, May the 16th, 1904.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN—None of the contracts to be submitted to you for approval are of unusual character. They are as follows—Road maintenance No. 4; new footpaths, No 3; repairs to bridges, No. 3; new gulleys

and drains, No 3; sundry repairs to walls, &c, No 5; permissive contracts, No 4. There are two provisional proposals—viz., to repair, &c., 652 perches of road, Wicklow to Arklow, between the 3 roads on Sallymount to Kennedy's bridge. Like 406 perches, from Rahaval turn to Kilmurray, between the road from Redcross to Brittas, and the main road from Wicklow to Arklow. The latter road was never on the county before, and is at present in very bad repair, and very narrow in some places, being only 8 feet wide. The proposal was passed by the Rathdrum Rural District Council at 5s per perch, provided the road was widened to proper width by the occupiers of the adjoining lands. The road, if made, would, in my opinion, be of some public utility; but I think that the amount per perch allowed is not sufficient to do the work. Of course, any contract you enter into must provide for the widening of the road to the width required by law. The roads and other public works in your charge are, with a few exceptions, in a reasonable state of good repair.—I remain, your obdt. serv.,
16th July, 1904. S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That the measurement of road material be started not later than the 15th of September, annually. Passed.

WICKLOW COURT-HOUSE.

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with your instructions, I examined the connections of the house drains with the sewers, and have found some serious defects. The defects, I think, can be remedied at a small cost, but a small initial outlay is required to ascertain the extent of the remedies required.—Your obedient servant,
16th May, 1904. S. G. GALLAGHER. Approved.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the following be the meetings of the Rural District Council, Proposals Committee, and County Council, for the year 1904-5:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter 1904.	Autumn Quarter 1904.	Winter Quarter 1904.	Spring Quarter 1905.
RATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Enniskerry.	11-30	Tues. July 5	Tues. Oct. 4	Tues. Jan. 3	Tues. Apl. 4
RATHDRUM ... Court-house, Rathdrum.	12	Mon. „ 4	Mon. „ 10	Mon. „ 9	Mon. „ 10
BALTINGLASS No. 1 ... Court-house, Baltinglass.	11-30	Mon. „ 18	Mon. „ 17	Mon. „ 16	Mon. „ 17
NAAS No. 2 ... Court-house, Blessington	1-45	Tues. „ 19	Tues. „ 18	Tues. „ 17	Tues. „ 18
SHILLELAGH ... Court-house, Shillelagh	1	Fri. „ 22	Fri. „ 21	Fri. „ 20	Fri. „ 14
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Court-house, Wicklow.	11-30	Tues. „ 26	Tues. Nov. 1	Tues. „ 31	Tues. „ 25
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Court-house, Wicklow.	11-30	Mon. Aug 15	Mon. „ 21	Mon. Feb. 20	Mon. May 15

Passed.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor Joseph M'Carroll. Resolved—That Mr. Campbell Boyd, late Assistant County Surveyor, be granted a pension of £20 per annum. Passed.

The notice of motion standing in the name of Councillor Michael Byrne was withdrawn, with the consent of the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That the agreement with the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company, regarding payment for over bridge roadways, be signed and sealed. Agreement signed and sealed accordingly.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 19990/1904. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd May, 1904. Enclosing copy of an order confirming regulations relative to the issue of Stock by Urban Sanitary Authorities in Ireland, which have been made by the Board in pursuance of Section 52 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, amending their Regulations of the 20th February, 1892, on the subject. "Read."

No. 26,638/1904. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th May, 1904. Enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Council's accounts for the half-year ended the 31st March, 1903, as follows:—

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

No. 26,638—1901. Co. Wicklow. DUNGARVAN, 5th May, 1904.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of Wicklow for the half-year ended the 31st March, 1903, and beg to forward Abstracts of the same, duly declared and certified. I ascertained that all sums received were properly brought to account, and that the several items of expenditure were supported by adequate vouchers. As regards the collection of the rate, it was closed within the prescribed time, except in the case of No. 11 Collecting District, where the sum of £243 19s. 5d. was returned to me as outstanding. Of this sum £64 6s. 9d. has been collected and lodged by the recently appointed collector, and the balance, £179 12s. 8d., remains still due by the Sureties of Collector Dowling, who some time ago became a defaulter. Having had occasion, in my last report, dated 17th December, 1903, to comment severely on the extremely unsatisfactory manner in which some of the collectors had discharged their duties, I am happy to be in a position to state that there has since been a marked improvement on the part of the officers concerned. Negotiations are at present pending with the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company, for an amicable settlement of the question of the amount of the contribution to be paid for the maintenance and repairs of roads on overline bridges, and I understand from the County Surveyor that he, on the part of the council, is satisfied with the proposed conditions. It appears that the County Council, having fully complied with all the requirements of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1883 (51 & 52 Vic., cap. 53, sec. 5), passed a resolution on the 25th May, 1900, limiting the expenditure to be incurred, in opposing in Parliament, the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill, 1900, to the sum of £250. As the costs, however, when taxed on 26th July, 1901, amounted to £263 17s. 11d., thus exceeding the amount sanctioned by £13 17s. 11d., the payment of this latter sum to Mr. McCarroll, the Solicitor employed, was refused. He subsequently, on the 23rd February, 1903, again applied to be recouped this amount, when the

council affirmed their previous decision not to pay anything over and above the sum of £250 which had been authorised, and also on the further ground that the payment was barred by section 51 (7) Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898; upon which he gave them an undertaking to indemnify them against a surcharge in the event of the payment being struck out of the accounts, and he was then paid. This was clearly an illegal procedure on their part, and the disallowance in connection with it, as recorded by me in the ledger of the County Council, will be found annexed. Referring to the Orders altering the Financial Relations between the County Council and the Urban District Councils of Wicklow and Bray, dated, respectively, the 25th day of October, 1902, and the 5th day of January, 1903, the necessary adjustments have been made, and the resultant balances credited, which after a careful examination of all the entries bearing on them, I consider to have been correctly dealt with. I may add that before taking up this portion of the audit, I considered it advisable to instruct the Secretary to write to the Clerks of both of the bodies concerned, informing them that should they have any objections to offer to any particular item in the accounts in question, I was prepared to hear them. None were, however, submitted to me. The surcharges for illegal expenditure on new works, &c., having been remitted by your Board, I consider it due to the County Council to state that they have taken steps to guard against any irregularity of a similar nature occurring in future. It is, therefore, unnecessary for me to make any further remarks on the subject. The Bonds of the Accounting Officers were produced for my inspection, and were found to be correct and in order. It is only fair to the Secretary's Department for me to express my perfect approval of the manner in which the accounts have been kept, and of the clearness with which they were submitted for audit.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant.

WM. GIBSON, Auditor.

2nd May, 1904. From Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. Copy of Epizostic Lymphangitis (Ireland) Order of 1904. Order—Secretary to report on same.

11th May, 1904. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—relative to the appointment of the new Dunlavin School Attendance Committee, and stating that the matter of appointing had been postponed until the next meeting, on 4th June.

The County Council hereby re-appoints the former Committee, as follows, for the three years ending 30th April, 1907:—John Rochford, Dunlavin; James Cunningham, do.; Thomas Metcalfe, Cryhelp, do.; Edward McDonald, Lemonstown, Hollywood; Edward Butterfield, Rathsalla, Dunlavin.

Notice of application for Compensation for Malicious Injury to Property—Major Wm. H. O. Kemmis, Ballinacor, Rathdrum, £120—Rathdrum Rural District.

14th May, 1904. Notice from J. K. Toomey and Co., Solicitors for the applicant—withdrawing the application, and stating that it will not be proceeded against in the County Court.

4th May, 1904. From the Clerk, Celbridge No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution suggesting that a full and searching investigation be made into the working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway—with a view to preventing the continued loss to the ratepayers in the Guaranteeing Baronies.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the County Surveyor be requested to report to next meeting of this Council on the management and

general position of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway. Passed.

2nd May, 1904. From Galway County Council—resolution relative to the transfer of land under the recent Land Act—and suggesting the re-introduction and application of the principle of inspection to every sale concluded. Approved—Councillor R. Norman Thompson objecting.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 14TH JUNE, 1904.

The Annual Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 14th June, 1904, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, in the chair; Councillors Michael Byrne, J. H. Coleman, R. Norman Thompson, William Byrne, E. J. Byrne, S. T. Doyle, Joseph McCarroll, and Michael Kelly.

BUSINESS.

- 1—The chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
- 2—To elect a Chairman.
- 3—To elect a Vice-Chairman.
- 4—To consider report from the Finance Committee.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Authority for certain payments recommended by the Finance Committee.
- 6—To consider the Revisions necessary in the Valuation Lists.
- 7—To sign Certificate for the refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 8—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 9—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
- 10—To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
- 11—To receive and consider General Correspondence.

A letter dated 13th June, 1904, was received from Councillor R. R. Drought, regretting that absence from Ireland prevented his attendance at the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. H. Coleman. Resolved—That Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, J.P., be and is hereby elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Carried nem con.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That Councillor Michael Byrne, J.P., be and is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Carried nem. con.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 14th June, 1904:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, Chairman; Councillors Joseph McCarroll, William Byrne, and Michael Byrne. An application was received from M. J. O'Connor and Co., Solicitors, on behalf of John Brennan, Rate Collector, to have his costs which were incurred in defending an action brought against him for illegal seizure, refunded him. The Committee, having considered the circumstances of the case, recommend that this application be refused. Two bills of costs from Brown and McCann, Solicitors, Naas, for defending malicious injury applications, amounting to £2 0s. 4d. each, were received. The Committee recommend that £1 17s. be paid on each

bill, without taxation. The following paying orders, which have not been collected by the payee, are recommended to be cancelled:—

Quarterly Meeting.	No. of Paying Order.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.
March quarter, 1902	1905	7	9	2
March quarter, 1902	1129	0	0	3
June quarter, 1902	452	0	0	3
September quarter, 1902	166	0	0	3
December quarter, 1902	443	0	0	3
March quarter, 1903	1152	0	0	3
December quarter, 1903	617	3	12	3

The County Surveyor applies for permission to expend the War Department's grant on a supply of extra metal for the 1047 perches of road, Ballinaclea to Stranahely. We recommend that the application be granted. We further recommend the following Transfers to the Funds of the several Unions and Rural District Councils, to be passed by the County Council, the paying orders to issue early in July:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

Baltinglass, £987 5s.; Naas, £258; Rathdown, £880 15s.; Rathdrum, £2,509 7s. 6d.; Shillelagh, £836 5s.; total, £5,471 12s. 6d.

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	General.			Separate.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	155	0	0	45	0	0
Naas No. 2	77	10	0	4	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	23	5	0	85	0	0
Rathdrum	580	18	3	16	1	3
Shillelagh	148	10	0	26	0	0

R. NORMAN THOMPSON.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor J. H. Coleman. Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee be and is hereby adopted. Passed.

The Treasurer's Authority for the transfers on foot of demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils, recommended for payment by the Finance Committee was then signed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we consider the changes and alterations in the Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, to be necessary, and request the Valuation Office to have the lists revised accordingly. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign the certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed nem. con.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Short Statement of the Provisions of Order 48 of the Department of Agriculture on Epizootic Lymphaugitis, dated 2nd May, 1904.

1—(1)—Every person having an animal (horse, ass, or mule), affected with or suspected of Epizootic Lymphaugitis, shall as far as possible keep it separated from other animals unaffected, and with all possible speed report the matter to a constable; (2) every person licensed to slaughter having the carcass of an animal so affected shall likewise

so report to a constable; (3) the constable shall forthwith report to the Department of Agriculture, to an Inspector of Local Authority, and to the Local Authority; (4) where the case occurred in a district of another Local Authority, the Local Authority shall forthwith report to such other authority. 2—An Inspector of the Local Authority in any way hearing of or suspecting the existence of the disease shall attend with all possible speed and put in force the powers conferred by the Act of 1894, and this order. 3—(1)—Local Authority shall immediately on receipt of notice cause inquiry to be instituted with assistance of Veterinary Inspector; (2) owner or occupier of premises to give all reasonable assistance to inquiry. 4—(1)—Being satisfied by inquiry that disease exists, Local Authority shall forthwith take steps to have animals affected isolated, for which purpose Inspector may serve notice A on owner or person in charge to have animal detained in a place specified, after such notice it shall not be lawful to move such animal to permit any other animal to come in contact with it, or to remove the carcass of such animal, or any dung or other matter which has been in contact with it without written permission of Inspector; (2) an Inspector of the Local Authority, if satisfied that the movement of any such animal to some other place of detention is expedient for any purpose, may serve a further notice on the person in charge, or the owner, requiring that the animal be detained in such other place, and therefore such animal may be moved without delay by the nearest route, and detained and isolated in such other place; (3) a notice under this article shall remain in force until withdrawn by notice (B) signed by an Inspector; (4) an Inspector shall at once send copies of the notices to the Department, the Local Authority, and the Police Officer of the nearest Police Station; (5) any place where an animal has been kept, and all utensils or other things used about such animal shall, as soon as practical, be disinfected at the expense of the owner or occupier of such place in the manner specified. If any person fails to disinfect any such place or thing accordingly, the Local Authority, without prejudice to the recovery of any penalty, shall cause such place or thing to be disinfected, and recover the expenses so incurred from such person in any court of competent jurisdiction. 6—Any animal, carcass, or thing, may be moved with a license of an Inspector authorised by the Department, issued after the Department is satisfied it is expedient. 7—(1)—The carcass of every affected animal shall be disposed of by the Local Authority; (i) by burying six feet deep in earth with a sufficient covering of quick lime; (ii) or, if authorised by license from the Department, cause the carcass to be disinfected and taken in charge of an officer of the authority to approved premises and destroy by exposure to high temperature or chemicals; (2) with a view to the execution of the foregoing the Local Authority may make such regulations as they think fit for prohibiting or regulating the removal of any such carcass, or securing its burial or destruction, but may not depute this power of making regulations to a committee; (3) before burial the Local Authority shall cause the skin to be rendered useless by slashing; (4) the carcass may, with the license of the Department, be taken into the district of another authority for burial or destruction. 8—It shall not be lawful without the license of an Inspector of the Department, to dig up any such carcass. 9—Any power of the Local Authority under this order may be exercised by the Department. 11—An Inspector finding a case of this disease in his district shall forthwith and weekly, during its con-

tinuance, make a return thereof to the Department and to the Local Authority. 12—The Army Veterinary Department and Veterinary Colleges are exempt from this order. 13—(1)—If an animal, or carcase, or other thing is moved in contravention of this order or of any notice or regulation under it, the owner of the animal or thing, and person for the time in charge, and the person causing or permitting the movement, and the person receiving same, or knowingly keeping it, and the occupier of the place from which it was moved, shall each be deemed to be guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894; (2) if anything is omitted to be done regarding disinfection, etc., in contravention of this order, the owner and the lessee, and the occupier and person in charge of the place, or thing, shall each be likewise deemed guilty as above. The order extends to the whole of Ireland, and came into operation on the 20th of May last. This order is one of the most stringent yet issued under the Diseases of Animals Acts by the Department. The disease is therefore considered a most serious and dangerous one, and the Council should issue directions to their inspectors accordingly.—E. N. WYNNE, Secretary.

Order—The Secretary directed to draw the attention of the Veterinary Inspector to this order.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Wicklow County Council; 14th June, 1904. Gentlemen—The time within which the Secretary of State for War was to have sent a reply to the Council's resolution consenting to the By-laws for the Glen Imaal Range has long since passed, but no reply of any sort has been received. The Chief Crown Solicitor, Dublin Castle, has sent in a draft agreement with the Secretary of State for the War Department with regard to the maintenance of the Ballyfolan and Shankhill road in connection with the Kilbride range in Naas Rural District. This the Rural District Council have approved of, and have requested the County Council also to approve and return without delay. I would advise the Council to think well before it approves of this agreement in its present form, containing as it does, very drastic clauses binding the Council and the Rural District "for ever hereafter," to maintain this road, "and every other road of approach" to Kilbride, at their sole expense, "in absolute and good condition," of which the Secretary of State is to be sole judge, and exonerating the War Department from any future contribution towards their upkeep or repair. A letter received from the Local Government Board, confirms the Council's action in throwing out the Granabeg bridge application, by stating that any repair of the bridge should be done by those locally interested. The Auditor will attend on Friday next to complete the audit of the accounts for the half-year ended 30th September, 1903. The following are the attendances of Councillors for the past year:—R. Norman Thompson, 21; Joseph McCarroll, 20; Michael Byrne, 19; R. R. Drought, 19; Wm. Byrne, 18; Wm. Costello, 16; Thomas Sheppard, 15; James Byrne, 15; E. P. O'Kelly, 14; D. J. Cogan, 13; E. J. Byrne, 12; F. Buckley, 12; E. C. Walsh, 11; S. J. Doyle, 10; Peter Brennan, 10; Michael Tallon, 10; P. J. Carey, 8; J. McDermott, 8; Wm. Burke, 8; D. Condren, 8; Joseph Dunne, 7; Wm. Osborne, 6; Michael Fleming, 6; J. H. Coleman, 5; Michael Kelly, 5; B. McDonald, 5; A. Zeller, 2.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, E. N. WYNNE.
Adopted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's report to the County Council, June 14th, 1904. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I beg to direct your attention to the agreement which the Secretary of State for War proposes that you should enter into; by this agreement the Secretary of State wishes to bind you to maintain for ever, all roads leading to the Kilbride Camp at your own cost, and to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State. The Naas No. 2 Rural District, in which these roads are situated, is at present unable to maintain the roads and works already in hands without exceeding the limit of expenditure permitted by the Local Government Act. I request that you sanction the expenditure of the balance of the grants made by the War Department, on the provision of extra metal for the road 1047 perches, Ballinlea to Stranahely. I beg to apply for permission to proceed against Denis O'Brien, for neglect of his contract to construct a footpath in Ferrybank, Arklow.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

Order—Adopted, permission granted.

Correspondence relative to a proposed grant of £900 by the Secretary for War towards the re-construction of the Ballyfolan—Shankhill-road, together with copy of draft agreement, having been submitted.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we accept the £900 for the re-construction of the road from Ballyfolan to Kilbride Camp, on the following conditions:—"That we expend the £900 on the re-construction of the road, and that the Local Authority undertakes to spend for maintenance an annual sum equal to the average sum expended for maintenance for the last five years, and that the War Office, in consequence of the abnormal heavy traffic, undertakes to expend any further sum exceeding the annual average which will be necessary to keep the road in proper repair to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor; and undertake to pay to the County Surveyor on account of the extra work 5 per cent. on the amount of the contract entered into for re-construction of the said road, and, further, to provide for the payment of a competent engineer to supervise the works, such engineer to be appointed by the County Surveyor at a salary not exceeding £3 3s. per week." Passed.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle Street, Dublin, 18th May, 1904. Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st March, 1904. 61 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—milk, number—20; whiskey, 20; buttermilk, 8; cheese, 5; rum, 3; tea, 3; pepper, 1; lard, 1; total, 61. Of the specimens of milk one was adulterated with at least 11.8 per cent. of added water. Five of the specimens of buttermilk were adulterated with at least 9.9, 19, 26, 59 and 87 per cent. of added water respectively, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes. The remaining articles were of good quality. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twenty-two drugs were analysed; one of them—namely, tincture of cinchona, was low in alkaloids. For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union nine drugs and two specimens of milk were analysed; the drugs were correct; one of the milks was deprived of at least 20 per cent. of its fats, and was therefore a debased article.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union nine drugs were analysed; one of them—namely, saccharated solution of lime, was low in gravity and lime. There were twenty specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County of Wicklow; one was composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter. For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co., Wicklow, three fertilizers were analysed. One specimen of milk analysed for Mr. W. Kearney, Baltinglass, was deprived of at least 20 per cent. of its fats, and was therefore a debased article. A specimen of water analysed for B. A. Somerville, Esq., Clermont, Rathnew, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 30·800; including—Albuminoid Ammonia, 0·014; Saline Ammonia, 0·021; Nitric Acid, 0·500; Chlorine, 1·292; Sulphuric Acid, none; equal to Calcium Sulphate, none; a polluted water. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, thirty-seven drugs, two specimens of milk and one of water were analysed. The following drugs were defective:—Liquid extract of ergot high in gravity and solids; compound mixture of senna low in solids; and liniment of belladonna high in gravity; solids, camphor and alkaloids; one of the milks was poor quality, but not sufficiently so to warrant certificate of adulteration; the specimen of water had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 16·400; including—Albuminoid Ammonia, 0·007; Saline Ammonia, 0·003; Nitric Acid, 0·740; Chlorine, 1·192; Sulphuric Acid, 1·4412; equal to Calcium Sulphate, 2·0000; a fairly good water. Total analysis, 168; adulterated or defective articles, 14.—C. A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Secretary do summon the Quarterly Meeting for the 8th August next, in place of the 15th, and that he give due notice of this change of date to the Councillors, and by advertisement in the two papers contracted with. passed.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly:—"That I will, at our next meeting, move that the dates of the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council be changed in the months of August and February to the fourth Monday instead of the third, and that the former resolutions on the subject be rescinded and altered in accordance."

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 147M/1903. Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th May, 1904. Sealed order determining the amount chargeable in respect of the audit of the Council's accounts during the year ended 31st March, 1903, and fixing same at £60.

No. 29850/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th May, 1904. Extending to the 30th proximo the period within which the Council may make payment of the following sums:—To the Manager of the Danesfort Industrial School, 11s. 8d.; to the Manager of House of Charity Industrial School, Drogheda, £2 11s. 8d.; to the Manager of Artane Industrial School, £2 12s. 3d.

No. 32610/1904; Dublin County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th June, 1904. Enclosing Auditor's Report and attested Abstract of Richmond District Lunatic Asylum Accounts for the half-year ended 31st March, 1904.

No. 32943/1904; Baltinglass No. 1 R. D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 9th June, 1904. Stating that it appears to the Board that the repairs of the bridge over the King's river (Granabeg), should be undertaken by the persons locally interested in it.

No. 13493/1904. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 24th May, 1904. Notifying that samples of butter had been taken and found to be pure, as follows:—Dunlavin, three samples.

No. 13492/1904. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 26th May, 1904. Relative to a sample of butter bought on the premises of Thomas Fisher, Main-street, Dunlavin, which, on being submitted to analysis, was found to contain 17·3 per cent. of water.

No. 33881/. General Valuation Office, 6 Ely Place, Dublin, 16th May, 1904. Circular letter suggesting certain changes in the preparation of the Annual Lists of "changes of names" with a view to facilitating the work of that office.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 9th June, 1904. Acknowledging the Secretary's letter notifying the appointment of Father Cahill, C.C., in room of Father B. Duffy, C.C., on Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 25th May, 1904. Notifying a loan of £4,900 to the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 11th June, 1904. Notifying a loan of £1,400 to the Guardians of Naas Union—for the purpose of the Kildare Dispensary.

No. 14713/121859 F. Royal Irish Constabulary Office, Dublin Castle, 21st May, 1904. Letter of explanation relative to the account of expenses for extra Police Force in Arklow from 27th to 29th June, 1903. Order—Refused, as application was not made within time fixed by Section 51 (7).

8th June, 1904. From Clerk Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—notifying the appointment of J. H. Coleman, J.P., Grifflinstown, Grange Con. as Chairman; and John Rochford, Dunlavin, as Vice-Chairman of the District Council for ensuing year.

4th June, 1904. From same—resolution giving names of proposed new School Attendance Committee for Dunlavin Division. Order—"Received."

7th June, 1904. Telegram and letter from Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—notifying re-election of Captain Alfred Zeller as Chairman of the District Council for ensuing year.

10th June, 1904. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—notifying the Election of Michael Tallon of Enniskerry as the District Representative on the County Council.

7th June, 1904. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—notifying the election of Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, as the District Representative on the County Council, the elected Chairman for ensuing year, E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullins, Tinahely, being already a County Councillor.

10th June, 1904. From T. Edw. Kelsall, 2 Weston terrace, North Circular-road, Dublin, pointing out the dangerous state of the road leading from Rathfarnham to Glencree Reformatory and Lough Bray. Order—Refer to County Surveyor.

13th June, 1904. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church-street, Wicklow—County Council v. Dowling—Stating that by direc-

tions of senior counsel he issued Fi Fa herein for costs, and enclosing cheque for £2 17s. 6d., received from the Sheriff. Harte v. County Council—Stating that the County Court Judge had made an order in the above case for the full amount sued for, with costs.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. H. Coleman. Resolved—That the County Council apply for a grant of administration to Michael Dowling, deceased, as a creditor, and then proceed to sell his assets. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Local Government Board be applied to for their consent to pay the contractor, John Harte, for the present contract taken for the repair of Killahurler-road, the greater part of which has been completed, and one decree already obtained by the contractors against the Council; the County Council undertaking not to continue the maintenance of the road in future. Passed.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

28th May, 1904. From Public Meeting, held in Town-hall, Kinsale—expressing disapproval of the increased tax imposed by the American Government on pickled fish imported into that country. Adopted.

28th May, 1904. From Wexford County Council—resolution relative to the width of tyres of waggons attached to Traction Engines. Adopted.

30th May, 1904. From South Dublin Rural District Council—resolution making suggestions relative to certain proposals contained in the Labourers' (Ireland) Bill now before Parliament. "Read."

June, 1904. From Belfast Chamber of Commerce—enclosing copy of a report on the canal system in Ireland, prepared by a specially appointed Committee. "Read."

7th June, 1904. From Clonmel Urban Council—relative to the provisions of the Bill introduced by the Chief Secretary in connection with the Judicative and Development Grant. Approved and adopted.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 8TH AUGUST, 1904.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 8th August, 1904, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors R. R. Drought, R. Norman Thompson, Wm. Burke, Peter Brennan, E. J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, Wm. Byrne, William Costello, E. C. Walsh, D. J. Cogan, M.P.

A telegram was received from Councillor Captain Alfred Zeller, J.P., stating that owing to an accident he was unable to catch his train.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider report from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 3—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
- 5—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 6—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To sign certificates for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals' Acts.
- 9—To sign return for Bounty in Lieu of Rates.
- 10—To consider the following Notice of Motion:—By Councillor E. P. O'Kelly—"I will, at our next Meeting, move that the dates of the Quarterly Meetings be changed to the Fourth Mondays in August and February, instead of the Third Mondays in these months, and that the former resolutions on the subject be rescinded or altered in accordance."
- 11—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 12—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 13—To consider official correspondence.
- 14—To consider general ditto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 8th August, 1904, when the following members attended:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, in the chair; Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, R. R. Drought, E. J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, William Burke, and William Byrne. The Committee, having gone into the proposals for payment from the

Proposals Committee and from the Rural District Councils, recommended them for payment as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at Large—				1,868	9	7
Baltinglass No. 1—						
Proposals Committees proposals	34	17	9			
District proposals	1,003	6	2	1,038	3	11
Naas No. 2—						
Proposals Committees proposals	500	3	0			
District proposals	355	2	0	855	5	0
Rathdown No. 2—						
Proposals Committees proposals	34	6	9			
District proposals	420	6	9	454	13	6
Rathdrum—						
Proposals Committees proposals	299	14	0			
District proposals	1,484	8	1	1,784	2	1
Shillelagh—						
Proposals Committees proposals	57	9	9			
District proposals	474	11	2	532	0	11
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committees proposals				16	0	3

As directed, we have heard the County Surveyor on the point, and have fixed the salaries for the three Assistant Surveyors, who now replace the four formerly employed, at £156 per annum. Having read the report of the Richmond Asylum Finance Committee, we recommend that the Council in future decline to pay the instalments on the Asylum's demand until the Government Capitation Grant for the period in question has been received.—R. NORMAN THOMPSON.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee be hereby adopted. Adopted.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS:

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on County at Large, amounting to £1,868 9s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor William Burke. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £1,038 3s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Naas No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £855 5s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdown No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor William Burke. Resolved—That we

approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £454 13s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,784 2s. 1d. (any modification made herein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Peter Brennan. Resolved—That we approved of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £532 0s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Wicklow Urban:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor William Burke. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 0s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authorities for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS:

Baltinglass No. 1:—Contract No. 10 in the District Register, 1047 perches of road, given in charge to the County Surveyor to next meeting, at 6d. per perch. The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2:—Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed. The Secretary was directed to draw the attention of the Clerk of this District Council to the incompleteness and absence of the required particulars on his Form 11.

Rathdown No. 2:—Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Rathdrum:—The tender of Denis Kavanagh, 8 Marlboro' terrace, Arklow, for contract No. 388 in the District Register, 652 perches, between the three roads at Sallymount and Kennedy's Bridge at Johnstown, was accepted at 2s. 3d. p.p. for one year from 1st October 1904 to 30th September, 1905. Guarantors:—William Hender, Ballinahinch, Ashford; and Patrick Kavanagh, Johnstown, Arklow. Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Shillelagh:—No contracts to be submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Peter Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the contracts accepted by this Council be now sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor William Burke. Resolved—That the certificates for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals' Acts be now signed for the June and December Quarters of 1903. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the certificate for Bounty in Lieu of Rates be now signed. Passed.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the dates of the Quarterly Meetings be changed to the fourth Mondays in August and February, instead of the third Mondays in these months, and that the former resolutions on the subject be rescinded or altered in accordance. Adopted and passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

August Quarterly Meeting, 1904.

Gentlemen,—Most of the matters that will come before you on this occasion can be dealt with, as they came forward in the correspondence, and require no special report from me. The Joint Committee of Management of Richmond Asylum have now sent a copy of their Finance Committee's Report on the County Council's complaint that the Dublin Corporation were credited with part of the interest received from this county's contribution, although the Corporation were in arrear with their own contribution to the asylum nearly £10,000. The Corporation's reply, that they decline to pay their contribution till they receive the Capitation Grant from Government, being accepted as sufficient by the authorities, I would recommend this County Council to make their payments in future on the same principle, and not to forward any contribution to the Asylum Committee until the corresponding Capitation Grant has been received from Government, and thereby secure to the ratepayers a large amount of interest, some £50 per annum, which is at present gratuitously put into the pockets of the Dublin ratepayers. The claim for the extra police charge has come back with an explanation; I recommend the Council to pay it now, as it is an imperative charge, which will be levied if not paid. I have taken the liberty, gentlemen, of exhibiting on the Council table the cup I won, from all comers, at the World's Rifle Meeting last month during the holiday you kindly granted me.—Yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE.

Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor William Burke, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That this Council congratulates its Secretary, Mr. E. N. Wynne, on his victories in the Rifle Competitions at Bisley, July 11th, 12th, etc., where he won the Halford Memorial Challenge Cup. Having taken part in 28 competitions this year, he was 25 times in the prize list, and 19 times in the first three, taking 9 first prizes, and 5 times taking 2nd; and that our best thanks be accorded to him for allowing the cup to be exhibited in the County Council Chamber. Carried unanimously.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County of Wicklow. County Surveyor's report to the County Council at their quarterly meeting, August 8th, 1904. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—The roads and works in your county are, with few exceptions, in comparatively fair order. Proceedings were taken at Arklow Petty Sessions to compel the contractor for the Ferrybank footpath to proceed with the work. The magistrates made an order that the work was to be done within a calendar month from July 7th, but so far the contractor has failed to comply with the order.

Owing to the extraordinary traffic caused by the War Department, no contractor was willing to undertake the contract for road 1.047 perches, leading from near Donard to the Imaal Artillery Camp. This road is now out of contract. None of the contracts coming before you today for approval are unusual in character.—I remain, your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

Adopted.

COUNTY OF WICKLOW.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON THE DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY. AUGUST 1904.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—In accordance with your instructions I made, on 26th and 30th ult., and on 2nd inst., the annual inspection required by Clause 35 of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Order. The permanent way is much over-grown with grass and weeds, which interfere with the drainage, and also render the line untidy looking. The drainage appears defective, and in many places, especially near Blessington, there are indications that water lodges under the sleepers and squirts when a tram passes, with the result that the ballast packing is loosened, and the sleepers deprived of proper support. The majority of the sleepers are old, worn, and in many places quite decayed. At present men are at work re-laying sleepers, but the new sleepers are of fresh timber (some bark yet adhering to most of them) not in any way treated with preservatives. This, I regard as a serious matter, since for a small extra cost (about 8d. or 10d. per sleeper) the wood could be creosoted, and the life of the sleeper trebled, or at least doubled; and however cheap these untreated sleepers are now, in a comparatively short time they will require renewal, thus the cost of maintenance of way will be greatly increased, not only by the cost of the sleeper itself, but by the cost of the labour required to do the work. The fastenings are very defective, a very great number of fish bolts are loose, and the result of this is that the fish plates are also loose and unable to do their work. The dog and fang bolts in many cases have no grip on the rails, and do no work. These defects not only cause undue wear and tear on way and rolling stock, but must account for the derailments of trams, which have from time to time occurred. The points to the siding at the ballast pit near Blessington are not efficiently locked, and most of the timber platforms over points rods, are loose, and in some instances decayed and broken. The rails at the entries to the sidings at Blessington depot and at The Lamb, and the wall at the rear of the Brittas goods store are too close to standing works, and as these defects are a source of great danger to the men employed in shunting, etc., at these places arrangements should be made to promptly remedy them. The rails should not be placed nearer to any wall, etc., than 5 feet 2 inches. The points levers at the platform at the south entry to Blessington siding, and at the west of the platform at Brittas are so placed that they cannot be safely worked; these should be also at once made safe. The boundary wall between the Blessington depot and the road is broken, and requires repairs, and the cattle bank is very neglected, the posts to the guide rails and fences are decayed and broken. Some slight repairs are needed to the engine shed at Blessington, and the roof of the engine

sheds at Templeogue requires overhauling. The rolling stock appears to be in fair working order. On the date of my visit to the Templeogue Depot, engine No. 6 was in the workshop having a new fire box and boiler fixed, and the cabin of engine No. 1 was being painted, after being sheeted with steel. Engine No. 5 has some slight leaks in the boiler, and the roof of the cabin requires repairs. The following are particulars of the running, etc., for the year 1903-1904, with the increases or decreases over or under those of the year 1902-1903:—The train mileage is 74,986 miles, being 605 miles of a decrease, with an increase in running (locomotive) expenses of £36 18s. 9d., an increase in locomotive repairs of £105 6s., and a decrease in traffic receipts of £66 16s. The general expenditure was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Running expenses	2,025	11	9	an increase of	36	18	9
Locomotive repairs	952	13	6	" " "	105	6	8
Repairs to way and works	1,161	8	7	" " "	298	15	7
General charges	459	4	10	" " "	29	15	0
Compensation	38	11	6	" " "	32	2	5
Law costs	11	14	2	" " "	6	5	7
				Total increase	£509	4	0
Rent and taxes	208	16	3	a decrease of	23	10	2
Repairs to wagons	231	4	8	" " "	68	14	10
Hire of rolling stock	114	10	0	" " "	228	14	8
Auditor's fees, etc.	48	6	0	" " "	4	4	0
Traffic expenses	711	0	1	" " "	7	9	0
Directors' and engineer's fees	240	0	0	" " "	—	—	—
Total expenditure	6,185	1	4	Total decrease	332	12	8
				Net increase	£176	11	4

The total receipts amounted to £6,719 1 2

The contribution required from Naas No. 2, and Balinglass No. 1 amounts to ... £732 0 1

The cost per train mile works out as follows:—Running expenses (Loco.), 6.483 pence per train mile; repairs to locomotives, 3.049 do.; traffic expenses, 2.275 do.; general charges, 1.405 do.; repairs to way and works, 3.717 do.; repairs rolling stock and hire of do., 1.106 do.; sundries, 1.751 do.; total, 19.786 do.; the receipts per train mile, 21.305 do.; profit per train mile, 1.719 do.; which leaves the districts contributing under the guarantee to pay 4.684 pence per train mile. The total expenditure on a similar line near Dublin (but electrically worked) comes to 7.41 pence per train mile.—I remain, S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor. To Wicklow County Council.

Adopted.

County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow; 8th August, 1904. To the Wicklow County Council. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I beg to apply for one month's leave of absence. I will make arrangements to carry on the work of the county during that time.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER. Order—Granted.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 4th August, 1904. Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during

the quarter ended 30th June, 1904. 102 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—Butter, number—54; milk, 27; whiskey, 13; cheese, 2; margarine, 1; cream of tartar, 1; buttermilk, 1; sulphur, 1; vinegar, 1; tea, 1; total, 102. Of the specimens of butter two were adulterated with excess of water, of which they contained at least 18 and 18.6 per cent. respectively. One of the milks was adulterated with at least 18 per cent. of added water. The remaining articles were of good quality. For the Guardians of Balinglass Union 21 drugs and a specimen of milk were analysed. The following drugs were defective—Soap liniment, low in camphor; liquid extract of cascara sagrada, high in gravity and solids; tincture of jaborandi, low in solids; and ammonium carbonate, was slightly decomposed. The milk was slightly under the average quality of pure milk. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union, 22 drugs and three specimens of butter were analysed. The following drugs were defective—Two specimens of solution of ferric chloride contained an excess of iron; tincture of senega, tincture of hyoscyamus and compound tincture of gentian, were low in solids; and compound tincture of cinchona was low in solids and alkaloids. The specimens of butter were pure. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union six drugs were analysed; they were correct. Two specimens of water analysed for Wicklow Urban District Council had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	53.900	44.800
Including—		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.014	0.013
Saline Ammonia	0.007	0.010
Nitric Acid	1.560	2.870
Chlorine	9.940	4.671
Sulphuric Acid	17.2944	14.412
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	24.000	20.000

They were rather inferior waters.

There were four specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County of Wicklow. One was adulterated with excess of water, of which it contained at least 17.3 per cent. A most careful analysis failed to trace poison in the viscera of a dog, the property of Mr. P. Fogarty, Rathdrum. For R. H. Bookey, Esq., Arvon, Bray, two specimens of milk were analysed; one was deprived of at least 56.7 per cent. of its fats. A specimen of wheat was analysed for Francis Kennedy, Esq., Wicklow. Two specimens of water analysed for Major Casement, Ashford, had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	28.000	14.700
Including—		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.021	0.008
Saline Ammonia	0.017	0.005
Nitric Acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	2.982	1.391
Sulphuric Acid	7.206	1.4412
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	10.000	2.0000

No. 1 was slightly polluted; No. 2 was a tolerably good water.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, fifteen drugs, one specimen of whiskey, and one of water were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, belladonna plaster, was not correct. The specimen of water had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 30·800; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0·015; saline ammonia, 0·004; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0·894; sulphuric acid, 2·8824; equal to calcium sulphate, 4·0000. A rather inferior water. Total analyses, 184. Adulterated and defective articles, 15.—C. A. CAMERON.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 11th July, 1904.

Dear Sir,—In my last report I mentioned that a milk supplied to Baltinglass Union was deprived of 20 per cent. of its fats. In referring to a second sample supplied by another contractor, I mentioned that it was deprived of 20 per cent. of its fats. This was not the case, as the milk, though below the average quality of milk, did not fall below the legal standard. The latter refers to the poorest milk that can be pure. That was in this case a clerical error by repeating the statement that there was 20 p.c. of fats deficient. The milk supplied by Mr. Kearney was that which in error was described as deficient in fats. It was deficient in fats as regards average quality, but not legal standard milk. The other milk was deficient in fats 20 per cent. below the legal standard.—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully, CHARLES A. CAMERON. The Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That more suitable accommodation be erected for the Press in County Council-Chamber, and that County Surveyor report on the matter. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Wm. Burke. Resolved—That the County Surveyor be instructed to examine the Petty Sessions Court, Arklow, and report to this Council as to necessity for providing reasonable accommodation for the members of the Press. Carried.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 34134/1904; Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th June, 1904. Copy of General Order re Compulsory Acquisition of Land by a County Council for the purpose of widening an old road or making a new one.

No. 30354/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th June, 1904. Remitting by Sealed Order the Surcharge of £13 17s. 11d. made at the Audit of the Council's Accounts for the half-year ended 31st March, 1903.

No. 38213/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th July, 1904. Enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Council's Accounts for the half-year ended 30th September, 1903, as follows:—

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

No. 38,213/1904; Wicklow County. Blackrock, 27th June, 1904. Gentlemen,—I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Council of the County of Wicklow, for the half-year ended the 30th of September, 1903, and I enclose two copies of

the Abstract duly certified. When going into the contracts for public works, I observed that in a number of cases alterations had been made in the tenders. These alterations were made apparently in the District Council Offices to rectify mistakes in amounts consequent upon the quotation in the form of tender of a price per perch as well as a price per annum. A slight alteration in the form of tender would prevent the recurrence of such mistakes; with that object in other counties, the dual quotation has been dropped in favour of a quarterly amount only. While, however, the present form is in use, if any accepted tenders are found to quote a total amount which would not work out the rate per perch, the correct total should be noted in the margin, and no alteration should be made in any material part of the tender. In Baltinglass Rural District a sum of £1 10s., "deferred," was dealt with as if "struck off." Having regard to the provisions of Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, it is now too late to rectify this in the ordinary course; but it is open to the Council to submit the circumstances to the Local Government Board with an application for extension of time. The road expenditure included a small overpayment, but the amount thereof was lodged by the officer responsible before the close of the audit. In connection with two cases of injury to roads by traction engines, I drew attention to the desirability of recovering the cost of repairs from the persons liable, and inquiries are being made as to the possibility of doing so.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, J. L. KING, Auditor. The Local Government Board, Dublin.

No. 39168/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th July, 1904. Stating that the Board consider the only course remaining open to the Council, in view of the decree obtained, is to pay Contractor John Harte the amount remaining due under his contract.

No. 126M/1904; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 26th July, 1904. Notifying that an Examination for Candidates for the positions of Assistant Surveyors will be held under the usual conditions on 31st August, and 1st September, 1904.

No. 113M/1904; Office. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd August, 1904. Stating that the Audit of the Council's Accounts for the half-year ended 31st March, 1904, will be held by Major Eccles, Local Government Auditor.

No. 3226/1904; Veterinary Branch. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 14th July, 1904. Asking what action had been taken by the Council in reference to the Department's circular-letter of the 16th April, 1904. No. 1583/1904; Veterinary Branch—re Swine Fever. Order—The attention of the Veterinary Inspectors to be drawn to the matter.

Report of proceedings under the Diseases of Animals' Acts for the year 1903.

Chief Crown Solicitor's Department, Dublin Castle, 5th July, 1904. Stating that the Military Authorities cannot accept the additional demands now made by the Council as embodied in their resolution re Ballyfolan—Shankhill road.

Chief Crown Solicitor's Department, Dublin Castle, 7th July, 1904. Calling the attention of the Council to the dangerous condition of certain portions of the public road between Ballyfolan and Kilbride

Camp, consequent on the fact that the eastern side of the road has fallen away.

Proposed by Councillor William Burke, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Secretary be authorised to interview Mr. Towers, in the Chief Crown Solicitor's Office, on the subject of the Ballyfolan road, and explain the position of the County Council. Should the result of the interview not be satisfactory, the Secretary to report to the Chairman of the Council, who has authority to obtain counsel's opinion on the matter, should he think it requisite. Carried.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 7th July, 1904. Circular-letter giving the completed School Attendance Committee for Dunlavin Electoral Division for the period of three years from 1st May, 1904.

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 18th June, 1904. Acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter relative to the apportionment of the credit interest allowed by the Treasurer on the Asylum Account between the contributing Counties.

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 22nd July, 1904. Enclosing, by direction of the Joint Committee of Management, a copy of a report submitted by the Finance Committee—re same.

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 15th July, 1904. Enclosing a Return of Patients admitted from the County Wicklow to the Asylum from the 1st January to 30th June, 1904. Order—Communicate to Clerks of Unions.

5th July, 1904. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution passed by that body relative to "statements" said to have been made by the Secretary and County Surveyor at the Annual Meeting of the County Council. Order—Reply that no reflections on Naas No. 2 were contained in the reports of the Secretary or County Surveyor.

No. 2674/1904. Dublin County Council Offices, 11 Rutland Square, Dublin, 21st July, 1904. Enclosing copy of Messrs Kevans and Sons report on their Audit of the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway for the half-year ended 30th June, 1904.

No. 2771/1904. Dublin County Council Offices, 11 Rutland Square, Dublin, 3rd August, 1904. Asking the Council to appoint a Committee, similar to one appointed by the Dublin County Council, with a view to both Committees investigating and enquiring into the management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Captain Alfred Zeller, J.P.; William Osborne, Esq.; and the Secretary of the County Council be appointed a Committee to act with the Committee of the Dublin County Council to investigate and enquire into the working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, with plenary powers to take such steps as they find necessary to put the working of this tramway on a more satisfactory footing. Passed.

16th June, 1904. From Secretary, Cyclists' Touring Club, 47 Victoria-street, Westminster, London, S.W.—enclosing a list of danger and caution boards erected by their Club in the County, and placing same formally under the control of the Council.

20th June, 1904. From Clerk, Bray Urban Council—suggesting the desirability of adopting By-laws making it compulsory to carry lights upon vehicles using the public roads of the County after sunset.

27th July, 1904. From Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction—forwarding letter from C. MacSweeney, resigning membership of that Committee, and also letter from Rathdrum District Council asking that Rev. Laurence O'Byrne, P.P., Ovoca, be elected to fill the vacancy.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby elect Rev. L. O'Byrne, P.P., Ovoca, as a member of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in room of Cornelius MacSweeney, Aughrim, resigned. Passed.

27th July, 1904. From same—enclosing, by direction of his Committee, circular-letter, dated 22nd July, 1904, referring to the subjects of instruction in schools and classes aided by the Technical Instruction Committee under terms of Department's approved Schemes, and asking for the signature of the Chairman and Secretary to the "Minute" attached. Order—Signatures attached.

18th July, 1904. From S. J. Gorman, Secretary Dunlavin School Attendance Committee—relative to the construction of his Committee. Order—To be informed that the Committee as constituted stands, but if they send a name instead of Mr. Cunningham, deceased, it will be forwarded to the Board of Irish National Education.

22nd July, 1904. From T. H. R. Craig, Solicitor, 30 South Frederick-street, Dublin—complaining of the condition of the Solicitors' Table in the Record Court. Order—County Surveyor to have this work done.

26th July, 1904. From Richard Wake, Principal for Technical Instruction under the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction—stating that the approval and seal of the Council would be required for a Lease of a Site obtained at The Mall, in Wicklow, for the proposed School for Technical Instruction.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.:—I beg to give notice of motion that I will move— "That this Council hereby approves of the action of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in obtaining site for the erection of Technical School in Wicklow, and approves of the terms of the Lease agreed upon between the County Committee and the Urban District Council of Wicklow, and empower their Secretary to affix the seal of the Council to the said Lease in the presence of Councillor McCarroll, when finally approved of by the Department."

18th July, 1904. From F. W. Crossley, Irish Tourist Development, 118 Grafton-street, Dublin—suggesting the bringing before Parliament a Clause in a Bill empowering County Councils, or District Urban Councils, to expend money for the purpose of developing suitable Tourist Resorts in this country, in the manner so successfully applied at certain well-known resorts in England.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

16th June, 1904. From Clare County Council—resolution relative to the production and sale of pure Irish Pot Still Whiskey.

17th June, 1904. From Wexford County Council—asking for a conference of representatives from the County Councils of Dublin, Wicklow, Waterford, and Wexford, with a view to urging upon the Government the necessity for passing a Marine Works Act for the South-East Coast of Ireland.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That this Council will cheerfully co-operate with the Wexford County Council in any steps taken to get a Marine Works Act passed applicable to Wicklow and Wexford, which seems the only remedy for the melancholy state of the Harbours on the South-East Coast, and especially in Arklow; and that the following Councillors be appointed to meet Committee of Counties Wexford, Dublin, and Waterford—D. J. Cogan, M.P.; D. Condren, E. C. Walsh, J. McCarroll, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary, the Secretary of the Wexford County Council, and Sir Thomas Esmonde. Passed.

Printed circular from National Telephone Co., Ltd., showing conditions and regulations relative to the placing of a Telephone Apparatus in the Council's Offices.

Printed circular from University of Caen, re Faculte des Lettres—showing courses for foreigners.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 25TH OCTOBER, 1904.

Special Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 25th October, 1904, at 10-45 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, and, later, Councillor Michael Byrne, in the chair; Councillors R. R. Drought, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; E. C. Walsh, William Costello, A. Zeller, Simon T. Doyle, Michael Fleming, Joseph McCarroll, and E. J. Byrne.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To receive the Finance Committee's report.
- 2—To sign quarterly transfers at foot of demands.
- 3—To sign certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 4—To sign and seal supplemental deeds re Portrane water supply.
- 5—To consider the following notice of motion by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.:—"I beg to give notice of motion as follows—That this Council hereby approves of the action of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in obtaining site for the erection of Technical Schools in Wicklow, and approves of the terms of the lease agreed upon between the County Committee and the Urban District Council of Wicklow, and empower their Secretary to affix the seal of the Council to the said lease in the presence of Councillor McCarroll, when finally approved of by the Department."
- 6—To receive and consider reports from committees.
- 7—To receive and consider reports from county officers.
- 8—To receive and consider official correspondence.
- 9—To receive and consider general correspondence.

Councillor Michael Fleming, who was present, signed the usual Declaration accepting Office.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 10th October, 1904, when the following members attended:—

Councillor R. R. Drought—Chairman. Councillors William Byrne and Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District demands submitted to them, and recommend the Quarterly Transfers to be made, as follows:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

Baltinglass	...	...	£987	5	0
Naas	..	...	258	0	0
Rathdown	...	...	880	15	0
Rathdrum	...	...	2,509	7	6
Shillelagh	...	..	836	5	0
Total			£5,471	12	6

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	General.	Separate.
Baltinglass No. 1	£155 0 0	£45 0 0
Naas No. 2	77 10 0	4 0 0
Rathdown No. 2	28 5 0	85 0 0
Rathdrum	580 18 3	16 1 3
Shillelagh	148 10 0	26 0 0
Transfer to the Committee of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum	...	£1,949 19 3

This payment not to issue until the corresponding Capitation Grant has been received by the Council.

The Committee recommend that the serious attention of the Rathdrum Board of Guardians and District Council be drawn to the grave irregularities disclosed in the Auditor's Reports.

The correspondence with the Richmond Asylum Committee *re* interest on the instalments of the Demands of that Committee, having been submitted to us, we have recommended the reply to be sent to that body by your Secretary.

R. R. DROUGHT.
Chairman.

10th October, 1904.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming. Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authorities for the transfers on foot of demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils, and Lunatic Asylum, be now signed. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That we now sign the certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Alfred Zeller. Resolved—That we hereby approve, and now sign and seal the supplemental deeds *re* Portrane water supply. Passed. The six supplemental deeds were then signed and sealed.

ARKLOW COURT-HOUSE.

To Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen,—As directed, I inquired into the matter of seating accommodation for the Press representatives in Arklow Court-house. At present, the Press representatives use the seats set apart for the use of the Officers of the Court, which, I understand, causes on occasions much inconvenience to these officers. For the sum of about £2 the two front side benches could be made available for the Press.—I remain, your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor. 8th October, 1904. Order—Refer to Proposals Committee.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the lease for the Technical School premises be now signed and sealed. Passed. The lease was then signed and sealed in duplicate.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That this Council requires that the indentation marks on the motor cars or cycles, registered with it, shall be

rigidly fixed, and, in the case of motor cycles, that they shall be placed elsewhere than on the tool-bag or saddle. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Alfred Zeller, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the appointment of a Returning Officer for the Local Government Act Elections, 1905, be placed on the Agenda Paper for the next Quarterly Meeting. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming. Resolved—That Mr. McCarroll be required in furnishing his bill of costs, to segregate the several items incurred for each Rural District or Urban Council, so that the costs incurred by each Rural District or Urban District shall be charged to the same. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That this County Council for the County of Wicklow views with alarm the condition of the fishing industry on the south-eastern coast, which is gradually disappearing owing to the inadequacy of the harbour accommodation along that coast, and the complete lack of interest taken in this most important question by successive Governments. And, with a view to preventing the ruin of this industry, and the further emigration of our fishing population, now reduced by thousands within the past few years, we call on the Government to pass a Marine Works Act for the south-eastern coast; and to pass it with all possible expedition; as otherwise it will be too late. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and to the Prime Minister. Carried.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 47942/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd August, 1904. Approving of the Council's proposal to pay an annual salary of £156 to each of the three Assistant Surveyors, whose duties have been increased in consequence of the reduction of the staff from four to three.

No. 48739/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd August, 1904. Stating, in connection with the demand from the Inspector-General, R.I.C., for payment of expenses of extra police in Arklow, that the Board is advised that debts due to the Crown are not subject to the time limit imposed by Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as in the case of other debts.

No. 47779/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th August, 1904. Extending to the 30th September, 1904, the time within which the Council may pay the following accounts:—Browne and Nolan, £5 12s.; "Irish Times," Ltd., £1 13s.

No. 18643/1904; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th September, 1904. Stating that the Government have made arrangements whereby from the 1st proximo the expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary Inspectors, under the Food and Drugs Acts, will be advanced, in the first instance by the Constabulary Authorities, to be subsequently recouped by the Council, at a Quarterly Meeting on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

No. 54507/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th September, 1904. Enclosing copies of the Motor Car

Act, 1903; the Board's circular-letter of the 21st May, 1904, No. 47M/1904 (Miscellaneous), and of the "Motor Cars (Use and Construction) (Ireland) Order, 1904," dated 6th May, 1904; No. 47M/1904—and asking the Council to take into consideration the question of erecting at Marlton Hill, Wicklow, a sign post denoting it as a dangerous hill, and referring the Council to the recent fatal motor car accident which took place at this hill. Order—Noted.

No. 36058/1900; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th July, 1900. No. 57967/1904; Miscellaneous. 13th October, 1904. Printed circular-letters on the subject of stamp duties payable by County and District Councils, and Boards of Guardians, on bonds and other instruments executed by them in the discharge of the duties devolving on them under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th October, 1904. From Major G. M. Eccles, Auditor, stating that he will commence his audit of the County Council's accounts for the half-year ended 31st March, 1904, on Wednesday, the 26th October, 1904, at 12 noon.

No. 15772/. Dublin Castle, 16th August, 1904. Acknowledging copy of the Council's resolution on the subject of a proposed Marine Works Act applicable to the Counties of Wicklow and Wexford.

No. 20159/1904. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 8th August, 1904. Notifying that samples of butter had been taken up in the County under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure as follows:—Bray, five samples.

Chief Crown Solicitor's Office, Dublin Castle, 13th October, 1904. Enclosing for the approval of the County Council the draft agreement re Kilbride Camp roads, as amended.

Chief Crown Solicitor's Office, Dublin Castle, 24th October, 1904. Asking to have inserted in the draft agreement the 31st day of March next as the date for completion of the road works.

Proposed by Councillor Alfred Zeller, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That we approve of the draft agreement with the Secretary of State re Ballyfolan road, subject to the alterations shown on lines 4, 5 and 6 (on folio 2) of the draft, and on the last line of the same folio: The roads to be put in repair and metalled by the 1st of May, 1905. Passed.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 29th September, 1904. Notifying a loan of £1,560 to the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

Irish Land Commission, Solicitor's Department, 12 Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, 6th October, 1904. Enclosing, for the information of the County Council, a poster showing particulars of the sale of the holding of Anne Grant, lands of Kilboy, etc.

Correspondence submitted from the Clerks of:—Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, Naas No. 2 do., Rathdown No. 2 do., Shillelagh do., Bray Urban do., relative to patients from these districts in Richmond District Lunatic Asylum.

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 3rd, 12th, and 16th September, 1904. Relative to the apportionment of the credit interest allowed by the treasurer on the asylum account between the contributing bodies, and enclosing copy of letter from Dublin's City Treasurer re same. Order—See Finance Committee's report, as adopted.

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 6th October, 1904. Enclosing a return of the patients admitted from the County Wicklow to the asylum for the quarter ended 30th September, 1904.

22nd October, 1904. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, Church-street, Wicklow—re County Council v. O'Brien, and others; also stating that the applications of James Doyle, William O'Neill, and Patrick Cullen for compensation for criminal injury, were dismissed with costs.

8th, 9th, and 11th September, 1904. From County Inspector, R.I.C.—relative to existing Food and Drug Inspectors in the County, and giving a list of sergeants for fresh appointments as inspectors to fill vacancies.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That the following Sergeants of the Royal Irish Constabulary be appointed Food and Drugs Inspectors to fill the reported vacancies:—Sergeant William Wills, Kilcoole; Sergeant James Dowling, Roundwood; Acting Sergeant Anthony McLean, Aughrim; Sergeant Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Hollywood. Adopted.

1st September, 1904. Certificate showing appointment of Andrew J. Gorman as School Attendance Officer to Dunlavin School Attendance Committee. Order—Appointment confirmed.

7th September, 1904. From A. J. Gorman, Secretary Dunlavin School Attendance Committee, giving the name of John Ellis, J.P., Donard, as the most suitable person to be co-opted a member of the Dunlavin School Attendance Committee in room of James Cunningham, deceased. Order—Approved; name to be sent forward to Board of National Education.

7th October, 1904. From T. Edw. Kelsall, 2 Weston terrace, North Circular-road, Dublin—a second letter regarding the dangerous state of portion of the Rathfarnham—Glencree-road.

24th August, 1904. Application from Lord Fitzwilliam, Coollatin Estate Office, Shillelagh—for a license to store gunpowder, or mixed explosives, at Kilcavan, near Carnew.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the license for a store for explosives at Kilcavan be granted to Earl Fitzwilliam, and that same be now sealed. Passed.

9th September, 1904. Application from Edwin Doyle, Greystones—for a license to store and sell motor spirit. Granted.

Notices of application for compensation for criminal injury to property, received as follows, together with police reports on same, were submitted:—Rural district—Baltinglass No. 1; applicant—Martin Gleeson; amount claimed—£15; Baltinglass No. 1, John Walsh, £75; Rathdrum, James Doyle, £20; do., Patrick Cullen, £20; do., William O'Neill, £75.

20th August, 1904. From Sir Thomas Esmonde, Bart., Royal Mail Steamer "Leinster,"—acknowledging copy of the Council's resolution re proposed Marine Works Act, applicable to the Counties of Wicklow and Wexford.

15th October, 1904. From F. W. Crossley—re Irish tourist development.

No. 3089/1904. Dublin County Council, 11 Rutland-square, Dublin, 6th September, 1904. Giving the names and addresses of the

persons appointed to act on the Joint Committee to investigate into the working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company.

15th September, 1904. Resolution passed at a Joint Committee Meeting of Delegates from the County Councils of Dublin, Wicklow, Wexford, and Waterford—proposing a Marine Works Bill for the south-eastern coast.

1st September, 1904. From Denis Kilbride, M.P., House of Commons—calling the attention of the Council to a proposed Bill to protect the public and pot still whiskey industry in both Ireland and Scotland from the fraudulent practices which obtain in the blending trade. Approved.

27th September, 1904. Resolution from public meeting at Letterkenny—re rents drawn by Trinity College from Donegal lands.

22nd August, 1904. From Monaghan County Council—resolution relative to the action of His Majesty's Government in dealing with Irish educational matters. Passed.

10th October, 1904. From Secretary, Newcastle-on-Tyne Farmers' Club—enclosing copies of resolutions passed in consequence of the report of the Department's Committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, to enquire into the dipping and treatment of sheep.

22nd October, 1904. From Town Clerk, Glasgow—resolution passed by a Conference of Rating Authorities, held in London—re Taxation of Land Values.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 21st NOVEMBER, 1904.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 21st November, 1904, at 11-30 a.m.

The following Councillors attended:—Councillor Edward T. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors R. R. Drought, E. J. Byrne, Daniel Condren, Joseph McCarroll, Michael Kelly, Simon T. Doyle, Michael Tallon, William Byrne, William Costello, Michael Fleming, R. Norman Thompson, and D. J. Cogan, M.P.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider report from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 3—To consider the proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
- 5—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 6—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To appoint a Returning Officer for the Local Government Act Elections in 1905.
- 9—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 10—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 11—To consider official correspondence.
- 12—To consider general ditto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 21st November, 1904, when the following members attended:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, Chairman; Councillors R. R. Drought, Edward P. O'Kelly, E. J. Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll. The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at large:—				2,151	13	1
Baltinglass No. 1:—						
District proposals	707	1	3			
Proposals Committee's proposals	117	15	7—	824	16	10
Naas No. 2:—						
District proposals	305	9	10			
Proposals Committee's proposals	38	2	0—	343	11	10
Rathdown No. 2:—						
District proposals	361	0	3			
Proposals Committee's proposals	104	4	3—	465	4	6

Rathdrum:—

District proposals	1,531	7	7		
Proposals Committee's proposals	1,274	0	5—	2,805	8 0

Shillelagh:—

District proposals	451	6	9		
Proposals Committee's proposals	388	3	2—	839	9 11

Wicklow Urban:—

Proposals Committee's proposals				54	4 5
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Rate Collectors' Lists of Irrecoverable Rates were examined, and the following amounts are recommended to be refunded the Collectors as irrecoverable, the corresponding poundage to be deducted from their payments:—

Collecting District No.	Collector.	Amount of Refund.			Poundage to be Deducted.			To be carried forward for Collection.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1.	Joseph Doyle	8	9	4	0	4	3	
2.	Richard Geoghegan	4	18	10	0	2	5	
3.	Thomas Tutty	2	2	1	0	1	1	
4.	Nicholas Byrne	6	1	1	0	2	6	
5.	Michael Kelly	1	17	4	0	0	10	
6.	Michael McGrath	2	0	7	0	1	0	1 18 11
7.	Charles S. Sutton	50	4	5	1	5	1	
8.	John Tallon	1	7	8	0	0	8	
9.	Joseph Keane	1	8	3	0	0	8	
10.	John Murphy	4	5	5	0	2	1	
11.	Patrick Behan	5	3	2	0	2	7	0 9 4
12.	John F. Evans	4	4	6	0	2	1	
13.	George Evans	16	9	10	0	8	3	14 8 3
14.	James Byrne	13	15	11	0	6	10	
15.	John Brennan	8	8	2	0	4	2	
16.	William Smith	2	8	4	0	1	2	
17.	Philip Doyle	1	14	0	0	0	9	
18.	Thomas Ebbs	—	—	—	—	—	—	
19.	Terence Byrne	3	16	7	0	1	10	

We recommend the application for thirty dozen screw-capped bottles for the Food and Drug Inspectors be refused. Also an application from the Town Clerk, Bray, for the refund of £15 1s. 4d. for surcharge postage on requisitions. We hereby recommend that the County Surveyor be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £100 on minor repairs which may be necessary in the various County Court-houses between Quarterly Meetings. The accounts for these works to be laid before the Finance Committee at the meeting following such expenditure.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Michael Tallon. Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £100 on minor repairs which may be necessary in the various County Court-houses between Quarterly Meetings. The accounts for these works to be laid before the Finance Committee at the meeting following such expenditure. Passed.

Proposals for payment from the Proposal's Committee, and from the five Rural Districts:—

Certificate under the County (Poor Rate Collectors') No. 2 Order.

I, Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby certify in accordance with Article 1 of the above named Order in Council, that the following Collectors of Poor Rate in this County have duly and properly lodged with your Treasurer—The National Bank, Wicklow—the entire amount named in their respective warrants within the time prescribed by the above named Order, and by a Sealed Order of the Local Government Board, dated the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and three, and are, therefore, entitled to payment of their poundage fees upon their collections:—1, Joseph Doyle; 2, Richard Geoghegan; 3, Thomas Tutty; 4, Nicholas Byrne; 5, Michael Kelly; 6, Michael McGrath; 7, Charles S. Sutton; 8, John Tallon; 9, Joseph Keane; 10, John Murphy; 11, Patrick Behan; 12, John F. Evans; 13, George Evans; 14, James Byrne; 15, John Brennan; 16, William Smith; 17, Philip Doyle; 18, Thomas Ebbs; 19, Terence Byrne.—E. N. WYNNE, Secretary. 29th October, 1904.

County at large:—Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County at large, amounting to £2,151 13s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Michael Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £824 16s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Naas No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor Michael Kelly, seconded by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £343 11s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdown No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor Michael Tallon, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £465 4s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £834 9s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £2,805 8s. (any modification made therein having been

been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Wicklow Urban:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £54 4s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authorities for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council be now signed. Adopted.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS:

Baltinglass No. 1:—Contracts as submitted were approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2:—No contracts submitted.

Rathdown No. 2:—Contracts as submitted were approved and confirmed.

Rathdrum:—The Council accepted the tender of Denis Kavanagh, 8 Marlboro' terrace, Arklow, for work No. 423 in the District Register—to re-build in part, and repair in part Rathdrum Bridge—£100. Guarantors:—William Hender, Ballinahinch, Ashford; and John Harte, Monaglough, Woodenbridge. The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That the proposed footpath in the Ferrybank district, the contract for which was cancelled at last Quarter Sessions, be given in charge to the County Surveyor to expend the amount passed by the Rural District, and remaining unexpended. Passed.

Shillelagh:—Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming, seconded by Councillor Michael Kelly. Resolved—That the contracts accepted by this Council be now signed and sealed. Passed.

The contracts were then sealed in presence of Councillor McCarroll.

The Secretary read the following advertisement for a Returning Officer for the Local Government Act Elections in 1905, which was published in the "Wicklow News-Letter," and "Wicklow People":—"Notice. Wicklow County Council. The County Council will, at its Quarterly meeting, to be held in the Court-house, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m., on the 21st November, 1904, proceed to appoint a Returning Officer for the Local Government Elections, to be held in 1905.—EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the County Council"; and also the applications received from T. B. Doyle, J.P., Main-street, Baltinglass; and Simon Doyle, Money, Tullow.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Kelly. Resolved—That Mr. Thomas B. Doyle, J.P., of Baltinglass, be appointed Returning Officer for the Local Government Act Elections for the year 1905. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

at the Autumn Quarterly Meeting, 21st day of November, 1904. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—The contracts coming before you for confirmation, 13 in number, comprise:—3 for road maintenance, 3 for bridge repairs, 4 for drains and gulleys, 1 for a new footpath, 1 for re-building retaining walls, and 1 permissive contract. None of these works are unusual in character. During the past quarter, taking the whole county, the roads have been fairly well maintained, but many of the contractors on the eastern side of the county have failed to give satisfaction, especially in the most important matter of the metal supply. The contractors for the following roads have almost altogether failed to supply sufficient metal:—

In Rathdown No. 2.

Roads—			
No. 31	426 perches	60	cubic yards out of 80 short
" 39	160 "	38	" " 70 "

In Rathdrum Rural District.

Roads—			
No. 43	468 perches	50	cubic yards out of 50 short
" 46	310 "	39	" " 70 "
" 48	556 "	50	" " 80 "
" 75	1452 "	100	" " 200 "
" 92	478 "	55	" " 70 "
" 96	830 "	68	" " 120 "
" 171	858 "	88	" " 180 "
" 278	1258 "	150	" " 150 "
" 347	703 "	25	" " 50 "
" 367	1152 "	68	" " 90 "
" 370	875 "	57	" " 100 "

At the next Quarterly Meeting a large number of road contracts must be renewed, and as some of the Rural District Councillors have expressed a wish to have contracts over 1,000 perches divided into shorter lengths, I think it would be advisable if you would make a ruling on the matter. I regret to report that the motor lorry running between Shillelagh and Newtownbary has seriously damaged certain roads in the Shillelagh Rural District. I forwarded my estimate for the necessary repairs, to the Engineer-in-Chief of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway, and on the 24th ult., accompanied by, and at the request of this gentleman, I made a personal inspection of the damaged roads, but up to the present I have not received any reply to my application. I beg to draw your attention to notices in the Press regarding a proposed Bill in Parliament (next Session) by which the D. W. and W. Railway seek certain powers in regard to the Shillelagh Extension Act.—I remain, S. G. GALLAGHER, Co. Surveyor.

Order—Contracts over 1,000 perches to stand. County Surveyor to report to next meeting of the Council regarding the subject of the last paragraph in his report.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to serve the necessary notices on defaulting contractors, and cause the necessary legal proceedings to be taken to enforce the fulfilment of the various contracts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Michael Kelly. Resolved—That the road from Shillelagh to Glen-

although having been cut up by the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Company's lorry, we direct the Secretary to write and request the Company will, without undue delay, have the damage caused repaired to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor. Carried.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 5th November, 1904. Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th September, 1904.

Fifty-six articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—milk, number—25; whiskey, 15; butter, 14; buttermilk, 1; cheese, 1; total, 56. Of the specimens of milk one was deprived of at least 40 per cent. of its fats, and was therefore a debased article. One of the specimens of whiskey was 32 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with at least 9.33 per cent. of water. The remaining articles were free from adulteration.

There were nine specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County of Wicklow. They were pure.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union six drugs were analysed. They were correct.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union twelve drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, solution of ferric chloride, was slightly low in iron. Another—namely, liniment of aconite, was high in camphor.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union seventeen drugs and three specimens of milk were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, concentrated solution of rhubarb, slightly low in solids. Another—namely, liquid extract of ergot, high in solids. The specimens of milk were rich quality.

Three specimens of water analysed for Rathdrum Rural District Council had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Total solid matters,	35.000	63.000	14.000
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0.004	0.005	0.012
Saline ammonia	0.0015	0.001	0.010
Nitric acid	4.220	12.800	Trace
Chlorine	2.286	13.419	1.093
Sulphuric acid	5.7648	8.6472	None
Equal to calcium sulphate	8.0000	12.0000	None

Nos. 1 and 2 were very pure waters. No. 3 was a very inferior one.

A specimen of water analysed for the Guardians of Loughlinstown Union had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 14.000; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.007; saline ammonia, 0.0015; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.192; sulphuric acid, 1.4412; equal to calcium sulphate, 2.0000. A good water.

For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, one fertilizer was analysed.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Mr. McGrath, Tinnakilly, Auhgrim.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, twenty-one drugs were analysed. They were correct.

The analyses of the waters referred to in the foregoing were reported at much greater length to the authorities who sent them, but the chief points are mentioned in this report.

Total analyses—130.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, wish to express our sincere sympathy and condolence with Councillor James Byrne, Tinnakilly, in his recent sad bereavement on the death of his mother; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Byrne. Carried nem con.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 27794/1904. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 31st County Council Minutes—THREE.

October, 1904. Notifying that samples of butter had been taken up in the County under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure as follows:—Wicklow, four samples.

No. 6862/1904. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 8th November, 1904. Swine Fever (Movement from Ireland) Temporary Order of 1904. Noted.

Dublin Castle, 2nd November, 1904. Enclosing copy of the Winter Assize Order in Council. Noted.

No. 21141/. Dublin Castle, 2nd November, 1904. Acknowledging the Council's resolution re proposed Marine Works Act.

No. 21461/. Dublin Castle, 8th November, 1904. Acknowledging Secretary's letter enclosing Return of Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses, and stating that same would have attention.

Chief Crown Solicitor's Office, Dublin Castle, 8th November, 1904. Asking to have the date by which the repairs to the Ballyfolan—Kilbride-road are to be finished—altered from 1st May to 1st April, 1905. The Secretary read the reply he had written to Sir Patrick Cell, which was approved.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, London, S.W. Acknowledging copy of the Council's resolution sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer relative to the proposed Marine Works Act.

10 Downing-street, Whitehall, London, S.W./2nd November, 1904. Acknowledging copy of the Council's resolution sent to the Prime Minister, relative to the proposed Marine Works Act.

1st November, 1904. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—enclosing resolution asking the County Council to reconsider their resolution declaring that no Main Roads be maintained as such in this county. Read

4th November, 1904. From same—enclosing resolution electing Daniel Cendren, Lower Main-street, Arklow, as their Member to represent the Arklow Barony on the Arklow Harbour Board for the five years ending 31st March, 1909. Approved.

22nd October, 1904. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—urging upon the Council the necessity for insisting upon the contract for 80 perches of road (No. 51 in Statement) between three

roads at Carrigroe and Ballycumber National School, being carried out. Read.

4th November, 1904. From Clerk, Urban District Council, Wicklow—enclosing for the consideration of the County Council circular-letter from the Local Government Board on the subject of Tuberculosis.

19th November, 1904. From same—forwarding copies of resolutions adopted at a public meeting held under the auspices of the Wicklow Harbour Board, and Urban District Council, in Wicklow, on Monday, 7th inst., in support of a Marine Works Bill for South-East of Ireland, and asking the Council to pass similar resolutions and to forward same to Cabinet Ministers and County Members of Parliament.

19th November, 1904. From same—informing the Council that the following gentlemen had been appointed by Wicklow Urban Council to wait upon the County Council with regard to the threatened total destruction of the sea road leading to Killoughter in the Rural District:—Mr. Frank McPhail, Chairman of the Urban District Council; Mr Samuel E Pim, Chairman of Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, Messrs. Nicholas H. Haskins, Hugh R. McCarroll, and Francis Murphy. The deputation having been heard, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That the County Council, having heard the application of the deputation from the Wicklow Urban Council, desire to express their full sympathy with the object of the deputation, and promise to subscribe a reasonable amount, provided they can do so legally. Carried.

4th November, 1904. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—notifying that the Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th January, 1905, and asking for any suggestions that the Council may require considered at that meeting with regard to desirable amendments to the Local Government Acts, or on other matters tending to increased efficiency in the management of local affairs; these suggestions to be sent in on or before the 29th December next.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That this Council is of opinion that in the matter of higher education for the Catholic youth of this country they should be suitably equipped in, and have all the advantages of those of their Protestant fellow-countrymen, so as to enable them to take their proper place in the development of the industrial resources of Ireland. To be, and is hereby an instruction to the representatives of this Council on the Irish County Councils' General Council to submit this question for the consideration of that Council, and request them to press it upon the attention of the Government as a matter of the most vital and pressing public importance. This resolution to be forwarded to the Secretary of the General Council to have it placed upon the agenda for its next meeting. Passed.

14th November, 1904. From T. Edward Kelsall, 2 Weston terrace, North Circular-road, Dublin—acknowledging letter regarding the condition of the Rathfarnham—Glencree-road.

2nd November, 1904. From Secretary, Galway County Council—enclosing resolution relative to the proposed regulations of the Department of Agriculture, re Movements of Swine in Ireland.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 9TH JANUARY, 1905.

Special meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 9th January, 1905, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors R. R. Drought, Edmond C. Walsh, Michael Tallon, W. Byrne, E. J. Byrne, William Costello, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, Thomas Sheppard, and D. J. Cogan, M.P.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider Report from the Finance Committee.
- 2.—To pass quarterly transfers at foot of demands from the Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3.—To sign application for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 4.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 5.—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
- 6.—To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
- 7.—To receive and consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 9th January, 1905, when the following members attended:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, Chairman; Councillors W. Burke, R. R. Drought, and Michael Byrne. The Committee examined the Union and Rural District Demands submitted to them, and recommend the Quarterly Transfers to be made as follows:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	987	5	0
Naas	258	0	0
Rathdown	880	15	0
Rathdrum	2,509	7	6
Shillelagh	836	5	0
Total	£5,471	12	6

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	General.			Separate.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	155	0	0	45	0	0
Naas No. 2	77	10	0	4	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	23	5	0	85	0	0
Rathdrum	580	18	3	16	1	3
Shillelagh	148	10	0	26	0	0

The Secretary having reported that eight Rate Collectors had failed to make any lodgments, although other collectors had lodged upwards of £1,000, and that he had, in consequence, warned these collectors that he would bring the matter before the Council, and requested them to collect and lodge forthwith. The Committee recommend that the Secretary publish a letter in the County Press warning the Rate Collectors that they would lose part of their fees unless they commenced their collection and lodgments at the beginning of each half-year, at which time the half-year's rates became due.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authorities for the transfers on foot of demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor W. Costello. Resolved—That we now sign the certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Adopted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,—I have to report three vacancies on your Council through non-attendance:—Councillors Coleman, Carey, and McDermott. I regret to announce the death of Mr. McDermott, which occurred since we last met.—Yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE.

The following three notices declaring vacancies were then signed, and the Secretary instructed to make the filling of the vacancies an item on the agenda paper for next meeting of the Council:—

NOTICE OF A VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary to the County Council, Court-house, Wicklow. We, the members of the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor, held by J. H. Coleman, Esq., J.P., Griffinstown, Grange Con, Athy, to be vacant, in consequence of his failure to sign the declaration accepting office within the statutory period, 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 Court-house, Wicklow. 31st January, 1905. Signed: Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; R. R. Drought, Edmond C. Walsh—three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed:—E. N. Wynne, Secretary to said Council.

NOTICE OF A VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary to the County Council, Court-house, Wicklow. We, the members of the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor, held by P. J. Carey, Esq., J.P., Tom-anieran, Aughrim, to be vacant, in consequence of his failure to sign the declaration accepting office within the statutory period, and direct that the 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 Court-house, Wicklow. 31st January, 1905. Signed:—Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; R. R. Drought, Edmond C. Walsh—three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed:—E. N. Wynne, Secretary to said Council.

NOTICE OF A VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary to the County Council, Court-house, Wicklow. We, the members of the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor, held by the late John McDermott, Esq., Newtown Vevay, Bray, 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 Court-house, Wicklow. 31st January, 1905. Signed: Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; R. R. Drought, Edmond C. Walsh—three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed:—E. N. Wynne, Secretary to said Council.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Tallon, seconded by Councillor W. Byrne. Resolved—That we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, having heard with deep regret of the death of our respected colleague, Mr. John McDermott, beg to express our sincere sympathy with his wife and family in their sad bereavement. Passed unanimously.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To the Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen,—“ Clause 32.”—In view of the recent decision in the Law Courts as to the liabilities of County Councils in regard to roads, I considered it necessary to add a special clause to the road specification. As this is the first opportunity I have had of consulting you, I beg to submit the specification for your approval or otherwise. “ Road damaged by Motor Lorry.”—The Engineer of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway informs me that the settlement of this matter only awaits a reply from you to a suggestion made by the Railway Company.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER. Approved and adopted.

The County Surveyor also submitted the specification for the re-construction of the road from Ballyfolan three roads to the three roads near the Military Camp at Kilbride, about 428 perches, and the same was approved by the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Edmond C. Walsh. Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to meet the Engineer in Chief of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway, with the view to a friendly settlement of the matter of the damage done to the county road at Glenachouk. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the three copies of the agreement with His Majesty's Secretary of State for the War Department with regard to the repair of the Ballyfolan road. Adopted.

The three copies were then sealed, the Chairman witnessing and signing same.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That this County Council respectfully apply to the Local Government Board to allow in this county that the Secretary's Estimate and Form 44, referred to in Article 67, be the only Forms required in Article 68 to be forwarded to councillors and others, as these contain the entire of the information, these parties, having been consulted, require, as the extra Forms, 45 and 46, give no further information, and will entail considerable, additional, and absolutely unnecessary expense on the county. Passed nem con.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the Local Government Board be requested to modify the date given in Article 68 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, from the 1st March to the 7th March, until such time as they have taken the necessary steps to have the Valuation Act altered so as to make this portion of the Order capable of being legally carried

out, which at present is impossible, as the two Acts are directly contradictory. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Tallon, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That this County Council would call on the Councils of all the counties in Ireland to form a deputation consisting of their Chairman, or Vice-chairman, and Secretary to attend before the Local Government Board with a view to having the Public Bodies Order considerably modified, or entirely withdrawn. Carried nem con.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the General Order of the Local Government Board having been submitted to us, we hereby protest in the strongest manner against the action of the Local Government Board in endeavouring to impose a new, elaborate, expensive, and wholly unnecessary system of procedure and accounts, calculated to bring still further into the power of this irresponsible Board the Representative Bodies of Ireland. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That this Council, having learned that the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction is letting over 100 acres of the lands of Avondale for grazing on the Eleven Months' System, protests against such action of the Department, whose avowed policy is the encouragement and development of tillage farming, and urges the Department to convert such portions of the arable land of Avondale which they do not purpose planting, into a model farm for the county, with a training college for intern and extern students attached. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we suggest to the Department the propriety of buying the poultry in the towns and villages in Wicklow, instead of establishing a large poultry market in Avondale. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Edmond C. Walsh. Resolved—That we, the County Council of Wicklow, call on the Government to pass a Marine Works Act, for the purposes of preventing the utter extinction of the fishing industries of the South-eastern Coast of Ireland, for the preservation of the harbours of this sea-board, and preventing the ruin of the various industries around the coast, and thus, as far as possible, afford employment to our people, and give them a means of living in their own country. And that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Balfour, Mr. Wyndham, the Lord Lieutenant, and the Leader of Ireland, Mr. John E. Redmond. Passed nem con.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, have heard with great regret of the death of Mr. Campbell Boyd, our late Assistant County Surveyor, and desire to convey our sincere sympathy to the members of his family in their sad bereavement. Passed nem con.

The Council made an order that all meetings of the County Council be held in future at 10-30 a.m.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 67658/1904; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd November, 1904. Enclosing, as follows, for the information of the Council, copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of their

accounts for the half-year ended 31st March, 1904, together with an attested abstract of the accounts.

No. 67658/1904; Wicklow County. Sligo, 18th November, 1904. Gentlemen,—I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of Wicklow County Council for the half-year ended 31st March, 1904, and I transmit, herewith, two certified copies of the abstract.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, G. M. ECCLES, Auditor. The Local Government Board, Dublin.

No. 105M/1904; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th December, 1904. Stating that in consequence of the alteration of certain District Electoral Divisions in the County, it became necessary to make an order formally re-constituting the County Electoral Divisions, and enclosing a copy of the Sealed Order in question.

Annual Report of the Local Government Board for Ireland for the year ended March, 1904, being the thirty-second report under the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872. Order—To be bound.

No. 1M/1905; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th January, 1905. Notifying that an examination of candidates for positions as Assistant Surveyors would be held in the Custom House, Dublin, on Wednesday, and Thursday, the 22nd and 23rd February, 1905.

No. 220M/1904; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th January, 1905. Circular-letter in reference to the appointment of a Returning Officer, and other necessary arrangements for the approaching Elections of County Councillors, and Rural District Councillors. Order—Elections to be held Friday, 2nd June, 1905.

No. 11M/1905; Office. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th January, 1905. Stating, for the information of the County Council, that until further notice, their accounts will be audited by Mr. C. D. Barry, B.L., Local Government Auditor.

Order of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries (Dated 22nd November, 1904). Swine Fever (Movement from Ireland) Order of 1904.

Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland (Dated 29th November, 1904). Animals (Transit and General) (Ireland) Amendment Order of 1904. No. II.

No. 30630/1904. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 5th December, 1904. Notifying that samples of butter had been taken up in the county under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure as follows:—Bray, four samples.

No. 532/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 19th January, 1905. Stating that a sample of butter taken up in Bray was found, on analysis, to be pure.

No. 1367/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 19th January, 1905. Stating that three samples of butter taken up in Greystones were found, on analysis, to be pure.

Official copies of Forms 938, 75, 1002, being regulations governing docks, wharves, and quays, dated October, 1904, issued under the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901.

Sir Patrick Coll. Dublin Castle, 21st December, 1904. Stating that the draft agreement re Kilbride Camp roads has been engrossed and forwarded to the Naas No. 2 Rural District Council for signature at their next meeting.

No. 21727/1904. Dublin Castle, 30th November, 1904. Enclosing copy of an order made in Council further prescribing the quantity of carbide of calcium which may be kept without a license, and repealing the Order of 7th July, 1897.

Commanding Royal Engineer's Office, Curragh Camp, 22nd December, 1904. Drawing the attention of the Council to the urgent necessity of now dealing with certain portions of the roads leading to Glen Imaal Artillery Ranges, with a view to having them in a condition to receive the traffic of next season's artillery practice; urging in particular that portion of the road at Whitestown Hill.

His Majesty's Prison, Kilmainham, 20th December, 1904, 8th February, 1905. Further letters from the Governor, relative to the 14s. 6d. claimed for conveying juvenile offender Laurence Ryan from Kilmainham prison to Glencree Reformatory. Order—Refer Governor to previous correspondence.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 22nd November, 1904. Notifying a loan of £2,250 to the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 22nd November, 1904. Notifying a loan of £380 to the Naas No. 2 Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896.

Irish Land Commission, Solicitor's Department, 25 Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, 10th January, 1905. Notifying that the sale of the holding of Daniel Doyle, Ballinvally, would be held on Wednesday, the 25th January, 1905.

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 9th January, 1905. Enclosing quarterly return of patients admitted from the County Wicklow to the Asylum for the quarter ended 31st December, 1904.

5th December, 1904. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—enclosing a letter from Sealy, Bryers, and Walker, relative to accounts for 17s. 3d., 28th May, 1900; and £2 8s., 10th May, 1901, being for books, etc., furnished the Dunlavin School Attendance Committee.

6th December, 1904. From Sealy, Bryers, and Walker, 94 Middle Abbey-street, Dublin—relative to the accounts referred to.

7th January, 1905. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of resolution advocating half-yearly instead of quarterly meetings. Order—Refer to quarterly meeting—meantime copy to be sent to each Rural District Council. The Chairman subsequently handed in notice of motion to bring the question before the Council at next available meeting.

19th December, 1904. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution relative to the Secretary adjudicating in cases under the Food and Drugs Acts. Marked "read."

10th December, 1904. From Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council—enclosing copy of resolution asking the Council's permission to adopt and put in force the Small Dwellings' Acquisition Act, 1899. Secretary to look into the Act and report.

9th January, 1905. From Clerk, Bray Urban District Council—suggesting the advisability of co-opting Mr. J. W. Reigh, J.P., to the seat left vacant in the County Council by the death of the late Mr. John McDermott.

26th November, 1904. From Councillor James Byrne, Tinnakilly Lower, Aughrim—acknowledging the Council's resolution of sympathy with him in his recent bereavement.

29th December, 1904. From County Inspector, R.I.C.—giving a list of Food and Drug Inspectors in the county who have seals, as originally supplied by the Grand Jury, and also a list of Inspectors who require seals, and asking that they be supplied with same Order—Seals to be procured.

9th December, 1904. From Secretary, Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company, Westland-row, Dublin—re alleged injury to the road at Glenashouk by the Company's Steam Lorry. Approved.

4th January, 1905. From W. A. Young, V.S., Coppengh House, Tullow—relative to his account for postage, already submitted. Application refused.

23rd December, 1904. From F. W. MacPhail—enclosing copy of the draft of proposed Marine Works Bill, and asking for the Council's observations thereon.

30th January, 1905. From Secretary, Marine Works Act Executive—forwarding copies of the proposed Marine Works Act, and asking the Council to pass a very strong resolution in support of the project. See resolution.

36 College Green, Dublin, 13th January, 1905. Stokes Bros. and Perin's report on the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 31st December, 1904.

11th January, 1905. From Secretary, Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company—relative to the injury to the road at Glenashouk by the Company's Steam Lorry. See County Surveyor's report—and resolution thereon.

Letters of explanation from the following eight Rate Collectors relative to their failure to collect and lodge at the stated periods:—Collectors John F. Evans, Nicholas Byrne, John Tallon, Terence Byrne, Richard Geoghegan, Thomas Ebbs, Thomas Tutty, and Philip Doyle. Correspondence submitted.

17th November, 1904. From the Royal Institute of British Architects, 9 Conduit-street, Hanover-square, London, W.—asking that the enclosed memorial be laid before the Council at an early date. Submitted.

3rd December, 1904. From Mayor of Limerick, Mayor's Office, Town-hall, Limerick—asking for the appointment of two or three delegates to attend a conference in Council-Chamber, Town-hall, Limerick, on the 17th December, 1904—to discuss the proposed Movement of Swine Regulations.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

1st December, 1904. From Dublin Gaelic League Executive Committee—asking that one, or all, of the enclosed resolutions relative to reviving the Irish Language, be adopted by the County Council.

15th December, 1904. From King's Co. County Council—resolution dealing with the alleged inequality and dissatisfaction which exists owing to the treatment of the staff of the Department of Agriculture by that Board.

20th December, 1904. From King's Co. County Council—re same—and enclosing a reprint from the "Freeman's Journal" of the 24th June, 1904, dealing with the matter.

29th December, 1904. From Mayo County Council—resolution dealing with the question of University Education in Ireland.

5th January, 1905. From Queen's County County Council—resolution re Free Entrance of Foreign Store Cattle.

21st January, 1905. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 1 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of resolutions passed by that Board relative to the Public Bodies Order, 1904. See resolution.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 27TH FEBRUARY, 1905.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 27th February, 1905, at 10-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Michael Byrne, Chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, William Costello, Jos. Dunne, B. McDonald, William Osborne, William Burke, Edmond C. Walsh, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, Patrick J. Carey, and W. Byrne.

A letter from Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, and a telegram from Councillor R. R. Drought were received, regretting inability to attend.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To fill the Three Vacancies on the Council.
- 2—To consider report from the Finance Committee.
- 3—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To consider the proposals for payment from the Five Rural Districts.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the Five Rural Districts.
- 7—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 8—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 9—To consider the Estimates, and strike the Rates for the Year ending 31st March, 1906.
- 10—To consider an application on behalf of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department for the consent of the County Council to certain proposed by-laws for the Regulation of Roads and Lands in connection with the Glen Imaal Artillery Range.
- 11—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 12—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 13—To consider official correspondence.
- 14—To consider general correspondence.

A letter dated 8th February, 1905, was read from the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution passed by that Board sending forward the name of P. J. Carey, J.P., their Chairman, to fill one of the vacancies on the County Council. Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. Patrick J. Carey be appointed to fill one of the vacancies on the Council. Passed.

A letter, dated 9th January, 1905, was read from the Clerk, Bray Urban District Council—respectfully suggesting the advisability of co-opting Mr. J. W. Reigh, J.P., Chairman of that Council, to the seat vacated by the death of Mr. J. McDermott. Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That Mr. Jos. W. Reigh, Herbert-road, Bray, be co-opted on the Council in room of the late Mr. J. McDermott, deceased, for the Urban District of Bray. Passed.

A letter dated 7th February, 1905, was read from the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution passed by that Board proposing that James H. Coleman, J.P.,

be elected to represent the Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council on the County Council. In the absence of representatives from Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District no action was taken in the matter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 7th February, 1905:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, in the chair; Councillors William Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, and R. R. Drought. The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at large				3,960	18	5
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	702	17	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	31	14	10—	734	12	4
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	313	7	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	177	14	8—	491	2	5
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	406	12	8			
Proposals Committee's proposals	34	6	9—	440	19	5
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,611	2	11			
Proposals Committee's proposals	332	1	0—	1,943	3	11
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	452	19	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	57	9	9—	510	9	6
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				16	0	3

The Committee checked the subsidiary account for the quarter ended 31st December, 1904, with the vouchers, and found same correct, and recommend a transfer of £456 19s. 11d. to credit of same. The County Surveyor reported having met the Engineer-in-Chief of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company, in accordance with the instructions of the County Council, and the Railway Company agreed, subject to the approval of the County Council, to pay a sum of £130 towards the repair of the damage done to the Glenashouk-road by their steam lorry. The Finance Committee recommend that the £60 per annum granted towards the office expenditure of the County Surveyor be paid to him in quarterly payments of £15, less £3 quarterly proportion of Clerk's salary. The Secretary's estimates of the amounts required to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council for the ensuing financial year, were submitted and adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT (No. 2).

The Committee met on Monday, 27th February, 1905. Present—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, in the chair; Councillors E. C. Walsh, M. Byrne, Jas. Byrne, J. McCarroll. The Committee recommend the following further sums to be entered on the Secretary's schedule and to be paid by the Council:—County at large—4th payment on demand to the Lunatic Asylum, £1,949 19s. 3d.; Baltinglass

No. 1 Rural District—John Walsh, Crehelp, Dunlavin, criminal injury award, £52 16s. 6d. They also recommend that the County Surveyor be authorised to expend £2 on each of the Court-houses in Bray and Arklow in providing accommodation for the Press reporters. The apportionment of the estimates for the rates as given on Forms 45 and 46, is approved and recommended for adoption. The Council's attention is drawn to the auditor's report on the accounts of the Master of Shillelagh Union. The Local Government Board has written asking for the Council's reasons for objecting to the Public Bodies Order, and a statement in detail of the forms to which it takes exception. The Committee submits a draft reply for the Council's approval.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That the reports of the Finance Committee be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Five Rural Districts:

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on the County at Large, amounting to £5,910 17s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Approved.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Wm. Burke. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £787 8s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Approved.

Naas No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor W. Osborne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £491 2s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Approved.

Rathdown No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £440 19s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Approved.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,943 3s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Approved.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £510 9s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Approved.

Wicklow Urban:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That we hereby ap-

prove of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 0s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Approved.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authorities for the quarterly payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

Proposals for Contracts from the Five Rural Districts:—

Baltinglass No. 1:—The Tender of Christopher Moran, Tuckmill, Baltinglass, for Road Contract No. 21 in the District Register, was accepted at 6d. per perch—amounting to £24 4s. 6d. annually. Guarantors:—Thomas Lee, Tuckmill, Baltinglass; Christopher Moran.

The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2:—The County Surveyor pointed out that, with the exception of Road Contracts, Registered Nos. 137 and 142, the prices returned on Form 11 from this district were not those accepted at the District Council Meeting, and further, that the description of the roads for which the contracts were taken was not supplied. As, however, the County Surveyor stated inconvenience would be caused were the proposals rejected, the Council therefore provisionally passed the several proposals upon the prices noted by the County Surveyor (but subject to the condition that the Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District send in to the Council's Offices, without delay, a correct Form 11, giving the full details required under "Matter for which proposal is made, and contract price per perch," and filling in the correct prices authorised to be expended in the maintenance of works column). The prices noted by the County Surveyor at the Rural District Meeting were as follows:—No. 138, at 5d. per perch per annum, £13 13s. 4d.; No. 139, at 5d. do. do., £23; No. 140, at 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. do. do., £31 5s.; No. 141, at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. do. do., £2 9s. 7d. Contract No. 144 was accepted provisionally on the undertaking by Robert Mosley, the contractor, that the Commercial Union Assurance Company's Bond, as approved by the Secretary, should be lodged in the Council's Office, within fourteen days. Contract No. 143 in District Register, was given in charge to the County Surveyor.

Rathdown No. 2:—Contract No. 202 was approved, subject to the condition that the contractor enter into a new Bond before the District Council at the Quarterly Meeting in April next, supplying a new surety to replace Edward Byrne, Kilmacanogue, Bray, deceased. Contract No. 211 was given in charge of County Surveyor for three months, the contractor whose Tender was accepted by the District Council having since died. The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed; as was also the Provisional Proposal to sheet with stones and steam roll 339 perches of the main road from Bray to Kilmacanogue, between the bounds of Bray Urban District at Kilarney-lane and the three roads at Hollybrook gate, at a sum not to exceed £372 18s.

Rathdrum:—With regard to Road No. 440 in the District Register, letters were received from the Clerk of the Rural District Council, and from William Toole, Ballintombay, Rathdrum, a rate-

payer, asking the Council to inquire carefully into the solvency of the sureties before confirming the contract. The contract was not confirmed, but was given in charge of the County Surveyor for three months. The following Contracts, Nos. 441, 449, 451, and 461, in the District Register, were also given in charge of the County Surveyor for three months.—See resolution. The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Shillelagh:—Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor William Burke. Resolved—That all roads informally tendered for, and those not tendered for be given in charge to the County Surveyor for three months at the price granted by the Rural District Council. Approved.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the contracts accepted by this Council be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor B. McDonald. Resolved—That we hereby confirm and adopt the estimates (Forms 45 and 46) now submitted to us, and determine the rates in the £1 to be levied in each rural district in the county by means of the poor rate, as follows:—

Name of Rural District.	Rate on Land.		On other hereditaments	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Naas No. 2	1	6	3	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Rathdown No. 2	2	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rathdrum	2	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Shillelagh	1	6	2	11

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Arklow Harbour Loan, 2d.; Wicklow do. do., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Greystones Pier, $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Blessington Tramway Guarantee, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Baltinglass No. 1 Public Health Charges, $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Naas No. 2 do. do., nil; Rathdown No. 2 do. do., 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Rathdrum do. do., $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Shillelagh do. do., 1d.; County at Large Criminal Injury, 0.01066d.; Baltinglass No. 1 do. do., $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; Greystones Water Supply and Delgany Sewerage, $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Arklow Sewer, 2d.; Arklow No. 1 Urban—Extra Police, $\frac{3}{4}$ d. Approved.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Forms 45 and 46, and with the Valuation Lists, so far as they have been supplied to us by the General Valuation Office, do determine the amounts to be demanded from each Urban District Council, as follows:—

Name of the Urban Dist.	Co. at Large Charge.		Union Charge.		Separate Charges.		Total.	
	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.
Bray	808	7	1,782	5	1	8	2,592	0
Wicklow	179	10	545	7	143	0	867	17

Approved.

Mr. Wm. Gibson, B.L. (instructed by Mr. R. G. Warren, Crown Solicitor), appeared before the Council to support an application on behalf of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, for the consent of the County Council to certain proposed By-

laws for the regulation of roads and lands in connection with the Glen Imaal Artillery Range. After hearing the full particulars of the object of the application, and having had the district affected by it pointed out upon the Map by Colonel Stewart, R.E., the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Edmund C. Walsh. Resolved—That this County Council agrees and consents for one year to the By-laws now submitted, provided that the War Authorities pay to the General Fund of the County Council (as a compensation to the ratepayers of Baltinglass, and the surrounding districts, for the loss of usor and the stoppage of the roads around the Glen Imaal Range), a sum of Four Hundred Pounds (£400) on or before the 30th April, 1905, for the year 1905. The question of paying for the costs incurred by the increased traffic on these roads to be arranged hereafter between the War Office and the County Council, or, in lieu thereof, the sum of Sixty Pounds (£60), annually hitherto paid, with the arrears due, be secured to the Council. A copy of this resolution to be handed to the representatives of the War Authorities present, as the County Council's answer to their application. Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the resolution dealing with the War Office contribution towards the Glen Imaal Camp Roads be now sealed. Passed unanimously.

Three copies of the resolution were then sealed, and signed by the Chairman as witness to the seal.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the County Council of the County of Wicklow, at the Quarterly Meeting, 27th February, 1905. Gentlemen—It will be your duty to-day to strike the rates for the coming financial year. My estimates for the year's expenditure, as adopted by your Finance Committee, have been in your hands for the past week. I would ask you to correct a clerical error in the figure as the net total at foot of the county at large charges; it should read £7,825 instead of £7,885, as printed. I hope these estimates have been intelligible to you all, as I have taken on myself to issue them on a form of my own, as I am satisfied the new form 44 of the Public Bodies Order would give no information that you require. The first thing which doubtless struck everyone on looking at these estimates was the large amount of the credit and debit balances which appear in each account, and in particular the debtor balances against all the Rural Districts. I may relieve your minds at once by telling you these are merely book-keeping balances called for on this occasion by the Local Government Board to meet the altered book-keeping initiated by the new Public Bodies Order, 1904. Under the original accounts order, which has, as modified by your officials, worked fairly satisfactorily so far, all county at large, union, and rural district income and expenditure has been apportioned, according to their several chargeability, to the five rural districts, and the resultant balances have from time to time been credited to the rates of these rural districts, independent of the particular name under which they accrued in each of these districts. Now, however, the Local Government Board has ordered that the total receipts from all sources, and also the total

expenditure under every heading should be collected out of your books for every half-year since the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, came into force in April 1899, till the 31st March, 1905 (of course for this last quarter these have to be estimated), and an account made out segregating them under the heads of county at large charges, union charges, and rural district charge, and then an adjustment made allocating the correct balance to the county at large, and to each union and each rural district. (You will please understand this adjustment only deals with the rural districts part of the county and the unions; The urban district accounts are kept separately in your books). This account has been made out by your accountant, and the balances found have been brought, as you see, into the estimate. The result has been that the rural districts accounts have been called upon to refund so much of the balances which have from time to time, from the beginning, been allowed them in the rates, as belonged to county or union charges, and these refunds have then been credited to the same ratepayers again in their union and county charges, so nothing is really charged to them in consequence, they are only asked to move the balances from their left hand pockets into their right hand pockets. The final result is a net credit to each rural district but Rathdown, which has, from almost the beginning, been in debt to the remaining districts, as I explained to the Finance Committee when considering the balances to be credited to the rates in February, 1902. The balances work out now as follows:—Baltinglass—County at large, £507 credit; union, £1,470 credit; rural district, £249 debit; net credit, £1,728. Naas—County at large, £150 credit; union, £397 credit; rural district, £49 debit; net credit, £498. Rathdown—County at large, £328 credit; union, £46 credit; rural district, £1,791 debit; net debit, £1,417. Rathdrum—County at large, £1,294 credit; union, £3,448 credit; rural district, £4,904 debit; net debit, £162. Shillelagh—County at large, £379 credit; union, £1,399 credit; rural district, £725 debit; net credit, £1,053. The large net credits in Baltinglass and Shillelagh districts are to a great extent explained by the excess of the roads expenditure estimates they send in, over the actual expenditure they apply for; this, during the past year amounted to some £1,320 in Baltinglass and £830 in Shillelagh. And then the Estate Duty received all round this year has been almost exactly double what it was when last year's estimates were being prepared. Again, while Shillelagh's union demand is £1 lower this year than it was last year, Rathdown Union is £900 higher, and Rathdrum Union nearly £3,000 higher. As Rathdrum Rural District demand is also £1,000 higher, the correct rate required was almost 4s. 1d., but in order to keep the rate below 4s., we have not deducted the full debit balance from this district this year, but have left £500 to be cleared off next year. The rates in future will have to be collected and lodged considerably earlier in each half-year than heretofore, if we are to keep the rates so low as they are, for among other changes, the urban districts will not now pay their proportions till the end of each quarter instead of at the beginning as formerly. Baltinglass rates are 9½d. lower this year than last year, Naas 6½d. do., and Shillelagh 11½d. do., on the other hand Rathdown is 9d. higher and Rathdrum 8½d. higher. Last summer the Council nominated certain Councillors to act with the Committee appointed by the Dublin County Council to enquire into the working of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway. I have written a

number of times to the Secretary of that Council, who was to act as convener of the Committee, to know when they would meet, but up to the present no meeting has been held; I submit his last reply to me dated the 17th inst. The War Office Authorities come before you at this meeting with a fresh set of by-laws for your approval. You may recollect on the previous occasion they promised they would pay up the annual contribution of £60, which they had stopped, but not one penny has since been paid. Also, as far as I recollect, the £400 which was then provisionally agreed upon, was to be a contribution to the rates of the district by way of compensation for the disturbance and interruption of the traffic caused by the closing of certain roads, and the £60 was the annual payment that was to be the additional expenditure on the roads, which was not to cover extraordinary damage to gulleys, bridges, etc., but Mr. Wakeley, when drafting the resolution, appears to have brought in the £400 as solely for the improvement of the roads for military traffic, and ignored the £60 altogether. As directed by the Council, I have looked up the provisions of the "Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899." Section 9 provides that if any Urban or Rural District Council pass a resolution "Undertaking to act under this Act," that Council—subject to the consent of the Co. Council in the case of a district containing a population less than 10,000 according to the last census (now I believe reduced to 5,000)—shall be the local authority in that district for the purposes of this Act to the exclusion of all others. I believe the Urban Council must, in the first instance, pass the resolution as above to initiate any of the steps here indicated; I therefore applied to the Clerk of that Council for a copy of the resolution if passed, but find such a resolution has not yet been proposed. In view of the Council's resolution recently sent to the Local Government Board on the subject of the Public Bodies Order, and referring to several resolutions from other Councils which come before you to-day, I would ask your instructions whether I am to have all the new forms printed and put into use now, or whether I am to continue to use those of which we have a large supply in stock, and issue them as hitherto, to the several rural districts. Several of the forms which required to be renewed I have had printed so as to comply with the new order where the difference was immaterial, but the matter must be settled now for the approaching quarterly meetings of the rural districts.—I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE.

Adopted.—Secretary to continue use of present Forms whilst they last.

Proposed by Councillor W. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Secretary of the County Council be directed to continue in use all Books and Documents in stock until they are exhausted, as it would be wanton expenditure to destroy same for the new. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Burke, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That it is with surprise that this Council learns that the General Council of the County Councils of Ireland have not taken up the new Public Bodies Order, 1904, and we ask them respectfully to do so at once, as nearly all the Councils and Boards of Ireland are protesting against same. Passed.

CERTIFICATE UNDER THE COUNTY (POOR RATE COLLECTORS) NO. 2 ORDER, 1899.

I, Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby certify in accordance with Article 1 of the above named Order in Council that the following collector of poor rate in this county—viz.: 9—Collector Joseph Keane has duly and properly lodged with your treasurer, the National Bank, Wicklow, the entire amount named in his warrant within the time prescribed by the above named Order, and by a sealed Order of the Local Government Board, dated the 18th day of May, one thousand nine hundred and three, and is therefore entitled to his poundage fees upon his collection. 24th February, 1905.—E. N. WYNNE.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To the Wicklow County Council—Winter Quarterly Meeting—27th February, 1905. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—An unusually large number of road maintenance contracts come before you to-day for confirmation. In some of the rural districts, roads were taken at most improvident prices—in one particular case, a road passed at 9d. per perch was taken at 3d. per perch. Owing to dilatoriness and carelessness on the part of many of the contractors in the spreading of the metal supplies, and in which they have persisted despite repeated warnings, many of the repair patches are not yet beaten into the road surfaces, and as we have experienced an unusually dry season, the evil result of this neglect is much accentuated. At last Quarter Sessions decrees were given against the contractor for the roads Nos. 31 and 39 in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District. The contractor (by his sureties), having since put the roads in reasonable order, it will not be necessary to proceed further; however, it is necessary that you should cancel the contracts. On the 7th inst. I laid before your Finance Committee details of the proposed settlement of your claim against the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company, for damage done by their motor lorry to the Glenashouk-road. Since then I received an intimation from the Engineer-in-Chief of the Railway Company that the directors had agreed on their part to the settlement; should you on your part also agree, I would be glad to receive instructions as to the time when the money is to be expended, etc. Messrs. Wallace Bros'. permissive contract for the railway crossing the road at the Rathnew Brickworks, expires on the 31st March next, and, although I ventured to remind a gentleman connected with the firm of this fact, they have not taken any steps to have this contract renewed. Unless you can induce Messrs. Wallace to enter into some agreement with you to enable them to continue to keep the railway across the road at this place, and to indemnify you against the result of any accident, etc., which might occur on the road at the crossing, it will be necessary to cause these railway rails to be removed from the road immediately on the expiration of the contract. I respectfully ask your instructions on this matter. I beg to call attention to the fact that in the schedule published previous to this meeting, the prices at which the roads in Naas No. 2 Rural District are therein stated to have been contracted for, do not correspond with those in my notes taken at the Naas No.

2 Adjourned Quarterly Meeting.—I am, your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER, B.E., M.I.C.E.I. County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow.

Orders—Contracts Nos. 31 and 39 in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District cancelled to date—Roads given in charge of County Surveyor from 27th February to 30th June, 1905. County Surveyor to expend the money to be received from the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company in respect of the damage done to the Glenashouk-road by the 31st October, 1905.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That Messrs. Wallace Bros. be informed that, unless they enter into a Bond with the County Council (or with the County Surveyor, acting on behalf of the County Council) undertaking to keep in repair, etc., the railway crossing at the Rathnew Brick-works, they must cause the rails crossing the county road to be removed on the expiration of the present contract. That the legal costs of such removal be defrayed by Messrs. Wallace Bros. Passed.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory; 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 20th February, 1905. Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st December, 1904. 109 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows: Article—Butter, number—41; whiskey, 28; milk, 24; buttermilk, 8; cheese, 6; tea, 2; total, 109. Certificate sent to Sergeant O'Leary, Wicklow, for specimen of butter containing an excess of water—namely, 18.3 per cent., certificate for specimen of milk deprived of at least 16 per cent. of its fats, and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 12 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes. Certificate sent to Sergeant Carroll, Dunlavin, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 32 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes, and one certificate for specimen of whiskey which was 26.5 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with at least 2 per cent. of water. Certificate sent to Sergeant McKibbin, Rathnew, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 16 per cent. of its fats. Certificate sent to Sergeant Ratigan, Arklow, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 72 per cent. of added water exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes. The remaining articles were of good quality. There were eight specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wicklow.—They were pure. For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union fifteen drugs were analysed.—They were correct. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union twelve drugs were analysed.—One of them—namely, tincture of squills, was high in solids. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union nineteen drugs were analysed.—One of them—namely, compound tincture of gentian, was low in alcohol. Another—namely, solution of ferric chloride, was low in iron. Twelve specimens of water analysed for Rathdrum District Council had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains.—

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Total solid matters	34.300	15.400	53.900	8.400
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.014	0.024	0.010	0.009
Saline ammonia	0.007	0.007	0.005	0.003
Nitric acid	5.600	Trace	3.620	Trace
Chlorine	4.473	1.689	12.922	1.590
Sulphuric acid	7.206	2.8824	11.5296	1.4412
Equal to calcium sulphate	10.000	4.0000	16.0000	2.0000
	No. 5.	No. 6.	No. 7.	No. 8.
Total solid matters	16.100	24.500	13.300	31.500
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.016	0.007	0.005	0.008
Saline ammonia	0.040	0.002	0.002	0.009
Nitric acid	Trace	1.500	Trace	1.000
Chlorine	1.789	3.180	1.491	1.292
Sulphuric acid	None	2.8824	1.4412	4.3236
Equal to calcium sulphate	None	4.0000	2.0000	6.0000
	No. 9.	No. 10.	No. 11.	No. 12.
Total solid matters	18.900	16.100	14.000	20.300
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.006	0.005	0.010	0.007
Saline ammonia	0.002	0.0025	0.008	0.002
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace	Trace	0.500
Chlorine	1.491	1.689	1.093	1.391
Sulphuric acid	2.8824	2.8824	1.4412	2.8824
Equal to calcium sulphate	4.0000	4.0000	2.0000	4.0000

No. 1 was an inferior water; No. 2 a bad one; the rest fairly good ones.

For Mr. Edward Ellison, Corballis House, Rathdrum, one fertilizer was analysed. For Major Gardiner, Glanmore, Ashford, one fertilizer was analysed. Two fertilizers were analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co., Wicklow. A specimen of milk analysed for the Rev. S. R. McGee, The Rectory, Dunlavin, was of very rich quality. A specimen of water analysed for Mrs. Swettenham, Kilmurray Grove, Bray, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains.—Total solid matters, 35.000; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.060; saline ammonia, 0.100; nitric acid, 0.620; chlorine, 1.391; sulphuric acid, 4.3236; equal to calcium sulphate, 6.0000. A largely polluted water; dangerous to use. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, forty drugs were analysed.—They were correct. A specimen of water analysed for Naas Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains.—Total solid matters, 35.000; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.006; saline ammonia, 0.0035; nitric acid, 1.250; chlorine, 1.789; sulphuric acid, 4.3236; equal to calcium sulphate, 6.0000; a good water. More detailed reports on the waters above referred to were made to those who sent them, but the main points in their composition are given in the present report. Total analyses, 222. Adulterated articles, 10.—C. A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Edmond C. Walsh—That the County Council re-affirm their

former resolution agreeing to subscribe to the Fund for the preservation of the foreshore of the Murrough—the amount to be £300.

There voted as follows: For—Councillors E. C. Walsh, James Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll—3. Against—Councillors Wm. Osborne, Wm. Burke, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, Joseph Dunne, Wm. Costello, B. McDonald, and P. J. Carey—8. Rejected by 8 votes to 3.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, hereby undertake to raise no objection to the Wicklow Harbour Board applying the sum of £200 out of the current year's revenue of the harbour towards a scheme for the protection of the harbour from sea encroachment, the plans of which have been laid before us. We further direct that a copy of this resolution be sealed and signed by our Chairman, to be lodged with the Secretary of the Wicklow Harbour Board.

There voted as follows: For—Councillors E. C. Walsh, Wm. Osborne, Wm. Burke, R. Norman Thompson, Joseph Dunne, Wm. Costello, James Byrne, J. McCarroll, and P. J. Carey—9. Against—Councillors Michael Byrne and B. McDonald—2. The resolution was declared passed by 9 votes to 2, and a copy to be lodged with the Secretary of the Wicklow Harbour Board, was sealed and signed by the Chairman.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor William Burke:—I, William Burke, of Castle-street, Bray, a Councillor for the above county, hereby give notice that I will, at the next Quarterly Meeting of the said County Council, to be held on the 15th May, 1905, move a resolution—That Mr. J. H. McCarroll be hereby appointed Solicitor to this Council.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 7784/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th February, 1905. Requesting that the Council would be so good as to specify in detail the Forms and Articles of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, to which they take exception, together with their reasons.

No. 7834/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th February, 1905. Acknowledging copies of the Council's resolution on the subject of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, and stating that there does not appear to be any sufficient reason for assenting to a change of date in Article 68 of the Order. Also stating that the Order does not require that Forms 45 and 46 are to be circulated amongst the Councillors.

No. 12040/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd February, 1905. Enclosing copy of a letter under the Motor Car Act signed Charles W. Segrave, and asking the Council's views on the same. The Secretary was directed to reply to the Board.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That the letter signed Charles W. Segrave in the public Press be handed to Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, with directions to take what steps may be necessary to protect this Council and the ratepayers. Passed.

No. 2628/. Dublin Castle, 10th February, 1905. Acknowledging the Council's resolution on the subject of the proposed Marine Works Bill for the South-eastern Coast of Ireland.

Chief Crown Solicitor's Office, Dublin Castle, 6th February, 1905. Acknowledging the Secretary's letter of the 4th instant, enclosing three engrossed agreements signed and sealed, re Kilbride roads.

10 Downing-street, Whitehall, London, S.W., 10th February, 1905. Acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution relative to the proposed Marine Works Bill for the South-eastern Coast of Ireland.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 9th February, 1905. Acknowledging the receipt of the Council's resolution relative to the letting of the grazing at Avondale, etc.

No. 3666/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 23rd February, 1905. Further letter dealing with the resolution of the Council, and explaining that the Department had let such lands as had not yet been developed, until next year's planting.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 6th February, 1905. Notifying a loan of £3,150 to the Shillelagh Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 17th February, 1905. Notifying a loan of £1,500 for 40 years at 4 per cent. per annum to the Guardians of Rathdrum Union under the Dispensary Houses (Ireland) Act, 1879.

18th February, 1905. From T. B. Doyle, J.P., Returning Officer, Main-street, Baltinglass—thanking the Council for his election, and asking that the scale of fees for District Council's Elections be taken into consideration for revision.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor William Burke:—"That I will move at next Quarterly Meeting that the Scale of Fees for the Local Government Elections be reconsidered and revised."

Form 2, Preliminary Notice, and Form 6, Notice of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury to Property of Laurence Gartland, Askinagap, Moyne—Rural District of Shillelagh—amount claimed £150—were submitted. Also the Report of the Royal Irish Constabulary on visiting the premises. Order—To be handed to Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, to take the necessary steps to protect the interests of the Council at the hearing of the application.

Drummin, Ballinglen, 25th February, 1905. E. N. Wynne, Esq., Secretary of County Council. Dear Sir,—Would you please convey to the Chairman and members of County Council my sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy to the members of our family on the death of our father.—I remain, your obedient servant, JOSEPH BOYD.

4 Church-street, Wicklow, 8th day of February, 1905. Matthew Hannen v. Wicklow County Council. Dear Sir,—I beg to report that this application for compensation for malicious injury was dismissed by the County Court Judge with costs. County Council v. James Rourke, Garrett Quinn and J. Toole; District Register No. (117). In this case the County Court Judge made a decree for £20, with stay of execution for three weeks, and if work then completed, decree only to issue for costs. Same v. James Rourke, George W. Burton and D. Gallagher; District Register No. (154). In this case the County Court Judge made a decree for £16, with stay of execution for 14 days, and if work then completed, decree only to issue for costs. Same v. John Brady, John

Keogh and Daniel Brady; District Register No. (367). This case was adjourned until the next Quarter Sessions by the directions of the County Surveyor, and notice of the adjournment was ordered to be given the defendants by registered letter. This notice has been duly served. Same v. James Duffey, James Cruise and Daniel Brady; District Register No. (370). Same v. Matthew Brady, James Lambert and John Byrne; District Register No. (128). These cases were also adjourned until the next Quarter Sessions by the directions of the County Surveyor, and notice was ordered to be given the defendants by registered letter. I enclose you the following Original Bonds, Tender, and Specifications:—James Rourke, District Register No. (117); James Rourke, District Register No. (154); John Brady, District Register (367); James Duffey, District Register (370); and Matthew Brady, District Register No. (128).—Yours faithfully, J. H. McCARROLL. E. N. Wynne, Esq., J.P., Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

1st February, 1905. From A. Keogh Nolan, Esq., Secretary Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin, reminding the Council that the Affiliation Fee of £5 for the year 1905 is now payable, and asking for the names and addresses of the Delegates for the current year. Also stating that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held on Thursday, 27th April, and asking for any questions the County Council wish considered. Order—That three previous Delegates to be re-appointed as follows:—E. P. O'Kelly, J.P., St. Kevin's, Baltinglass; R. Norman Thompson, M.B., J.P., Kindlestown, Delgany; D. J. Cogan, M.P., 115 Thomas-street, Dublin.

24th January, 1905. From P. Henry, C.P.S., Bray, asking the Council to be so good as to supply a press for his use in the Court-house, Bray. Order—The County Surveyor to investigate, and, if necessary, provide a press, cost not to exceed £3.

3rd February, 1905. From the Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Court-house, Wicklow—enclosing copies of Form T.I. 82, adding on the following six subjects of Technical Instruction in the County which are not included in the branches of science and art enumerated in the Directory of the Board of Education with respect to which grants are at present made:—(1)—Cookery; (2)—Laundry Work; (3)—Housewifery; (4)—Dress-making (including home sewing and cutting out); (5)—Commercial Correspondence and Business Methods; (6)—Technical Drawing.

25th February, 1905. From Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners—giving the names of members of a Deputation to the Council on the subject of the threatened destruction of the harbour by the encroachment of the sea. Deputation heard—see resolution.

25th February, 1905. From W. J. Richardson, V.S., Veterinary Infirmary, Bray—asking the permission of the Council to allow of his carters dropping part of their loads at the bottom of Fassaroe-lane, while the horses are bringing up the first part to the farm, and stating that it is impossible for a horse to take up a full load. Permission granted.

26th February, 1905. From the Hon. Secretary, Tinahely St. Parick's Day Procession Committee—asking the permission of the Council to erect poles through the principal streets of Tinahely for the purpose of decoration. Permission granted, provided the applicants enter into an agreement with the County Surveyor to restore the roads

to their normal condition, and be responsible for any accident that might occur.

Letters were submitted from the following County Councils acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution relative to the new Public Bodies Order, dated 7th February, 1905:—Dublin County Council; Antrim do.; Roscommon do.; Queen's County do.; Londonderry do.; dated 8th February, 1905, Tipperary (N. R.) do.; dated 20th February, 1905, Tyrone do.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

Letters from the following County Councils were submitted, enclosing copies of resolutions protesting against the new Public Bodies Order, 1904:—Dated 1st February, 1905, Galway County Council; dated 26th January, 1905, Dublin County Council; dated 6th February, 1905, Louth County Council; dated 20th February, 1905, Tipperary (N. R.) County Council.

18th January, 1905. From Irish County Councils' General Council—giving copies of resolutions passed on the following subjects by that body at their Annual Meeting on the 12th instant:—(1) National Self-Government; (2) Support of Irish Manufactured Goods and Encouragement of Tillage; (3) National Exhibition; (4) Catholic University Question; (5) Suggested Amendments to Local Government (Ireland) Acts and Orders made thereunder; (6) The Importation of Irish Swine into England; (7) Re-afforestation of Ireland; (8) Regulations for Lighting of Bicycles; (9) Duties of County and Deputy Surveyors; (10) Out-door Relief for Aged and Destitute Poor Married Couples; (11) Insurance Companies and Claims for Malicious Injury; (12) Representatives for Irish Produce in the Markets of Great Britain; (13) Vote of Thanks to Messrs. Dollard, Dublin; (14) Vote of Thanks to the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of Dublin.

6th February, 1905. From Queen's County County Council—resolution approving of the holding of a National Exhibition.

6th February, 1905. From Cork County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction resolution re blending of Margarine with Butter, and forwarding a marked copy of the "Cork Examiner" as an instance of the practice referred to. Unanimously approved.

13th February, 1905. From Waterford County Council—resolution asking Parliament to allocate a Grant for Labourers' Cottages in this Country.

15th February, 1905. From Kildare County Council—enclosing Minutes of a Joint Committee representing the Counties of Kildare, King's, Queen's, and Kildare, which was formed for the purpose of considering the question of the Barrow Drainage.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 25TH APRIL, 1905.

Special meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 25th April, 1905, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors Edmond C. Walsh, R. R. Drought, Daniel Condren, James Byrne, W. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, and Wm. Costello. A post-card regretting his inability to attend was received from Councillor Michael Byrne.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To consider Report from the Finance Committee.
2. To pass Quarterly Transfers at foot of Demands from the Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3.—To sign Application for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
4. To appoint an Auditor for the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company to represent the County Council for the current year.
- 5.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 6.—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
- 7.—To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
- 8.—To receive and consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 11th April, 1905, when there attended:—Councillors R. Norman Thompson, and, subsequently, R. R. Drought, in the chair; Councillors E. J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, and James Byrne. The Committee examined the Union and Rural District Demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments:—

Transfers to Funds of Unions.

Baltinglass, £1,047 5s.; Naas, £251; Rathdown, £1,122 0s. 8d.; Rathdrum, £3,235 16s. 6d.; Shillelagh, £842 5s.; Total, £6,498 7s. 2d.

Transfers to Funds of Rural District Councils.

	General.			Separate.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	434	0	0	37	10	0
Naas No. 2	90	5	0	0	15	0
Rathdown No. 2	0	6	10	143	10	0
Rathdrum	989	18	6	105	14	7
Shillelagh	297	10	0	67	10	0

An application from the Returning Officer, Mr. Thomas B. Doyle, J.P., Main-street, Baltinglass, for an advance of £300 to defray expenses of the Local Government Elections, under Article 6 (3) of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, was submitted.—The Committee recommend that a sum of £300 be granted, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. Colonel Dickenson, C.R.E., and Colonel Stewart, attended before the Committee with regard to the recent resolution of the County Council relative to the Glen Imaal Range By-laws. As, however, these officers were not empowered to make any other offer than that already made before the Council on the

27th February, the Finance Committee have nothing further to report to the Council. The Committee recommend that the attention of the Baltinglass Board of Guardians be drawn to the Auditor's report on the accounts of Baltinglass Union. The Committee also recommend that the attention of Rathdrum Board of Guardians be drawn to the Auditor's report re out-door relief in Rathdrum Union accounts.—R. R. DROUGHT, Chairman.

Adopted. Signed—E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman of the County Council. 25th April, 1905.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign the certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That we hereby appoint Messrs. Stokes Bros. and Pim of College Green, Dublin, to be Auditors of the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, on behalf of the County Council of this County for the year ending 31st March, 1906. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen.—I have to report a vacancy on your Council in consequence of Mr. Francis Buckley having failed to attend the meetings for upwards of twelve months. Mr. M. J. Carroll has resigned his appointment as Veterinary Inspector for Rathdown Union in Co. Wicklow. Shall I advertise for an inspector, to be appointed at your Quarterly Meeting in May, at the previous salary, £30 per annum to cover all expenses of the appointment? The inspector to perform all the duties required by the Acts, and the Orders of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, and make all required inspections at fairs and elsewhere. The auditor has just completed his audit, and found everything satisfactory.—Yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE.
Order—Secretary to advertise on the same terms as heretofore. Vacancy declared.

The following notice declaring a vacancy was then signed—the Council deciding to take no steps towards filling the vacancy pending the forthcoming Local Government Elections:—

Secretary to the County Council, Court-house, Wicklow.
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 Francis Buckley, Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Enniskerry, to be vacant, in consequence of his non-attendance at County Council meetings for the period of twelve months, 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 Court-house, Wicklow. 25th April, 1905. Signed, Edward P. O'Kelly, R. R. Drought, Daniel Condren, three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed, E. N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Edmond C. Walsh. Resolved—That we, the County Council of Wicklow, view with alarm the action of the Commissioners of National Education in changing the Rules of the National Board, especially Rule No. 127B, without first ascertaining through the Managers of the National Schools the effects of such contemplated change of rules. We resolve that, in the interest of education, the altered rules be withdrawn. And, further, since these disastrous alterations have been recommended during the Resident Commissionership of Mr. Starkie, a question arises how far Mr. Starkie at present possesses the confidence of the nation to warrant his being retained as Resident Commissioner. And that copies of this resolution be sent to the Lord Lieutenant, Chief Secretary, Chairman of Irish Party, and the County Councils of Ireland, and the Secretary of National Education. Passed.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 15752/1905; Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd March, 1905. Sealed Order directing that the District Council of Naas No. 2 shall, at their first meeting held after the 31st day of March, appoint the prescribed number of members of the Joint Committee, and that each such member shall hold office until his successor is appointed in 1906.

No. 16962/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th March, 1905. Stating that the Board have made an order extending the time within which the Council may pay a sum of £2 10s. 4d. to the Danesfort Industrial School to a period not later than the 30th June, 1905.

No. 20420/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th April, 1905. Stating that the Board have made an order extending the time to the 30th June, 1905, within which the Council may pay a sum of £8 15s. to Mr. A. J. German, Secretary to the Dunlavin School Attendance Committee, for his salary for the quarter ended 30th September, 1904.

No. 16276/1905; Dublin County; Richmond District Lunatic Asylum. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th March, 1905. Enclosing auditor's report, and attested abstract, on the accounts of Richmond District Asylum for the half-year ended 30th day of September, 1904.

No. 22344/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 10th April, 1905. Approving of the modified form of demand note, etc., submitted to them.

No. 23378/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th April, 1905. Stating that in the opinion of the Board a County Council is not entitled to issue Motor Drivers' Licenses to persons residing outside their county, as in the case brought to their notice.

No. 21588/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th April, 1905. Replying to the Council's letter of the 7th ultimo and the 1st instant—asking for certain modifications in the Public Bodies Order, 1904. Order—Refer Local Government Board to letter of County Secretary to them, dated 18th April, 1905.

No. 22431/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th April, 1905. Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the

5th instant on the subject, and, in reply, to state that the Board see no objection to the resolution of the County Council of Wicklow referred to in your letter as a direction to their Secretary for his guidance when considering each application for registration of Motor Cars and Bicycles.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, A. R. BARLAS, Assistant Secretary. Edward N. Wynne, Esq., Secretary, County Council of Wicklow.

No. 7488/. Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, 18th April, 1905. From the Chief Secretary, asking whether in the event of the County Prison at Wicklow being transferred to the County Council, the latter body would provide and maintain accommodation for prisoners awaiting trial.

No. 1069/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 27th February, 1905. Stating that the Department's attention had been drawn to the fact that communications received by the police from W. A. Young, V.S., on Diseases of Animals Acts business are usually unstamped, with the result that the police have to pay double postage out of their own pockets. Order—Mr. Young's attention to be drawn to the terms of his appointment.

No. 1236/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 7th March, 1905. Requesting the Council to be so good as to inform the Department of any action they may propose to take should W. A. Young, V.S., continue to send unstamped letters dealing with Diseases of Animals Acts business.

No. 9106/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 8th April, 1905. Notifying that samples of butter had been taken up in the county under Sale of Food and Drugs Act, and found to be pure as follows:—Dunlavin, 3 samples.

No. 1670/1905; Veterinary Branch. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 31st March, 1905. Circular letter enclosing two new Orders dealing with the eradication of Sheep Scab in this country—entitled (Order No. 55), Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905. (Order No. 56), Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1905.

4th March, 1905. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—stating that his Council think that no charge should be made for the support of a patient named George Plant, admitted from Knockaderry, Baltinglass, to Richmond District Asylum.

9th March, 1905. From M. J. Carroll, V.S., Bray—conveying to the County Council his resignation of the post of Veterinary Inspector for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, owing to his having been suddenly called upon to undertake a practice in London.

5th April, 1905. From T. B. Doyle, J.P., Returning Officer, Baltinglass—applying for an advance of £300 towards the expenses of the forthcoming Local Government Elections. Application granted subject to the approval of the Local Government Board being obtained.

3rd April, 1905. From the Manager Patriotic Assurance Co., 9 College Green, Dublin—asking to hear—with reference to Article 87 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904—the wishes of the County Council as to the Rate Collectors' Bonds. Order—No change required in the present bonds by the Council.

6th April, 1905. From D. Clarke, road and sewer contractor, 14 Upper Northbrook avenue, North Strand, Dublin—applying for a license for a store for gunpowder, or mixed explosives, and enclosing Application Form 1, duly filled.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor

Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the license for a store of explosives be granted to D. Clarke, road and sewer contractor, 14 Upper Northbrook avenue, North Strand, Dublin. Granted.

11th March, 1905. From James O'Connor, M.P., House of Commons, London—acknowledging the Council's resolution in reference to the claim upon the War Office for loss of usor, and stoppage of roads round the Glen Imaal Artillery Range.

20th March, 1905. From Same—enclosing copy of a question and answer in the House of Commons in reference to the War Office and the Glen Imaal roads.

27th February, 1905. From Sir Charles A. Cameron, Bart., City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin—stating that it would be desirable to publish for the information of the general public that persons should not purchase fertilizers or feeding stuffs without getting guarantees as to the percentages of their ingredients, and that these guarantees should accompany all articles sent for analysis, so that it may be shown in the analyst's report whether or not the actual compositions correspond with the guaranteed compositions. Approved.

29th March, 1905. From Major C. R. W. Tottenham, Woodstock, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy—asking the Council to put a danger notice board at the top of the first hill after crossing the bridge over the Newtown River on the road leading to Kilcool. Order—Referred to County Surveyor.

16th March, 1905. From the Ballece Wood Whinstone Quarry Co., Rathdrum—asking permission to store and keep at their quarries up to 400lbs. blasting powder; up to 1 gross coils of tape fusee; and up to 100lbs. of gelignite.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the license for a store of explosives be granted to the Ballece Wood Whinstone Quarry Co., Ballece, Rathdrum, on their supplying the necessary particulars. Passed.

Form 2, Preliminary Notice, and Form 5, Notice of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury to Property of the Representative Body of the Church of Ireland, for injury to the windows of Macredin Church—Rural District of Rathdrum—amount claimed £20.

24th March, 1905. Police report on same. The Council learn that the District Council is defending this application.

Eleven Civil Bills served by G. F. Fleming, solicitor, for damages to the property of eleven persons residing in the town of Arklow, by being flooded on the 20th April, 1905. Order—Mr. McCarroll to appear at the hearing of the cases to defend the interests of the Council.

Explanatory letters from Collectors Nicholas Byrne, Joseph Doyle, and Michael McGrath, as to the reasons why their collections are in a backward condition.

Printed abstract and auditor's report on the accounts of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for the year ended 31st December, 1904. Submitted.

5th April, 1905. From F. W. MacPhail, Town-hall, Wicklow—stating that the Chief Secretary has agreed to visit the South-East Coast and see for himself how the harbours and fishing industries stand, and suggesting that the Council lose no time in informing the Chief Secretary of the places where they think the fishing industry should be encouraged, and invite him to visit them.

9th March, 1905. From "The Leader," 33 Lower Abbey-street,

Dublin—asking for a share of the Council's patronage when distributing their advertising for the current year. "Read."

7th April, 1905. From the Editor, "Irish Bee Journal," Lough Rynn, Dromed—asking if the Council have adopted any resolution in favour of the "Bill for the Prevention of Bee Pest," now being prepared for submission to Parliament, and soliciting the Council's assistance in this matter, which is one of vital interest to the bee keeping industry.

20th April, 1905. From Same—in connection with the same—and enclosing, of a draft resolution, together with a copy of the Bill referred to. Order—Refer to Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

From R. S. Clare and Co., Ltd., Manufacturing Chemists and Disinfectant Specialists, Stanhope-street, Liverpool—enclosing catalogue dealing with their new patent dust laying compo road preserver and disinfectant.

Booklet on sheep scab eradication, and how it is being accomplished by the Carmarthenshire County Council.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

1st March, 1905. From Meath County Council—asking the Local Government Board for powers to make payments monthly for the maintenance of roads, and other works, so as to enable labourers to compete for contracts. "Read."

1st March, 1905. From Cavan County Council—drawing attention to the very great necessity that exists for a proper system of arterial drainage. "Read."

11th March, 1905. From Tipperary (S. R.) County Council—disapproving of setting up Drainage Boards for the mere purpose of transferring their powers to the County Councils, and thus perhaps involve them in vast projects of arterial drainage in the present unsettled condition of the Land Question.

16th March, 1905. From Longford County Council—urging for the re-construction of the Agricultural Board, and suggesting that each county should be directly represented on the Board.

7th and 25th March, 1905. From Kerry County Council—a report of their Secretary, and a resolution, dealing in detail with the new Public Bodies Order, 1904.

27th March, 1905. From Mayo County Council—resolution in reference to the new Public Bodies Order, 1904, and requesting the permission of the Local Government Board to allow that Council to continue the use of a three-year rate book. "Read."

1st April, 1905. From Irish County Councils' General Council—circular letter enclosing the Local Government Board's observations on the recommendations of the General Council, relative to the Local Government (Ireland) Acts, suggested by that body at their annual meeting in January.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15TH MAY, 1905.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 15th May, 1905, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, M. Byrne, Thomas Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, James Byrne, P. J. Carey, Joseph Dunne, Michael Tallon, B. McDonald, William Osborne, Simon T. Doyle, Joseph McCarroll, Michael Fleming, J. W. Reigh, Edmond C. Walsh, William Costello, W. Byrne, and Daniel Condren.

The following telegrams from Councillors were read:—

“Wynne, Court-house, Wicklow. Prevented coming; took suddenly ill yesterday.—ZELLER.”

“Wynne, Court-house, Wicklow. Please make my apologies to Chairman and Council for non-attendance to-day.—DROUGHT.”

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider report from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 3—To consider the proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 5—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 6—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1906, and sign and seal the Rate Books and Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- 9—To sign and seal Demands (Form 51) on the Urban District Councils of Bray and Wicklow.
- 10—To appoint a Veterinary Inspector for Rathdown Rural District.
- 11—To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly:—“I hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of the County Council, which shall be held after one month's notice in writing has been given to the Councillors, move that this Council apply to the Local Government Board for authority to hold half-yearly instead of quarterly meetings, under Section 12 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.”

By Councillor William Burke:—“I, William Burke, of Castlestreet, Bray, a Councillor for the above County, hereby give notice that I will, at the next Quarterly Meeting of the said County Council, to be held on the above date—viz., 15th May, 1905, move a resolution—‘That Mr. J. H. McCarroll be hereby appointed Solicitor to this Council.’”

By Councillor Joseph McCarroll:—“That I will move, at next Quarterly Meeting, that the scale of fees for the Local Government elections be reconsidered and revised.”

By Same:—“I give notice that, at the next meeting of the Co. Council I (or someone for me) shall move that, in accordance with the resolution of the Council, a sum of Three Hundred Pounds be contributed for the protection of the Murrough.”
- 12—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 13—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 14—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 15—To consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 25th April, 1905, and on 15th May, 1905:—Councillor R. R. Drought in the chair; Councillors Edward P. O'Kelly, Edmond C. Walsh, Joseph McCarroll, Michael Byrne, E. J. Byrne, W. Burke, James Byrne, Dr. Thompson. The Committee examined the demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils, submitted to them, and recommend the following payments for the quarter commencing 1st July, 1905:—Transfers to Funds of Unions—Baltinglass, £1,011 15s.; Naas, £236 10s.; Rathdown, £1,074 11s. 1d.; Rathdrum, £3,196 10s.; Shillelagh, £829 15s.; total, £6,349 1s. 1d. Transfers to Funds of Rural District Councils—Baltinglass No. 1, £154 10s.; Naas No. 2, £45; Rathdown No. 2, £120 6s. 11d.; Rathdrum, £733 3s. 8d.; Shillelagh, £82 10s.; total, £1,135 10s. 7d. Rate Collectors' Lists of Irrecoverable Rates were examined, and the following amounts were recommended to be refunded the Rate Collectors as irrecoverable, the corresponding poundage to be deducted from their payments:—Collecting district No. 1, collector—Joseph Doyle, amount of refund—£8 4s. 7d.; 2—Richard Grogan, do., £4 9s. 1d.; 3—Thomas Tutty, do., £4 1s. 11d.; 4—Nicholas Byrne, do., £6 1s. 2d.; 5—Michael Kelly, do., £3 1s. 3d.; 6—Michael McGrath, do., 9s. 4d., amount disallowed—7s. 3d.; 7—Charles S. Sutton, do., £56 19s. 11d., do., 4s. 10d.; 8—John Tallon, amount of refund—£4 1s. 11d.; 9—Joseph Keane, do., £2 7s. 2d.; 10—John Murphy, do., £4 14s. 6d.; 11—Patrick Behan, do., £5 7s. 3d.; 12—John F. Evans, do., £3 2s. 3d.; 13—George Evans, do., £7 13s. 8d., to be carried forward for collection—£5 10s. 8d.; 14—James Byrne, amount of refund—£12 6s. 1d., amount disallowed—10s. 6d.; 15—John Brennan, do., £7 19s. 6d., do., £1 12s.; 16—William Smith, amount of refund—£2 8s. 3d.; 17—Philip Doyle, do., £3 2s. 5d., amount disallowed—5s. 6d.; 18—Thomas Ebbs; 19—Terence Byrne, amount of refund—£4 18s. 5d. The Committee having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—County at large—£2,663 3s. 10d. Baltinglass No. 1—District proposals, £672 5s. 1d.; Proposals Committee's proposals, £129 13s. 10d.—£801 18s. 11d. Naas No. 2—District proposals, £533 18s.; Proposals Committee's proposals, £41 18s.—£575 16s. Rathdown No. 2—District proposals, £351 3s. 11d.; Proposals Committee's proposals, £114 12s. 9d.—£465 16s. 8d. Rathdrum—District proposals, £1,557 0s. 4d.; Proposals Committee's proposals, £1,218 17s. 4d.—£2,775 17s. 8d. Shillelagh—District proposals, £445 9s. 4d.; Proposals Committee's proposals, £385 6s. 4d.—£830 15s. 8d. Wicklow Urban—Proposals Committee's proposals, £54 14s. An application was submitted from the County Surveyor to have a sum not exceeding £20 placed at his disposal for the erection of Cyclists' Danger Notices—the sum to be charged to the County at Large. The Committee recommend this sum to be advanced. Mr. McCarroll, into whose hands you placed Mr. Segrave's letter, has obtained counsel's opinion, of which the following gives the result:—"I think on the publication and on the surrounding circumstances, and on the facts stated in this case, there is evidence that the occasion was misused and misapplied in order to gratify the spleen of the writer, and if I am right in this, then privilege is not

a shield. I do not however regard the letters of Mr. Segrave as serious, if, as this case would point, that others replied then, they are smart and shallow, manifestly straining after effect, and I would say not likely to produce anything save contempt for the writer. I have answered the questions put to me, and desire to add that in my judgment the County Council could not, and Mr. Wynne ought not to take notice of the publications.—T. L. O'SHAUGHNESSY, 64 Fitzwilliam-square, Dublin."

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's report be adopted. Adopted.

Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the Five Rural Districts:

County at Large—Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor W. Osborne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on the County at Large, amounting to £2,665 9s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Baltinglass No. 1—Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor B. McDonald. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £302 15s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Adopted.

Naas No. 2—Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor B. McDonald. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £575 16s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Adopted.

Rathdown No. 2—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor M. Tallon. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £465 16s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Adopted.

Rathdrum—Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,775 17s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Adopted.

Shillelagh—Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £830 15s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Adopted.

Wicklow Urban—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £54 14s. (any modification made therein having been

first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the quarterly payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Sheppard, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the transfers on foot of the demands from the several Unions and Rural Districts for the coming quarter—the same not to be issued until July next. Carried.

Proposals for Contracts from the Five Rural Districts:

Baltinglass No. 1—Works Nos. 74 and 75 in the district register, were given in charge of the County Surveyor at £8, and £6 10s. respectively. The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2—Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Rathdown No. 2—In accordance with the directions of the Council at the previous quarterly meeting, Contractor Edward Connolly provided a new surety in place of Edward Byrne, deceased, and entered into a new bond for the execution of the contract, No. 202 on the Rural District register, before the District Council, which bond was duly signed and sealed before the County Council at this meeting. In connection with proposal No. 213 in the district register—to sheet with stones and steam roll 339 perches of the main road from Bray to Kilmacanogue, between the bounds of Bray Urban District at Killarney lane and the three roads at Hollybrook gate—the Council directed that the necessary steps be taken for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the Commissioners of Public Works for five years of the required sum—viz., £372 18s. The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Rathdrum—Contract No. 465 in the district register was given for three years to James Merrigan, Rathnew, at 1s. per annum. Guarantors—Norman Wallace, Rathnew Brick Company, Rathnew; and James Doyle, Rathnew. Contracts Nos. 472 and 514 in the district register, were given in charge of the County Surveyor for three months. Contract No. 482 in the district register, 1052 perches, was given to Thomas Conway, Ballyflanagan, Kilbride, at 5d. per perch per annum. Guarantors—Cornelius O'Brien, Ballinacreesda, Kilbride; and Joseph Alford, Ballinacarrig, Wicklow. Contract No. 497 in the district register, 664 perches, was given to John Brady, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy, at 3½d. per perch per annum. Guarantors—John Keogh, Cooladoyle, Kilpedder; and Daniel Brady, Glendaragh, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy. Contract No. 509 in the district register, 524 perches, was given to John Behan, Milltown, Rathnew, at 9½d. per perch per annum. Guarantors—James Brady, Milltown, Rathnew; and James Doyle, Moneystown, Roundwood. The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Shillelagh—Contract No. 840 in the district register, 750 perches, was given to Henry Cullen, Tombrean, Carnew, at 1s. 11d. per perch

per annum. Guarantors—Peter Breen, Cronyhorn, Shillelagh; Peter Travers, Tombrean, Carnew. The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved of at this quarterly meeting be now signed and sealed. Carried.

CERTIFICATE UNDER THE COUNTY (POOR RATE COLLECTORS) No. 2 ORDER, 1899.

I, Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby certify, in accordance with Article 1 of the above-named Order in Council, that the following Collectors of Poor Rate in this County have duly and properly lodged with your Treasurer—the National Bank, Wicklow—the entire amount named in their respective warrants within the time prescribed by the above-named Order, and by a Sealed Order of the Local Government Board, dated the 18th day of May, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three, and are, therefore, entitled to payment of their poundage Fees upon their collections:—1, Joseph Doyle; 2, Richard Geoghegan; 3, Thomas Tutty; 4, Nicholas Byrne; 5, Michael Kelly; 6, Michael McGrath; 7, Charles S. Sutton; 8, John Tallon; 10, John Murphy; 11, Patrick Behan; 12, John F. Evans; 13, George Evans; 14, James Byrne; 15, John Brennan; 16, William Smith; 17, Philip Doyle; 18, Thomas Ebbs; 19, Terence Byrne.—E. N. WYNNE, Secretary. Edward P. O'Kelly. 15th May, 1905.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Michael Tallon. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the rates made for the financial year ending 31st March, 1906. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That the Rate Collectors' warrants for the collection of the rates made for the financial year ending 31st March, 1906, be signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we now duly seal and sign Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the amount, £2,592 0s. 6d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1906. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal the Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the amount, £867 17s., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1906. Carried.

The Secretary read the advertisement published in the "Wicklow People," and "Wicklow News-Letter," relative to the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District:—"Wicklow County Council; Veterinary Inspector Wanted. The above Council will, at their Quarterly Meeting to be held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 15th May, 1905, proceed to elect a duly qualified Veterinary Surgeon as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the portion of Rathdown Union within

the County of Wicklow, at a Salary of £30 (Thirty Pounds) per annum, to cover all expenses. The Inspector appointed shall perform all the duties required by the said Acts, and the several Orders from time to time issued in connection with them and carry on the various inspections required at Fairs and elsewhere. Applications for the above appointment, giving name, address, and qualifications, to be lodged with the undersigned not later than 2 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, the 13th May, 1905.—EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the County Council, Wicklow.

And three applications for the position received from Louis M. Magee, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Infirmary, 103 Main-street, Bray; W. J. Richardson, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Infirmary, Bray; and Geo. Newsom, M.R.C.V.S., Killoughter, Ashford, Wicklow.

The Councillors having voted as follows:—For Magee—Councillors E. C. Walsh, Daniel Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, William Osborne, Joseph Dunne, William Costello, B. McDonald, Simon T. Doyle, James Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, Michael Tallon, P. J. Carey, William Byrne, and J. W. Reigh—14. For Richardson—Councillors William Burke, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, Thomas Sheppard, and E. J. Byrne—5. For Newsom—Councillor Michael Fleming—1.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That Louis M. Magee, M.R.C.V.S., be appointed Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Act for the portion of Rathdown Union within the County of Wicklow, in accordance with the terms of the advertisement, at a salary of Thirty Pounds (£30) per annum. Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor William Burke—That this Council apply to the Local Government Board for authority to hold half-yearly instead of quarterly meetings, under Section 12 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

In reply to a copy of the Notice of Motion sent to each of the Rural District Councils, replies were submitted from the following:—Baltinglaes No. 1 Rural District Council, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, and Shillelagh Rural District Council. A show of hands having been called for, the motion was declared "lost."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor Simon T. Doyle—That Mr. J. H. McCarroll be hereby appointed Solicitor to this Council. Fees to be as between Solicitor and Client, and subject to Taxation. The Solicitor to attend all meetings of the County Council gratis.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne—That the consideration of Mr. Burke's Notice of Motion be postponed.

A poll being taken there voted as follows:—For—Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, Wm. Costello, T. Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, P. J. Carey, and William Byrne—9. Against—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Osborne, Wm. Burke, Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, S. T. Doyle, James Byrne, J. McCarroll, Michael Tallon, M. Fleming, and J. W. Reigh—11. The amendment was declared lost by 11 votes to 9.

Further amendment:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman

Thompson, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne—That a return of the amount of fees paid to Mr. McCarroll for the last six years be furnished to this Council, to enable them to form an adequate opinion of a just sum to be paid him should he be appointed as their solicitor. Ruled out of order.

The original motion was then put as a resolution and declared carried.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That the question of Mr. Doyle's fees be submitted to the Finance Committee with the object of having his remuneration as Returning Officer reasonably increased, if the Finance Committee consider it desirable. Carried.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh—That the County Council of County Wicklow subscribe £300 towards the preservation of the road leading to the harbour, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

A deputation having attended from the Wicklow Urban District Council, and explained in detail the scheme for the protection of the foreshore towards which the sum was to be applied—a poll was taken as follows:—For—Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, R. Norman Thompson, S. T. Doyle, James Byrne, J. McCarroll, Wm. Byrne, and J. W. Reigh—8. Against—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, William Osborne, William Burke, Michael Byrne, Wm. Costello, T. Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, Michael Tallon, P. J. Carey, and Michael Fleming—10. The motion was declared lost by 10 votes to 8.

The following list showing the attendances of Councillors during the past three years was submitted by the Secretary:—

List of Attendances of County Councillors for past 3 years.

	Finance Committee Meetings.	Proposals Committee. Meetings.	Totl. No. of Meetings Attended.
Dr. Thompson	29	32	72
Jos. McCarroll	28	32	72
R. R. Drought	26	32	70
Wm. Byrne	25	16	46
Ml. Byrne	24	21	49
Wm. Costello	22	—	22
E. P. O'Kelly	20	15	38
James Byrne	20	14	37
E. J. Byrne	19	16	39
D. J. Cogan	17	14	36
Thos. Sheppard	18	—	18
E. C. Walsh	17	12	31
S. T. Doyle	14	—	14
Ml. Tallon	13	—	13
D. Condren	11	—	11
Wm. Burke	12	3	26
Fras. Buckley	11	—	11
Peter Brennan	11	—	11
P. J. Carey	10	—	10

Joseph Dunne	9	—	—	8
Michael Fleming	9	—	—	9
Wm. Osborne	8	—	—	8
Mr. Kelly	7	—	—	7
J. H. Coleman	7	—	—	7
Bartle. McDonald	7	—	—	7
Capt. A. Zeller	3	—	—	3

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's report to the Wicklow County Council; Spring Quarterly Meeting, 15th May, 1905. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—The contracts presented to you for approval to-day comprise:—99 road maintenance contracts, 2 bridge repairs, 2 repairs to retaining walls, 1 new footpath, 2 new gullets, 4 permissive contracts. Of these the only contracts requiring particular mention are:—In Baltinglass No. 1 R. D., Nos. 51, 52, 58, 69, 70, are all for roads used by the War Department and their contractors for conveyance of troops and material to Imaal Camp, and on account of the wear and tear thus created the prices have been of necessity increased as follows:—No 51, from 4d. to 1s. 6d., an increase of 1s. 2d. p. p.; No. 52, from 5d. to 9d., an increase of 4d. p. p.; No. 58, from 4d. to 9½d., an increase of 5½d. p. p.; No. 69, from 6½d. to 2s., an increase of 1s. 5½d. p. p.; No. 70, from 4d. to 3s., an increase of 2s. 8d. p. p. The net increase in annual expenditure thus caused amounts to £304 12s. 3d. In Rathdrum the permissive contract No. 49 seems to cause a breach of 14 and 14 Vic., Cap. 92, Sec. 9, Sub-sec. 2. No provision being therein provided for permissive presentments for such works. Recently the War Department conveyed large quantities of stones, etc., to Imaal Camp, via. Dunlavin and Carrigower Bridge—certain damages were caused to the roads and some of the works thereon. These damages I estimate will require an expenditure of about £310 to make good. On the 1st inst. I wrote to the Commanding Officer R.E., in Dublin (copy of letter attached hereto) requesting him to make certain arrangements to have these damages repaired, but up to the present I have not received any acknowledgment of that letter. Your Secretary kindly submitted to me the dates proposed for the Rural District Quarterly Meetings for the ensuing year—as far as I can judge the dates submitted seem the most convenient under the circumstances.—I remain, your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER.

(Copy.)

County Surveyor's Office, Court-house, Wicklow, 1st May, 1905. The Officer Commanding R.E., Dublin. Sir,—I beg to inform you that the roads from Dunlavin to Carrigower Bridge are heavily tracked and damaged by the locomotives used by the War Department, in many places the cross-section of the road is now concave. The length involved is about 5 miles, and to repair the roads and restore them to their former cross-section will, in my opinion, take 4in. deep of road metal in the hollow parts, and an average depth of 2in. for the full width of the working way for about two-thirds of the whole length. The cost of this will amount to £200, i.e., 800 c. yds. of road metal provided and spread, at 5s. per c. yd. There are also six gullets damaged which will require re-construction at a probable cost of £50 for the lot. The flood

arch of Gibstown Bridge is also damaged, and if this extraordinary traffic is to continue, it must be built at a cost of about £60. In any case, the arch is now unsafe and unfit for heavy traffic. These matters (especially the repair of the roads and gullets) require immediate attention. I therefore request that you either have these repairs carried out at once, and to my satisfaction, or that you lodge to the credit of the County Council a sum sufficient to enable me to have the work carried out; otherwise, I will be unwillingly compelled to request my Council to place the matter in the hands of their solicitor.—I remain, yours faithfully, S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor for the County Wicklow.

Order—That portion of the report dealing with the War Department be referred to solicitor.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 9th May, 1905. Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st March, 1905. 85 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—Butter, number—35; whiskey, 24; milk, 17; lard, 2; buttermilk, 2; wine, 2; rum, 1; confectionery, 1; cheese, 1; total, 85. Two certificates sent to Sergeant Flaherty, Delgany, for two specimens of whiskey, which were 28 and 40 degrees under proof, and were therefore adulterated with at least 4 and 20 per cent. of water. Certificate sent to Sergeant O'Connor, Tinahely, for specimen of whiskey, which was 27 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with at least 2.67 per cent. of water. Certificate sent to Sergeant McKibbin, Rathnew, for specimen of whiskey, which was 28.5 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with at least 4.67 per cent. of water. Certificate sent to Sergeant Ratigan, Arklow, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 7.8 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes. The remaining articles were free from adulteration. There were three specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wicklow. They were pure. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union eleven drugs were analysed. They were correct. For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union fourteen drugs, two specimens of milk, and one of water were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, strong solution of lead subacetate, contained an excess of lead. One of the milks was slightly under the average quality of pure milk. The specimen of water had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 112,000; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.200; saline ammonia, 0.280; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.491; sulphuric acid, 4.3236; equal to calcium sulphate, 6.0000. This water was largely polluted, and dangerous to use. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union nineteen drugs and three specimens of milk were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, compound decoction of aloe, was high in solids. Another—namely, tincture of hyoscyamus, was low in solids. Two of the milks were under the average quality of pure milk. Three specimens of water analysed for Wicklow Urban District Council had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters—No. 1 11,900, No. 2 25,900, No. 3 12,600; including—Albuminoid ammonia—No. 1 0.007, No. 2 0.006, No. 3 0.007; saline ammonia—No. 1 0.0015, No. 2 0.0035, No. 3 0.0035; nitric acid—No. 1 1.000, No. 2 3.620, No. 3 0.870;

chlorine—No. 1 1.491, No. 2 3.081, No. 3 1.590; sulphuric acid—No. 1 none, No. 2 7.206, No. 3 2.8824; equal to calcium sulphate—No. 1 none, No. 2 10.000, No. 3 4.0000. All fairly good waters. A specimen of water analysed for Mrs. Sweetenham, Kilmurry Grove, Bray, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 21.000; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.017; saline ammonia, 0.017; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.789; sulphuric acid, 1.4412; equal to calcium sulphate, 2.0000. A bad water. A specimen of milk analysed for Mrs. O'Carroll, Kilmacanogue, was adulterated with at least 25 per cent. of added water. For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co., Wicklow, two fertilizers were analysed. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, twenty-one drugs and a specimen of whiskey were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, compound tincture of benzoin, was high in gravity and low in alcohol. The specimen of whiskey was of good quality. Three specimens of water analysed for Naas Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters—No. 1 38.500, No. 2 32.900, No. 3 35.000; including—Albuminoid ammonia—No. 1 0.007, No. 2 0.021, No. 3 0.010; saline ammonia—No. 1 0.007, No. 2 0.280, No. 3 0.014; nitric acid—No. 1 trace, No. 2 trace, No. 3 2.330; chlorine—No. 1 1.292, No. 2 1.590, No. 3 2.087; sulphuric acid—No. 1 10.0884, No. 2 2.8824, No. 3 4.3236; equal to calcium sulphate—No. 1 14.0000, No. 2 4.0000, No. 3 6.0000. No. 2 was highly polluted; No. 3 was slightly polluted; No. 1 was a tolerably good water. Total analyses—167. Adulterated and defective articles—10. C. A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the following dates be fixed for the meetings of the Rural District Councils, Proposals Committee, and the County Council for the year 1905-1906.

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter 1905.	Autumn Quarter 1905.	Winter Quarter 1905.	Spring Quarter 1906.
RATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Eaniskerry.	11-30	Tues. July 4	Tues. Oct. 3	Tues. Jan. 2	Tues. Apl. 3
RATHDRUM ... Court-house, Rathdrum.	12	Mon. „ 3	Mon. „ 23	Mon. „ 22	Mon. „ 9
BALTINGLASS No. 1 ... Court-house, Baltinglass.	11-30	Mon. „ 10	Mon. „ 16	Mon. „ 15	Mon. „ 23
NAAS No. 2 ... Court-house, Blessington	1-45	Tues. „ 11	Tues. „ 17	Tues. „ 16	Tues. „ 17
SHILLELAGH ... Court-house, Shillelagh	1	Fri. „ 7	Fri. „ 20	Fri. „ 19	Fri. „ 20
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Court-house, Wicklow.	11-30	Tues. „ 18	Tues. „ 24	Tues. Feb. 6	Tues. „ 24
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Court-house, Wicklow.	11	Mon. „ 31	Wed. Nov. 15	Mon. „ 26	Thurs May 17

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the Secretary of the County Council be instructed to advertise for Sealed Tenders, to the next meeting of the County Council, for the sale of Dowling's farm. Passed.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 27107/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th April, 1905. Stating that the Board will raise no objection to the issue of an advance of £300 from the County Funds for expenses in connection with the forthcoming Local Government Elections.

No. 68M/1905; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st May, 1905. Prescribing the manner in which deposits lodged with Tenders for Public Works should be dealt with, and enclosing a Form of Tender and Bond which the Board have had prepared in connection with the matter. Order—Secretary to proceed in this matter as at present.

No. 27534/1905; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th May, 1905. Enclosing for the information of the Council, copies of communications which they have received from the Patriotic Assurance Co., relative to the Bonds of Collectors of Poor Rate, together with copies of the Board's reply thereto, stating that where officers have been hitherto secured with the Board's approval, and have given satisfaction in the discharge of their duties, the Board are not, without special reason, prepared to direct them to go to the trouble and possible expense of taking out new Security Bonds. Submitted and noted.

No. 25439/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th May, 1905. Relative to the working of the Public Bodies, 1904, in County Wicklow, and dealing with the various articles to which the Council took exception. Order—Refer to Finance Committee.

Acknowledgments were submitted from the following in connection with the Council's resolution on the subject of the new rules recently issued by the Commissioners of National Education:—11th May, 1905, Under Secretary, Dublin Castle; 11th May, 1905, Secretaries, Board of National Education; 11th May, 1905, Antrim County Council; 11th May, 1905, Dublin County Council; 11th May, 1905, Queen's County County Council.

Circular 36. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 17th April, 1905. Dealing with the constitution of a Proposed Joint Technical Instruction Committee for County Wicklow, the number of whose representatives from each contributing authority is to be as follows:—County Council, 15; Wicklow Urban Council, 5. Order—Referred to the annual meeting.

No. 1758/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 29th April, 1905. Enclosing for the information of the Council a memorandum on the subject of the use of Sheep Dips under the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905. "Read"—Swimming Baths are plenty in this County.

13th May, 1905. From George Newsom, V.S., Killoughter, Ashford, Wicklow—Drawing the attention of the Council to the new Order dealing with Sheep Scab, which confers additional powers on Local Authorities, and asking if the Council wishes him to carry out all the Provisions of this Order, and, if so, what arrangements they propose to make to pay him for the extra duties to be performed.

Application from Collector William Smith, offering to resign his position as Collector after over fifty years' service on his being given a

reasonable superannuation. Order—Referred to the Finance Committee.

27th April, 1905. From Collector Charles S. Sutton—Applying for an increase in his salary as Poor Rate Collector for No. 7 Collecting District, and giving in detail the grounds on which he bases his application. Order—Referred to the Finance Committee.

25th April, 1905. From Accountant, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin—In reference to the patients who were admitted to the Asylum from Little Bray prior to the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, coming into operation. The Secretary's reply thereto was read and confirmed.

4 Church-street, Wicklow, 11th day of May, 1905. Lawrence Gartland v. Wicklow County Council. Dear Sir,—I beg to report that this case came on for hearing at the Quarter Sessions and was dismissed with costs. Rev. W. Jeffares v. Wicklow County Council. In this case you may recollect you instructed me not to oppose, but the Rural District Council appeared by their solicitor and opposed the claim, and a decree was made. Patrick Kearon, Thomas Alworth, Bernard Connors, A. Bolger, Patrick Kavanagh, Andrew Neill, James Byrne, Daniel Neill, Thomas O'Leary, John Quail, and John Byrne, v. Wicklow County Council. These cases have been adjourned until the next Quarter Sessions on the application of the several plaintiffs. I am of opinion that the County Council is not liable, and with reference to the liability of the Rural Council a technical objection exists, which I think will defeat the plaintiffs' claim.—Yours faithfully, J. H. McCARROLL. E. N. Wynne, Esq., J.P.

8th May, 1905. From Mr. J. O'Connor and Co., New-road, Gorey, Solicitors—Notifying the Council of actions about to be instituted against them by the following persons for damages to their houses and property by overflow matter from a sewer in Arklow:—Kate Mordaunt, £50; William Kavanagh, £20. Order—Referred to the Rural District Council to take such steps as they consider necessary, this being a sanitary matter the County Council are not in a position to deal with it.

2nd May, 1905. From Wm. Cooper and Nephews, Chemical Works, Berkhamsted—Enclosing correspondence and booklet re Sheep Scab Eradication.

From Hon. Secretary, the Royal Institute of Public Health—Enclosing printed preliminary programme of the proceedings of their forthcoming London Congress, to be held on 19th to 25th July (inclusive), 1905.

8th May, 1905. From County Council of Waterford, two resolutions dealing (1) with Irish affairs, and (2) with the question of a University for Ireland.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 14TH JUNE, 1905.

The Annual Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Wednesday, the 14th June, 1905, at 10-30 a.m. o'clock.

The following Councillors signed the declaration accepting office, before the Secretary:—Edward P. O'Kelly, J.P.; D. J. Cogan, M.P.; W. Burke, W. H. McFarland, James Byrne, John Storey, Wm. Osborne, A. Zeller, Simon T. Doyle, Peter Brennan, Daniel Condren, Patrick J. Carey, Joseph McCarroll, E. J. Byrne, William Costello, and Thomas Sheppard.

A letter was read from Councillor Michael Byrne, J.P., regretting his inability to attend the meeting.

The chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, J.P.

BUSINESS:

- 1—The chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
- 2—The Councillors to sign the Declaration accepting Office.
- 3—To consider question of choosing, and, if so determined, to choose two additional County Councillors.
- 4—To elect a Chairman.
- 5—To elect a Vice-Chairman.
- 6—To appoint a Finance and Proposals Committee of nine Councillors.
- 7—To appoint a County Committee of Agriculture.
- 8—To appoint a Joint Technical Instruction Committee for County Wicklow (see circular from Department of Agriculture).
- 9—To recommend revisions required in the Valuation Lists.

The new Finance Committee will adjourn to appoint a Chairman, to order Payments from Subsidiary Account, and to consider and report on Items Nos. 11, 12, and 13, of this Agenda, referred to it by the County Council.

- 10—To receive the Finance Committee's Report.
- 11—To consider the application for superannuation from William Smith, Rate Collector.
- 12—To consider the application for an increase of salary from Charles S. Sutton, Rate Collector.
- 13—To consider the application for an increase of Election Fees from T. B. Doyle, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer.
- 14—To arrange for the Collection of the Rates in District No. 16.
- 15—To appoint Representatives upon the following Joint Committees of Management:—

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| (a) Richmond District Lunatic Asylum | (4). |
| (b) Wicklow County Infirmary | (12). |
| (c) Wicklow Fever Hospital | (8). |
| (d) Arklow Fever Hospital | (6). |
| (e) Newtown-Mount-Kennedy do. | (8). |

16—To sign application for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

17—To consider Reports from County Officers.

18—To consider Official Correspondence.

19—To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That William Byrne be co-opted a member of this County Council. Passed nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor William Burke, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard.—That R. R. Drought, D.L., be co-opted a member of this County Council.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor Peter Brennan.—That Mr. Patrick Short of Rathnew, be co-opted.

A show of hands being called for and taken, four councillors voted for the amendment, and twelve councillors against. The original motion was then put and passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, J.P., be and is hereby elected Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Passed nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Sheppard, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That Councillor Michael Byrne, J.P., be and is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Elected.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That the following Nine Councillors be appointed, along with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Council, to form the Finance Committee:—

D. J. Cogan, M.P.,	E. C. Walsh,	William Burke,
William Byrne,	E. J. Byrne, J.P.,	Dr. R. N. Thompson, J.P.,
James Byrne,	Joseph McCarroll,	R. R. Drought, D.L.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That the following Nine Councillors be appointed, along with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Council, to form the Proposals Committee:—

D. J. Cogan, M.P.,	E. C. Walsh,	William Burke,
William Byrne,	E. J. Byrne, J.P.,	Dr. R. N. Thompson, J.P.,
James Byrne,	Joseph McCarroll,	R. R. Drought, D.L.

Elected.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be appointed to form the County Committee of Agriculture for the County Wicklow:—

Daniel Condren, Lower Main Street, Arklow.
 William Osborne, Ballyknockan House, Blessington.
 James Byrne, Tinnakilly Lower, Aughrim.
 Joseph McCarroll, Church Street, Wicklow.
 Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., Kindlestown, Delgany.
 Joseph Dnunc, Merginstown Glen, Dunlavin.
 Edmond C. Walsh, Vale Road, Arklow.

John Storey, Moneytown, Roundwood, Greystones.
 William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow.
 E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullin's, Tinahely.
 D. J. Cogan, M.P., 115 Thomas Street, Dublin.
 Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.
 Michael Byrne, J.P., Cooelugg House, Tinahely.
 Alfred J. Zeller, Lackan House, Blessington.
 Philip Bollard, Coan, Stratford-on-Slaney.
 Thomas Burke, Hollywood, Ballymore-Eustace.
 Rev. Philip Doyle, C.C., Annacurra, Aughrim.
 William Bothman, Miley Hall, Blessington.
 Patrick Short, Rathnew, Wicklow.
 Rev. J. Staples, P.P., Avon Park, Rathdrum.
 Rev. Robert Fegan, P.P., Roundwood, Greystones.
 James Galvin, Mount Avon, Rathdrum.
 Rev. L. O'Byrne, P.P., Ovoca.
 Rev. J. R. Willis, B.D., Moyne Rectory, Rathdrum.
 Rev. Joseph Hickey, C.C., Ashford, Wicklow.
 George F. Fleming, 6 Marlborough Terrace, Arklow.
 Rev. T. Carberry, P.P., The Abbey, Wicklow.

Elected.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor Wm. Burke. Resolved—That the powers of this Council, so far as they relate to Agricultural Instruction under the Board of Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act, be conferred upon the Committee of Agriculture excepting the levying of a rate, and the power of raising money. Passed.

Circular-letter No. 36, dated 17th April, 1905, from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction having been submitted, and considered, it was

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be appointed to form a Joint Technical Instruction Committee for County Wicklow:—

D. J. Cogan, M.P.,	115 Thomas Street, Dublin.
Edward P. O'Kelly, J.P.,	St. Kevin's, Baltinglass.
Edmond C. Walsh,	1 Vale Road, Arklow.
Michael Fleming,	Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.
William Osborne,	Ballyknockan House, Blessington.
E. J. Byrne, J.P.,	St. Mullin's, Tinahely.
Daniel Condren,	Lower Main Street, Arklow.
William Byrne,	Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow.
Rev. Joseph Hickey, C.C.,	Ashford, Wicklow.
Rev. John Manning, C.C.,	Arklow.
Rev. Philip Doyle, C.C.,	Annacurra, Aughrim.
George F. Fleming,	6 Marlborough Terrace, Arklow.
Rev. John Staples, P.P.,	Avon Park, Rathdrum.
Rev. Robert Fegan, P.P.,	Roundwood, Greystones.
Rev. James O'Carroll, P.P.,	Valleymount, Blessington.

Elected—Councillors Burke and McFarland dissenting owing to no representative being appointed from Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm.

Burke. Resolved—That the powers of this Council, so far as they relate to Technical Instruction in subjects other than Agriculture, and as granted under the Technical Instruction Acts, be conferred upon the Technical Instruction Committee, excepting the levying of a rate, and the power of raising money. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That we consider the changes and alterations in the Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, to be necessary, and request the Valuation Office to have the list revised accordingly. Passed.

No. 14332/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 3rd June, 1905. Notifying that the Department had purchased the holdings specified on enclosed list, and comprised in the estate situate at Avondale, previously owned by Mr. Patrick Boylan, and stating that, as this property will be used for the public service in connection with Agricultural Schemes, the Department claim to be exempted from the payment of rates in respect thereof, and requesting that the ratings, as given, be included in the list of tenements and hereditaments requiring revision at the next Annual Revision of Valuation.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That, as the scheme for which the Avondale holdings were purchased is for the benefit of the Province of Leinster, it would be very unjust to the Ratepayers of Rathdrum Rural District to deprive that Division of the rates on all holdings taken over by the Department, and we ask the Department to prepare a scheme for a refund to the Rathdrum District Council of the loss entailed by carrying out the scheme, before this Council agrees to allow the holdings to be exempted. Passed.

The Council then adjourned for half an hour to allow the new Finance Committee to meet and submit their report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 14th June, 1905, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., in the chair; Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, James Byrne, William Burke, J. McCarroll, and E. J. Byrne. The Committee recommend that Collector Smith be granted a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum upon his resigning the post of rate collector. (Mr. Smith, when called before the Committee, refused this offer). Also that Mr. Sutton be in future paid a poundage of 6d. on every £1 rates collected and lodged by him. The valuation of Mr. James Bayle and Mr. G. Driver having been reduced upon appeal, we recommend the County Council to refund the following rates overpaid by them on the higher valuations:—To Mr. James Bayle, 6s. 3d.; Mr. George Driver, 8s. 2d.—Signed, D. J. Cogan, Chairman. 14th June, 1905. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the following be the representatives of this Council upon the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Asylum:—

Edward P. O'Kelly, J.P., St. Kevin's, Baltinglass.

Denis J. Cogan, M.P., 115 Thomas-street, Dublin.

Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., Kindlestown, Delgany.

William Burke, Esq., Castle Street, Bray.

Elected.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the following be the representatives of this Council upon the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary:—

Rev. James Sherwin, C.C., The Presbytery, Wicklow.

Rev. T. Carberry, P.P., The Abbey, Wicklow.

E. M. Collins, Abbey Street, Wicklow.

William Costello, Arinary, Tonelagee, Wicklow.

Patrick Fitzsimons, Abbey Street, Wicklow.

Joseph McCarroll, Church Street, Wicklow.

Patrick Short, Rathnew, Wicklow.

Daniel Condren, Lower Main Street, Arklow.

Sylvester Delahunt, Main Street, Wicklow.

William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow.

Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., Kindlestown, Delgany.

William Osborne, Ballyknockan House, Blessington.

Elected.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That the following be the representatives of this Council upon the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital:—

Joseph McCarroll, Church Street, Wicklow.

Rev. T. Carberry, P.P., The Abbey, Wicklow.

William Byrne, Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow.

E. M. Collins, Abbey Street, Wicklow.

Col. C. W. Tottenham, D.L., Ballycurry, Ashford, Wicklow.

Sylvester Delahunt, Main Street, Wicklow.

Rev. L. Farrelly, P.P., Ashford, Wicklow.

R. R. Drought, D.L., Ballinacoola, Glenealy.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the following be the representatives of this Council upon the Joint Committee of Management of Arklow Fever Hospital:—

Peter Kavanagh, Main Street, Arklow.

Daniel Condren, Lower Main Street, Arklow.

Thomas Birthistle, Main Street, Arklow.

William Kavanagh, Main Street, Arklow.

Charles Murray, Ferrybank, Arklow.

Hugh Byrne, Lower Main Street, Arklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Burke. Resolved—That the following be the representatives of this Council upon the Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy Fever Hospital:—

Rev. B. O'Reilly, P.P., Kilquade, Kilpadder, Greystones.

Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., Kindlestown, Delgany.

William Corbett, Spring Farm, Delgany.

Simon T. Dovle, The Orchard, Delgany.

Rev. P. Earley, C.C., Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy.

Rev. Robert Fegan, P.P., Roundwood, Greystones.

Augustine Ryder, The Quill, Kilmacanogue.

J. J. O'Reilly, Kilmullen, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign the certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—We hereby appoint the Clerks for each of the Five Rural District Councils to be Deputy Checkers of the Rate Collectors' accounts for their respective districts for the current financial year. Passed.

Ballylusk, Ashford, 14th June, 1905. To the Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen,—I beg to offer £75 (Seventy-five Pounds) for farms advertised at Ballylusk. In the event of my offer being accepted, I shall be prepared to hand the necessary deposit to the Council.—Yours truly, Patrick Dowling.

Order—Accepted, subject to deposit being lodged. A deposit of £18 15s. was lodged, and the conditions of sale subsequently signed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That this being the first meeting of the newly elected County Council, we desire to place on record that nothing but a full measure of Home Rule giving back to Ireland her native legislature, can ever bring peace, prosperity, and contentment to our country. Passed nem. con.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Dublin Castle, 31st May, 1905. From Sir Patrick Coll, K.C.B., Chief Crown Solicitor—re an alleged breach of the agreement in connection with the Kilbride Roads. Reply of Secretary confirmed.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 17th May, 1905. Notifying a loan of £225 to the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, under the Labourers' (Ireland) Act, 1883 to 1896.

No. 13031/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 25th May, 1905. Notifying that samples of butter had been taken up in the County under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure as follows:—Arklow, 2 samples; Rathdrum, 2 samples; Tinahely, 3 samples.

No. 13032/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 25th May, 1905. Notifying that samples of butter had been taken up in the County under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure as follows:—Bray, 2 samples; Wicklow, 2 samples.

No. 2916/05. Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Branch, Dublin, 30th May, 1905. Approving of the appointment of Louis M. Magee, M.R.C.V.S., as Veterinary Inspector for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

List No. 2 of Sheep Dipping Preparations approved by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, under the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905, additional to those specified in the Second Schedule of that Order.

10th June, 1905. From T. B. Doyle, Esq., J.P., Returning Officer, reporting that a vacancy exists in the Office of District Councillor for the newly created District Electoral Division of Enniskerry, under the circumstances set forth in documents enclosed. Order—Defer to Quarterly Meeting.

7th June, 1905. From Clerk Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—notifying the appointment of J. H. Coleman, Griffinstown,

Grange Con, Athy, as Chairman of the District Council for the ensuing year.

7th June, 1905. From Clerk Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—notifying the appointment of Captain Alfred Zeller, Laakan House, Blessington, as Chairman of the District Council for the ensuing year.

9th June, 1905. From Clerk Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—stating that, as their elected Chairman, Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., was already a County Councillor, R. M. Barrington, Esq., B.L., Fassaroe, Bray, was appointed from their District Council as their representative on the County Council.

7th June, 1905. From Clerk Rathdrum Rural District Council—notifying the appointment of Patrick J. Carey, Esq., as Chairman, and William Byrne, Esq., as Vice-Chairman of the District Council for the ensuing year.

8th June, 1905. From Clerk Shillelagh Rural District Council—stating that, as the elected Chairman of the District Council, E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullin's, Tinahely, is already a County Councillor, the District Council have chosen Michael Fleming, Esq., Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, to take his place as an additional member of the County Council.

15th May. From Clerk Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing copies of correspondence which has passed between him and the Local Government Board with reference to the District Electoral Division of Enniskerry. Ordered—The Secretary to bring the question of a new election for Enniskerry and Knockrath Electoral Division before next meeting.

19th May, 1905. From the Medical Superintendent, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin—further letter dealing with the question of the transfer of Little Bray patients from County Dublin account to the County Wicklow account, and stating that the Joint Committee have directed that the transfer be made. Order—Refer to solicitors.

25th May, 1905. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin—enclosing a return of patients admitted from the County during the quarter ended 31st March, 1905.

13th June, 1905. Telegram from Medical Superintendent, Richmond District Asylum—asking to be wired the names of the representatives from the Council appointed to act on the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Asylum, so that they might be summoned to the Meeting to be held on the 15th instant. Names wired as requested.

27th May, 1905. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor—enclosing copy of a letter received from Headquarters Office, Curragh Camp, relative to the repairs required on the roads from Dunlavin to Carrigower Bridge, etc. Order—Mr. McCarroll to write again.

Form 2, Preliminary Notice, and Form 5, Notice of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury to property of Lord Fitzwilliam, for alleged Malicious Injury to Grouse Coverts through burning on two occasions—viz., the 14th and 23rd of May. Amounts claimed £200, and £100, respectively. Police reports on same.

10th June, 1905. From Lord Fitzwilliam's Solicitor—notice withdrawing his application for compensation for Criminal Injury on the 14th May.

3rd June, 1905. From James Murray, Esq., J.P., Coroner,

Cooladangan House, Arklow—enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the Coroner's Jury at the recent inquest held in connection with the Motor Accident at Ballymaghroe Hill. Order already given. Matter in hands of County Surveyor. A sample of the Danger Notice Plate was submitted by the County Surveyor and approved of by the Council.

5th June, 1905. From A. J. Gorman, Secretary, Dunlavin School Attendance Committee—sending forward the name of Mark Deering, Milltown, Dunlavin, and asking the Council to appoint him on the Committee in room of Thomas Metcalfe, disqualified. Approved and confirmed.

22nd May, 1905. From Assistant Secretary, Dublin County Council, 11 Rutland-square, Dublin—stating that his Council had adopted the Council's resolution re alteration of the Rules of the National Board of Education.

30th May, 1905. From Secretary, Meath County Council, Navan—stating that his Council had adopted the Council's resolution re changing of National Board Rules.

18th May, 1905. From Lismore Rural District Council—resolution asking that immediate steps be taken for the Valuation of all Gaming Rights under the Land Law Act, 1903, as distinct from the Valuation of Land, with a view to the more equitable adjustment of taxation.

25th April, 1905. Leaflets from the Cork County Eagle on the Nationalisation of Irish Railways.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 31st JULY, 1905.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 31st July, 1905, at 10-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, E. C. Walsh, Joseph Dunne, James Byrne, Michael Fleming, Joseph McCarroll, Richard M. Barrington, Thomas Sheppard, and William Byrne.

The following members signed their Declarations before the Secretary, accepting office:—E. C. Walsh, Joseph Dunne, R. M. Barrington, Michael Fleming, and William Byrne.

The Chairman read a letter from the Council's Solicitor—Mr. J. H. McCarroll—regretting his inability to be in attendance at the meeting.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider Report from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 3—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
- 5—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 6—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To sign return for Bounty in Lieu of Rates.
- 9—To make arrangements for the Election of Rural District Councillors for the Electoral Divisions of Enniskerry and Knockrath.
- 10—To consider an application from Rathdown No. 2 Rural District asking the County Council to apply for a Loan of £372 18s. for the purpose of sheeting with stones and steam-rolling about 339 perches of road from Bray to Kilmacanogue, between Killarney-lane and the three roads at Hollybrook gate.
- 11—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 12—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 13—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 14—To consider General Correspondence.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as printed and circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—NO. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 18th July, 1905, when the following members attended:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, in the chair; Councillors Michael Byrne, R. R. Drought, and Jos. McCarroll. The Committee, having examined the Proposals for Payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at Large				4,361	0	3
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	625	9	7			
Proposals Committee's proposals	39	5	0—	664	14	7

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	799	6	1			
Proposals Committee's proposals	327	13	9	1,126	19	10
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	314	13	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	35	2	5	349	16	2
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,426	6	7			
Proposals Committee's proposals	335	12	0	1,761	18	7
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	418	2	7			
Proposals Committee's proposals	57	9	11	465	12	6
Wicklow Urban—						
District proposals	—					
Proposals Committee's proposals	16	16	7	16	16	7

Mr. Francis Kennedy, Solicitor, has asked for payment of a claim by the Land Commission, and of one by the Hibernian Bank, on Dowling's farms which were recently sold. The Committee recommend that a cheque for £42 11s. be passed to the Irish Land Commission to cover its claim, the same not to issue until the sale and transfer of the farm is completed. The Committee recommend a transfer of £621 3s. 8d. to credit of the Subsidiary Account. Having checked the Returning Officer's Accounts of Expenses in connection with the recent Local Government Elections, we recommend a final payment to Mr. T. B. Doyle, J.P., of £104 14s. 9d.—R. R. DROUGHT. Adopted—E. P. O'KELLY. 31/7/05.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—NO. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 31st July, 1905, at 10 a.m., when the following members attended:—Councillor R. R. Drought, in the chair; Councillors E. C. Walsh, James Byrne, Edward P. O'Kelly, R. Norman Thompson, Michael Byrne. The Committee examined the Union and Rural District Demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments:—

Transfers to Funds of Unions:—Baltinglass, £1,047 5s.; Naas, £251; Rathdown, £1,122 0s. 9d.; Rathdrum, £3,235 16s. 6d.; Shillelagh, £842 5s.; total, £6,498 7s. 3d.

Transfers to Funds of Rural District Councils:—Baltinglass No. 1, £471 10s.; Naas No. 2, £91; Rathdown No. 2, £143 16s. 10d.; Rathdrum, £1,095 13s. 1d.; Shillelagh, £365; total, £2,166 19s. 11d.

The County Surveyor having reported the necessity for sundry repairs which are urgently necessary in Baltinglass and Wicklow Court-houses, the Committee recommend that a sum not exceeding £150 be expended on Baltinglass Court-house, and a sum not exceeding £200 be expended on repairs, etc., in Wicklow Court-house.—R. R. DROUGHT. Adopted—E. P. O'KELLY. 31/7/05.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That the Reports of the Finance Committee be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE, AND FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS:—

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on the County at Large, amounting to £4,361 0s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Baltinglass No. 1:—A letter from John Kelly, Tuckmill Hill, Baltinglass, a road contractor, regarding a certificate for payment was read. Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £664 14s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Naas No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £1,126 19s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdown No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. M. Barrington. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £349 16s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,761 18s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £475 12s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Wicklow Urban:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 16s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past Quarter's Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS:—

Baltinglass No. 1:—Contractor Patrick Birmingham, of Rathbran, Baltinglass, submitted a fresh bond for his road contract for 1,020 perches, District Register No. 20, which had been accepted by

the Rural District Council. The same was approved by the County Council. Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2:—No contracts submitted.

Rathdown No. 2:—A tender was received from Messrs. Grainger Bros., Holywood, Belfast, for sheeting with stones and steam-rolling 339 perches of the road between the bounds of Bray Urban District at Killarney-lane, and three roads at Hollybrook gate, but as the same in no way conformed with the specification for the work, it was rejected as informal. The remaining contract was approved and confirmed.

Rathdrum:—Contract No. 520 in the District Register, 146 perches, was passed subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the presentment for the Killahurler-road be passed, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, and that our Secretary be directed to write the Local Government Board pointing out that this road is a necessity for about Thirty Ratepayers, and that it is the unanimous wish of the Rathdrum District Council, and of this Council, that the District Council continue to maintain it. Passed.

The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Shillelagh:—Contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed—Councillor R. Norman Thompson objecting.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the contracts accepted by this Council be now sealed and signed. Passed.

As ordered, the notices received from the Clerks of Rathdown No. 2, and of Rathdrum Rural Districts at the last meeting of the Council, stating that there was a vacancy in the representation on the Rural District Council for the Electoral Division of Enniskerry, and for the Electoral Division of Knockrath, were submitted and considered by the Council, and the following order made thereupon, due notice having been served on all the members of the Council. Order—An election to be held by Mr. T. B. Doyle, J.P., Returning Officer, for a Rural District Councillor for the Rural Electoral Division of Enniskerry, and for a Rural District Councillor for the Rural Electoral Division of Knockrath, on Tuesday, the 22nd August, 1905. Payment to be by scale.

Consideration of an application from Rathdown No. 2 Rural District to apply for a loan of £372 18s. for the purpose of sheeting with stones and steam-rolling about 339 perches of road from Bray to Kilmacanogue, between Killarney-lane and the three roads at Hollybrook gate. No Formal Tender for the steam-rolling of this road having been received by the County Council, the application for a loan was ordered to be deferred until a further application is received from the Rural District Council.

The reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions (except Rathdown) on the attendances of the Poor Rate Collectors were submitted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT—NO. 1.

County Surveyor's report to the County Council at the Summer Quarterly Meeting, July 31st, 1905. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—

The contracts, etc., coming before you at this meeting are few in number. They comprise—1 for new footpath; 2 for repairs to gulleys; 1 for road drains; 3 for repairs to bridge and retaining walls; 4 for road maintenance. Of these contracts but two call for particular mention—viz., 1—The contract district Reg. No. 520 in Rathdrum, for the repair of 146 perches between the slate quarry road and the bounds of the district of Slievefore. This road was repaired, under contract No. 243, Summer 1902, at a cost of £90 (Lord Carysfort contributing a further £10). A very good repair was made, and that which was formerly a narrow, dangerous laneway, converted into a safe road. The road is not a thoroughfare, as it terminates at Slievefore; it is the only passage for, I understand, 30 families to the county road, nevertheless it is not a "public" road within the meaning of the Grand Jury Act as defined by Justice Andrews in the matter of the Leitrim Presentment, reported in 28 I.L.T.R., 139. The other work calling for mention is in Shillelagh Rural District, contract No. 849, to re-build stile and repair wall at Ballycumber Bridge. This bridge was built under a county contract, No. 650, Shillelagh, Summer 1901, but the payments were disallowed by the auditor, and the councillors responsible surcharged; the surcharges being remitted by the Local Government Board. With few exceptions the roads in your county are in fair repair; the contractors for the unsatisfactory works have been served with the necessary notices, and unless they carry out their contracts further proceedings will be taken in due course.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT—NO. 2.

County Surveyor's report on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, July 1905. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—In compliance with the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Order, 1887, I, on the 25th and 28th inst., made the annual inspection of the line, therein directed. The permanent way is nearly all overgrown with grass and weeds, and most untidy looking, and excepting in those places where new sleepers have been placed, very little weeding has been done. The fastenings, both fish-plates and holding-down bolts, where the rails are on the old sleepers, are still in many places very loose, and cause undue wear on the rolling stock. The walls, etc., at Blessington siding, are still unrepaired, and with the exception of at The Lamb siding no attempt has been made to lessen the danger caused by the proximity of the rails to standing works at the places referred to in my last report. The work of relaying the line with new sleepers is still proceeding. In my report last year, I pointed out that these new sleepers were quite fresh and unseasoned, and that they were not in any way treated with preservatives. Although these sleepers are of excellent timber, and, I understand, of Irish growth, of good dimensions and of reasonably fair shape, nevertheless owing to the defective drainage on the line, and the fact that they are uncreosoted, they will not have the life they should have if the trifling extra cost of creosoting had been incurred. Already I notice on some of the longer laid of these new sleepers indications which foretell decay. During the past year the rolling stock has been well attended to, two wagons have been re-built and are now practically as good as new. Two of the coaches have been thoroughly repaired and done up. A new bogie truck has been built, which is suitable for timber, etc., and which can be, if required, converted into a

passenger car by attaching a coach body, which was also constructed at the works during the year. One engine has been re-built, and is almost completed. One coach is in the sheds having new and stronger framing put in. The third-class carriages are having blinds placed on the windows, which will conduce much to the comfort of the passengers. I am glad to report that the particulars of the running for the year 1904-5 are more satisfactory as compared with the year 1903-4. The train mileage is 74,695 miles as against 74,986 miles for the years 1903-4, being a decrease of 291 miles with an increase of traffic receipts of £114 16s. 6d.; while the cost of running (locomotive) shows a decrease of £185 19s. 6d., and locomotive repairs a decrease of £279 1s. The gross receipts amount to £6,837 13s. 4d., showing an increase of £118 12s. 2d., and the gross expenses amount to £5,912 16s. 7d., showing a decrease of £270 4s. 9d. The total receipts exceed the total expenditure by £924 16s. 9d. The contributions required from Naas No. 2 and Baltinglass No. 1 Rural Districts amount to £537 11s. 7d., as against £732 0s. 1d. in 1903-4, a decrease of £194 8s. 6d. The costs per train mile are as follows:—

	1903-4. d.	1904-5. d.	Incr'se. d.	Deer'se. d.
Running expenses (Loco.)	6.483	5.911		.572
Repairs to locomotives	3.049	2.165		.884
Traffic expenses	2.275	2.249		.026
General charges	1.405	1.352		.053
Repairs to way and works	3.717	4.049	.332	
Repairs to rolling stock, etc.	1.106	1.638	.532	
Sundries	1.751	1.634		.117
	19.786	18.998	.864	1.652
				.864
				.788

The receipts per train mile amount to 21.969d.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER, B.E., M.I.C.E.I., County Surveyor.

County Surveyor's Office, Court-house, Wicklow, 31st July, 1905. To the County Council, Wicklow. Gentlemen,—I request that you will allow me one month's leave of absence.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Granted.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 27th July, 1905. Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th June, 1905. Ninety-three articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—butter, number—36; whiskey, 29; milk, 19; buttermilk, 4; coffee, 2; salt, 1; port wine, 1; skim milk, 1; total, 93. Certificate sent to Sergeant Ratigan, Arklow, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 40 per cent. of its fats. Certificate sent to Sergeant McCluskey, Ovoca, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 23 per cent. of its fats. Certificate sent to Sergeant O'Leary, Wicklow, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 16 per cent. of its fats. Certificate sent to Sergeant Hayes, Baltinglass, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 12 per cent. of

added water exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes. The remaining articles were free from adulteration. There were seventeen specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County of Wicklow. They were pure. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, compound tincture of camphor, was low in gravity and high in alcohol. For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union six drugs were analysed. They were correct. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union eleven drugs were analysed. They were correct. One specimen of water analysed for the Guardians of Baltinglass Union had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 31.500; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.008; saline ammonia, 0.005; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.894; sulphuric acid, 1.4418; equal to calcium sulphate, 2.0000.—A tolerably good water. One specimen of water analysed for Dr. Hamilton, Rathdrum Union, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 28.700; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.006; saline ammonia, 0.002; nitric acid, 2.780; chlorine, 4.075; sulphuric acid, 7.206; equal to calcium sulphate, 10.000.—A good water. For the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture one specimen of feeding stuff was analysed. One fertilizer was analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow. Two specimens of water analysed for F. Brooke, Esq., Coollattin Estate Office, Shillelagh, had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters,	7.000	5.600
Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.012	0.006
Saline ammonia	0.005	0.006
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	0.994	0.994
Sulphuric acid	2.8824	None
Equal to calcium sulphate	4.0000	None

No. 1 was somewhat inferior. No. 2 was a fairly good water.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, twenty-one drugs and two specimens of milk were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, tincture of opium, was slightly low in alkaloids. One of the milks was of poor quality. Four specimens of water analysed for Naas Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Total solid matters,	46.200	46.200	39.900	30.100
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.007	0.017	0.007	0.008
Saline ammonia	0.007	0.008	0.002	0.009
Nitric acid	2.780	2.000	1.620	1.500
Chlorine	3.976	8.946	1.888	1.093
Sulphuric acid	10.0884	8.6472	8.6472	5.7648
Equal to calcium sulphate	14.0000	12.0000	12.0000	8.0000

Nos. 1 and 4 were tolerably good; No. 3 was a good water; No. 2 was slightly polluted.

More detailed reports on the waters above referred to were made to those who sent them, but the main points in their composition are given in the present report. Total analysis, 163; adulterated and defective articles, 6.—C. A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That this County Council, being deeply impressed with the enormous advantages which must flow from the Marine Works Bill, introduced by Sir Thomas Esmonde, and read a first time last Wednesday; most respectfully call on the Chief Secretary to have the Bill passed this Session, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, Chief Secretary, John E. Redmond, and Sir Thomas Esmonde. Passed.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 43041/1905. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th July, 1905. Approving of the poundage of 6d. in the £1 to Poor Rate Collector Charles S. Sutton.

No. 44458/05. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th July, 1905. Enclosing Auditor's Report on the County Council's Accounts for the half-year ended 31st March, 1905:—

(Copy). No. 44,458: 1905; Wicklow County, July 14th, 1905. Gentlemen,—I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of the County Wicklow for the half-year ended March last, and I forward, herewith, a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order in that behalf made. The Accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a most satisfactory manner, and no item calls for any special reference on my part.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, C. D. BARRY, Auditor. To the Secretary, Local Government Board.

No. 90M/1905. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th July, 1905. Enclosing Sealed Order showing the amount chargeable in respect of the audit of accounts during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1905.

No. 13286/1905. Dublin Castle, 4th July, 1905. Giving particulars of an item of 10s.—No. 18, to William Rafferty—disallowed in the prosecutors' and witnesses' expenses for the period ending 31st March, 1905. Order—Application for refund to be made.

No. 10042/1905. Office of National Education, Dublin, 29th June, 1905. Stating that the appointment of Mr. Mark Deering as a member of Dunlavin School Attendance Committee had been noted in the Books of that Office.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 22nd June, 1905. Notifying a loan of £10,000 to the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, and Amending Acts.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 8th July, 1905. Notifying a loan of £9,060 to the Rathdrum Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 24th July, 1905. Notifying a loan of £2,800 to the Guardians of Rathdown Union under the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1878.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 29th June, 1905. Acknowledging the Council's resolution re exempting the holdings at Avondale, recently purchased by the Department, from rating purposes.

No. 16786/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 15th July, 1905. Stating that the Department is advised that, as the property at Avondale is being used exclusively for public purposes, it is, under 17 Vic., Cap. 8, exempt from rating.

(No. 62). Dated 4th July, 1905. Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, entitled the Epizootic Lymphangitis (Kilkenny and Waterford Districts), Order of 1905.

No. 17539/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 7th July, 1905. Acknowledging letter giving the names of the persons appointed from the County Council on the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

No. 17797/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 10th July, 1905. Notifying that samples of butter had been taken up in the county under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure as follows:—Baltinglass, 3 samples; Dunlavin, 3 samples.

19th July, 1905. From Mrs. W. A. Young, Coppengagh House, Tullow—Notifying the illness of her husband, W. A. Young, V.S., and stating that Mr. John Holland, V.S., Athy, had kindly consented to attend to his official duties during Mr. Young's illness, and asking the Council's confirmation of this temporary arrangement.

21st July, 1905. From W. Allen, 29 Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin—Enclosing certificate of illness of Mr. W. A. Young, V.S., from Dr. Michael F. Cox, 26 Merrion-square, Dublin.

No. 4119/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 27th July, 1905. Stating that the Department offered no objection to the arrangement whereby Mr. J. Holland, V.S., would discharge Mr. W. A. Young, V.S.'s duties, during the latter's illness.

Circular No. 12, Technical Instruction. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 26th July, 1905. Enclosing, with a view to having a minute prepared and laid before the present Parliament, a Requisition for sanction for the following special subjects of Technical Instruction which are not included in the branches of Science and Art with respect to which grants are at present made by the Department:—(1) Carpentry and Joinery; (2) Cookery; (3) Laundry; (4) Housewifery; (5) Dressmaking—including Home Sewing; (6) Commercial and Business Methods; (7) Technical Drawing.

3rd July, 1905. From Clerk Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—Enclosing a resolution requesting the County Council to make immediate application to the Board of Trade to hold an Inquiry into the working, maintenance, management, etc., of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Line. Order—Copy to be sent to Secretary, County Dublin County Council.

29th July, 1905. From D. J. Cogan, Esq., M.P., 115 Thomas-street, Dublin—Asking the Council to relieve him of his duties as a member of the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, and resigning his position as a member of that Committee. The Council unanimously ask that Mr. Cogan re-consider his decision.

13th July, 1905. From Kevans and Sons, Accountants, 22 Dame-street, Dublin—Report on the audited accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ending 30th June, 1905.

20th July, 1905. From County Inspector, R.I.C.—Enclosing two appointments as Food and Drugs Inspectors for cancellation, and giving two fresh names for appointment to fill the vacancies.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Acting Sergeants as Inspectors under the Food and Drugs Acts, as requested by the County Inspector of the Royal Irish Constabulary:—Acting Sergeant William S. Adams, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy; Acting Sergeant William J. Watson, Hollywood. Passed.

1st July, 1905. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum—Enclosing a Return of Patients admitted to the Asylum from the County for the quarter ended 30th June, 1905.

5th July, 1905. From Rev. John Manning, C.C, Arklow—Resigning his position as a member of the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee. Order—Resignation accepted under the circumstances.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in for consideration at the next meeting:—

By Councillor E. C. Walsh—I beg to give notice that at our next meeting the Rev. L. O'Byrne, P.P., Ovoca, be appointed a member of the Technical Instruction Committee.

By Councillor Joseph McCarroll—I beg to give notice for the appointment of Mr. James Galvin at the next meeting of the Council.

The Chairman read a letter which he had received from the Clerk of Rathdrum Rural District, asking an explanation why Mr. Galvin's name was removed from the Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

10th July, 1905. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor—Acknowledging receipt of documents connected with the case placed in his hands re Patients in Richmond Asylum committed from Little Bray prior to the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 coming into force.

29th July, 1905. From Same—Stating that all his correspondence in connection with the roads from Dunlavin to Corragower Bridge had been ignored, and no answer sent him, and asking the Council to pass a resolution to take such proceedings as Counsel may advise. Also informing the Council that the cases against the Council in connection with the Arklow Flooding had been dismissed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That our Solicitor be directed to obtain the opinion of Mr. Moloney, K.C., on the question placed in his hands regarding the Military Traffic, and damage on the roads around Imaal Camp, and to act as he may advise.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne—That the name of Mr. James O'Connor, B.L., be substituted for that of Mr. Moloney, K.C.

On a show of hands the amendment was declared lost. The original resolution was then put, and declared passed.

31st July, 1905. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor—Enclosing copy of counsel's opinion as to the question of the liability of County Wicklow to contribute to the maintenance of Patients from Little Bray, admitted to Richmond District Asylum prior to the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, coming into force.

(Form No. 2). Preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury by Fire to a cock of hay on the lands of Aghowle Upper, the property of Thomas Byrne; amount claimed, £6. Also Police Report on same. Order—To be handed to J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, to defend in the event of the District Council not being represented at the hearing.

(Form No. 2). Preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury to a Thatched Dwellinghouse on the lands of Mongacullin, the property of Joseph Maguire; amount claimed, £150. Also Police Report on same. Order—To be handed to J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, to defend in the event of the District Council not being represented at the hearing.

24th June, 1905. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—Giving the date of the Annual Meeting of his Council as Friday, the 25th August, 1905, and asking for any matters the Council would like considered.

30th June, 1905. From Henry C. FitzHerbert, Millbrook, Abbeyleix—Offering for sale to the County Council, on behalf of Dr. Faulkner, 12 acres of a plantation at Templeusk. Order—Secretary to receive the offer. County Surveyor to report on matter.

14th July, 1905. From the Honorary Secretaries, Wexford Borough '98 Association—Inviting a Delegation from the Council to be present at the unveiling of the Bull Ring Monument on Sunday, the 6th August, 1905.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the following County Councillors be deputed to attend the Wexford Demonstration next Sunday in memory of the heroic struggle of '98:—E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman; E. C. Walsh, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, Tinnakilly; Ml. Fleming. Passed.

27th June, 1905. From Patriotic Assurance Co., 9 College Green, Dublin—re Rate Collectors' Bonds. Order—Refer to previous correspondence.

30th June, 1905. From Tipperary (North Riding) County Council—Approving of the Council's resolution re Rule 127B in connection with the new rules recently issued by the Commissioners of National Education.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Thursday, the 7th September, 1905, at 10-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, Daniel Condren, E. C. Walsh, James Byrne, William Burke, W. Byrne, William Costello, P. J. Carey, Joseph McCarroll, R. M. Barrington, E. J. Byrne, John Storey, and J. H. Coleman.

BUSINESS:

- 1.—To receive and consider Report from the County Surveyor on the damages caused in various parts of the County by the recent floods, and to make the necessary arrangements for the immediate repair of the same, and to provide the necessary funds.
- 2.—To consider the correspondence with the War Department in connection with the upkeep of the public roads, and other matters in connection with the Glen Imaal Military Range.
- 3.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 4.—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
- 5.—To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
- 6.—To receive and consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Thursday, the 7th September, 1905, at 10-30 a.m. Councillor R. R. Drought, in the chair; Councillors E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, E. P. O'Kelly, James Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, William Burke, E. Walsh. Having heard the report of the County Surveyor upon the recent floods and the damage caused to the public roads and works, approves of same, and recommends that the consent of the Local Government Board be applied for to exceed the limit of road expenditure in the Rural District of Rathdown by £660. That the Finance Committee meet from time to time on receipt of three days' notice, to order payments upon the County Surveyor's certificates as the repair works proceed. The County Council to place all these repair works into the hands of the County Surveyor. The attention of the Baltinglass Rural District Council and the Baltinglass Guardians is drawn to the auditor's remarks in his last reports on their accounts.—R. R. DROUGHT, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That the Report of the Finance Committee be and is hereby adopted. —Adopted.

The County Surveyor read the following report on the damages caused in various parts of the county by the recent floods:—

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Wicklow. County Surveyor's report to the County Council at the special meeting summoned for 7th September, 1905. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—During the severe rain storm on the 24th and 25th ult., the following damages occurred to roads and works:—Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

1.—The Dargle-road, in Valley of Diamonds. The whole surface of the road and footpath from Vallambrosa gate to the County Brook was greatly torn, being in some places scored to a depth of four feet. These damages were repaired as soon as possible, at a cost of £12 16s. 4d. There also occurred on this road a serious breach in the retaining wall—90 yards east of Dargle View; this breach is 310 feet in length, the whole wall being washed away, and the river bed scoured to a depth of at least 4 feet deep below the foundations. The road was also washed away behind where this retaining wall stood, leaving a gap 310 feet long, and on the average 16 feet wide; in some places the working way of the road was narrowed to 10 feet wide, and even this narrow strip was undercut to a depth of 3 feet. The depth from the road level to the bottom of the water, close to the road being 9 feet. As soon as I could obtain labour I had the side of the road adjoining the breach strengthened and protected against further damage, and the road is now safe and open for traffic; the probable temporary repairs, which were absolutely necessary to prevent the total destruction of the road will probably amount to £60. The necessary notice was given to the Clerk of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council on 31st ult. I estimate that the permanent repair of this damage will cost at least £720 16s.

2.—The road from the Little Dargle Bridge to Enniskerry suffered greatly, there being six breaches in the side of the road. Proceeding from the Little Dargle Bridge to Enniskerry, breach No. 1 occurred about 150 yards from Mrs. Staveley's lane. It is 240 feet long by 28 feet wide in the centre (the whole width of the road) by 10 feet deep; the river now flowing where the road was. I estimate that the probable cost of repairing this breach will be £508 3s. No. 2 breach occurred close to where the Vartry main crosses the river. It is 100 feet long by about 16 feet wide, and 10 feet deep; about 8 feet wide of road being left at the widest part of the breach; the probable cost of the repair I estimate at £297. No. 3 breach occurred about 250 yards further on; this breach is 200 feet long by 18 feet wide, by 6 feet deep; I estimate the probable cost of repair at £255 12s. No. 4 breach is about 300 yards further on; it is 150 feet long by 8 feet wide, by 7 feet deep, about 50 feet more is in danger of slipping; the estimated cost of repair being £211 5s. No. 5 breach occurred near the Wooden Foot-bridge; it is 230 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 6 feet deep; the estimated cost of repairs is £239. No. 6 breach is a few yards further on; it is but 24 feet long, retaining wall only being swept away; estimated cost of repair £17 17s. If you so direct to temporarily repair these breaches so as to allow light traffic over the road, the probable cost will amount to £208.

Enniskerry Bridge.—This important structure, worth at least

£1,500, had a narrow escape, the abutment on the Enniskerry side being completely cut through and undermined to a depth of 4 feet. Prompt measures were taken to prevent further damage, and I am glad to report that for the sum of £30 the bridge is now secure. However, before the winter sets in a further sum of £63 must be expended in paving the river bed under the arch.

Onagh small bridge was completely destroyed, the cost of repair being £18; this work is now in progress.

Onagh iron bridge, known as the "Footstick"—this structure consists of a single span iron girder bridge; the south abutment is destroyed, and the bridge is in danger of falling, and since I could not obtain any person willing to do the necessary temporary repairs, I closed the bridge to all traffic. The cost of repairing this damage will be about £280—and should be put in hands at once.

Ballinagee small bridge.—This structure is in great danger; however, I have secured a contractor to repair it at a cost of £30.

Glencullen bridge is greatly shaken, one pier being much cut away; men were at once set to work to prevent further damage, and secure the broken pier; these measures cost £6 15s.; the permanent repair will cost £20. The County Dublin will pay half these charges.

Glencree bridge is greatly shaken—(this is a large 3-ope gullet); the cost of repairing the bridge will be about £16.

The bridge over the county brook is choked, and will cost about £5 to clear, half the charge being borne by County Dublin.

There are in all 13 roads damaged to the extent of about £240. All these roads are being repaired, and (with one exception) by the contractors for the roads. In all these cases the water-tables are scoured to a depth of 3 feet—in some cases to 5 and 6 feet.

The roads are:—Dargle-road, Ballybrew-road, Toneygarrow-road, Glencree-road, Ballycoyle-road, Ballyreigh-road, Killough-road, Old Long Hill-road, Rocky Valley and Callary-road, Ballinagee-road, Liffey Head-road, Lower Callary-road, and The Red-lane.

The following works will also require immediate repair before winter sets in:—Killough Bridge on the Callary-road, and a gullet near the bridge; the cost will be about £40 5s.

I estimate the total sum, which must be provided to repair and carry out above works, at £3,250 4s. 4d.

Rathdrum Rural District.—In this district 11 roads were seriously damaged, and one bridge partly torn down. The roads are:—Ballyduff, Ballinaslaught, Ballinahinch, Shramore, Callow Hill, Trooperstown, Glenwood, Trooperstown, Glen of Downs, Ovoca and Annance roads, and Luggalaw, and Dark-lane, Rathdrum. The total damage done is, I estimate about £200.

Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District has suffered to a slight extent; up to the present about £30 will cover the cost.

Naas No. 2 Rural District.—One bridge damaged; the probable cost of repair being £40. Half being borne by County Dublin.

I have not received any report of damage done in Shillelagh Rural District.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor.

Rathdown No. 2 R. D. Temporary Repair.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dargle road—Breach	720	16	0	60	0	0	
Enniskerry „ „ No. 1	508	3	0	117	4	0	
„ „ „ No. 2	297	0	0	66	2	0	
„ „ „ No. 3	255	12	0	16	18	0	
„ „ „ No. 4	211	5	0	3	0	0	
„ „ „ No. 5	239	0	0	5	0	0	
„ „ „ No. 6	17	17	0	—			
	£2,249	13	0	£268	4	0	

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Enniskerry Bridge	30	0	0	—		
Enniskerry Bridge (paving)	63	0	0	—		
Onagh Small Bridge	18	0	0	—		
Ballinagee Bridge	30	0	0	—		
Glencullen Bridge	10	0	0	3	7	6
Glencroe Bridge	16	0	0	—		
Co. Brook Bridge	5	0	0	—		
Onagh Bridge	280	0	0	—		
Killough Bridge	36	5	0	—		
Killough Gullet	4	0	0	—		
	£2,741	18	0	£271	11	6

	£	s.	d.
Dargle Road	12	6	4
Ballybrew Road	29	3	6
Toneygarra Road	15	0	0
Glencree Road	35	0	0
Ballycoyle Road	13	0	0
Ballyreigh Road	6	0	0
Killough Road	18	15	0
Old Long Hill Road	20	0	0
Callary Hill Road	50	0	0
Ballinagee Road	5	0	0
Liffey Head Road	5	0	0
Lower Callary Road	3	0	0
Rod Lane Road	4	0	0
Enniskerry Road (surface)	20	0	0

£2,979 2 10

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£3,250 14 4

Report adopted. Recommendations as to the temporary repair of breaches in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District passed, subject to the Local Government Board extending the limit of road expenditure in the district by £660.

Proposed by Councillor R. M. Barrington, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson—That, having regard to the exceptional extent of the sudden damage done to the county roads and bridges by floods on August 25th, the cost of repairing same be levied—half

off the county at large, and half on the respective districts (excluding the Urban District of Bray) on which said sudden damage has occurred. Lost.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the County Council vote £1,000 towards aiding in the repairs of the roads and bridges destroyed lately, and that this sum be a county at large charge.

A poll being taken, there voted—For: Councillors E. C. Walsh, Daniel Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Burke, R. Norman Thompson, John Storey, J. McCarroll, R. M. Barrington, and R. R. Drought—9. Against: Councillors Michael Byrne, William Costello, E. J. Byrne, P. J. Carey, and William Byrne—5. The resolution was declared carried by nine votes to five.

Mr. G. J. Ball attended from the Chief Crown Solicitor's Office, Dublin Castle, to make a further application with regard to the By-laws for regulating Glen Imaal Artillery Range.

The Council having heard Mr. Ball's statement, and the correspondence, and also counsel's opinion on the subject having been read, it was—Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That, as the War Department has failed and refused to comply with the provisions of this Council's resolution of the 27th February, 1905, relative to Glen Imaal Camp By-laws, in spite of the concessions offered by our Chairman, we hereby withdraw the terms of said resolution. Passed, Councillors M. Byrne and J. McCarroll dissenting.

A Supplementary List of Revisions of Valuation required in Humewood Electoral Division were submitted and approved.

The reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendances of the Poor Rate Collectors were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 694/1905. Local Government Board, Dublin, 31st July, 1905. Sealed Order fixing the District Electoral Division of Wicklow Rural as the area of charge for all costs incurred by reason of the extension of Telegraphic Communication to Rathnew.

No. 48216/1905. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd August, 1905. Enclosing copy of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1905, partially annulling and varying certain Provisions of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order, 1899.

No. 120M, 1905. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st August, 1905. Giving notice that an Examination of Candidates for qualification as Assistant County Surveyors would be held on Wednesday and Thursday, the 30th and 31st August, 1905.

No. 48535/1905. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st August, 1905. Referring back for the Council's further consideration the question of the maintenance of the Killahurler-road in Rathdrum Rural District.

Chief Crown Solicitor's Office, Dublin Castle, 14th July, 1905. Relative to the present state of the Ballyfolan and Kilbride roads.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 31st July, 1905. Enclosing for distribution a supply of copies of a printed memorandum dealing with Epizootic Lymphangitis.

No. 20445/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 28th August, 1905. Notifying that samples of butter had been taken up in the county under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure as follows:—Arklow, four samples; Rathdrum, three samples.

Report of proceedings under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the year, 1904, presented by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

List No. 3 of Sheep Dipping Preparations—Approved by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland under the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905, additional to those specified in the second Schedule of that Order.

Irish Land Commission, Solicitor's Department, 25 Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, 2nd August, 1905. Notifying the date of Sale of the Holding of Denis Finn—Lands of Ballinameesda—on Wednesday, the 16th August, 1905.

6th September, 1905. From County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow—Applying for two No. 1 Sub-Standard Scales for Wicklow and Enniskerry, those at present in the possession of the Ex-Officio Inspectors for those places being worn out. Ordered—That two new No. 1 Sub-Standard Scales as above be procured.

Irish Office, Old Queen-street, London, 1st August, 1905. From Chief Secretary, acknowledging the Council's resolution with reference to the Marine Works Bill introduced by Sir Thomas Esmonde.

10 Downing-street, Whitehall, London, S.W., 1st August, 1905. From Prime Minister, acknowledging the Council's resolution with reference to the Marine Works Bill introduced by Sir Thomas Esmonde.

No. 11101/1905. Office of Public Works, Dublin, 10th August, 1905. Referring to the last two Reports of the County Surveyor on his inspection of the County Wicklow portion of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Line, and asking what action, if any, had been taken.

3rd August, 1905. From Secretary, Dublin County Council, 11 Rutland-square, Dublin—Acknowledging receipt of copy of a resolution received from Naas No. 2 Rural District Council re working, maintenance, management, etc., of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company's Line.

Annual Report and Statement of the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1904, presented by the Irish Forestry Society.

7th August, 1905. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—Stating that his Council have decided to retain their solicitor, Mr. John Mackay, to assist Mr. McCarroll, solicitor, at the hearing of the cases of Malicious Injuries at Aghowle and Mongacullin.

1st September, 1905. From D. J. Cogan, M.P., 115 Thomas-street, Dublin—Regretting his inability to reconsider his resignation as Chairman and Member of the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

9th August, 1905. From The Patriotic Assurance Company, 9 College Green, Dublin—Stating that the Company intends to abide by the decision conveyed in their letter of the 27th June, re Poor Rate Collectors' Bonds.

25th August, 1905. From Secretary, Cork Industrial Development Association, 13 Marlboro'-street, Cork—Asking to be favoured by the presence of a Delegate from the Council to the Irish Indus-

trial Conference to be held in Cork, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 21st and 22nd November, 1905. Order—Councillor E. C. Walsh appointed as Delegate.

31st August, 1905. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council—10 Leinster-street, Dublin, enclosing printed copies of the resolutions adopted by the General Council at their annual meeting on the 25th instant.

2nd August, 1905. From Secretary, Wexford County Council—Stating that his Council adopted the resolution sent them protesting against Rule 127b of the Education Code, and the question of the Resident Commissionership of the National Education Commissioners.

4th July, 1905. From Hon. Secretary, National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other Forms of Tuberculosis—20 Hanover-square, London, W.—Enclosing a programme of the proceedings of the Paris Congress to be held on the 2nd to 7th of October, 1905, and asking the Council to appoint a Delegate to attend the same.

15th August, 1905. From the Eddison Steam Rolling Co. Ltd., Dorchester—Enclosing one of their Pamphlets on the question of Hire v. Purchase of Steam Rollers.

August, 1905. From Secretary, Irish Cattle Traders' and Stockowners' Association, City Arms Hotel, Prussia-street, Dublin—Enclosing resolution calling on the War Department, as they introduced from South Africa into Ireland the diseases in horses known as Glanders and Epizootic Lymphangitis, to see that all claims for compensation for the slaughter of animals suffering from these diseases be paid out of Imperial Funds. Adopted.

August, 1905. From Same—Enclosing a copy of a resolution condemning the present practice of large institutions, etc., buying imported Frozen Meat.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15TH NOVEMBER, 1905.

Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Wednesday, the 15th November, 1905, at 11 a.m. o'clock.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, R. R. Drought, Daniel Condren, E. C. Walsh, William Costello, Joseph McCarroll, P. J. Carey, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; W. H. McFarland, R. M. Barrington, E. J. Byrne, W. Byrne, and John Storey.

BUSINESS:

- 1—To consider Report from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands, from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payment.
- 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 7—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 8—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 9—To sign Certificates for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 10—To consider the following Notices of Motion:—By Councillor Edward C. Walsh:—"I beg to give notice that, at our next Meeting, the Rev. L. O'Byrne, P.P., Ovoca, be appointed a member of the Technical Instruction Committee." By Councillor Joseph McCarroll:—"I beg to give notice for the appointment of Mr. James Galvin at the next meeting of the Council."
- 11—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 12—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 13—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 14—To consider General ditto.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 24th October, 1905, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors R. R. Drought, William Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll. The Committee, having examined the Proposals for Payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at Large				3,546	3	9
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	732	1	8			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	89	17	5—	821	19	1

Naas No. 2—			
District Proposals	380	16	7
Proposals Committee's Proposals	33	10	8— 414 7 3
Rathdown No. 2—			
District Proposals	359	4	4
Proposals Committee's Proposals	96	0	11— 455 5 3
Rathdrum—			
District Proposals	1,435	9	0
Proposals Committee's Proposals	1,253	11	9—2,689 0 9
Shillelagh—			
District Proposals	304	14	10
Proposals Committee's Proposals	371	13	11— 676 8 9
A sum of 15s. for repair of a bridge in this district was disallowed, as previous payments for the same work were surcharged.			
Wicklow Urban—			
Proposals Committee's Proposals		£54	14 0
The Committee recommend a Transfer of £385 7s. to credit of the Subsidiary Account.			
Signed, D. J. COGAN, M.P., Chairman Finance Committee.			

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 15th November, 1905, at 10-30 a.m.:—Councillor R. R. Drought, Chairman; Councillors Wm. Byrne, M. Byrne, E. P. O'Kelly, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; E. J. Byrne, E. C. Walsh, and Joseph McCarroll. The Committee examined the Union and Rural District Demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments:—

Transfers to Funds of Unions.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	1,011	15	0
Naas	236	10	0
Rathdown	1,074	11	1
Rathdrum	3,196	10	0
Shillelagh	829	15	0

Total £6,349 1 1

Transfers to Funds of Rural District Councils.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	154	10	0
Naas No. 2	45	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	120	6	11
Rathdrum	733	3	8
Shillelagh	82	10	0

Total £1,135 10 7

We recommend further that Mr. McCarroll's taxed costs up to £197 9s. 8d. be paid, and that the further amount of £16 6s. due for costs connected with the lease of the new technical school be charged to the Technical Instruction Committee. The Council should order that in future no bill of costs shall be ordered for taxation until the bill has been laid before the Finance Committee, and been reported

upon by them.—D. J. COGAN, Chairman. November 15th, 1905.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the reports of the Finance Committee be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. Condren—That the Grant to Arklow Fever Hospital be increased from £30 to £150 for this year only.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That this Council recommends the Proposals Committee to give a favourable consideration to the application made by the Governors of the Arklow Fever Hospital when it comes before it at its next meeting. On a show of hands being taken, the amendment was declared passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Richard M. Barrington. Resolved—That the Secretary be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Arklow Fever Hospital for a Return of the Local Subscriptions to that Institution for the past year, and to place said Return before next meeting of the Proposals Committee. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That the sum of 15s. disallowed in the Finance Committee's Report be hereby re-instated, and that a Treasurer's Advice Note for payment of this sum be now signed. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS WERE CONSIDERED.

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. M. Barrington. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £3626 11s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £823 0s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Naas No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £414 7s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdown No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor R. M. Barrington, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £455 5s. 3d. (any modification made

therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—A letter dated 14th November, 1905, was read from John Leeson, Main-street, Rathdrum—asking to be paid two sums of £27 5s. 11d. and £8 11s. 2d., amounts due him for keeping in repair the streets of Rathdrum whilst acting as surety for late Michael Byrne, road contractor, Rathdrum. Order—Money to be paid on Mr. Leeson giving indemnity through our solicitor. Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,803 10s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £676 8s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Wicklow Urban:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £54 14s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Bray Urban:—Proposed by J. McCarroll, seconded by John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Bray Urban District, amounting to £1 10s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed. Contract No. 267 in District Register—Winter, 1905—was cancelled on the report of the County Surveyor.

Naas No. 2:—Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Rathdown No. 2:—Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed. Proposed by Councillor R. M. Barrington, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—In accordance with an application received from the Rural District Council of Rathdown No. 2, we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, having satisfied ourselves that the requirements of the Procedure of Council's Order, 1899, have duly been complied with in connection with the same, hereby approve of the proposal to borrow a sum of £3,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works—said sum to be repaid in thirty years by equal half-yearly instalments of principal, with interest on the amount outstanding from time to time—and to be employed in the repair of breach in Dargle road; the repair of breaches in Enniskerry road; underpinning and repair of wall opposite Gaskin's house near Ennis-

kerry; and repair of Onagh bridge; and to be charged over the entire Rural District of Rathdown No. 2, and we hereby apply to the Local Government Board for Ireland to give its consent to the said loan. Passed.

The Council then signed an application on Form M for the Local Government Board's consent to a loan of £3,500 for carrying out repairs in Proposal No. 226.

Contract No. 203 in the District Register—Winter, 1905—was cancelled on the report of the County Surveyor.

Rathdrum:—Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed. At the request of the District Council, by resolution, and on the County Surveyor's report, contract No. 442 in the District Register—Winter, 1905—was cancelled as follows:—Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.; seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the contract for No. 442, Winter, 1905, be and is hereby cancelled for neglect, and the work be given in charge to the County Surveyor until 1st March, 1906. Carried.

Contract No. 317 in the District Register—Spring, 1903—was also cancelled, on the report of the County Surveyor.

A resolution was read from the District Council asking that permission be granted to erect a parapet wall in front of No. 27 Ferrybank, Arklow. Permission was granted by the Council.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne—That the building on the road side at Ashford, at foot of the branch to Ballinalea, be removed to the legal distance from the centre of the road.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the house be not disturbed from its present position.

A vote being called for, there voted as follows:—For the amendment—Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, W. H. McFarland, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; William Costello, John Storey, J. McCarroll, R. M. Barrington, P. J. Carey, and William Byrne—10. Against the amendment—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, Michael Byrne, and E. J. Byrne—3. The amendment was declared carried by 10 votes to 3.

Shillelagh:—Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed. Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.; seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the contracts accepted by this Council be now sealed and signed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we now sign the Certificate for Re-fund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Rev. L. O'Byrne, P.P., Ovoca, be appointed a member of the Joint Technical Instruction Committee. Carried.

The Accountant submitted the Finance Statement Book of Receipts, the Financial Statement Book of Expenditure, etc., which were signed by the Chairman.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary's report to the County Council, 15th November, 1905. Gentlemen,—The most important matter to come before you to-day outside the routine quarterly business is the application for a

loan for £3,500 (to be secured on the Rural District of Rathdown) for the purpose of repairing the various damages caused by the floods last August to the public works in that district. When the list of proposals was received from that district the other day, I was much surprised to find that by some oversight there was no proposal on the sheet formulated on the subject; so I at once communicated with the Clerk, and have now the necessary proposal to lay before you; it will be for you, if you approve of it, to confirm it and forward an application to the Local Government Board to sanction the loan; I have prepared the necessary forms and resolution for the purpose. A notice of the application having been sent to that Board must then be published in two consecutive weeks in a local paper. One of your rate collectors finding part of the Avondale Estate let for grazing, seized some of the stock he found on it for rates due. A writ has, I believe, been served on your solicitor, for illegal seizure in the matter. I fancy the collector acted rightly, as the lands are returned on our valuation lists as occupied by private persons, and he found stock the property of private persons upon it. Letting for grazing is none of the public purposes for which this property has been, or is to be, acquired by a public board. You will have to give directions how the writ is to be dealt with. I have received from another collector a notice from Sir Patrick Coll, K.C.B., warning him against taking similar action in the case of uncertain grazing on same property, and he wishes your instructions. The Local Government Board has forwarded copy of an application from Dublin County Council asking for an order making this county chargeable for certain patients (named individually) prior to the last triennial average number of patients from this county having been struck, they having been committed from Little Bray when it was situated in County Dublin. I hold that this claim is untenable, as the only legal method of payment is on the basis of the triennial average struck at the audit, these not having been included (and I hold rightly so) in the previous triennial average cannot now be made an individual charge, but will, if allowed to be included in the new triennial average, become a charge on this county, and in this view which you may remember I have held all through, I am borne out by the counsel's opinion you recently obtained. I go further, and believe that "the average number of patients from each county 'means' committed from each county," and these were committed from County Dublin, but this more open to question. The Local Government Board ask for your views on the application; these are legal points to be considered in connection with it. In spite of constant applications from this County Council, the County Dublin County Council will not summon a meeting of the committee appointed to deal with the condition of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, and appear, in fact, to wish to shelve the matter. What does the Council desire to be done about this? When the form from the Treasury was received for the return of bounty in lieu of rates, the figures given did not agree with those in our rate books. On writing for an explanation I found in a calculation sent by the Treasury that the half rents charged to certain private persons, and not to the Government, were deducted from the valuations returned to Government property by the Valuation Office. The effect of this is that the half rents charged on the landlords of the police barracks (which themselves are exempt from valuation) are deducted from the valuation put on the Glen Imaal Camp for instance,

thereby reducing the Treasury's contribution for a perfectly different property in a different part of the county, which, without some explanation, appears to say the least of it, unreasonable; I therefore asked for a copy of the regulation under which this deduction was made, but the Treasury's reply evades the question altogether. Am I to fill in this return in the way the Treasury have prepared it, or how is the correct figure to be obtained? In the returns of patients received from Richmond Asylum, I find a woman sent forward from Rathdown Union, I suppose as a dangerous lunatic, who is stated to have resided in the County Wicklow 110 years prior to her admission to the union. One would imagine this poor old lady might have been allowed to finish her days out of a lunatic asylum, but doubtless the Guardians carefully considered the case. The Local Government Board forward a letter from the auditor in reference to the accounts of the former Joint County Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committee. There is one item in your solicitor's taxed bill of costs which I believe should be paid by the Technical Instruction Committee, and should not be paid by this Council; I mean the cost of preparing the lease of the new technical school, this being a matter to be defrayed out of technical school rate. My remarks have nothing to do with its being included in the Council's bill of costs, as for reasons known to the Council, it was required to be drawn out in the name of the County Council. I am solely referring to the manner in which I believe it should be paid, for a question would certainly arise at the audit if the Council pays it instead of the Technical Committee. The War Office has taken no step yet to remedy the damage done to the public works in the Baltinglass district by the heavy military traffic. Sir Patrick Coll, on behalf of the Secretary of State for War, has applied for a statement showing the expenditure on the Ballyfofen and Kilbride road. Have I your authority to forward the list of payments made to the contractor under the contract, first having it checked by the County Surveyor? I regret to have to announce to you a vacancy which has occurred in your Council through the death of the late Councillor S. J. Doyle; you will, I suppose, declare the vacancy in the usual manner. Before your next statutory meeting the annual estimates will have to be prepared, and the annual difficulty will arise through the anomalous antagonism of the Local Government Board's orders and the provisions of the Valuation Acts; I wish some effective step would be taken to remedy this gross anomaly.—I am gentlemen, yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE.

Order—The Secretary to write again to the Rating of Government Property Department of the Treasury for the information required.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That a deputation, consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Barrington, Cogan, and Carey, accompanied by the Secretary, do wait upon the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction with a view to discuss the question of the payment of the rates on the Avondale Estate, and to endeavour to arrive at a satisfactory and amicable arrangement, such proceedings to be without prejudice to any further steps which it may be necessary to take in the matter. The deputation is also empowered to take such further steps as may be necessary to carry out the wishes of the Council in the case. **Passed.**

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That a vote of condolence be extended to the friends of our late colleague, Simon Thomas Doyle, whose death we greatly deplore. Passed nem con.

Secretary to the County Council, Court-house, Wicklow. 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 Simon T. Doyle, Esq., The Orchard, Delgany, 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 Court-house, Wicklow. 15th November, 1905. Signed—Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; W. Byrne, William Costello, three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed—E. N. Wynne, Secretary to said Council.

The following notices of motion were handed in:—

By Councillor R. M. Barrington—I give notice that when the proper time arrives I shall propose that Mr. P. J. Kinlen be co-opted as a member of the County Council in the room of Mr. Simon T. Doyle, deceased.

By Councillor J. McCarroll—I give notice that at the next meeting of County Council I will move the co-option of J. J. O'Reilly of Kilmullen, in room of S. T. Doyle, lately deceased.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That the Wicklow County Council learn with great surprise the inaction of the Dublin County Council in not summoning the Committee (which was initiated by the Dublin County Council itself) to deal with the Blessington Steam Tramway Company, the necessity for which has been so repeatedly impressed, and specially requests the immediate summoning of this Committee, in view of the urgent requirements of the district and of the Board of Works. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

During the past quarter the roads and works in your district have been fairly attended to by the contractors.

The greater number of the works damaged by the recent floods, have been repaired, but they will be for a long time before they wholly recover from the effects of the damage.

I received from Rathdown No. 2 Rural District a copy of a petition from the property owners of Little Bray, in which petition it was urged that that district was in grave danger from flooding owing to the delay in re-building the breach in the retaining wall at Vallambrosa, near the county bounds.

This wall was built as a retaining wall to keep the side of the road from falling, and as there was a large gateway in the Bray end of the wall, I can hardly think that the wall was ever intended to act otherwise than as a retaining wall.

At last Quarterly Meeting in Rathdown No. 2, I recommended the Council to formulate a proposal for the repair, etc., of this wall. It was resolved to carry out the work, and obtain the money requisite on loan. I have necessary plans, etc., prepared.

The only danger from flooding arises from the state of the river bed—above and below the breach. The bed of the river should be deepened, and the river confined to its proper channel. To a large extent the destruction of the wall at this place was greatly helped by a projecting tongue of land on the south bank opposite upper end of breach, which directed the whole volume of flood water against the wall.

I recommend, that, as a County Council has apparently no power to deepen the bed of a river which causes flooding of a road (Vanston, L. G. B., "Application of Enactments," Sec. 50, footnote), you should refer the matter to your legal adviser, and ascertain your powers.

The road from Wicklow to Roundwood, via Ballyduff Hill, is in grave danger from further damage owing to the state of the bed of a river, which, although it lies some distance from the road, but overflowed on to a disused road, along which it flowed, and flooded and damaged the county road.

I wish to direct attention to an application made by me to Naas No. 2 Rural District—"To repair damage to double gullet at Ballinatona, etc." This work only fell into bad repair about a week previous to Quarterly Meeting, and the application formed part of my report; it was not published with the other applications, as is the custom, as the lists were already in print when the damage was reported. This was explained by me to the Council at the meeting, and they "passed" the work, and in due course it was advertised for tenders; however, the Council at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting declined to consider the tenders, on the grounds that the notice of the work was not on the notice to the Councillors convening the meeting.

Proceedings for neglect were taken at Quarter Sessions against contractors for works. Rathdown No. 2, Reg. No. 203, Winter, 1905; and Rathdrum, Reg. No., 317, Spring, 1903—decrees were given in each case. I recommend that contracts be cancelled.

The contractor for Baltinglass, Reg. No., 267, Winter, 1902, and his sureties, have left the county. I recommend that this contract be cancelled. The contractor for Rathdrum, Reg. No., 442, Winter, 1905, has left the county, and although his bails are willing to do the work, provided they are paid, yet the contractor declines to make suitable arrangements for this purpose.

I regret to report that many of the contractors were very short in the quantities of metal supplied for the repairs of the roads. This neglect should be severely dealt with, as without a good and ample supply of metal it is not possible to have good roads.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

County Surveyor's Office,
14/11/05.

Paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were referred to the Council's Solicitor for advice. The following contracts were cancelled:—Dist. Reg. No., 267, Baltinglass No. 1, Winter, 1902; Dist. Reg. No., 203, Rathdown No. 2, Winter, 1905; Dist. Reg. No., 317, Rathdrum, Spring, 1903; Dist. Reg. No., 442, Rathdrum, Winter, 1905.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 30th October, 1905.
 Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th September, 1905. 67 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows: Article—milk, number—21; butter, 21; whiskey, 18; buttermilk, 4; cheese, 2; claret, 1; total, 67. Certificate sent to Sergeant Ratigan, Arklow, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 20 per cent. of its fats. The remaining articles were of good quality. There were fourteen specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County of Wicklow.—They were pure. One specimen of water analysed for Rathdrum District Council had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 50.400; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.009; saline ammonia, 0.0015; nitric acid, 4.0000; chlorine, 12.922; sulphuric acid, 11.5296; equal to calcium sulphate, 16.0000.—A good water. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twenty drugs were analysed. Two of them—namely, tincture of ferric chloride and solution of ferric chloride, were high in iron. For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union eighteen drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, compound powder of liquorice, was low in ash. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union ten drugs were analysed. They were correct. One specimen of water analysed for F Brooke, Esq., Shillelagh, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 7.000; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.008; saline ammonia, 0.010; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.894; sulphuric acid, 1.4412; equal to calcium sulphate, 2.0000.—A tolerably, but not very good, water. One specimen of water analysed for Lieutenant Pasley, R.N., Bolarney Cottage, Wicklow, had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 14.000; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.004; saline ammonia, 0.0035; nitric acid, 1.750; chlorine, 2.683; sulphuric acid, 2.8824; equal to calcium sulphate, 4.0000.—A pure water. One specimen of water analysed for Dr. P. J. Hamilton, Arklow, had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 35.700; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.007; saline ammonia, 0.010; nitric acid, 2.560; chlorine, 3.445; sulphuric acid, 5.7648; equal to calcium sulphate, 8.0000.—A tolerably good water. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, twenty-two drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, compound mixture of senna, was high in gravity. Another—namely, tincture of senega, was low in solids. A specimen of spirit of chloroform, received from the same institution, contained an excess of chloroform. Seven specimens of water analysed for Naas Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, had the following compositions. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Total solid matters	112.000	41.300	70.000	39.900
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.037	0.012	0.011	0.010
Saline ammonia	0.007	0.008	0.004	0.009
Nitric acid	18.750	1.500	1.500	1.370

Chlorine	15.904	2.783	5.964	4.783
Sulphuric acid	17.2944	7.206	10.0884	7.206
Equal to calcium sulphate	24.0000	10.000	14.000	10.000
	No. 5.	No. 6.	No. 7.	
Total solid matters	46.700	37.100		53.900
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.012	0.024		0.012
Saline ammonia	0.017	0.280		0.010
Nitric acid	4.110	Trace		6.000
Chlorine	2.882	1.192		3.976
Sulphuric acid	5.7648	2.8824		20.1768
Equal to calcium sulphate	8.0000	4.0000		28.0000

Nos. 1 and 6 were polluted. No. 5 was a very inferior water. Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 7 were slightly inferior waters.

More detailed reports on the waters above referred to were made to those who sent them, but the main points in their composition are given in the present report. Total analyses, 162; adulterated and defective articles, 7.—C. A. CAMERON.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 125M/1905; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th September, 1905. Enclosing copy of a circular-letter No. 125M/1905, Miscellaneous—dated 15th September, 1905—addressed to each Urban District on the subject of the Quarterly Payments in respect of the Annual Demands made by County Councils being punctually met.

No. 142M/1905; Office. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th September, 1905. Enclosing a copy of their Annual Report for the year 1904-05, being the Thirty-third Report under the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872.

No. 57204/1905. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th September, 1905. Scaled Order consenting to approval of road expenditure not exceeding £2,371 5s. for the financial year ending the 31st day of March, 1906, in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

No. 62178/1905. Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th October, 1905. Relative to the unprepared state of the accounts submitted by the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. Order—Refer to Secretaries.

No. 62965/1905; Counties Dublin and Wicklow. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd October, 1905. On the subject of the adjustments between the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow in the matter of Aylum Patients consequent upon the Transfer of Little Bray to the County of Wicklow.

No. 53975/1905; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th October, 1905. Enclosing copies of an Order which the Board have made amending their Order of the 5th of April, 1902, prescribing certain procedure to be followed in connection with the execution of public works by direct labour under Article 25 (a) of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order, 1899, as amended.

(No. 67)—Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, dated 9th October, 1905—Animals (Transit and General) (Ireland) Amendment Order of 1905.

No. 6503/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 25th

October, 1905. Stating the grounds upon which the Department was advised that it should proceed against Mr. Robert Grange of Gurteen, Shillelagh, for breaches of the restriction under the Sheep Scab Order.

No. 29129/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 10th November, 1905. Notifying an alleged breach under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts by Mr. Thomas Bollard, in Edward-street, Baltinglass, he having sold a sample of butter to the Department's Inspector, which, on analysis, was found to contain an excess of water amounting to 2 per cent.

No. 29130/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 10th November, 1905. Notifying an alleged breach under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts by Mr. Patrick J. Elliot, in Castle-street, Little Bray, he having sold a sample of butter to the Department's Inspector, which, on analysis, was found to contain an excess of water amounting to 1.6 per cent.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland. Agricultural Statistics, Ireland, 1905. Abstracts showing the acreage under crops, and the number of live stock in each County and Province, 1904-1905.

Forty-third Report of the Inspector appointed to visit the Reformatory and Industrial Schools of Ireland for the year ended 31st December, 1904.

Dublin Castle, 26th October, 1905. From the Chief Crown Solicitor asking to be supplied with accounts showing the amounts expended on the Kilbride roads under the agreement with the Secretary of State for War.

Dublin Castle, 10th November, 1905. From Same—asking for a reply to his letter of the 26th ult.—re Kilbride roads. Order—To be supplied.

Accountant's Department, Office of Public Works, Dublin, 27th October, 1905. Letter explaining certain items of charge in connection with Wicklow Harbour Loan, amounting to £716 8s. 8d.

No. 2681/05C. Office of National Education, Dublin, 11th September, 1905. Enclosing copy of the Draft of a Bill to make better provision for the Elementary Education of afflicted children in Ireland—and asking for the Council's views thereon.

The Leinster Winter Assize Order, 1905, fixing Waterford City as the place for holding said Assizes.

4th September, 1905. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution asking to have all the Provisions of Section 162 of the Local Government (Adaptation of Irish Enactments) Order, 1899, enforced through the County Surveyor.

Also enclosing copy of a resolution asking to be informed how the matter now stands regarding the proposed Board of Trade Inquiry into the working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company's Line.

8th and 10th November, 1905. From Same—Letters relative to the District Council refusing to entertain Tenders for a work, No. 11 in the District Register—repairing damage to a double gullet at Ballinatona. Order—Correspondence referred to Local Government Board.

3rd October, 1905. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin—enclosing a return of admissions to the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum from the County Wicklow for the quarter ending 30th September, 1905.

18th and 28th August, 1905. From Secretary, Dublin County Council, 11 Rutland-square, Dublin—stating that his Tramway Committee have not yet fixed a day for meeting of the Joint Tramway Committee.

9th September, 1905. From Secretary, Cork Industrial Development Association, 13 Marlboro'-street, Cork—acknowledging the Secretary's letter notifying the Council's Delegate to the Industrial Conference.

11th September, and 11th November, 1905. From P. Henry, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Enniskerry—asking the Council to supply a press in the Court-house, Enniskerry, for holding the Statutes and Order Book. Order—To be procured.

11th September and 11th November, 1905. From P. Henry, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Bray—asking for some small alterations to be made by the Council in the Court-house, Bray, for the accommodation of witnesses and the Press. Order—Press seats to be levelled—County Surveyor to report on accommodation for witnesses.

22nd September, 1905. From Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture—forwarding copy of a resolution stating that the fees paid by the Council for auditing are sufficient to cover the cost of auditing the accounts of the Council and its Committees.

23rd September, 1905. From County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow—asking the Council to appoint Acting Sergeant Thomas A. Chandler as Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts for Rathdrum in room of Sergeant Edward Barry, transferred to Greystones. Order—Appointment approved.

Preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury to hay on the lands of Bardarrig, Kilbride, Wicklow—applicant, John Joseph McGrath—£50—Rathdrum Rural District. Also Police Report on same.

4 Church-street, Wicklow, 20th October, 1905. Dear Sir,—Thomas Byrne v. Wicklow County Council. In this malicious injury application the applicant was ordered by the County Court Judge to pay the usual costs, the case having been discontinued on the 10th. Joseph Maguire v. Wicklow County Council. This application for £150, compensation was refused by the County Court Judge with the usual costs. Philip Reilly v. Wicklow County Council. This application for £6 11s., compensation for breaking two panes of glass was adjourned by the County Court Judge to the next Quarter Sessions to be held at Bray.—Yours faithfully, J. H. McCarroll. E. N. Wynne, Esq., J.P., Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

4 Church-street, Wicklow, 20th October, 1905. Dear Sir,—Department Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland v. Wm. Smith. Pursuant to your instructions, I duly accepted service of the writ herein, and entered an appearance. I have written to Mr. Smith to call here to-morrow for the purpose of ascertaining did he carry out the details of the seizure in accordance with the Act. I suppose it would be well to bring the matter before the next meeting of the Council, because I presume the Council will defend the case on behalf of the defendant.—Yours faithfully, J. H. McCarroll (H. McC.). E. N. Wynne, Esq., J.P., Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

20th October, 1905. From Clerk, Bray Urban District Council—enclosing copy of a Memorial received from the residents of Little

Bray in reference to the continual danger they are subjected to owing to the non-repairing of the public road at Vallombrosa.

10th November, 1905. From Samuel Leahy, Vallombrosa Lodge, Dargle road, Bray—stating that he will hold the Council responsible for any loss that may result to him in the event of another flood occurring through neglect to repair the wall opposite Vallombrosa.

23rd October, 1905. From Norman and Law, Solicitors, 68 Dame-street, Dublin—re apportioning the rate on the lands of Kilarney—of which a tracing is enclosed. Order—Party interested to produce the apportionment of valuation from the Valuation Office.

30th October, 1905. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—asking if the Council require any matters considered at the General Council Meeting to be held on Friday, 8th December, 1905.

9th November, 1905. From Sir Charles A. Cameron, Public Analyst, 17 Castle-street, Dublin—again asking the County Council to supply the Food and Drug Inspectors with jars for sending samples of butter—similar to specimen jar forwarded.

11th November, 1905. From Collector Philip Doyle, Toberpatrick, Tinahely—relative to the collection of the rates from the Department of Agriculture in respect of Carrignamweel and Carrignamuck, and enclosing a letter from the Department re same.

11th November, 1905. From William Ruddock, Court-keeper, Rathdrum—relative to the amount of coal burnt in the Court-house, Rathdrum.

14th November, 1905. From L. M. Magee, V.S., 103 Main-street, Bray—stating that he will be absent from Bray from the 15th to the 27th inst. (inclusive), and that Mr. George Dunne, M.R.C.V.S., Kingstown, will perform his duties under the Infectious Diseases (Animals) Acts. Order—Granted.

14th November, 1905. From Collector John F. Evans—asking the Council to kindly hear a deputation of rate collectors who intend to wait on them with reference to the manner in which Irrecoverable Rates is dealt with under the new Public Bodies Order, 1904.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

September, 1905. From Waterford County Council—enclosing copy of a resolution dealing with the present state of Education in Ireland under the National Board of Education.

10th October, 1905. From Dublin County Council—enclosing copy of a resolution asking for the introduction in Parliament of such a measure as will remedy existing grievancies owing to the want of higher education in Ireland.

8th November, 1905. From Roscommon County Council—resolution regarding the inability of Rate Collectors to comply with the present Provisions of the Local Government Board as to the closing of their collections.